

Summer 2011

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ClassyWheels

From the President's Desk

It was a beautiful Spring in Georgia. The grass was green, flowers were beautiful. Now we are in the throes of a hot summer. We desperately need rain in our area to bring back the green grass. Your sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces and nephews have had Proms and graduated from school or college. They are now ready to conquer the world. Congratulations to all.

The nominating committee has been appointed. The committee consist of Lee Steverson, Randy Palmer and Steve Bates. They may be contacting you to volunteer for an officer position in the SOAI. Positions to be filled during this election are Vice President, Treasurer, and Member Representative. If you are contacted, please accept the nomination. The club needs your leadership.

Our annual Rally and Business Meeting plans are basically complete. Rally dates are September 5-10, arriving Elk Creek RV Park at Elk City, OK, Sept. 5 and leaving Sept. 10. However you may arrive early and stay late if you wish. Rally rate is \$23.00. Please make your reservations with the



RV Park for the Rally and early arrival and late stay, phone number, 888-478-6552. Five nights camping during the rally is included in the Rally Fee. You will be responsible for the early arrival or late stay.

We will spend a day at SportChassis enjoying a plant tour, cookout and several technical speakers. If you wish to have maintenance on your truck, please make plans with Robby Brown or Don Bugard in Service, 800-358-7624 so that they may schedule you during the week.

The Rally fee this year will be \$250.00 and include 5 nights camping, 5 breakfast and 5 dinners, with lunch on your own. We don't plan to have any meals out, all being prepared by members in the clubhouse kitchen. In order to keep the cost down, I am asking for volunteers to assist in meal preparation. The menus have been planned with simple meals. If every-

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Rally Master needed for our 2013 Rally.

From the President (Continued)

body chips in, no one will be over-worked and I think it will be a fun time.

For the rally, we need two electric griddles for pancakes. Also, we would like to have games each night. We are asking for someone to lead games. Please contact Gene at gene940@msn.com or by phone 404-272-1197 and volunteer to assist. Attend the rally and win a fabulous game prize.

Again this year, we will also have a 50/50 drawing with proceeds going to a local charity. Come to the Rally and enjoy the fellowship, win a fantastic door prize, game prize and perhaps win the drawing to receive your Rally fee back. This is a win-win situation for all.

We sincerely hope everyone is enjoying a healthy life, safe travels and we are looking forward to seeing each of you at the Annual Rally in September.

It is with regret that, due to Diana's health, Diana and Paul Reynolds are not able to host the 2013 rally. They have told me that they would like to sponsor a rally during the Albuquerque Balloon Festival in the Fall of 2014. Several attendees at the 2010 rally thought Albuquerque would be a great idea and I would certainly agree. So, if you are thinking of attending the Albuquerque Balloon Festival, hold off and plan on attending with us in 2014.

This leaves our 2013 rally open. Someone please step up to be Rally Master, replacing Diana & Paul, for 2013. I can tell you it is real easy to put on a rally. Once you select a place and date, the rest is a piece of cake. I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

On the lighter side: With the summer heat, be careful of ticks as you walk through your yard or forest. I have had

two just the last two days. After you shower, have fun and check each other for ticks!

We also pray that all our members are in good health and are enjoying SAFE travels. Looking forward to seeing YOU in Elk City.....

Gene



Downtown Clinton, OK



Factory Tour in 2009



Treasurer

Those of you who have not renewed are requested to fill out the Membership form found in the newsletter and remit with your check to Jack as soon as possible.

All members are reminded not to forget to notify Jack if there is any change in your home or email address and telephone numbers. Please

call or email him with updated information. All information you provide is considered confidential and will not be released.

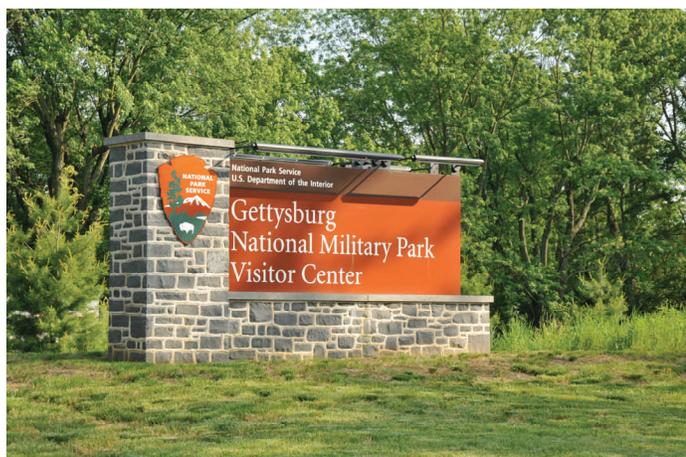


Treasurer Jack Birchall & Gwen

2012 Rally

Plans are in the making for our 2012 Rally. We had some beautiful spring days in May and Bob and I took advantage and spent a couple days checking out campgrounds as the site of our 2012 Rally. My original thought was to hold our rally in Lancaster County. We took off in our new jeep one day and drove around the southern Lancaster County area and looked at five different campgrounds. Most of the campgrounds were very nice but we didn't find one that met all our requirements. So, we took off another day and drove up to the Gettysburg area and again looked at five different campgrounds. Both Bob and I agreed on one campground that we both feel meets our needs. I think you all would agree. So, please mark your calendars and plan on coming to Gettysburg, PA in mid September of 2012. This area of Pennsylvania is beautiful and steeped in history. I will not give away all the plans at this early date but you can be sure that you will enjoy a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Naturally I took along my camera and snapped a few pictures. I hope these pictures will make you want to come to see this beautiful area for yourself. Carol & Bob Little, 2012 Rally Masters



SOA Website



Joleen Hart agreed to take on the position of Webmaster.

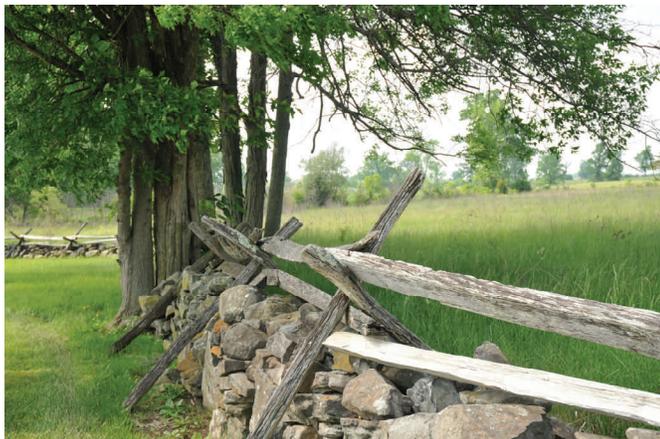
Joleen has been busy trying to get her new restaurant running smoothly but when she has some free time, she has been learning how to handle our website.

There are a few pictures there of member rigs so check them out. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the site, please enter a comment under the "General" section. Please email pictures of your rigs to Joleen to post on the website.

Recommended Restaurants, Campgrounds or Service Centers

Beverly Havens came up with a terrific idea that she put into action at the Rally. In order to be eligible to win one of the Rally door prizes, each individual had to write out a paper with information on a favorite campground or restaurant. So, thanks to Beverly, I will have input for this section in the next several editions of our newsletter. However, I still encourage you to submit your input. Don't forget, you can also send input on places other members should avoid. I feel sure other SOAI members would appreciate your views. Sorry, but the information is still in our camper which remains locked and covered in our driveway. Hopefully I will get it out for the next issue!

I'm using the space this month to show pictures of the area of Pennsylvania where we will hold our 2012 Rally.



Field Stone and Split Rail Fence in Gettysburg National Military Park.



Farmer raking hay with a side delivery rake.



Farmers bailing hay. Bailer and wagon being pulled by six horses.



Beautiful farm in Lancaster County, PA.

From the Editor

I hope you are making your plans to attend the Elk City Rally. I know that Gene and Beth and Jack and Gwen have been hard at work to pull this rally together under a tight deadline.

Bob and I had to revise our plans for this summer. Bob had some problems with a dental bridge. After a few visits to different dentists to consider the options, Bob decided on getting two implants. The first available date for the required dental surgery was 1 July and the specialist said the final work could not be completed until September at the earliest. So our plans for jeeping in Moab in September are on hold. Our being home turned out to be a blessing since we had to take Bob's father to the hospital last week due to a serious case of dehydration. He spent three days in the hospital undergoing a battery of tests which all proved to be negative. He is recuperating well at home and enjoying my cooking. A few more tests are scheduled after we can get him built up a little more.

I am on the mail list for a newsletter put out by our local hospital, Upper Chesapeake Health. I think the following article is worth passing on.

I.C.E.

The Upper Chesapeake Health Emergency Department physicians recommend that individual add "ICE" entries in their cell phone address books. For example, "ICE1—Mom" and "Ice2—Husband." ICE stands for "In Case of Emergency," an acronym that medical professionals recognize and use to notify the person's emergency contacts and to obtain critical medical information if an individual arrives unconscious or unable to answer questions. If you arrive in the emergency department unconscious, emergency staff will check your cell phone for ICE contact information.



Get well wishes are extended to any and all members who might be "under the weather". Diana Reynolds has had some health issues and some surgeries over the past few months. She has been busy with doctor visits and testing and is looking forward to getting her health problems resolved. Please keep Diana in your prayers.

Most of us are at the age that we take prescription drugs on a daily basis. I know that I do and that every time I go to a doctor, they ask for a list of the medications that I am taking. Also in the latest issue of the Upper Chesapeake newsletter is a reminder to keep a list of your medications up-to-date. They provided a link to print out an easy to use medicine list. I would recommend that you go to the following site and print out a copy for both you and your spouse. The link is: www.uchs.org/mymedicatiionlist

I printed out two copies of the form and completed the list for both me and Bob. I have given a copy to each of our sons who I have listed under ICE in our cell phones. I would like to suggest that you do the same. I think it is a good idea for your children to be aware of the medications that you are taking.

Hopefully Bob and I will be able to spend a week during August in the campground where we are planning to hold our 2012 Rally. The campground owners seemed to be a very nice couple and I think they will be accommodating to our attendees. We would like to have some time to get to know them and to check out the area so we will be able to provide rally attendees ideas of things they might like to do on their own either before or after the rally. It will also be fun to take our granddaughter and a couple of her friends camping and on a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield.

If you would like to take over the job of ClassWheels Editor, please give Gene a call and volunteer. It is getting harder for me to find time to devote to club business and I feel bad when I am late in getting out a newsletter to all of you.

I hope each of you are in good health and enjoying your truck and camper. I pray that none of you have been impacted by all the bad weather that has created such devastation across our country. Please keep those affected in your prayers.

SportChassis Owners Association International, Inc
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

ALL APPLICANTS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Spouse Cell Phone: _____

RENEWALS:

- One Calendar Year \$25.00 USD
 Three Calendar Years \$70.00 USD

Note: All renewals expire on December 31. No Prorating
Remember that all renewals must be paid on or before January 31.

NEW APPLICANTS ONLY:

Membership in the *SportChassis Owners Association International, Inc.*, is limited to owners of tow vehicles manufactured by Freightliner Specialty Vehicles, Inc., Clinton, OK, or by Cabriolet, Constantine, MI. I am the owner of the following SportChassis/Cabriolet tow vehicle.

Year: _____ Model: _____ VIN: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> January-May | \$35.00 USD | Expires December 31 of Current Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June-September | \$30.00 USD | Expires December 31 of Current Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> October-December | \$40.00 USD | Expires December 31 of Following Year |

Note: All first year dues include \$10.00 USD one time processing fee.

Please make checks or money orders payable in USD to SOAI.

Please send checks/money orders and completed forms to: SOAI
c/o: Jack Birchall
5131 Pine Branch Point
Dunwoody, GA 30338

SPORTCHASSIS OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

9th ANNUAL RALLY

September 5th - September 10th 2011

Rally Masters: Gene & Beth Richardson and Jack & Gwen Birchall

Gene's Cell Phone: 404-272-1197

Location:

Elk Creek RV Park

Elk City, Oklahoma

RESERVATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 15, 2011

COST:

Rig & 2 People - \$250.00

Rig & 1 Person - \$185.00

Extra Person - \$70.00

Full hookups will be available. Early arrival and extended stay will not be a problem, just contact the campground direct at 1-888-478-6552.

Fee Includes: Five nights camping, five breakfasts, five dinners. Also included is a tour and picnic lunch at the SportChassis Factory in Clinton, OK.

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

SportChassis Owner's Association International

Attn: Rally Registration

C/O Jack Birchall

5131 Pine Branch Pt.

Dunwoody, GA 30334

2011 RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

PRINT OR TYPE

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

TRUCK VIN # _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____

(For SportChassis Information)

OTHER ATTENDEES:

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

NAME: _____ NAME: _____

NUMBER IN PARTY: ADULTS _____ CHILDREN _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ CHECK # _____

**Volunteer to Help _____ Please call Gene Richardson —770-995-7322 or 404-272-1197 or Email him:
gene940@msn.com

Handicap Consideration Required _____ (Yes or No)

I understand that neither Freightliner Specialty Vehicles, Inc., The SportChassis Owners Association International, or its Club Officers assumes responsibility directly or indirectly for use or operation of vehicle or RV going to, or from, or during the rally; for losses involving personal belongings, vehicle or RV due to any cause whatsoever, or for injury to persons within or without the rally; or for damage of any kind.

NOTE: *All adult members & their guests must sign and in doing so, assume ALL responsibility for all minors in their care.*

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Mail Completed Form to:

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