

The following is a message from Tiffin Travelers President, Frances Fonner, and contains information on several subjects:

1. Greetings, Miscellaneous and Recent Rally Recap
2. FMCA 92nd Family Reunion
3. Madison Rally Volunteer Opportunity
4. Rallies and Gatherings on the Drawing Board
5. Eastern Area Newsletter
6. Member's Travel Inquiry
7. Closing Remarks

Greetings, Miscellaneous and Recent Rally Recap

Hello to all. Hopefully all are enjoying their coaches and the beginning of summer as Canada Day and Independence Day were recently celebrated.

- Tom and I just spent a whirlwind week at the Chattanooga Rally. The weather was warm (aka HOT) as we kicked off the rally, but a brief bit of rain came through with a cool front and dropped our temps about ten degrees. The first day being the hottest, we didn't have enough willing souls to hit the lawn games, but we gave the inside, air conditioned club house a workout. We could easily have had a longer stay, as we crammed a lot of activity into the event attended by 16 coaches.
- We signed two new member coaches during the event. Welcome to Richard and Linda Bretzke and John and Bobbie Seay.
- One longtime member, who shall remain nameless (DF), paid the huge fine for not wearing a name tag. Now the Treasurer needs to remember to deposit those fifty cents into the treasury.
- The rally agenda is now posted in the archives of our web site.
- Tom and I, as Rally Hosts, chose "Chattanooga Room in the Inn" as recipients of the club's \$100 donation. The mission of Chattanooga Room in the Inn is to empower homeless women and children to become self-sufficient by offering a temporary home while providing programs and services necessary to meet their goals. The \$100 donation is in accordance with the 9/25/14 Standing Rule for the club to donate to a charity within the community where we hold a rally, and the rally hosts are tasked to identify that charity from an eligibility list specified in the Rule.
- A big thank you to two member coaches for stepping forward to host rallies on our drawing board. Phyllis and Dave Hunter are developing a plan for the October 2015 post GEAR rally in Fletcher, NC. (Check the details below and make your reservations now.)
- Carol and Lou Mandik just added to our schedule a June 2016 rally in Ashland (north Richmond), Virginia. The idea is hot off the press and noted on our web site. (A bit of info is shown below.)

FMCA 92nd Family Reunion

I received responses from about ten member coaches who will be attending the July 29, 2015, FMCA 92nd Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase in Madison, Wisconsin. Tom and I are each

volunteering during the Rally, but we plan to squeeze in social hour(s). It is highly probable we will have not only the smaller socials at our coach, but will also host a larger social we'll advertise in the daily news at the Rally. If you emailed us you were coming, we responded to you and have your contact info at the ready to let you know what we cook up during the week.

Our club's National Director, Marge Mazzone, will be in attendance casting our vote at the National Election event and attending meetings as our representative. Thank you to Marge.

Madison Rally Volunteer Opportunity

Tiffin Travelers member, Marty Whitney, is presenting seminars at the FMCA Madison event and asks for your assistance. Her art class seminars, entitled "Attitude Adjustment: It's Fun Art . . . Not Fine Art!" are 2-hour sessions she guarantees will be a good time for her volunteer assistants.

She is presenting a different project in each of her four sessions. What a great opportunity to assist a member and get artsy inspiration and how-to's at the same time! I volunteered to assist and be inspired during her Saturday session, but there are three more sessions shown below for you to choose from.

Below are the dates/times/locations for her seminars in Madison. Get in touch with her soon before someone else snatches up your chance. Skylady158@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 29, 1:30 p.m. Seminar 11

Thursday, July 30, 8:00 a.m. Seminar 11

Friday, July 31, 2:00 p.m. Seminar 11

Rallies and Gatherings on the Board

Please don't hesitate to make your reservations early for the rallies mentioned in this email. Parks during these times can hold sites for only so long, and then must release them to the public to meet the seasonal demand of leaf turning in October, end-of-winter migration in April and the June beginning of summer break. He who hesitates misses the fun!! Thank you to those who jumped quickly and have already reserved their sites.

A brief summary of future events is presented here, but please periodically check the www.tiffintravelers.info web site "Rallies and Gatherings" link to get any updates as they develop and more events are added to the calendar. As a reminder, there will be no Southeast Area FMCA rally (SEA) in Florida during February 2016.

Rally 1:

Tiffin Travelers Post GEAR Rally is October 18, 2015, at Rutledge Lake RV Park in Fletcher, NC. Four rally nights. Deadline to reserve is September 18. It's leaf changing season, and the park will begin to release sites to the public.

Call 828-654-7873 now to reserve your site at a nightly rate of \$45 for full hook-ups (rate includes tax). When reserving a site, be sure to mention "Tiffin Travelers Rally", and email

your arrival and departure dates to rally hosts Phyllis and Dave Hunter, at Phyllis@aslsystems.com. The hosts need headcounts to plan meals and activities.

The park is less than five miles from the FMCA (GEAR) Eastern Area Rally. Attend GEAR and then move to more fun! And, you can dump your tanks at a full hook-up park. :-)

Remember, if we book 25 member coaches for the rally, the club will buy a catered dinner for attending members.

Your hosts are developing a rally plan. Stay tuned and check the web site periodically.

Rally 2

Tiffin Travelers Rally and Annual Meeting is April 11, 2016 at Coastal GA RV Resort in Brunswick, GA. Four rally nights. Tom and I would love for someone to step forward and take the reins of hosting this rally.

Deadline to reserve is March 11, 2016, then sites will be released to the public to accommodate those migrating north. Migration is serious business for this park. If you snooze and miss the reservation deadline, you lose. Thank you to those who have already registered!

Call (912) 264-3869 to reserve your site at \$35.70 per night for 50-amp, full hook-up sites. The resort will take one night's rental deposit to reserve your site. If you cancel by April 8, 2016 you will have all but \$5 of your deposit refunded. There is no refund of deposit if you cancel after April 8, 2016.

When reserving a site, be sure to mention "Tiffin Travelers Rally", and email your arrival and departure date to rally hosts Tom and Frances Fonner, tomfonner@aol.com. The resort's privacy policy prohibits them telling the Fonnors who has registered, and they sure would like to know you are coming.

Remember, if we book 25 member coaches for the rally, the club will buy a catered dinner for attending members.

Rally 3

Tiffin Travelers Rally at June 22, 2016 at Americamps RV Resort in Ashland, VA (I-95 Exit 89, north of Richmond). Four rally nights. This event will be hosted by Carol and Lou Mandik. Reservation details are under development and will be posted to our web page when firmed up. The \$40 nightly rate will include a morning breakfast of waffles, coffee and juice. Yum! When it's time to make your reservation by calling 800-682-2802, mention Tiffin Travelers. And, send an email to the Mandiks at cmandik@verizon.net to let them know of your arrival and departure dates.

Rally 4

Members Don and Debra Beck have expressed interest in hosting a rally October 2016 at **Hilton Head Island Motorcoach Resort**. Thank you to Don and Debra. As October 2016 is FMCA GEAR in Lewisburg, West Virginia, we'll look at how we might schedule a South Carolina coastal rally.

Gathering 1:

FMCA 92nd Family Reunion National Convention is July 29 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI. Tom and I will be there. Our club's attendees are arriving on various dates and will be spread throughout numerous parking venues (volunteer generator only, volunteer handicap, general electric, general generator only, etc.), so parking as a group would be an extremely complex operation. However, we can get together for socials or attending events or going out to dinner, or...?. **If you are attending this event and have not received a personal reply from the Fonners, send an email to: tomfonner@aol.com.** Tell us your arrival date, your designated parking venue and a contact phone number. We'll include you when we cook-up various opportunities to get together during the week.

Gathering 2:

The Allegro Club of Tiffin Motorhomes is hosting a Rally August 17 in Columbus, IN. Tom and I will be there. The complexity of parking together is similar to that of the FMCA event, but not as enormous an obstacle due to the total number of coaches attending being in the hundreds, not the thousands. **If you are attending this event and have not received a personal reply from the Fonners, send an email to: tomfonner@aol.com.** Tell us your arrival date, your designated parking venue and a contact phone number. We'll try to organize parking together, and will include you when we cook-up various opportunities to get together during the week.

Gathering 3:

FMCA GEAR is October 15 in Fletcher, NC at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center. We usually have several dozen member coaches in attendance at this annual event. Tom and I will not make it to this one due to family obligations in Florida.

- There will not be a club meeting during this event, but there is sure to be an opportunity or three for daily socializing. VP Boots might even cook up an "All Tiffin Owners Come" social if there is time to squeeze it into his and the rally's busy agendas.
- VP Boots Malin has graciously stepped forward to coordinate the club's participation in the Chapter Fair for recruiting new members and meeting old friends. He would appreciate anyone lending him a hand and standing with him to meet other Tiffin owners.
- VP Boots is also on point coordinating the club's participation in the Chapter parade on the rally grounds. The rally theme is "Twilight in the Blue Ridge Mountains". Boots welcomes your thoughts as to how the Tiffin Travelers might incorporate this theme into our parade participation. johnmalin@technologist.com
- Last but not least for GEAR, Marge Mazzone is spearheading our club's responsibility for monitoring all of the rally seminars. Thank you to Marge. She needs to hear from a few volunteer attendees who have an hour to sit during a seminar and maybe learn something new. A seminar monitor basically keeps track of the time for the presenter, takes attendance, distributes handouts and other such small but important tasks to support the presenter. Marge can be reached at marge.mazzone@verizon.net

At this time, these Gatherings are listed on our web site without activity details. If you are interested in organizing one of them, or any segment of one of them, please contact me and I will assist your planning and any posting of event information.

Eastern Area Newsletter

Tiffin Travelers is an FMCA Eastern Area Chapter. This is a link to the most recent Eastern Area Newsletter http://www.easternarea.net/files/ea_newsletterSpring2015.pdf Please take note of, "Next year's GEAR is going to be held in Lewisburg, West Virginia, October 5th thru the 9th, 2016. Pencil this in your calendar."

Member's Travel Inquiry

I was asked to pass along the following inquiry from our members Greg and Vikki Herwald.

"Dear Fellow Tiffin Travelers,

We are planning a trip to the northwest US in late August, September and October. We will be driving from Southeastern Ohio. Our plan is to take a northern route and return on a southern route, ultimately driving the Washington and Oregon coasts from north to south. We would appreciate any advice that you all would be willing to offer: campground recommendations, sights to see, recommended routes, stops on our way out and back. Thank you so much!!!

Safe travels,

Greg and Vikki Herwald

vikkiherwald@yahoo.com "

Closing Remarks

Summary of action items: Contact Marty Whitney at skylady158@gmail.com to assist with her art sessions in Madison. Make the RV park calls to reserve sites and send your emails to the hosts of our three rallies. If you haven't done so already, send the emails to tomfonner@aol.com if you are attending the other FMCA Madison or Allegro Club Indiana rallies and want to be included in Gathering fun. Volunteer to Marge.mazzone@verizon.net to monitor a seminar at GEAR. Assist VP Boots Malin by participating in the GEAR Chapter Fair and Chapter Parade johnmalin@technologist.com. And, volunteer to tomfonner@aol.com to host the April 2016 Brunswick rally (it's already booked with the RV park).

As always, remember to periodically visit our www.tiffintravelers.info web site for possible updates regarding upcoming "Rallies and Gatherings". If you have questions about events on the calendar, please contact the point person for that particular event as indicated on the web site. If no point person is listed, you can email tiffintravelers@gmail.com for assistance.

Stay safe and well. See you in Wisconsin in July, Indiana in August, and down the road.

Frances Fonner, President
Tiffin Travelers