

UPCOMING EVENTS

WESTERN AREA RALLY

January 10-14, 2018
*Riverside County Fair
& National Date Festival
Indio, California*

INTO—INTERNATIONAL AREA RALLY

February 5-9, 2018
*Pima County Fairgrounds
Tucson, Arizona*

SOUTHEAST AREA RALLY

February 7-10, 2018
*Sun'n Fun Expo Campus
Lakeland, Florida*

FMCA'S 97th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND RV EXPO

March 15-18, 2018
*Georgia National Fairgrounds
& Agricenter
Perry, Georgia*

GREAT LAKES AREA RALLY

June 6-10, 2018
*Allegan County Fairgrounds
Allegan, Michigan*

NORTHWEST AREA RALLY

June 21-24, 2018
*The Mill RV Park
North Bend, Oregon*

FMCA'S 98th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND RV EXPO

July 18-21, 2018
*CAM-PLEX Multi-Event
Facilities
Gillette, Wyoming*

MIDWEST AREA RALLY

August 8-11, 2018
*Amana Colonies RV Park
& Event Center
Amana, Iowa*

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY

September 19-22, 2018
*Heart of Oklahoma Fairgrounds
Shawnee, Oklahoma*



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NOTE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Happy Autumn!

The leaves are changing, the weather is changing, and so are we at FMCA! We now have new National Officers: welcome President Jon Walker, Senior Vice President Rett Porter, and Treasurer John Reynolds. Also, we have a ballot in the September, October, and November issues of the magazine. Members have the opportunity to express their desire; but the ballot must be **received by the Certified Public Accountant by November 30th**. Since you are the VIP of your chapter, please remind your chapter members of this important vote. Recommend that they should mail before November 20th. You can have copies of the ballots to distribute during your chapter rally, place them all in an envelope and mail them for your members.

It is chapter certification time again. Please find the enclosed consisting of 3 forms (Chapter Officer Form, Chapter Meeting Verification, and Chapter Roster). Complete the Chapter Officer Form now and during the year whenever re-elections or changes occur. Next is the Chapter Meeting Verification/Chapter Membership Status form that you will indicate when a meeting occurred (only one is required) plus the status of your chapter; whether it's open to new members or not. Lastly, compare your roster information with FMCA's roster and update accordingly. Remind your chapter members that it is their responsibility to update their personal information with FMCA (online, calling, emailing or mailing). During the year whenever roster changes occur, contact Chapter Services staff, and during the certification time, you will be updated! **Great news!** Beginning this year, your certification can be accomplished online! Instructions will be included in your envelope. Whichever way you choose, we need this information to be returned by December 31st.

Communication: I can't impress upon you enough the importance of not only communicating with your chapter members but also with your Area Vice President and Regional Vice President (if applicable), inviting them to your rally, plus communicating with FMCA Chapter Services staff. Please make sure your chapter's contact is responding to inquiries in a timely manner.

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT CHAPTER SERVICES

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800-543-3622
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VISIT US ONLINE AT www.fmca.com

Please feel free to use any
articles in this newsletter.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Please send letters, comments, and
articles to Christy Budai, Chapter
Services, FMCA, 8291 Clough Pike,
Cincinnati, OH 45244; fax them to
513-474-2332; or e-mail them to
cbudai@fmca.com. Or 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.

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CHAPTER

ANNIVERSARIES

FMCA congratulates the following chapters that are celebrating special anniversaries August through January

5 YEARS

Certificate

Northeast Florida Campers RV Club—9/22

10 YEARS

Certificate

Alpine Coach Association—9/26

Blue Water RV'ers—9/7

GMC Eastern States—12/14

Golden State Trackers—9/15

Great Lakes Converted Coaches—8/24

Northwest Country Coachers—9/29

Rocky Mountain Coaches for Christ—8/28

Southern Alberta Drifters—8/17

Workhorse Chassis Motorhome Club—11/5

20 YEARS

Certificate

Frustrated Maestros Eastern

Sharps and Flats—10/12

Monacos In Motion—11/28

Monaco NorCal—9/20

Royale Coach Club—1/22

25 YEARS

Certificate and \$100 Check

Arctic Travelers—8/15

Canadian Northern Lights—9/12

Colorado Columbines—12/6

High Plains Drifters—1/9

30 YEARS

Certificate and \$150 Check

Elite Travelers, The—9/17

Maine Wheels—11/22

Thousand Trails of Texas—12/5

35 YEARS

Certificate and \$200 Check

Massachusetts Minutemen—11/1

Southern Arizona—11/26

40 YEARS

Certificate and \$250 Check

Bussin' Buddies—10/28

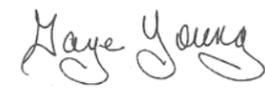
Mohawk Roamers—10/28

Your Area National Vice President is responsible for coordinating the anniversary material, so you will need to make arrangements with him or her for presentation.

Advertise: Don't miss an opportunity to advertise your chapter whether it is at the Chapter Fair (area or convention), in the area rally book, an article in the magazine or the Association Calendar of your upcoming rallies. Review your chapter information on the FMCA website and update it as needed. New members will search there looking for you. When you meet others, FMCA members or not, invite them to your rally. Keep a few benefits/enrollment forms in your coach to share with others. Remember, they may very well become your new BFF!

Whatever the need or when a question arises that I may be able to assist you with, don't hesitate to contact me.

Enjoy the fall weather and upcoming winter. Wherever you roam, have fun!!



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Things to Remember...

November

The voting deadline for the proposed changes to the **Articles of Incorporation & Constitution** is November 30th. If you haven't voted yet, you can find a ballot in the September, October, and November issues of *Family Motor Coaching* magazine or on FMCA.com. It must be returned by mail to the CPA office address on the ballot.

December

Your chapter's **certification** must be mailed no later than December 31, 2017.

April

Roll Call Sheets will be mailed to chapter secretaries. To ensure your elected representative can vote for your chapter at the Governing Board Meeting, be sure to return the Roll Call Sheet in the postage-paid envelope.



CHAPTER CERTIFICATION FAQs

Q: I recently submitted my chapter's officers. Do I have to resubmit them?

A: Yes. Even though you may have previously submitted your chapter's officers and there haven't been any changes, all forms must be completed and returned in their entirety to ensure your chapter's active status.

Q: Can I be an officer in more than one chapter?

A: Yes—but there are rules. Article XVII(5) outlines the details, "An FMCA member may hold no more than two chapter offices simultaneously. A member may hold an office in two chapters, however he/she may not hold the offices of national director or alternate national director in more than one chapter."

Q: Our chapter dues aren't due until the end of February. Can I wait until March to send in our roster?

A: No. Chapter rosters must be received at the FMCA national office no later than December 31, 2017. However, you can make changes, as needed, to your chapter's roster throughout the year.

Q: Will expired FMCA members show on my roster?

A: Expired or cancelled members will show on your chapter's roster. When your chapter has returned all your certification paperwork and has been certified, your expired and cancelled members will be removed. If they plan to continue to be a member of your chapter, you may want to contact them with a gentle reminder to pay their FMCA dues.

Q: My chapter voted to change to an associate chapter status. How do I notify the FMCA national office?

A: Chapters can change their status one time per year during certification. Your chapter must submit a written request along with a copy of the minutes of the meeting where your chapter voted to make the change. All paperwork must be received no later than December 31, 2017.

Q: My chapter changed its name and/or area of representation. How do I notify the national office?

A: Should your chapter change its name or area of representation, it is necessary to send a written request to the national office along with a copy of the minutes where the chapter voted to make the change, as well as updated bylaws reflecting the change.

Q: How will I know that the national office has received all my certification forms and my chapter will continue to be active?

A: After all of your chapter's forms have been received and processed, the chapter secretary will be mailed an updated final roster as confirmation.

If you have any questions, contact: Christy at ext. 257.

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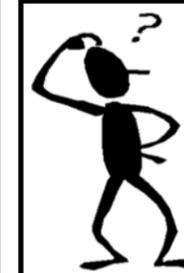
Information



How do I update member contact information on my roster?

Updating member contact information is the responsibility of the member. If you find their information is incorrect, please have them contact FMCA's Member Services at 800-543-3622 or have them visit FMCA.com, log in, click on the edit button by the info they need to update.

Recently, you may have noticed something missing from your chapter's new member report—email addresses. While we know that email is the most convenient and economical form of communication for a chapter, we had to change the report. For now, all we can provide are names, addresses, and phone numbers. Please be assured, we are working diligently to find a solution to this problem. If you have any questions, please call 800-543-3622, ask for Chapter Services.



Did you know, as an added benefit to your chapter, FMCA carries a million dollar liability rally insurance policy?

Your chapter is covered even if you didn't request a certificate. We can provide a copy of the certificate if the facility requires it. Contact Dianna at dmitts@fmca.com or call 800-543-3622, ext 210 about six weeks prior to the rally.