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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Spring 2024

Spring has sprung!

It is time for everyone to start planning their summer road trips. Registration for the 109th International Convention in Redmond, Oregon, opens on April 3, 2024. Please consider a trip to the beautiful Northwest this August and join us in Redmond.

We had a great time at the Southeast Area Rally in Lakeland, Florida, in February. Special thanks to Bill and Carolyn Dees for hosting a great event. We really enjoyed the Chapter Fair; this provides the opportunity to meet several of the Chapter members and discuss their past and upcoming trips.

Terry and I are currently traveling to Tucson, Arizona, and looking forward to seeing everyone at the 108th International Convention.

I will facilitate a Secretary's Roundtable in Tucson on Thursday March 21, from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in Seminar 11. The Roundtable is a great opportunity to discuss topics of interest and areas of concern that Chapter and Area Secretaries may have. To make the Roundtable as productive as possible, I would like your input for the agenda. Please let me know if you have any special topics that you would like to discuss or if you have any areas of concern. The Roundtable is open to everyone. So, if you have someone who is interested in becoming a Secretary, please ask them to join us.

If you are in Tucson and you have some free time, stop by or give me a call. I would love the opportunity to spend some time and get to know my fellow Secretaries.

Chapter Certifications were completed at the end of December. Several Chapters have changed their status from Associate Chapter to Full Chapter or vice versa. Please review your Chapter Bylaws to determine if any updates are necessary to remain in compliance with FMCA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at prichard@fmca.com or 513-220-6350.

Have Fun and Safe Travels,

Pamela J. Richard



CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

January, February & March

5 Years

Certificate

Beaver & Friends Security Volunteers (3/17)

15 YEARS

Certificate

Vegas Blackjacks RV Club (2/10)

20 YEARS

Certificate

Coaches for Christ Southeast (2/4)

Florida Fun Seekers (2/20)

Roamin' Catholics Southwest (2/29)

Diesel RV Club (3/18)

Carolina Pelicans (3/27)

30 YEARS

Certificate & \$150 Check

Outdoor Resorts Palm Spring (2/17)

Cruisin' Condos (3/5)

35 YEARS

Certificate & \$200 Check

Southwinders (1/14)

River City Travelers (1/21)

Monaco Travelers and Friends (1/25)

Heartland Travelers (2/18)

Elk International (3/7)

40 YEARS

Certificate & \$250 Check

Sun Roamers of Florida (2/6)

Puget Sounders (3/11)

Full Timers (3/28)

50 YEARS

Certificate & \$350 Check

Yankee Travelers (1/9)

Florida Roll' N Gators (2/9)

Hoosier Cruisers (2/9)

Will you help us help you? ...

- * **The following items are imperative for Chapter administration!**
 - All Chapter secretaries **MUST** have an email address and phone number on file with FMCA!
 - Chapter contact – must be someone who will quickly respond to inquiries.
 - Chapter and Area Secretaries – **shall report new chapter officers within 30 days of an election**, per the National Bylaws, Article XVII, (8), and Policy and Procedure #3020, Chapter Secretary's Responsibilities.
 - Please check your chapter description online and make sure it is up to date. We recommend it be very short; no more than five sentences. Members looking for chapters may only read the first two sentences unless they are looking for your specific chapter!
 - Copilots **MUST** be on the FMCA membership records to be covered by FMCAssist! This is FMCA's medical emergency and travel assistance program. Please ask your members to update their membership record. If a copilot is not listed in FMCA's records, *they are not covered by the policy!*
 - Would you be interested in chapter officer educational videos? We are trying to explore new ways to help chapter officers. If we keep the videos short, would you be interested in watching? What should we cover in the videos? What other ways can we help you? - - chapters@fmca.com
 - The **"CHAPTER BYLAWS FORMAT"** is intended to serve as a reference for FMCA chapters forming or revising their bylaws. The model document contains the basic provisions that conform to FMCA National Bylaws and are binding upon chapters. The Chapter Bylaws Format is available on FMCA's website in the Documents and Forms section, which requires a member sign-in.

If you are listed as the contact for your chapter, you play a vital role in your chapter's success! You are the first person prospective chapter members have contact with. Please keep your contact information updated for potential new members to be able to reach you. In addition, be sure to reach out to them as quickly as possible—even if it's just to introduce your chapter.



The Governing Board Meeting Wednesday, August 14, 2024

The Roll Call Sheet that details your chapter's current Governing Board voting delegate along with a postage-paid return envelope will be mailed out to each secretary very soon.

The Roll Call Sheet will have your chapter name, area of representation, and the names of your chapter national director and alternate national director, if you have one. If the names are correct, simply sign and date the sheet and return via the postage-paid envelope. If the names are incorrect, or if your chapter has elected a temporary delegate, please fill out the information with the correct name and member number. Then sign and date the form and return it in the postage-paid envelope.

The chapter secretary is responsible for notifying the National Secretary (in care of the national office) in writing via USPS mail, email, or fax by July 24, 2024, of any election held that would result in a change to the national director, alternate national director, or temporary delegate who will be attending the Governing Board meeting.

Both the national director and alternate national director are invited to attend the Governing Board meeting, but it is not necessary that both be in attendance. The national director will be the voting delegate for your chapter. If the national director is unable to attend the meeting, the alternate national director would assume this duty and would receive the voting credentials when he or she checks in for the Governing Board meeting.

If **neither** the national director nor alternate national director can attend the Governing Board meeting, another chapter member may be elected as a temporary delegate for this Governing Board meeting only. A temporary delegate may be elected if your chapter would not have representation otherwise. If it is necessary for your chapter to have a temporary delegate, he or she **must be elected**, must be a member of your chapter, and can only represent one chapter.

If an event occurs after the 21-day notice requirement has passed that prevents the national director, alternate national director, or temporary delegate from attending the Governing Board meeting, the chapter president may appoint a member of the chapter as a temporary delegate to represent the chapter for the next Governing Board meeting only. Notice of the chapter president's appointment of this temporary delegate shall be received by FMCA at least seven working days prior to the Governing Board meeting to be valid. Change must be received by close of business August 5, 2024. Notice must be in writing. Fax or email is acceptable.

Reminder! Don't forget to sign up for the **Chapter Fair in Redmond, OR**. You don't want to miss a great opportunity to get the word out about your exciting chapter!

Contact chapters@fmca.com to sign up.

CHAPTER SERVICES IS HERE TO HELP

Items we can help you with are listed below:

- Area Newsletters
- Bylaws
- Chapter Anniversary Materials
- Chapter Certification
- Chapter Directory
- Chapter Formation
- Election Questions
- Rally Insurance Certificates
- Recruitment Mailings

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HOW DO I UPDATE MY CHAPTER MEMBERS' INFORMATION?

Please note that individual members are responsible for updating their own information with FMCA. They can update the information online at FMCA.com. Once logged in, they can click the Membership drop-down, then click Profile on the left side of the page. Or they can email membership@fmca.com.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?

Call (800) 543-3622
membership@fmca.com



Upcoming Events

The Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Redmond, Oregon

**FMCA 109th INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION & RV EXPO**
August 14-17, 2024
Redmond, Oregon

INTERNATIONAL AREA RALLY
May 17-21, 2024
Muskogee, OK

GREAT LAKES AREA RALLY
June 5-9, 2024
Greenville, OH

NORTHEAST AREA RALLY
July 10-13, 2024
Frankfort, NY

MIDWEST AREA RALLY
July 24-27, 2024
Amana, IA

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY
Sept. 18-21, 2024
Shawnee, OK

EASTERN AREA RALLY
October 23-27, 2024
Fletcher, NC

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY
October 23-27, 2024
Farmington, NM

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**DO YOU HAVE
SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

Please send letters, comments, and articles to FMCA Chapter Services,

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fax them to 513-474-2332; or email them to chapters@fmca.com.

Please let us know if we can use articles from your area's/chapter's publications. Articles used for publication may be edited for space and clarity, and they will also appear on FMCA's website: www.fmca.com.