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Happy Summer 2023!

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

As I write this newsletter, I am attending FIND THE POT OF GOLD IN ALBANY, the Northwest Area Rally in Albany, Oregon. The attendees at the rally are enjoying wonderful warm weather! It is certainly great to be able to travel and visit the area rallies. Each area rally has many activities that are unique to that rally. The Northwest had trolley rides to the historic downtown area and an Ice Cream Social with strawberry sundaes.

Each National Convention offers unique activities, such as a parade, magic mile walks, pickleball, hat and whiskers contests. Don't forget the many seminars and vendors! If you haven't looked into the RV Basics and RV Driving School, you might want to check them out!

This summer convention in Gillette, Wyoming, has many activities for the National Directors of the chapters. It is time to check with your National Director to see who will be attending the Governing Board meeting. If your National Director or Alternate National Director will not be attending, please elect a Temporary Delegate to represent your chapter at the Governing Board meeting. For the information on how this procedure is done, refer to the email sent on April 13, 2023 with your roll call sheet or to the email blast, dated June 22, 2023, titled "What is a Governing Board." Your chapter's opinion counts!

Secretary roundtables have been presented at each area rally. I was not able to attend the Great Lakes Rally or the Midwest Rally this year. A big THANK YOU to the area secretaries Roze Harper and Pamela Richard for presenting the secretary roundtables in my absence. Also, a big THANK YOU to Anne Archambault, with the Northeast Area, who will be presenting the upcoming secretary's seminar.

The next Secretary roundtable will be held in Gillette, Wyoming, on August 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Seminar Room 10. I encourage all current FMCA Secretaries and anyone interested in running for the Secretary position to attend the Gillette roundtable. Please join in and share your ideas with other Secretaries. I suggest if you hold the combined position of Secretary/Treasurer, you consider attending the Treasurer roundtable on August 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in Seminar Room 10. PLEASE check these times and locations with your program booklet.

Don't forget the Chapter Fair in Gillette, August 22, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. in Central Pavilion Receptions Area. Sign up with the Chapter Services Team (800-543-3622) for a table to promote your area or chapter. This is a great way to recruit new chapter members! Join in on the games and ice cream social. For more information on all the happenings in Gillette, go to <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-events-information-central>

Don't forget to mark your calendar with FMCA's 108th International Convention in Tucson, Arizona, March 20 – 23, 2024!

Thank you again for all you do for your Area, your Chapter, and FMCA! Looking forward to seeing you in Gillette! Remember, every friend was once a stranger!

Happy and safe travels and remember to Keep In Touch!

Kathie

**CHAPTER
ANNIVERSARIES
April, May and June**

5 Years

Certificate

Valley Cruisers (6/23)

10 YEARS

Certificate

Ontario Great Lakes (4/27)

15 YEARS

Certificate

Northwest Alpine Coach Association
(5/10)

Alpine Coach Norcal (5/18)

20 YEARS

Certificate

Alfaseeyas (5/19)

Magnolia Ramblers (4/26)

25 YEARS

Certificate & \$100 Check

Kentuckiana Travelers (4/25)

Golden Spike (5/24)

30 YEARS

Certificate & \$150 Check

Cardinal Virginians (5/8)

35 YEARS

Certificate & \$200 Check

Marathon Coach Club International
(4/4)

Important Dates/Times for Gillette Activities

Tuesday, August 22

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.....National Directors Briefing,
Seminar 1

Heritage Center Theater.

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. National Directors
Workshop, Seminar 1

Heritage Center Theater

2:00 p. m.-2:30 p.m.....Chapter Fair Setup
Central Pavilion

3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.....Chapter Fair

7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.....Opening Ceremonies

Wednesday, August 23

7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.Governing Board
registration begins, Seminar 1

Heritage Center Theater

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.....Governing Board meeting,
Seminar 1, Heritage Center Theater

Thursday, August 24

*9:00 a.m.....Secretary Seminar

*1:00 p.m.....Treasurer Seminar

*Times subject to change. Make sure to check program of changes.

Friday, August 25

5:00 p.m.....Staging of "Feelin' Groovy" parade
participants.

5:45 p.m....."Feelin' Groovy" parade
through the grounds.

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m....."Feelin' Groovy" Chapterfest
Plaza Lawn

Saturday, August 26

7:15 p.m.....Introduction of new
Executive Board Members

Central Pavilion Main Stage

7:30 pm.....Entertainment TBA

Central Pavilion Main Stage



2024 Chapter Certification Information

As we near 2024, please be aware that certification is just around the corner. Please read this information carefully when it is received. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reach out to the Chapter Services Department at chapters@fmca.com.

A Few Things To Remember ...

- Please note that you can submit changes to your chapter's roster at any time! If you would like to request a current copy of your roster, or make any additions and deletions, please contact chapters@fmca.com or click the following link to make changes online:
<https://www.fmca.com/documents-and-forms>
- The more changes you make throughout the year, the easier it will be during certification!
- We want to know what chapter membership means to you. It's been said that chapter membership is one of FMCA's best benefits, and we want to know why you and your chapter members love being part of your chapter! Please encourage your chapter members to send in their testimonials. They can be submitted via email to chapters@fmca.com or by mail to 8291 Clough Pike, Attn: Chapter Services, Cincinnati, OH 45244.
- Did you know you can submit your chapter rallies for the magazine online at FMCA.com? You can find the 'Submit a Rally' page under the Chapters tab. Your chapter rally must be open to anyone to be listed in the magazine.
- Please note that ALL requests for chapter rally certificates of insurance (C.O.I.'s) and accompanying contracts for rallies MUST be submitted to chapters@fmca.com for review and approval. Please do not contact the insurance agency directly. Please do NOT sign the contract until receiving correspondence from FMCA to confirm the contract does not put FMCA or the chapter at risk of liability.

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 that requires a member sign-in.

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 MEMBER'S 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

**FMCA 107th INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION & RV EXPO**
August 23-26, 2023
Gillette, Wyoming

**FMCA 108th INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION & RV EXPO**
March 20-23, 2024
Tucson, Arizona

INTERNATIONAL AREA RALLY
July 6-11, 2023 & July 12-17, 2023
Calgary, AB

NORTHEAST AREA RALLY
August 3-5, 2023
Herkimer, NY

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY
September 13-16, 2023
Shawnee, OK

EASTERN AREA RALLY
October 4-8, 2023
Lewisburg, WV

WESTERN AREA RALLY
January 16-14, 2024
Indio, CA

SOUTHEAST AREA RALLY
February 7-10, 2024
Lakeland, FL

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
CONTACT CHAPTER SERVICES**

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Please feel free to use any
articles in this newsletter.

**DO YOU HAVE
SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

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

8291 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244; 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.