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Happy Spring, VIPs!

The days are getting longer and the temperatures warmer! This means dusting off our coaches, following the sun and looking for the next adventure....rallies and conventions!

We have a very important convention coming up this summer for Governing Board members in Indianapolis on July 12th. We will be voting on Bylaws amendments concerning the future of FMCA. Please encourage your National Director, Alternate National Director, or Temporary Delegate to attend. Recently, you received a Roll Call Sheet to verify the information is correct and make changes or add a temporary delegate if necessary. Be sure to sign and return it in the enclosed envelope by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If a representative change occurs, you must contact FMCA by June 21<sup>st</sup> by fax or email. If something happens to your representative after June 21<sup>st</sup> that prevents him/her from attending, your chapter President may appoint a temporary delegate, and you will need to notify FMCA by fax or email at least 7 working days prior to the Governing Board meeting (in this case by July 3rd).

If you have attended the Secretary's Round Table, you know how important you are to your chapter (hence VIP!) Everyone, including the President, depends on you for information and communication. If you have a newsletter, consider sending it to your Area Vice President and Regional VP (if applicable). Let them know what is going on in your chapter. This is yet another way to "advertise." When questioned by a new member about which chapter to join, your AVP and/or RVP will have first-hand information about how active and exciting your chapter is! You know how we all enjoy receiving invitations to parties, events and gatherings? Please invite your Area VP to attend your rally. Send them your rally schedule. They will really appreciate the opportunity to visit with you and share what is happening in FMCA. The exchange of information with you will be invaluable not only to your chapter members, but also to your VPs.

The "Rally in the Valley" Convention in Chandler, Arizona, was a blast! Rawhide Village, a Western town situated on an Indian reservation, offered many opportunities to dress the part, participate in a chapter horse race, and even observe the arrest of our own President Charlie and Senior Vice President Jon, who were thrown in jail! RV Basics was a hit with about 150 students. Great entertainment, especially local band "Sapphire Sky," had the majority of folks dancing on the dance floor and many in the aisles.

INTO just completed their rally with what I call a “destination rally” in Branson, Missouri. Six sensational shows were enjoyed by all.

Whether it is a convention, area rally, or chapter rally, enjoy these events and always take an opportunity to tell others about your chapter. Our chapters are the lifeline of our wonderful organization!

Wherever you roam, be safe and have fun!



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## CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

This column is the perfect place to showcase your chapter’s personality and what kind of events your chapter likes to schedule. The Chapter Spotlight is in each issue of *Family Motor Coaching* magazine and can aid a chapter in re-recruiting new members. The May 2017 issue features the Weekenders chapter. Their article includes information regarding the ins and outs of their chapter, as well as a picture of their group. If you would like your chapter to be considered for this article, please contact Peggy Jordan at [pjordan@fmca.com](mailto:pjordan@fmca.com) or by phone 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622, ext. 212.

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

FMCA congratulates the following chapters that are celebrating special anniversaries in May, June, and July.

### 10 YEARS

#### Certificate

Eastern Area Geocachers—6/20  
Ohio Arrows—7/27  
Rally in the Pasture—6/2  
Same Ole Buddies—6/10

### 15 YEARS

#### Certificate

Bay Area Travelers—5/11  
Panhandle Gems—5/19  
Vancouver Islanders—7/7

### 25 YEARS

#### Certificate and \$100 Check

Frustrated Maestros Great Lakes  
Area Music Makers—5/24  
Midwest Bus Nuts—5/2  
Northern Lights—5/9  
One Hundred Plus—7/14  
Willie & Co. Fan Club—5/9

### 30 YEARS

#### Certificate and \$150 Check

Thousand Island Voyageurs—6/13  
Travlin Texans—6/6

### 35 YEARS

#### Certificate and \$200 Check

AVCO Adventurers—6/7  
GMC Motorhomes International—7/21

### 40 YEARS

#### Certificate and \$250 Check

Apollo Great Lakes—7/28  
Cape Codders—7/28  
Foretravel International—7/28  
GMC Sunshine Statesmen—7/28  
Midwest Prairie Schooners—7/28  
New York Centrals—7/28  
Revconers—7/28  
Southwestern Bus Nuts—7/28  
Susquenango—7/28

### 45 YEARS

#### Certificate and \$300 Check

Empire State—7/16  
Fingerlakers—7/18

### 50 YEARS

#### Certificate and \$350 Check

Lone Star—6/16  
Northwestern—7/6

**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.**

# THE ROLL CALL SHEET

## Governing Board Meeting Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

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 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, member number, and address. 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 June 1, 2017, 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 only 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 on June 21, 2017, 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 July 3, 2017. Notice must be in writing. Fax or email is acceptable.

*If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Mitts at 513-474-3622, 800-543-3622, ext. 257; [dmitts@fmca.com](mailto:dmitts@fmca.com).*



## Miss Information

### ***Can I be an officer in more than one chapter?***

The FMCA Bylaws state an FMCA member may hold no more than two chapter offices simultaneously. This can be two offices in one chapter or one office in two chapters. However, he/she may not hold the offices of national director or alternate national director in more than one chapter. Members of the same family unit may serve as national director or alternate national director in different chapters; such members may not hold these offices in the same chapter concurrently.



Meet John and Sally Smith, F23000.

John was recently elected as president of MNO chapter and the national director of ABC chapter. His wife, Sally, is currently the treasurer of ABC chapter and alternate national director of MNO chapter. John and Sally are in compliance with Article XVII(5).

The exception to this rule: John can represent only one chapter at the Governing Board meeting. He can only be a national director or an alternate national director. Sally also can represent only one chapter at the Governing Board meeting, but it can't be the same chapter as John's. Anyone can represent any chapter as a temporary delegate, but they can still only represent one chapter.

Hope this clears up any "Miss Information."

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **NORTHWEST AREA RALLY**

**June 22-25, 2017**

***Cowlitz County Conference  
Center and Fairgrounds  
Longview, Washington***

## **FMCA'S 96th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

**July 12-15, 2017**

***Indiana State Fairgrounds  
Indianapolis, Indiana***

## **NORTHEAST AREA RALLY**

**August 3-6, 2017**

***New York State Fairgrounds  
Syracuse, New York***

## **MIDWEST AREA RALLY**

**August 9-12, 2017**

***Amana Colonies RV Park  
& Event Center  
Amana, Iowa***

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY**

**September 20-24, 2017**

***McGee Park  
Farmington, New Mexico***

## **EASTERN AREA RALLY**

**October 4-8, 2017**

***State Fairgrounds  
of West Virginia  
Lewisburg, West Virginia***

## **SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY**

**October 25-28, 2017**

***Four States Fairgrounds  
Texarkana, Arkansas***

## **WESTERN AREA RALLY**

**January 10-14, 2018**

***Riverside County Fair  
& National Date Festival  
Indio, California***

## **SOUTHEAST AREA RALLY**

**February 7-10, 2018**

***Sun'n Fun Expo Campus  
Lakeland, Florida***

### **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT CHAPTER SERVICES**

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### **DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

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articles to Christy Budai, Chapter  
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