

After rally report
From the Salt Mines to Outer Space
August 17-August 21, 2022

The Pre-Rally to the FMCA rally was held at the Hutchinson, Ks. State Fairgrounds. Attendance was not high, but everyone there agreed that they had a great time!

The rally kicked off with a Welcome Social and Bar-B-Que sponsored by Curt Curtis of RV Country and Sky-Med. Susie's Catering, located on the fairgrounds, catered all the meals. We enjoyed a variety of foods from lasagna to fried chicken to ham and turkey with all the trimmings. Members participated in a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going "Reins of Hope", a non-profit organization that uses horses to help all ages who have disabilities.

Seminars were scheduled from Wednesday thru Saturday. We had a variety of seminars that ranged from coach weighing, a local historian telling about the history of Hutchinson, and a detective from the Hutchinson Police Dept. who gave pointers about preventing crime. Also our own Monaco members, Sharron Riley, presented a seminar about what to include in an Emergency Kit, and Tom & Louise Butler gave a audio-video presentation on the Nachez Trace trip that they traveled. Sky-Med also gave a presentation about the benefits of their program.

Card bingo, ice-cream social, ladies' and men's luncheon, men's round table discussion, and a yearly general business meeting were also part of the rally's agenda.

Friday and Saturday evenings' entertainment were provided by William Florian who presented oldies from "Those Were the Days" and Helen Russell & Co. who gave a lively concert that included singing and impersonations. Donations were also taken after the concerts for the non-profit organization, "Reins of Hope". Monaco Inter'l matched the donations resulting in almost \$2000.00 being given to this group.

Free time was available for those who wanted to see local attractions. The salt mines, Strataca, which are 650 feet below ground was visited by attendees. The international attraction, Cosmosphere, was also toured by some rvers, as well as the Amish town of nearby Yoder. All admitted that these places were very interesting as well as educational.

Many volunteers were needed to make a rally possible. The volunteers helped park the rvs, served wine and other drinks at the social hours, took care of the information table, provided crafts, created the beautiful decorations, took care of the registrations and paid the bills.

Thank-you to all!!

Lee & Evelyn Gieseke, rally masters