

# Commercial Corner



## Upcoming Rallies

September 2010

### New President and Officers Announced at Redmond FMCA Rally

The ballots were counted and PRVVC has a new president, Janet Trannum of Almost Heaven Microfiber. Tommy Fanelli graciously passed the gavel

to Janet and she announced the results of the elections. In the photo, from left to right, the new treasurer is Jeanie Coffelt, Philip May is vice

president of the Western Area, Jane Lihou as International VP, Janet Trannum, Nancy Fanelli has another year remaining as secretary, Jan Williams as VP Eastern Area, Larry Williams as Alternate National Director, and Dwane Trannum as VP Northwest Area. Also elected and not present were Barry Pulis as VP Northeast Area, Lloyd Smith as VP Central Area, Paul Mitchell as VP Great Lakes Area, Tony St. Peter as VP Rocky Mountain Area, and Todd Coffelt is the new National Director.



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### President's Message

By Janet Trannum

I am honored to be your new president. I have many ideas that I believe will help the club become a better chapter in the future.

First, I want to congratulate the new officers; thank you for supporting our club and volunteering your time. I know all of you will be there when I need to delegate jobs to get our new goals accomplished.

I believe the duty of the president is to lead the

chapter, and to use what available resources I have to make it better in the two years that I hold the office. I don't plan on doing the entire job myself, so with the help of our officers, I know we can accomplish a lot.

I would like to extend an invitation to all members to call me with your ideas and issues for making our club better. I understand that some of the decisions I make as president will not please everyone, but I

hope to have the majority of members behind me before implementing new rules. So, let's try to work together and make our chapter the best it has ever been.

There are a few changes that I believe should be addressed immediately. In addition to making our rallies more profitable for our members, PRVVC sponsors a food bank at all the regional and national FMCA rallies and we also sponsor the children's pro-

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## President's Message, cont.

gram at the FMCA National Rally. These two programs put a face on our club. Attendees don't care that we have premium space near the entrance door but they do see that we do good things with the food bank and the children's program.

The food bank donation drive was started over a year ago and has been very successful. It is a great way to give something back to those communities that extend their hospitality to us and there are so many people in need of food during these difficult economic times. It has been successful most of the time but, it needs to be more organized. We hope to make a guide for the vice presidents to use in setting up the food bank booth so that it runs more smoothly and the work is shared by everyone. We know how to make it successful but, we need more participation from members. Throw a dollar in the

jar on the first day and others will follow. Stack some food on the counter and the generosity will continue throughout the rally.

We spend a lot of money sponsoring the children's program but, we have heard that there is not a lot of participation and the program needs some help. We hope to address this issue so that our club gets credit for sponsoring a great program.

We are a chapter of FMCA and are privileged to be a chapter. This should always be a great relationship, even when we respectfully disagree on issues.

Thanks for trusting me with the position, and let's do great things together



*Jerry Yeats, Director of the Convention, stopped by the meeting in Redmond.*

as a chapter. There is no danger in developing eye-strain from looking on the bright side of things, so why not try it?

Respectfully yours,  
Janet Trannum, Almost  
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## Hospitality Corner



Ann Hoffman of Hildale Enterprises, our past treasurer underwent cancer surgery and is now home recovering. Keep her in your thoughts.

Smitty & Louise of Coil & wrap have a new baby grandson, Logan Walter

Smith.

Donald and Sandra Chin of EEZ RV Products, LLC had a baby girl, Angelina. Congrats!

We extend a big welcome to Chuck Thatcher of Eco RV LED. He joined PRVVC

at the FMCA rally in Redmond, Oregon.

*If you know of any of our members who need a card or prayers, please email me at [j.trannum@gmail.com](mailto:j.trannum@gmail.com) or call me at 928-580-7394.*

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## PRVVC Food Bank Continues its Success

Beginning with the FMCA National Rally in Bowling Green, Ohio last year, PRVVC has set up a donation booth for the local food bank. FMCA members have been generous contributors and at each rally, they have collected hundreds of pounds of food and hundreds of dollars.

Over 1000 pounds of food was collected at the South Central (Six States) Area Rally in Shawnee, Okla., and the local food bank was thrilled. DeWafelbakkers Waffles and Pancakes have been generous in contributing all their leftover waffles and pancakes. Many members don't carry

a lot of food in their motor homes, but they contribute cash which the food banks are always grateful for.

PRVVC feels that during these difficult economic times, the chapter should give something back to the cities that welcome us during our rallies. Janet Trantum, "In every community across the U.S., there are families in need of food and our club, along with the generous members of FMCA, can make a difference, at least for the short time we are there."

Over 5000 pounds of food have been collected and distributed to those in need

since the program was started. The PRVVC area vice presidents contact the local food banks, set up the booths oversee the distribution of the food. PRVVC members promote the food drives at their seminars and donate early so that the booths are never empty. FMCA helps out by donating the booths, publishing the locations and promoting the food drives in the rally books.

So, the next time you set up your booth at an FMCA Rally, bring some extra food or a few bucks and look for the Food Bank booth!

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## From Death's Door to the Good Life

Many of us remember the vendor parking area at the South Central FMCA Rally because of the incessant barking dogs at the nearby Shawnee Animal Shelter. Most of us shrugged it off as "business as usual" – vendors don't always get the best parking areas. But one vendor heard something else.

Chuck McCubbins of Frame-Rite/PLAK-R was walking his Border Collie, Maxwell when he spotted a black and white dog in one of the cages. It looked like a Border Collie, so he drove around to the shelter to check it out. Although the shelter was closed, the

dog catcher happened to be dropping off a dog and let him in to get a closer look. The dog catcher explained that this was a "kill" shelter; these dogs, if not claimed, are put to sleep. Chuck got closer to the cage, put out his hand and the dog, tail wagging, moved his face near Chuck's hand and looked longingly at him. Chuck was hooked. He asked if he could adopt him, the dog catcher said yes, and Murphy, as he became known as, had a new fate.

It was a bit more difficult for Chuck to convince his wife, June that this shelter dog must be saved, but she

relented and they stopped by Walmart for a leash, puppy food and toys before picking the dog up. After a stop at the vets for shots and the dog wash for a thorough cleaning, they had a bright, clean, very happy dog.

Although, Maxwell and Murphy got along great, two dogs in a motor home were a bit much. So, Chuck started to look for a good home for Murphy. He was convinced he had found a good person who seemed to want to give Murphy a good home so they left him with his new owner in Wichita, Kan.



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January 12—16, 2011—Western Area Rally, Indio, California

February 2—6, 2011—Southeast Area Rally, Brooksville, Florida

**March 14—17, 2011—FMCA International, Perry, Georgia**

May 11—15, 2011—INTO Area Rally, Goshen, Indiana

May 26—30, 2011—Great Lakes Area Rally

The new year be here before you know it and, remember, the spaces for FMCA International convention go fast, so get your application and money in now. The applications are available on-line at the PRVVC web site [www.prvvc.com](http://www.prvvc.com) and PRVVC on Facebook. You can now make your down-payment with PayPal on the PRVVC web site.

## From Death's Door to the Good Life... cont.

But, a few weeks later June got a phone call from the animal shelter in Wichita and Murphy was there. Apparently, the new owner and Murphy didn't work out so what could they do, but go back and get the dog. It would only be a 1600 mile round trip from Farmington, N.M. and \$160.00 fee.

But, Murphy still needed a home. Jeannie Coffelt of Performance Products said her daughter was looking for a dog and she would take Murphy home and see if it worked out. Meanwhile, Phil and Tracey May of Techno RV were looking for a dog to replace their too-large-for-an-RV dog Bella, whom they had found a new home for. So, when things didn't work out with Jeannie's daughter, Murphy was back on the road with Phil and Tracey and their energetic children, Ally and Josh. This time, it was a good match – kids with enough energy to match Murphy's!

Murphy has been traveling with the May's for almost a year now. He is obviously the happiest dog in the

vendor parking lot. Josh and Ally treat him like the puppy he sort of still is. He loves to be held in Ally's arms just like a baby. Josh wrestles with him like a little brother. Tracey started cooking for him because he refused to eat canned or dry dog food (it didn't help that Chuck spoiled him with cheeseburgers) and his favorite is chicken, vegetables and brown rice. Murphy still has more energy than even a young family of four can deal with sometimes, but he is getting more and more disciplined. Phil is trying to break some bad habits that Murphy has like jumping on people when he is excited and pulling on the leash while being walked.

Recently, they spent a week at Janet and Dwayne Trannum's place on Flathead Lake in Montana where Murphy learned to swim. He rode in the pad-

dle boat and the bicycle boat. He was actually seen napping a couple times. He was in dog heaven.

Chuck and June still get to visit Murphy whenever they are vending at the same rallies as the Mays, so they don't have to worry about Murphy; they know he is loved and cared for. Chuck



would just like to add that the shelter is full of Murphy's, so next time you are looking for a new pet, stop by and take a look. You might find a wonderful new friend.