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This newsletter has something different for everyone since I am trying to 'fill in' for the unfilled Editor's position. Hopefully I can post all the information that has been submitted and have it in a readable form. I ask your forbearance and understanding for any errors in publishing techniques since I am not an experienced editor and am having some difficulty formatting this newsletter in MS Word!

My travels since the Bowling Green Convention brought me to the NE Area Rally in Essex Junction, VT. It was a good rally and I saw several long-time friends, but I did not see any SI's so I didn't have any SI company for Happy Hour. Vermont is a beautiful state and there are many nearby interesting places to see. Everyone should visit the famous Hope Cemetery in Barre where there are several large and unusual tombstones, e.g., a race car, a soccer ball, a couple in bed with headboard, a huge guitar, etc. Also in Barre is a very large granite quarry where it is very interesting to watch the workers mine the huge blocks of granite. Then one can watch from a balcony in a factory where workers are doing the final engraving on tombstones. Of course,

I 'had' to visit the original Ben & Jerry Ice Cream facility and sample some of the 42 flavors they currently make. I didn't go to the main Cabot Cheese farm but I did visit a branch and 'soaked up' some of the delightful mozzarella flavor! Then I met the NE Area VP, Bob Burnham, at a COE campground for our own social hour and where I put a nasty 'scratch' in the side of the rig from cutting a corner too sharp while turning onto a very narrow one-lane bridge in the campground.

I ask each of you to look into your heart and see if you will help the SI Chapter by volunteering a little of your time to take over as Editor at least until the annual elections next March, or longer if possible. I really don't have the time or expertise to do this job on anything but an interim basis and need your help now.

By the time you read this newsletter it will be almost Halloween followed shortly thereafter with Thanksgiving and the Christmas/New Years holiday season with many events to take part in. I hope to see you at some of them.

I wish all of you safe travels and joyous holidays.

Bob Boxell

# Next Newsletter Input Deadline Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

## Mexican Riviera Cruise

Welcome All Singles - WIN, Low, SI, SOLO

Contact: Nancy Bohne [nanbohne2003@yahoo.com](mailto:nanbohne2003@yahoo.com) 517. 896. 7701

**When:** Jan 24 thru Jan 31, 2010

**What:** Carnival Cruise Line on ship Splendor for a 7 day Mexican Riviera trip.

**Details:** Leaves out of Long Beach, CA and stops in Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas.

**Reservations:** Call Marcel Pulido at 1-800-819 3902 Extension 5531. *Choose EARLY DINING and tell him you are with the RV singles! We may sit together then.*

**Deposit:** \$250 down and remainder due November 10, 2009

**Early Booking Deal:** Inside cabin \$389 plus taxes is \$459.57

Ocean View \$489 plus taxes is \$559.57

This is a lower price because Carnival picks your cabin and there is no refund of \$250 if you cancel and no transfers (name changes of guests) . So you must be very sure of your reservation.

### Never cruised with Carnival before:

Inside cabin \$459 plus taxes is \$529.57

Ocean View \$559 plus taxes is \$629.57

Carnival picks your cabin with no upgrades. The 'no refund no transfer' does NOT apply. You can get a refund of your \$250 up to November 9, 2009 if you cancel and switch cabin mate's names anytime. You are actually paying \$70 additional for this perk.

See [www.Carnival.com](http://www.Carnival.com) to view details of trip Click on Search a cruise-put in all this info date, destination etc.

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## SPRING STOP IN BRANSON

South Central spring activities ended in Branson, Missouri with thirty-five SI's gathering at Treasure Lake for fun, food, fellowship and entertainment. The few that arrived early enjoyed some "free" Mothers Day shows on the Showboat Branson Belle and the musical "Breaking Up is Hard to Do." Activities got off to a big start on Tuesday, with twenty-eight heading to Lambert's for "thrown rolls" and more food to eat than was possible to consume in one meal. Other meals were enjoyed at the Plaza (prime rib), Luigi's (pizza), Billy Bob's Dairyland (hamburgers), and Mel's Diner. These restaurants have always been the favorites of the singles. Breakfast was enjoyed at the Lodge at Treasure Lake on the weekends; French toast prepared by Alaska Bob one morning and coffee cake and fruit on another morning by Bobbie Shiplett. Everyone enjoys the shows that Branson has to offer and we all have different favorites. Each year we try to include a "group" show and provide plenty of free time for people to have time to go to shows of their choosing. This year eighteen enjoyed the amazing talents of the Chinese Acrobats. Thanks to a local friend of the Singles, Dolly, we were able to get a special price on the Variety Show at the Grand Music Hall and thirty-three of us enjoyed an evening of singing and comedy by the New South group.

Other shows seen by various members of the group included Mickey Gilley, Joey Riley, Noah the Musical, Dixie Stampede, Shoji, Dueling Pianos, and the free shows at the Branson Mall. Shopping in Branson has become first class at the Branson Landing which also has a fun music, fire and light show every evening. In addition there are several thrift stores in town and some discount malls with plenty of places to find some of those essentials which we all need. Of course we must make time for our special interests and hobbies, so some of the group went kayaking, some hiked and a small group found time to attend a beading class. There is something for everyone in Branson and hardly enough time to get it all done. The Solo's (Escapees singles chapter) were in town for a gathering prior to the Escapade and we thought it would be a good idea to have them over for a weenie roast. With about seventy expected we reserved the Pavilion at Treasure Lake for the evening. The Solo's furnished the essential covered dishes, while the SI's managed to get the dogs, buns and s'mores plus all the condiments together. Dave Irons furnished the music and everyone enjoyed meeting some old acquaintances, and meeting some new ones. We all agreed that this was a great way to end the Spring Bash at Branson.

### Attendees at South Central Branson Rally, May, 2009

Nancy Bohne, Allie Brownsberger, Warren Brokaw, Joel Buchan, Tom Cassidy, Janice Corona, Bill Dawson, Donna Dinges, Brenda Deese, Patty Eckert(new member), Jim Eling, Bill Hagedorn, Alaska Bob Hill, John Holland, Murna Huber, Dave Irons, Lawrence Johnson, Joann Jones(new member), Vivian Nash-Kirk, Cecil Phillips, Judy Porter, Odie Pruitt, Carolyn Shields, Bobbie Shiplett and Bertie Wehr.

Guests included John Crane, Betty Erickson, Claudia Jones, Nancy Kincade, Frieda Maharis, Joyce and Jerry Mathers, Helen and Arnie McKinnon, and Peter Thomas. Stopping by to visit were Tina Cousins, Earlene Macri, Bill Molenaar and Marilyn, and Chuck Wells.

## CALENDAR

<u><b>All Summer Long</b></u> South Fork, CO On Rio Grande River NO Host - come & go Info: Bob Hill 602.321.6715	<u><b>Oct 13 - 17, 2009</b></u> FMCA Rocky Mtn Ramble Farmington, NM SI parking call: Joanne Harnit 307.630.7396	<u><b>Oct 18 - 23, 2009</b></u> Rocky Mtn Post Rally Bluewater SP, NM Joanne Harnit 307.630.7396
<u><b>Oct 31, 2009</b></u> Death Valley Encampment Meet at Tecopa, CA off Hwy 127 Bobbie Shiplett 801.455.0780	<u><b>Nov 1 - 3, 2009</b></u> Caravan to Death Valley Encampment Bobbie Shiplett 801.455.0780	<u><b>Nov 4 - 8, 2009</b></u> Death Valley Encampment Bobbie Shiplett 801.455.0780
<u><b>Nov 25 - 27, 2009</b></u> Thanksgiving Rally Orange City, FL RV Resort Susan Collins 386.846.3294 Betty Kirby 386.801.7804	<u><b>Dec 23 - 26, 2009</b></u> Christmas Rally Elks Lodge, Deland, FL Susan Collins 386.846.3294 Betty Kirby 386.801.7804	<u><b>Dec 30, 2009 - Jan 1, 2010</b></u> New Year's Rally Marvin Panch's Ranch Port Orange, FL Susan Collins 386.846.3294 Betty Kirby 386.801.7804
<u><b>Jan 6 - 10, 2010</b></u> FMCA Western Area Rally Indio, CA Details pending	<u><b>Jan 11 - 19, 2010</b></u> SI Western Area Post Rally Details pending	<u><b>Jan 20 - 24, 2010</b></u> FMCA INTO Area Rally Quartzite, AZ Info: Bob Hill 602.321.6715
<u><b>Jan 28 - 31, 2010</b></u> SI FMCA SE Area Pre-Rally Boy Scout Reservation Brooksville, FL Susan Collins 386.846.3294	<u><b>Feb 3 - 7, 2010</b></u> FMCA SE Area Rally Brooksville, FL Bob Boxell 407.415.3114	

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### Thanksgiving Rally

Nov 25 - 27, 2009

**Place:** Orange City RV Resort, Orange City, FL

**Camping Fee:** W/E/S per night Passport Rate

**Rally Fee:** \$20.00 (includes 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners)

**Directions:** I-4 Exit 114 --- follow SI signs

**Cut Off Date to Register:** Nov 17, 2009

**Host/Hostesses:** Susan Collins, Betty Kirby, Rod Cross

**Contacts:** Susan Collins 386.846.3294 cell, or Betty Kirby 386.801.7804 cell or 386.774.0656 home

**Arrival:** Attendees may arrive Nov 24, 2009. Rally begins with breakfast on Nov 25, 2009

**WATCH FOR SI SIGNS**

## Christmas Rally

Dec 23 - 25 and through breakfast on Dec 26, 2009

**Place:** Elks Lodge, 150 South Clara Ave, Deland, FL

**Camping Fee:** Donations to Elks Lodge for parking

**Rally Fee:** \$20.00 (includes 4 breakfasts and 3 dinners)

**Cut Off Date to register:** Dec 16, 2009

**Host/Hostesses:** Susan Collins, Betty Kirby, Rod Cross

**Contact:** Susan Collins 386.846.3294 cell, or Betty Kirby 386.801.7804 cell only

**Directions:** From I-4 Exit 118, go west on Route 44 to South Clara Ave.

**Other Info:** Rally will be **dry camping**, so come with full water tank and empty holding tanks

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## New Years Rally

Dec 30 and 31, 2009 and Jan 1, 2010

**Place:** Marvin Panch Ranch, 1648 Taylor Road, Suite 406, Port Orange, FL

**Camping Fee:** Free

**Rally Fee:** \$20.00

**Host/Hostess:** Susan Collins, Betty Kirby, Rod Cross, Marvin Panch

**Contact:** Susan Collins 386.846.3294 cell, or Betty Kirby 386.801.7804 cell only

**Reservations:** Advance reservations **are required** - call either hostess

**Other Info:** Rally will be **dry camping**, so come with full water tank and empty holding tanks

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## Brooksville Pre-Rally

Jan 28 - 30, 2010

**Place:** Boy Scout Reservation, SR 50 west, Brooksville, FL

**Camping Fee:** \$15.00/nite with W/E, \$10.00/nite dry camping

**Rally Fee:** \$20.00

**Hostesses:** Susan Collins, Betty Kirby

**Contact:** Susan Collins 386.846.3294 cell, or Betty Kirby 386.801.7804 cell

**Reservations:** Advance reservations are requested not later than Jan 24, 2010. Early arrivals WILL NOT guarantee a W/E site. **Advance payment** for two nites camping fees **for a W/E site is required**. There are 27 W/E sites that will be available on a first-come-first-served basis provided advance payment has been paid.

**Dry camping:** Come with full water and empty holding tanks. Dumping facilities are available at the Scout Camp for a fee or at the Brooksville Airport.

**WATCH FOR SI SIGNS**

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**2010 " SINGLES INTERNATIONAL " All SINGLES DANCE RALLY  
APPLICATION  
SKYLINE RANCH RV PARK  
BANDERA, TEXAS 78003**

**RALLY DATES: IN - SUNDAY, APRIL 4th    OUT - THURSDAY, APRIL 15th**

Planned rally events include dance lessons, dancing at the park and in town, daily breakfasts, social hours, local entertainment, and local excursions in the Texas hill country. Evening dance theme events 5TH AVENUE (dress up night), & MEXICAN FIESTA and lots of fun and fellowship among friendly people.

Membership in SI is not required. No pre-rally. Rally starts 4/4 with a hay ride & bar-b-q, "Down on the farm with Lil Andy". Breakfast, dancing and all other activities start on 4/5. Rally fee: \$50 by March 1; \$65 after March 1. There will be a handling fee of \$10 for cancellations received by March 1.

Cancellations received after March 1 will not be refunded unless you can be replaced by someone on the waiting list, in which case there will still be a \$10 handling fee. We were forced to implement this policy due to the large number of cancellations the past two years.

Also, since we will fill the park again this year, anyone making a reservation precludes someone else from coming. After we have reached our limit to fill the park, you may opt to be put on the waiting list, or we will return your check if you enclose a SASE. (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope)

If you enclose your e-mail address on the registration form, we will attempt to confirm your reservation. Parking will be \$17 a night. Pay on arrival at the park. Rver's not staying in the park will be charged a rally fee of \$100 or a late fee of \$130.

For more information contact at:

Judy Porter    porjudy@gmail.com,    214.770.7751 or  
Sam Barlow    samjbarlow@juno.com    936.650.2965 (EVENINGS) or 936.714.2479

(Please fill out a separate registration form for each attendee.)

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_, F \_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST TIME AT A TEXAS DANCE RALLY? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

RESERVE \_\_\_ SITE(S) FOR ME AT THE RV PARK FOR \_\_\_\_\_ NIGHTS ARRIVING ON \_\_\_\_\_

RV length \_\_\_\_\_ 30amp \_\_\_\_\_ or 50amp \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PUT ME ON THE WAIT LIST IF THE RALLY IS FULL. YES \_\_, NO \_\_. If no, pls. enclose SASE.

T SHIRTS - S\_\_, M\_\_, L\_\_, XL\_\_, XXL\_\_ @ \$10 EA. ADD TO RALLY FEE. (New Red color with White lettering.)

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AFFILIATION - SI \_\_\_\_, WIN \_\_\_\_, SOLO \_\_\_\_, FREEROADER \_\_\_\_, LOW \_\_\_\_, OTHER \_\_\_\_, NONE \_\_\_\_

Send T- shirt money plus rally fee of \$50 per person by March 1 or \$65 per person after March 1 payable to:  
"SI DANCE RALLY" send to:

**SAM J BARLOW  
243 Rainbow DR #14318  
Livingston, TX 77399-2043**

## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			\$6,899.01
Deposits	395.00	Total 395.00	
Expenditures			
Badges	182.50		
Postage	42.98		
Scuttlebutt copies for new member & postage	44.88		
Reimbursement to VP for 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	25.00	Total 295.36	
Ending Balance			\$6,998.65

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## Membership Application

### SINGLES INTERNATIONAL

A Chapter of FMCA

**SHARED FUN IS MORE FUN! Join Us! OR Check if this is Change of Roster Info \_\_\_\_\_**

Rallies	Trips	Activities	Companionship	Newsletter
Web Site	Caravanning	New Faces	New Friends	New Interests

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues (Not Prorated)

    Initial Membership:           \$10.00 plus \$10.00 for badge           Total: \$20.00

    Renewal (Due Oct 1<sup>st</sup>)   \$10.00   Total: \$10.00

Make checks payable to: SI Chapter of FMCA

Mail To: Betty Howard

PMB 334503

3590 Round Bottom Road

Cincinnati, OH 45244-3026

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## Badge Order Information

City & State (as you want it on the badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as you want it on the badge) \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Ship Badge To:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

