



SUN WHEELERS

A NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
CHAPTER  
OF  
THE FAMILY MOTOR COACH  
ASSOCIATION

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February 1, 2008

Dear,

As you know it is that time of year again, and according to our records your membership dues are now delinquent. Since our chapter's operating budget for 2008 is totally dependant upon dues designated for that year, we hope you are considering renewing your membership with **The Sun Wheelers**.

While the obvious reasons for this letter are present, the undermining reasons are the fact that you have been missed around the lawn chair circles. Your own brand of humor and interaction is key to the overall objective of our group. We've not had nearly as much fun without your presence as we can with your warmth and participation.

In accordance with Chapter By-laws, if dues are not submitted by March 1, 2008, those memberships will be cancelled. So take a moment to discuss the task at hand. Weigh the pros and cons and then please send in your dues (\$10.00 per person, \$20.00 per couple) to:

**SUN WHEELERS**  
C/o Chris Gramm  
8547 Hilma Rd.  
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Then make the determination to come on back and enjoy some of the finest people in motor coaching. The little time put aside for a rally or two can indeed help wash away the stressors of life that impact us all. Even if but for a short time. We'll be looking for you.

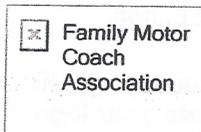
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2008 Chapter President,  
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Cc. on file

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### MEMO

**DATE:** February 12, 2008

**TO:** FMCA Chapter Treasurers

**FROM:** FMCA

**RE:** IRS e-filing (electronic filing)

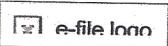
Instructions are now available for filing your electronic IRS form 990-N e-Postcard, which is now required for all chapters with gross receipts under \$25,000. Chapters with financial years ending on December 31, 2007, will need to file before May 15, 2008, and each year after. If your financial year ends at another time, you will need to file by the 15th of the 5th month following the end of your financial year. **NOTE: YOU MAY NOT FILE PRIOR TO YOUR YEAR END.**

Information you need to have ready in order to e-file.

- Chapter's EIN (Employer's Identification Number) *Example:* 31-1234567
- Chapter's Address-Suggest using Treasurer's address
- Principal Officer's Address-Suggest using Treasurer's name and address again

**IMPORTANT:** You must have access to the Internet in order to file electronically and you must have an e-mail address.

**First, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).**

1. Click the blue oval to the left that says **IRS e-file** 
2. Scroll down and click **Charities & Non-Profits**
3. Scroll down to read and click **New Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Tax-Exempt Organizations-Annual Electronic Notice-e-Postcard (Form 990-N)**
4. Read thoroughly and click the **here** text link under the "How to File" section
5. Read and click the **Leave IRS Site** button



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December 15, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

In November of 2007, in accordance with chapter by-laws and the policy and procedures handbook, duly authorized elections were held for Officers of The Sun Wheeler Chapter of The Family Motor Coach Association. As a result of those elections, the following people were installed in their elected positions on December 15, 2007, for the 2008 calendar year, at the Christmas Rally at Kelly's RV Park in Callahan, Florida:

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During a recent rally craft session, Sun Wheelers ladies made potpourri jars.



but so does the school year. Being rally-free those months lets families get together with school-age kids who are off for the summer.

The rallies officially begin on Friday, with the group going out to dinner. The rally hosts get to decide on the main entrée for the Saturday potluck feast, with everyone else bringing sides and desserts. The meals are memorable. Fried turkey was a main dish at one rally this year, and the preparation became part of the entertainment!

Having fun is the club's official purpose — it's in the bylaws. Another hallmark is caring. To see it for themselves, potential members are required to attend at least one rally before they submit an application to join. "The warmth of the members, the people in it, is truly what sells this

## Sun Wheelers

This fun and loving bunch rallies right in RV-owners' heaven, and they know it!

**N**ortheast Florida and southeast Georgia might just be the chewy caramel center of the RVing world. Campgrounds abound, the weather is hospitable most of the time, and your motorhome is a welcome part of the scenery, right along with the sunshine and flowers.

So is it any wonder that Sun Wheelers chapter members, who all live in this region, hold their rallies here, too? There are exceptions, but typically rallies occur "within about 125 to 150 miles of Jacksonville," explained chapter president Doug Pearson. With countless RV parks in this area, the Sun Wheelers have "a plethora of possibilities," he said. For example, "There are nine state parks in the state of Georgia that have not only beautiful campgrounds but beautiful golf courses, which makes for a whole lot of fun."

Usually a group of golfers in the chapter will hit the links on the Thursday or Friday of the rally weekend, Doug said, while others set up card games or jigsaw puzzles, or work on crafts. During a recent rally, a group of ladies in the chapter worked to finish knitting projects for the holidays. That's when the group collects donations and white elephant sale proceeds, and sends them to charitable organizations.

Doug said the rally locations are chosen so that members don't have to spend an entire day driving to get anywhere. Future rally locations include St. Augustine, Florida, this month (November 9 through 11); Callahan, Florida, in December (a members-only event); Lake Park, Georgia; and Lake City, Florida.

The Sun Wheelers take July and August off. Doug said the warmer weather does play a part in that,

club," Doug said. "I have never been in a group with such warmth, love, and respect for one another than this one displays. I don't have to sell it — they do, and they do it well."

If you live in this balmy part of America and would like more information about the Sun Wheelers, contact Doug Pearson, 37178 S. Pine St., Hilliard, FL 32046; (904) 845-2830; e-mail: [dcpearsonhllrd@aol.com](mailto:dcpearsonhllrd@aol.com). After the initiation fee of \$9 per person, dues are \$10 per person or \$20 per couple and include an informative newsletter. For general information about FMCA chapters, contact the Chapter Services Department at the national office: (800) 543-3622; e-mail: [chapters@fmca.com](mailto:chapters@fmca.com).

*If you would like your chapter to be featured in "Chapter Spotlight," contact FMC associate editor Peggy Jordan at [pjordan@fmca.com](mailto:pjordan@fmca.com) or (800) 543-3622, ext. 212. FMC*



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The Sun Wheelers  
A Narrative

Having been chartered as a chapter of FMCA in April of 1974, the purpose of The Sun Wheelers is to “promote social, recreational and informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches”. That’s the official objective from our By-Laws. However, a good and long-standing member simply puts that purpose as “to Have Fun”. Indeed, this is the organization that does just that.

With our demographical center located in the Northeast Florida, Southeast Georgia area, the majority of our membership is from the St. Johns, Clay, Duval county areas of North FL. But we have a definite impact of members that are spread out as far south as near Tampa, FL, as far north as Tifton, GA, and as far West as Live Oak, FL.

In addition, our membership background (mostly retired persons) is truly a potpourri of diversity. With so many varying careers and disciplines entrenched in our roster, we could form our own corporation and provide consultation services to any number of professions and skills. This is demonstrated at nearly every rally, as when someone has a problem another member always steps up to aid in the resolution of that problem.

While not actively recruiting new membership, we definitely have not closed our doors to interested parties. At 45 member coaches, the feeling is that this is a nice size group to have participating in rallies and gatherings. (Rally sizes are normally between 14 and 22 coaches per rally.) But the fact remains that evolution does occur and interest must be maintained in order to have a viable chapter and organization.

Every visiting coach and person is encouraged to get to know the folks that are with us, as they are the people that sell the organization, without really knowing it. Like any other chapter in the FMCA, it is the people that make the difference, not the mystic of being a member.

Traveling and having rallies 10 months out of the year keeps us very busy, as we put emphasis on social events. Every weekend will include a group breakfast, morning craft sessions, happy hour and evening dinner followed by a general membership meeting on Saturdays. Sunday mornings are complemented with a group breakfast and final informational moments before departure.



SUN WHEELERS  
CHAPTER OFFICERS  
&  
APPOINTMENTS

“Come Home” to their Wheeler family. So make the following notes in your rosters, and the next edition will have them included in the count of 42 member coaches.



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**Terry and Cindy Leder** returned to the fold and we hope they had a good weekend too. It's always nice to have old members come back, visit and see the changes, as they relay their experiences with the chapter. We hope to see them again in the not too distant future.

### CLASSIFIEDS

**Sun Wheeler Shirts!** You supply the shirt and the requested offsetting color for the LOGO. The Embroidery Hut will do the rest for \$10.00 per shirt.



**NO SPANDEX PLEASE!** Give them to Ann or Doug Pearson and they'll deliver and return them to you. Or, if you prefer, and are driving through the Hilliard area, drop your shirt off at:  
The Embroidery Hut

551772 US Hwy 1  
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Phone: 904-845-7735 (Ask for Josetta)

### CHALLENGE THE CHAPTER ANSWER:

Our Thanks to **Lloyd and Phyllis Powell** for supplying this month's photo. It was taken in their youth just days before their pending nuptials.

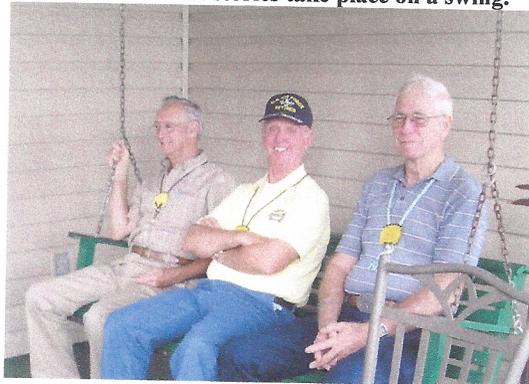
If you have a photo you would like us to challenge the chapter with, just get it to Doug or Ann Pearson. We will be glad to use it and return it to you, as we know these are precious memories.

### SUN WHEELERS TO RIDE THE RAILS

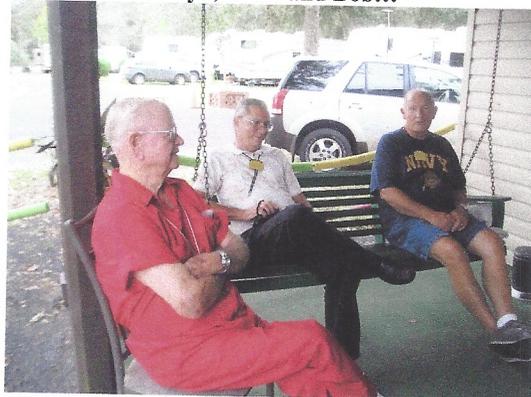
We have a small group leaving Lake City, after the November Rally, and heading to Georgia Veterans State Park in Cordele, GA. The purpose is foremost to have some fun, AND to ride the **S.A.M. Short Line Train**. Presently there are three coaches making the trip (Spains, Griffis's, Pearsons). They are planning to be there about a week, with the Train Ride on Friday, 11/21/08.

If you're interested in this trip and would like to ride the rails, contact Jim Spain at 904-733-1748 or Cell Phone 904-654-4801. [Jim\\_sp8824@yahoo.com](mailto:Jim_sp8824@yahoo.com)

Some of the best stories take place on a swing.



**Lloyd, Ernie and Bob...**



**gather on the porch with Walter, Darrell and Bill.**  
“Did you hear about Jack.....”

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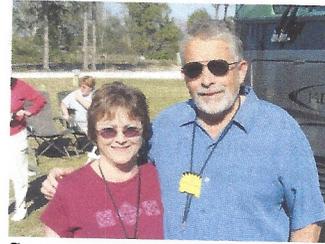
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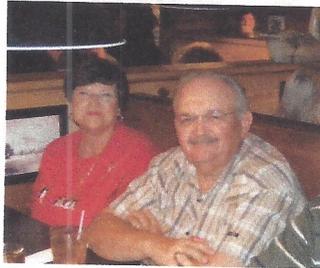
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10/2 Eddie Graves  
10/8 Doug Pearson  
10/9 Betty Black  
10/13 Doug Mocko  
10/23 Margaret Mocko  
10/28 Bob Gramm

Anniversaires:

10/1/55 Bob and Sue McCord

**NOVEMBER**

Birthdays:

11/1 Phyllis Powell  
11/1 Jim Spain  
11/8 Bee Hepp

11/11 Ann Webster  
11/15 Mabel Moorhead  
11/18 Lonnie Wilson  
11/21 Ron Whitaker  
11/24 Kate Spencer  
11/29 Bill Baker

Anniversaries:

11/03/62 Dave & Linda  
Cunningham  
11/10/73 Kate and Bill Spencer

Nov. Anniv. Cont.

11/10/57 Doug & Margaret  
Mocko  
11/16/63 Rich & Debbie Benoit  
11/26/65 Jack and Donna  
Weitzel  
11/26/64 Dean and Shirlee  
Lambright

**DECEMBER**

Birthdays:

12/5 Wayne Sapp  
12/11 Bonnie Spain  
12/15 Brenda Edgerton  
12/16 Nancy Mooers  
12/18 Jim Hoffren  
12/21 Ford Dinkins  
12/23 Chris Gramm

Anniversaries:

12/3/?? Bob and Betty Black  
12/24/58 Lloyd and Phyllis  
Powell  
12/28/67 Jim and Cindy Hoffren  
12/29/58 Bud and Elaine Bernier

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