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FLORIDA SPACE ORBITERS CHAPTER
FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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RALLY DATE: Nov. 21-23, 2008

LOCATION: Jetty Park, Port Canaveral, FL PH: (321 783-71117)

Directions: From I-95, take Exit 205 East to Hwy. 528 East. Go 12 miles and exit right to "B" cruise terminals. After exit, turn left under bridge onto George King Blvd. Drive 1 mile and follow signs to Southside cruise terminal and Jetty Park (400 E. Jetty Road, Cape Canaveral).

HOSTS: Kurt & Bette Hart-Linde; Ted Noe & Nancy Bertges

FEES: \$60 per coach with 2 people (singles \$55; extra person \$5)

Please send reservation no later than **Nov. 11** or call **Mary Kirwan (321)728-8565** or email **basunaka@aol.com**. The rally park requires a list of all attendees 10 days in advance. We will have water and electric; dump station is near office. No recreation hall. Note: Two-pet limit, 35 lbs. max. each; shot records must be available. Pets must be kept on the owner's site (no pet walk).

See reservation form on page 3.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE - *Please bring your own dishes/eating utensils to all meals...*

Friday 4:30 PM Happy hour – bring your own drink
 6:00 PM Pot luck – please bring a dish to share
 7:00 PM Cards/games

Saturday 8:30 AM Breakfast – provided by hosts
 4:30 PM Happy hour – bring your own drink
 6:00 PM Dinner – provided by hosts
 7:00 PM Cards/games

Sunday 8:30 AM Continental breakfast – provided by hosts

P.S. to September Rally

Your editor's apologies for omitting that wonderful champagne/full bar "open house" that Bette and Kurt Linde hosted to celebrate their new Damon Challenger – what a beauty! Lots of delicious snacks, and a great bartender with good jokes! 'Twas a fun party!

Report on October Rally

Thirteen coach families turned out for a beautiful week end at Tropical Palms. A lively game of charades followed dinner on Friday night. A short business meeting was held Saturday morning and President John Kirwan reported that Gerry DeLoatche's surgery for removal of a cancerous lobe in the left lung was satisfactory and the doctors expect a full recovery without the need for further treatment. He introduced the Nominating Committee and announced that elections will be held at the November meeting. Anyone wishing to run for office should contact Barbara Miller, Chairperson. Wagonmaster David Low reiterated the difficulty finding rally sites during the winter. As a result, there will be NO February meeting other than the FMCA Southeast rally at Brooksville, Feb. 4-8, 2009 for those wishing to attend. Tom Burke will again be the SEA newsletter editor.

Long-time but seldom-seen members, Richard & Jeanine Dennis joined a table for 'Hands-and-Foot' on Saturday afternoon and stayed for pizza dinner. Other guests for dinner were the Andrews' daughter, Annisa and husband, Brant; Nancy McConnell's daughter, Tiffany; Bette Hart's daughter, Jan and husband Robert and grandson; and Ted Noe's son Gregory, wife Mary and two grandchildren. It's always a pleasure to have guests! George Andrews had his fancy 'Porsche' on display. The RV park enticed young and old alike with a ghostly-decorated haunted house. And Mary Ann Sienkiewicz won the prize for the best decorated pumpkin. A fun time was had by all, thanks to the hosts, Ewald's and Low's.

FUTURE ORBITER RALLIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Hosts</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Dec 12-14, 2008 | The Great Outdoors, Titusville | Andrews, Kirwan |

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| *Jan 22-25, 2009 | Fort Wilderness/Disney World* | Burke's (point of contact) |
| Feb 4-8, 2009 | FMCA SEA rally, Brooksville for those wishing to attend (nothing organized) | |
| | 4 nights dry camping \$119 if register before 1/10/2009; ad in Oct FMC magazine, or register on-line | |
| Mar 20-22, 2009 | Sunshine Travel Park, Sebastian/Vero Beach | ?? |
| Apr 17-20, 2009 | Manatee Hammock, Titusville | Butler, Mohlenbrok |
| May 15-17, 2009 | (Undecided) | ?? |

***Reminder on January Rally at Disney World**

We have a block of 25 sites set aside for the rally at Fort Wilderness starting Thursday, Jan. 22 and checking out on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009. This is the 4th week end in January. The rate is \$46/night plus tax (12-1/2%). We are not committed to the whole 3-day period (can go for 2 days, 4 days or whatever – just let Disney know when you make your reservations (the sooner, the better). Phone number for group reservations is (407) 938-4868. The Florida Space Orbiters' confirmation number is 381548745731 in case they ask (but you do not have to have it). Cabins are available for \$210/night plus tax; cabins will sleep 7. To keep track of how many are going, please let Alda know (321) 727-3974 or email johnalda@cfl.rr.com. So far, the following people have signed up: Andrews, Baldauf, Burke, Butler, DeLoatche, Dunn, Ewald+Upton, Gonsalves, Holt, Kirwan, Low, Mohlenbrok, Noe, Riendeau, Robertson, Smith, Thorp*, Wolff, Workman.

— *Prospective members (Martha & Robert)

UPCOMING NATIONAL/OTHER RALLY DATES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Feb. 4-8, 2009 | “Treasure Hunt at SEA”, Hernando County Airport, Brooksville, FL Entertainment: 2/4 – “4:2:Five”; 2/5 – “The Funny Dummy Show”; 2/6 – “Bill Haley’s Comets”; 2/7 – Ken Whitener “Spell Binding Entertainment” |
| Mar. 16-19, 2009 | 81 st International Convention, Perry, GA |

Note from Charlie Schrenkel, President, Southeast Area FMCA

“TO all Chapter Officers, National Directors, Alternate National Directors and Voting Members: We are working on the parking for the Board of Directors for the upcoming meeting in February. If you could let me know by e-mail if you prefer being parked in a designated Board of Directors parking area, or if you would prefer parking with your chapters or the volunteers area where you will be serving. If I can get a count, we can prepare. Last year we had saved 60 parking spots for the voting members and only 6 were used. Thanks for your help on this matter.” Charlie

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please delete Andrews' (321) 724-4641 (home number) and replace with the following cell numbers:
 George Andrews (321) 271-4696
 Judy Andrews (321) 626-9214

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS in November

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| Earl Dunn | 11/3 | Diana Batchelder | 11/13 |
| Al Riendeau | 11/3 | Kurt Linde | 11/13 |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES in November

Richard & Diana Batchelder 11/15/1973

GET WELL

Gerry DeLoatche

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Please include this form with your check, made payable to Florida Space Orbiters, and mail to Mary Kirwan, 350 Hiawatha Way, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

Please accept my reservation for the rally at Jetty Park, Port Canaveral, Nov.21-23, 2008

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$60 per coach; \$55 singles, \$5 each extra person)

SAVE YOUR COUPONS

As a service project, the Orbiters are saving grocery coupons to send to our military troops overseas. Please cut the coupons apart and don't save "store specific" coupons. Coupons are usable six months beyond expiration date. Give coupons to Brook Low.

THINGS TO DO AT JETTY PARK

Casino Boats: Reservations and ID are required; must be of legal age; take only amount of money you are willing to lose!

Las Vegas Casino Lines "LIQUID VEGAS" (*NEW SHIP*) – Phone 1-800-777-8586

Departs at 11:30 AM and 7:30 PM; buffet \$7; no pick-up service at Jetty Park

Sun Cruz Casino Lines "SUNCRUZ XII" departs at 11 AM and 7 PM. Phone 1-800-474-3423.

Charter Boats: For anyone interested in fishing, more than a dozen charter boats are shown on the website at www.fishingspacecoast.org/Boats.html. Also see www.portcanaveral.org.

Walk the beach, walk the pier, swim in the ocean, fish off the jettys, wander a few blocks to the restaurants, docks, fish market, boat facilities, shops, watch the large cruise ships arrive/depart, listen to Disney's ships play "When You Wish Upon A Star" as they leave port, watch for Navy vessels/submarines entering/departing, visit Ron Jon's Resort/restaurant/bar (inside and outside) within walking distance of your site; relax and let the world go by!

