

# Letter From the President

*Spring has sprung,  
The grass has 'riz.  
I wonder where  
The rally is?*

*Minden Nebraska!  
That's where!*

This rally is shaping up nicely. Stephen has the portable campfire box to raffle. Kjetil will be coming half way around the globe to attend. Caravans to Minden are circling the wagons. Now, its time for you to commit and get registered. We have new members joining the club and some will be at the rally. Other members have to do great amounts of work to get their coach ready for

the trip (I still have plenty to attend to on my coach). I know it's easy to find reasons not to attend a rally, but the need to overcome those hurdles is here. The Mega Rally will not come around again for years.

The club meeting will discuss many different aspects of the club, including a Bylaws vote. The more members we have at the rally, the better represented the club will be.

I have enjoyed being part of the club and am looking forward to new upcoming projects and events.

Don't miss out on all the fun to be had.



I hope to see you there. Have a great summer-- put gas in the tank and miles on those tires.

Bill Sitton--President  
FMC Owners Club  
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## Secretary/Treasurer Message

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2010 or are not sure if you are paid, PLEASE call or email me and I will check the records. As of our current By-laws **"Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than six months after becoming due shall be considered delinquent: after twelve months**

**membership is canceled."** Dues are only \$10.00 We currently have 40 paid members, 11 are delinquent for 2010, and 11 who have not paid 2009 or 2010. Just think, if all of these were paid up our club would have 62 member coaches. That's a pretty good

number!! We desperately need to update addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Please call, or send changes, to Lynn Clugston  
900 Halifax Drive  
Rolla, MO 65401.  
Home (573) 368-3208  
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### Special points of interest:

- Mega Rally Agenda.
- Business meeting agenda.

## Prose From "The Falls" by Gene Albers

The packing has already begun, spirits have riz,  
time to check the map and see where in the World Minden is.  
Wow! It's in Nebraska, roughly 47,000 miles from nowhere,  
and from here, it's most neigh impossible for us to get there!

Minden, though, has a claim to fame - - - one the natives love.  
Back in 1900 their temperature climbed to 120 degrees above.  
Later, in that same year, the winter winds began to blow  
and filled the city with 19 feet of drifting snow.

Back then, the word quickly spread that Minden  
was truly unfit for human inhabitation.  
Luckily, the hearty settlers considered that news to be so much blarney,  
and populated the prairie all the way from Minden to Kearney!

So - - - to Minden - - - in the month of June, be on your way,  
hope the weather will make for a pleasant stay.  
Some members will come from the Maple Leaf Land of Canada,  
others will journey all the way from the Golden Bear State of California.

May good fortune be with our western members, who must slip and slide  
all the way down the Great Divide  
to their destination - - - the Platte River Valley - - -  
the site of the FMC OWNERS MEGA RALLY!

Other owners will arrive from places too numerous to mention - - -  
all with identical, honorable, intentions - - -  
Among them bein' friendship and distributing our "Superior" intelligence  
in all matters of motorhoming, and just about any other subject of relevance!

This year the Rally will be truly international. Kjetil Bergflodt and sons (sorry, I can't come up with any word that rhymes with 'Bergflodt')

will come our way,  
direct from the Fjords of beautiful Norway.  
Do let's all be there and give a great big North American Welcome  
to our members who came all the way from the other side of the Atlantic Ocean!

Quite a picture, those caravanning FMCs!  
Some so old that they don't even have built in TVs.  
Every one of them, though, has withstood the test of time,  
and, for the most part (ask their owners) are running just fine.

One Michigan owner installed exclusive picture windows,  
specially designed to allow his dogs to enjoy panoramic, scenic views.  
Others are as original as can be,  
and appear exactly as they did the day they emerged from the factory!

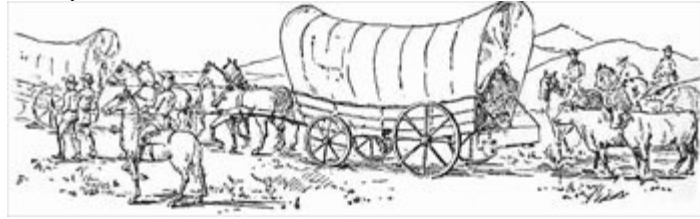
Then, again, there are the hybrids, modified, stretched and customized - - -  
new shocks, spring and other things designed to improve speed, comfort, and ride.  
I'm not one to brag, of course, but originality has been retained in old #146,  
the very same dents and scratches have been preserved ever since the days they were inflicted, some dating back as far as 1976!

We stand proud for our ancient FMC Chariots,  
and are not intimidated by the motorcoaching, pseudo elite, who looks down upon our FMCs as a bunch of run down garrets!  
Although the SOBs may have basements, slides, satellite TV and more - - -  
we have one thing that they don't - - - our  
CLASSIC COACH'S have all been completely paid for!

So - - - don't forget, it's June 15th in Minden,  
that's the place we'll all be meetin'.  
No matter the weather,  
let's all get together  
for a memorable week of FMC livin'!

# The First Annual FMC Mega Rally

## Days of June 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010



Back to the Pioneer days—when they was only the FMC ---the pioneers came in search of a better motor home! And now---we will relive the past in the center of this country at Pioneer Village, Minden, Nebraska (Just south of Kearney off of I- 80)

Your Wagon Masters are Trail Boss Denny Shewmake and Injun Guide Barney Martin. We are going to have a real great campground complete with water and 30 amp service and dump station at the Pioneer Village ([www.pioneervillage.com](http://www.pioneervillage.com)). We will tour the world class private museum with over 50,000 irreplaceable items all within less than a one mile walk on Friday. Outside of the compound there is a great little town of Minden that hosts golf courses, a Historic active play house, supplies, saloons and eateries.

Stake your claim for 4 nights of camping (come earlier or stay longer if you wish) with water and 30 amp service for your horse (with a dump station in the camp), one catered lunch and dinner, a trip to the great past of the museum, limited yarns on health, safety and coach operation, games, prizes and rewards!

Names; \_\_\_\_\_ FMC Coach # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Member with 2 Adults After May 5th \$140 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Campers each \$35 Child (6 to 12) \$28 Non members \$10/coach \_\_\_\_\_

Under 5 free!

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Bring registration form and cash or check to Minden.

Call to let us know you're coming.

Denny 678-525-9892

Barney 231-590-0210

**FMC MOTOR COACH OWNERS CLUB**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Membership held EXCLUSIVE to  
FMC Motor Coach Owners\_  
(Must be active member of FMCA)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

FMC MOTOR COACH NO. \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA MEMBER No. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON BADGE #1 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON BADGE #2 \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER of CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

To save postage, most correspondence will be sent via email.

Initiation fee is \$ 25.00. This includes first year dues and badges.  
Chapter dues are \$ 10.00 per year, payable January 2 of each year. Make check payable to:

“FMC MOTOR COACH OWNERS CLUB”

Mail to:

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FMC Owners Club Secretary/Treasurer  
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## June 2010 Business Meeting Agenda

Meeting Called to Order

Welcome from President Bill Sitton

Introductions:

Introduction of Attendees

Officers present

Introduction of Committee Members

Newsletter editor: Connie Kubiak

Bylaw committee: Stephen, Lynn, Connie, Jim W., Denny

Web Master: Jim Evans

Rally Masters/Organizers:

Felton: Greg Miller

South East: Denny Shewmake

G.L.A.S.S.: Barney Martin

Minden: Barney Martin and Denny Shewmake

Muskegon: Barney Martin

West Coast: To Be Announced

Secretary's Minutes: 11/8/09 Felton Rally

Treasurers Report:

Members & Dues

Old Business:

Rallies: Whole Club--June, 2010 & Southeast area

Other:

New Business:

Club finances

Projected expenses

Dues level

Fund raisers: Cookbook

Rally locations for up-coming year (where & how many)

Map of member/coach location

Next Mega Rally: Year/Location

Next Annual meeting location

Bylaws Revisions Vote

Nominations and Election of Officers (concurrent or staggered terms)

Adjourn:

## Technical Tips

Many of our classic coaches will be on the road this summer. It brings to mind the broken axel I experienced during the '08 Route 66 Rally. I broke the left rear axel due to driver error, backing up a few feet with towed attached. Roy and I were off on a dead end road when it happened. Spoke with Frank Borrmann (0645) on the cell phone. He located an axel; Jim Benner (0899) had a spare. I was towed to a campground with a repair shop and the next day Frank, Jim, and Gene came to the rescue. A couple of hours later all was well. Jim indicated he had broken two axels, I believe he said on an Alaska trip so he always carried a spare. Six months later when backing out of my yard, the other axel (right side) snapped. Was probably stressed from the incident before. I replaced that one myself.

All that said, I now carry a spare axel, bearing set, grease seal, grease, all the tools necessary to change it and some pictures. Air impact tools would be nice and beneficial, but there is not room in the box. Axel breakage should not be a concern for most coaches but it can happen. If someone breaks an axel and is within a couple hundred miles, I may be able to deliver and assist, otherwise will ship via UPS/FEDEX if requested. The box is heavy. Here's hoping you will not need it, but if you do, just holler... The rear wheel does not need to come off for this repair. See you in Minden, just might show you my box. Denny

## Upcoming Events

September 17, 18 and 19, 2010—Spring Lake/Muskegon Michigan

Contact Jim Westover 616-296-9004 or Barney Martin 231-590-0210 or [barney4u@usa.com](mailto:barney4u@usa.com)

Mona Shores Yacht Club—Restaurant, Boating, 20 Amp hook up, water and Dump station

\$7/night includes use of the facility and member discounted lounge and restaurant pricing

Tour of Silversides WWII Submarine-\$11.50/person

Info to arrive soon in your email or USPS box

Southeast Rally-date to be determined

West Coast Rally-date to be determined

2<sup>nd</sup> Mega Rally-date to be determined

## Mega Rally 2010 Pre-registered Attendees

Are you on the list? It's not to late!! See page 3 of this Newsletter for Info.

Bill and Kathleen Sitton and Family—Bayfield CO Lynn and Ken Clugston—Rolla MO

Gene Albers and Faye Seaney—Oconto Falls WI Stephen Heinrichs —Dixon CA and Eric Whedon—Gilroy CA

Denny and Lou Shewmake and Family—Canton GA Barney Martin and Connie Kubiak—Kingsley MI

Jim Evans and Jill Steinke and Family—Colorado Springs CO

Greg and Liza Miller and Family—Boulder Creek CA

Frank and Suzanne Borrmann and Family—Bluevale Ontario

Jim Woestman—Carthage MO

Dave and Becky Hanson and Family—Freeport IL

Jim Steinborn and Bill Rodgers—Fort Collins CO

Louis Cruse—Scottsdale AZ

Kjetil Bergfloedt and sons—Vollen Norway

Paul Haynes—El Paso TX

## June 2010 Mega Rally Schedule of Events

Tuesday –	Registration-Meet and Greet See Denny or Barney	TBA - Mini swap meet TBA - Games
Wednesday –	9a.m. Seminars--CPR/First Aid and RV Safety Open Coach (house)	TBA - Evening Campfire Gatherings TBA-FMC story telling
Thursday –	Visit Pioneer Village Museum—Tickets Included Lunch-Included Games-All age groups	Pictures!! FirePit Raffle-Saturday Tickets-Stephen Heinrichs
Friday –	FMC Business Meeting Awards dinner	Visit the Horseless Carriages on your own Coach repair- To be determined
Saturday-	Raffle drawing Departures	

### A Few Local Sights and Contacts

Pioneer Village  
1.800.445.4447  
[pioneer.village.com](http://pioneer.village.com)

Great Platte River Road Monument  
1.877.511.2724  
[Archway.org](http://Archway.org)

Fort Kearney State Park  
1.308.865.5305  
[Fort.Kearney@ngpc.ne.gov](mailto:Fort.Kearney@ngpc.ne.gov)

Minden Opera House  
[Mindenoperahouse.com](http://Mindenoperahouse.com)

Antique Shops  
House of Antiques  
Buss Stop

Hastings Museum  
Hastings NE

Lee's Marble Museum and Antiques  
York NE

Minden Chamber of Commerce  
1-308-832-1811  
[mindenne.org](http://mindenne.org)

Kearney Historical Museum  
Free Admission  
Minden NE

The Chicken Dance Trail  
Bird watching  
[chickendancetrail.com](http://chickendancetrail.com)

Red River Steakhouse and Lounge  
6<sup>th</sup> & Minden—dinner only

Frank House  
Kearney NE  
Tiffany Glass Windows

Mid-Nebraska Speedway  
Doniphan NE

Morris Press  
Free Cookbook with tour  
Kearney NE





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## FMC Owners Club

Our objectives are to develop camaraderie, pride in owning a unique and wonderful coach, sharing knowledge in an open exchange of technical information on maintaining, upgrading parts and service. We need to be passionate about owning, driving and working on our FMC Motor Coach.

A high priority is to keep fun in FMC Motor Coach ownership. We are a fun-loving, family-oriented group and will produce and promote events that will include the entire family.



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