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Message . . . from FIBM President



Judye has been busy! Instead of a message; here is an update from Kay Brewer:

Judye fled Gustav to Arkadelphia, Arkansas where she met up with her brother and sister-in-law, who had arrived a couple of days earlier. They had dinner at a local shelter and went back for breakfast. When they arrived there and parked, noticed the van was smoking. One of the men there was a mechanic in Louisiana and he looked at it and recommended that Judye take it to a mechanic. Said he thought it was a blown head gasket. So she called the insurance company and had the vehicle towed to the local Dodge place...which was closed for the holiday. Went to rent a car, and Enterprise was also closed. So...after talking to the people at the shelter, she decided to move everyone over there and check out of the hotel, which was charging an extra \$10 per pet per night. Since they had 3 or 4 pets, that was quite a whack on the old pocketbook. The shelter had a special area operated by the SPCA especially for pets, so they took the animals over there. No charge for the shelter accommodations or the pet facility! A number of college students had activities for all the kids there at the shelter. Judye has been talking to her brother and to Wally about her vehicle, and will go back to the Dodge place and see what they have to say. So far, everyone is advising her to trade it in and get either a new vehicle or at least a newer one. She can't get on the internet to check e-mails and is having a problem finding out what is going on at home. So far, all they have been able to find out is that it is not over yet, and that there are many power lines and trees down not only in her town but all along the way, and the evacuation order has not been lifted and probably won't be for several days.

At "press time" Judye was back home but was on standby to evacuate for Ike if necessary.

Judye Foy
FIBM President

