



HI EVERYONE:

"Wisdom is not so much a product of schooling, but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it."

THE CAMPING SEASON FINALLY ARRIVED AND WITH IT THE WARM WEATHER. THE OVERLANDERS TURNED OUT IN FULL FORCE FOR THE G.L.A.S.S. RALLY. THE DAYS WERE WARM, THE EVENINGS COOL AT THE GRANDSTAND BUT A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. F.M.C.A. PRESIDENT, CONNIE POOL, PRESENTED THE 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE TO THE OVERLANDERS 1<sup>ST</sup> PRESIDENT AND OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT, JOHN & ELIZABETH MacCALLUM, ALSO A CHEQUE FOR \$150.00. THANK YOU ALL FOR SERVING THE ICE CREAM AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO DENNIS AND BERNADETTE DUNNING FOR ORGANIZING IT ALL. THANK YOU. SAME TIME, SAME PLACE NEXT YEAR.

"Cheerfulness is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier."

THE SHEDDON RALLY WAS ATTENDED BY 11 COACHES. EVERYONE ENJOYED THE ENTERTAINMENT, GARAGE SALES, RHUBARB TREATS AND WINE & CHEESE GATHERING. DURING OUR MEETING, JOHN MacCALLUM EXPLAINED THE VALUE OF MEDEX, ONE OF OUR F.M.C.A. BENEFITS. HE STRESSED THAT IF A COUPLE ARE F.M.C.A. MEMBERS, BOTH NAMES MUST APPEAR ON YOUR F.M.C.A. MAGAZINE LABEL FOR BOTH OR EITHER ONE TO USE THE MEDEX PLAN. LET'S HOPE WE WON'T NEED IT! CECIL LEWIS TOLD US ABOUT THE CANADIAN FRIENDLY HOSPITAL AT SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA. NICE TO KNOW IF WE'RE IN THE AREA AND NEED TO VISIT THE HOSPITAL.

"Friends are the most important ingredient in this recipe of live."

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AND RECORD IN YOUR DIRECTORY:  
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"Just living is not enough. One must have Sunshine, Freedom and a little Flower"

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A LOVED ONE. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

"Joy comes from knowing God loves me, and knows who I am and where I'm going."

BEEN ON THE SICK LIST, AS TONY CIAMPA IS, HAD SURGERY OR JUST FEELING POORLY, GET BETTER, WE MISS YOU MORE THAN YOU'LL EVERY KNOW.

"Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps the singing bird will come."

ONTARIO OVERLANDERS RALLIES 2008  
JULY 11 - 12 - 13 OVERLANDERS LUCAN RALLY  
AUG. 22 - 23 - 24 CONVERTED COACH RALLY GRAND BEND, OVERLANDERS INVITED  
AUG. 29 - SEPT. 1 OVERLANDERS LABOUR DAY RALLY, WAINFLEET  
SEPT. 19 - 20 - 21 OVERLANDERS APPLEFEST ST. GEORGE  
REGISTRATION FORMS FOR ABOVE RALLIES ENCLOSED.

"Age makes no difference whatsoever --- unless you're cheese!"

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF RECORD WITH YOUR DUES PAID IN FULL AS OF JUNE 30, 2008 TO RECEIVE YOUR 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GOLF SHIRT.

NAME:  
NAME:

MALE SHIRT SIZE:  
FEMALE SHIRT SIZE:

PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 TO ME, SHIRLEY.....FINAL DATE JULY 25, 2008.

**"A cloudy day  
is no match  
for a sunny  
disposition."**

### **Michigan Speedway**

I received a couple phone calls, a letter, and a flyer from the Michigan International Speedway advertising their NASCAR Camping Packages. A package includes up to four nights camping, reserved seats, pre race pit access, hospitality tent access, and lunch. They have several camping areas near the track. The speedway is located in Brooklyn, which is south west of Ann Arbor.

They sent the literature to me with the idea that the chapter could hold a rally there. However, anyone can sign up by themselves. If you would be willing to host a rally in conjunction with one of the races next year, or if you are interested in attending yourself, call me and I will send the literature to you along with a point of contact at the speedway.

*Shirley*

**"Love what you do, and do what you Love, it's that Simple."**

**THE OVERLANDERS ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE WAINFLEET RALLY. INTERESTED IN AN OFFICE? PLEASE CONTACT NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, PETER BUTLER. WE NEED YOU, PLEASE VOLUNTEER, ALSO NEEDED ARE RALLY MASTERS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE 2009 RALLIES.**

**"Be careful of your thoughts, they may become words at any moment"**

**SEE YOU AT THE RALLIES.**

**CAMPERS ARE THE GREATEST.**

*Shirley*



**P.S. RE G.L.A.S.S.**

**AS OFTEN HAPPENS WHEN YOU TRY TO THANK EVERYONE BY NAME, YOU FORGET THE MOST IMPORTANT HELPERS. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO DO ALL THE WORK, TO MAKE THIS EVENT SO GREAT. YOU'RE NOT FORGOTTEN, A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL. THANKS.**

**ELIZABETH.**

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## NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I trust everyone is well, and for those of you who had the opportunity to go south to warmer climes, I trust you enjoyed your winter activities there as well. Kathy and I attended the Southeast Area Rally in Brooksville, Florida in February and got to renew acquaintances with fellow motor homers.

As indicated in the latest Newsletter, I was recently appointed along with Judy Czarsky and Aubrey Myrek to examine and rework if necessary the Presidents Council. We have completed that review and presented it to the Executive Board meetings in May in Cincinnati. It will require amendments to the Policy and Procedures as well as the By-laws. The amendment for the Policies and Procedures will be before the Governing Board in St. Paul in July. The By-law changes will be heard in Bowling Green in July of 2009. Speaking of July, 2009 in Bowling Green, our Chapter, with the consent of the Executive Board and Ontario Overlanders, has agreed to act as volunteers for early security at the Convention. We will also be assisted by the Ontario Rovers. We will require a total of about 40 people working various shifts. I felt that the early security was the best one to volunteer for, since by the time the convention starts our job will be done. We will be given special permission to enter the grounds ahead of time, and I will have more details for you as the matter progresses.

Also speaking of volunteers, the Midwest Area and the host area for the Convention in St. Paul are also looking for volunteers in all areas.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact me and I will forward your name through the proper channels. I think it is important that we help the Midwest as we will probably require their help in Bowling Green in 2009. This will be the first time a National Convention has been held in our area since Southbend in Notre Dame in 1988. So I think it is important that the Great Lakes Area show what we can do.

With respect to Cincinnati, I can advise that our membership is still falling and our magazine revenue is down. I also understand that there will be a discussion of a modest

fee increase to be brought to the Governing Board at St. Paul. You should remember, of course, even the fees at the present rate are a real bargain, and no doubt, most of you will agree the magazine alone is worth the dues. Please do not forget your member benefits synopsis found in each magazine and a more detailed analysis in the January issue each year. Also remember that if every existing member of FMCA recruited one new member per year, we would not have to worry about finances or a drop in our membership. When you see somebody in a camp ground, WalMart or rest area or wherever on your travels, please do not hesitate to approach them and give them an old magazine and see if they would be interested in becoming a member of FMCA. Also remember if you give an old magazine make sure you put your name and FMCA number on the application form as being a referral in order to be eligible for prizes for bringing in a new member.

Kathy joins me in wishing everyone a happy summer camping season. We look forward to seeing you at our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chapter in Wainfleet, Ontario on the Labour Day weekend.

Sincerely,



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