



SCIC Newsletter

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In Memoriam:

Our previous newsletter editor, Donna Beck, passed on in her sleep due to complications of lung cancer. Donna enjoyed traveling and cherished the socializing and the lasting friendships made at rallies. She was a great lady, wife and mother - she will be missed.

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Greetings from the road

Hello and greetings from Arizona. We hope you have had a good year so far. What a wonderful winter we have had. We were able to spend time in Florida with long time friends, then attend The Tampa RV Super Show and spend time with more friends. We really appreciated the time we were able to spend with David and Iva Starke. The Super Show was very well attended. The Spartan Chassis trailer was there and was very busy. We had scheduled a meeting with Spartan Management members Eric West and Frank Wyzywany but it was so busy that only Eric could get away. We are working to enhance the Chapters relationship with Spartan Motors. Your ideas on our relationship with Spartan would be greatly appreciated. Send me an email with your ideas and thoughts.

When we headed west we took the Southern route (I-10). This is the first time on that route and found it to be not too rough except through and West of Baton Rouge, La. for about 40 miles, where I thought we were on corduroy. As we headed into Texas we decided to go south of Houston across the free ferry at Port Bolivar to Galveston Island. That is a great way to bypass Houston. There is so much to do and enjoy in that area, not to mention the great views of the gulf along the Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island. As we headed on to Arizona we detoured up thru New Mexico so that we could stop and visit with our friend at White Sands National Monument where we had volunteered for 2 winters. If you have not had the opportunity to visit White Sands National Monument, it should be on your bucket list. There is no place on earth like it. We then headed west to Arizona City where we will spend the rest of the cold weather season. If you traverse the I-10 corridor in AZ and are a fan of Western music there is a museum in Wilcox, AZ, dedicated to Rex Allen Sr, singer, movie star and the voice on many Disney documentaries.

If you have been on the website, you may already know that there will be a POST RALLY in Elkhart, IN, at The Elkhart Campground, Sept. 3rd thru 7th leaving Sept 8th. Early arrival will be accepted at the rally rate of \$34.24. We are in the planning stage presently and are open to your ideas on what activities you would like to participate in, email them to me ASAP. I am not anticipating a cap on the number of attendees as the campground has over 300 sites. All of our sites will have water, sewer and 50 amps electric.

Safe travels, George Loutzenhiser, SCIC President

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SCIC Post Rally, Elkhart Campground
September 3 - September 7, 2012
Hosts: George & Linda Loutzenhiser
Co-Hosts: Bob & Dori Clipfell

We will be holding our Post-Rally in Elkhart, IN at the Elkhart campground. As I'm sure you know, Elkhart has long been known for its manufacture and association of all things relating to and in your RV. There are most assuredly more of the components found in your coach that are made in Elkhart than any place else in the United States. We are pleased to have an "Everything Spartan Day" during the rally. Spartan will be in charge of everything that happens that day, including a tour of their new facility in Bristol, IN; technical training and advice; and capping off the day with a Dinner Cruise on a Vintage Paddle Wheeler that navigates the beautiful upper St. Joe River. We will have several tours available for you to participate in as well as multiple component suppliers on site for you to interact with.

Your rally fee will include snacks on arrival night, two hot breakfasts, three continental breakfasts, and two dinners.

We always have a great deal of fun whenever we get together and this rally should be no different. Good food, Good friends Socializing and interesting places to visit all add up to a great week. This is your club, the more participants we have the more FUN we have. Hope to see you there.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Rally Host & Co-Host**

If you would like to host or co-host the Post Rally immediately following the FMCA Convention in Gillette, WY, June 2013 please contact me for additional information. We have guidelines to help you get started. Hosting a Rally is a great way to get involved in your club. The more involved you become the more fun you will have. *Please note the compensation as outlined in the Standing Rules.*

SCIC Booth

We are looking for volunteers to staff the SCIC/Spartan Booth at the FMCA Indianapolis Convention please send me an e-mail if you are willing to help. We will be assigning volunteers to 2 hour time slots for the SCIC/Spartan Booth the first available morning at the booth in Indianapolis.

Newsletter Editor

We also need someone to volunteer to put together and publish the newsletter. If you have the skill to help us, please contact George Loutzenhiser, David Starke, or Dori Clipfell.

Volunteers are the backbone of any club, without volunteers there will cease to be a Club. If anyone is willing to step up and fill some of these positions, please contact any one of the officers

Treasurer's Report

We began April, 2012 with a balance of \$22,849.65. There were deposits of \$452.00 and expenditures of \$50.00, leaving us with a balance at the end of April of \$ 23,251.65.

Membership renewals continue to trickle in. If you are among those who have not paid your dues for this year, please do so immediately. At the current time we have 299 members that owe dues for 2012. We will purge all delinquent members at the end of May, 2012. We are adding a few new members each month, with a current membership of 535.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dori Clipfell, Treasurer
May 1, 2012

ELKHART, IN POST-RALLY REGISTRATION FORM**Monday, September 3, 2012 - Friday, September 7, 2012**

Last Name _____ Pilot _____ Co-pilot _____

Address or Email for return confirmation _____

Your Phone Number(s) _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

2 person per Rig = \$ 260.; 1 person per Rig = \$225.; Extra person= \$52.

Rally fees include: 5 nights camping, 2 hot breakfasts, 3 continental breakfasts, 2 evening meals and Dinner Cruise. Early Bird Days: \$34.24 for coach & 2 people, extra person in coach is an additional \$3.00 per day. Please make your own early arrival arrangements, be sure to mention you are part of the post rally.

Dinner River Cruise Wednesday, Sept 5, 2012. Yes _____ No _____

*Make all Checks payable to Spartan Chassis International Chapter**Send Registration form with check to:*

Bob & Dori Clippell
411 Walnut St., #8983
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Checks must be received by July 31, 2012.**Directions to Elkhart Campground**

Due to road construction on SR 19 thru Elkhart, follow the directions below.

From the South: SR19 or SR31 to US20 take US20 East to CR17, CR17 north to CR 4, Left on CR 4 (West) to campground. (approximately 4 mi.)

Indiana Toll Road Exit 92: North (right) SR 19 to 1st traffic light (CR4) turn East (right) to campground.

Indiana Toll Road Exit 96: Straight across intersection onto CR4, West to campground. (approx. 4 mi.)

Questions Email: (George & Linda) scicpres@yahoo.com or call: 574-370-2076

(Bob & Dori) twoclips04@yahoo.com or call: 317-908-4260 or 317-908-4861

Join the Spartan Chassis International Chapter of FMCA

As the owner of a Spartan chassis and member of the Family Motor Coach Association, you are welcome to join the Spartan Chassis International Chapter (SCIC) of FMCA.

SCIC members benefit by receiving free shipping on parts orders placed online totaling over \$75.00, participating in rallies, and meeting and networking with other Spartan chassis owners. Not to mention our members have a lot of fun.

Attention! You must be a member of FMCA before you can join SCIC.

Your FMCA membership number (FMCA#) will be your SCIC number and your application for membership cannot be processed without it. An FMCA membership brochure and application are available at www.fmca.com or by contacting:

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SCIC Membership Application (please print clearly)

Please Check One: New Member Renewing Member Update Information

Please Check One: **Receive newsletter by email** Receive black & white printed copy of newsletter

FMCA #: _____ (required) Date: _____

Name _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Coach Make _____ Model _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ **Annual dues are \$10.00 US and are due in December each year.**

Please make check out to: SCIC (do not send cash)
Send completed Membership Form and check in US Dollars to:

Dori Clipfell
 411 Walnut Street PMB 8861
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-3443
 Email: dori.scictreas@gmail.com
 Phone: 317- 908 - 4861

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