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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY



Happy Holidays!

Autumn is gone and winter is here. 2018 rallies and conventions are fond memories, with upcoming rallies and conventions for 2019 promising to be eventful, exciting, and informative!

Many chapters and areas have had officer elections this year. If you are new, we welcome you. If you are returning, welcome back!!

By now you should have certified your chapter. If you haven't and you need assistance, don't hesitate to contact Chapter Services or me, as we are more than happy to help you. The deadline is December 31st. Please note that you can accomplish this online instead of mailing a paper copy.

Membership is heavily on everyone's mind and agenda. Advertise your chapter by announcing your rallies in the FMCA events section in the magazine. Don't forget to send photos of your rallies and chapter activities to marketing@fmca.com. Please review your chapter's information on the FMCA website, as well as the area's website, to confirm that it is current. New members check these sites in search of a chapter to join. Area rally programs are an excellent way to advertise your chapter as well as the Area Chapter Fairs. Don't forget to make a good impression!

Great news!! We are not only having a Chapter Fair in Perry, but also a Chapter Block Party! You will not want to miss these opportunities to invite potential new members to join you! See page 3 for more details.

The email for the New Member and Past Due Reports has a new look! We hope you can use this information to recruit members to join your chapter! Be sure to reach out to potential new members in a timely manner.

Our secretaries are the most informed officers in our chapters and areas, and everyone looks to you for information. Therefore, you are the VIP!

Whether you are on the road following the sun, or looking for the next adventure, keep a few enrollment forms and magazines to share with potential FMCA members.

I wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! See you in Perry or at an area rally soon!

Gaye Young, National Secretary

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CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

FMCA congratulates the following chapters that are celebrating special anniversaries in November and December.

5 YEARS - Certificate
Shalom Roamers - 12/23

15 YEARS - Certificate
Carolina Ramblers - 11/1
Lake Ashton Travelers - 11/25

20 YEARS - Certificate
Discovery Club of California - 11/4

25 YEARS - Certificate, \$100 Check
Apollo Amigos - 11/13

30 YEARS - Certificate, \$150 Check
GMC Dixielanders - 11/5

35 YEARS - Certificate, \$200 Check
GMC Cascaders - 11/15
Knot Fore Busses Only - 12/15

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

Chapter Search Gets A Makeover!

We are expanding our Chapter Search function! In your chapter's certification packet this year, there was a new form that included a list of hobbies and interests to help guide potential new members to your chapter. FMCA's IT department has been working diligently to make both informational and cosmetic updates to improve the capabilities of our chapter search. Our end goal is to allow non-chapter members the ability to search for chapters based on the hobbies or interests they have in common with the chapters they join.

In order for the new Chapter Search to function the way it is intended, we need your help to update your chapter's hobbies and interests. If you still have the form that was sent to you in your certification packet, please fill it out and return it to kkrol@fmca.com. But if you don't, it is available on the FMCA website under Documents and Forms.

We welcome any suggestions you have to expand and improve the interest list so that members have the best chance to find a chapter to join. So, if you look at the list and don't see a hobby or interest that fits your chapter, let us know!

We truly appreciate your assistance in adding the information to the new and improved Chapter Search function, and we hope that you are as excited about this as we are!

Things to Remember ...

- If you have not already, please send an updated chapter description to Kaitlyn at kkrol@fmca.com.
- We would love to see photos from your chapter gatherings! Please send your photos to marketing@fmca.com along with your chapter name and a little background on where the photo was and what it is about!
- Your chapter's certification must be completed no later than **December 31, 2018**.
- The voting deadline for the proposed changes to the Constitution is **December 31, 2018**.
- Your chapter must be registered for the Chapter Fair and Block Party no later than **March 7, 2019**. You will not be permitted to set up a table at the Fair if you do not present your FMCA assigned confirmation number.

Ready Or Not, Perry Here We Come!

FMCA's 99th International Convention in Perry, Georgia, will be here before we know it and we have some exciting news to share ... along with our Chapter Fair, we will also be organizing Chapter Block Parties! The Chapter Services Department is always looking for new and exciting ways to help you promote the fun and unique chapter members that you serve. We want first-time attendees and non-chapter members to see all of the benefits, fun, and friendship that come with belonging to FMCA chapters. After all, chapter membership is one of the best benefits of being an FMCA member!

The Chapter Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 10:15 AM. Setup begins at 8:30 AM, and your table must be decked out and ready by 9:15 AM. The Block Party will be the following day, Thursday, March 14, 2019, beginning at 5:30 PM. The Block Party will be held at your RVs throughout the various parking lots. We know having enough space to host a Block Party could be an issue. With that in mind, if your chapter has at least 10 member RVs attending the convention, we will provide the Block Party host with a special parking card that will inform the parking attendants to give that RV extra parking space. That way, they can use the additional spot to set up a pop-up tent, chairs, food, games, etc. for the party.

In even better news — to encourage chapters to sign up for the Chapter Fair and Block Party, we are GIVING AWAY \$75 to each chapter fair registrant! **In order to qualify for the free money, your chapter must pre-register* for a table at the Chapter Fair—AND host a Block Party on Thursday evening at your parking space, using the funds provided by FMCA.** As exciting as this is, please know that the chapter representative who signs up to host the Chapter Fair and Block Party is the ONLY person who will be allowed to pick up the cash—NO EXCEPTIONS. The \$75 will be available for the chapter representative to pick up starting Saturday, March 9, 2019, in the FMCA Convention office. In order to claim your money, you must have the confirmation number provided to you when you signed up for the Chapter Fair. Please also be prepared to share the location of the parking space where your Block Party will be held.

To sign up for the Chapter Fair and Block Party, please contact Chapter Services at 800-543-3622, 513-474-3622, or chapters@fmca.com. We can't wait to see you in Perry!

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Miss Information



How do I update member contact information on my roster?

Updating member contact information is the responsibility of the individual member. If you find their information is incorrect, please have them contact FMCA's Member Services at (800) 543-3622 or visit FMCA.com, login, and click on the edit button next to the information they need to update.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WESTERN AREA RALLY

January 9-13, 2019

Riverside County Fairgrounds
Indio, CA

GREAT LAKES AREA RALLY

June 5-8, 2019

Allegan County Fairgrounds
Allegan, MI

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY

September 18-21, 2019

Louisiana State Fairgrounds
Shreveport, LA

SOUTHEAST AREA RALLY

February 6-9, 2019

Sun 'N Fun Expo Campus
Lakeland, FL

NORTHWEST AREA RALLY

June 6-9, 2019

Linn Country Fair & Expo
Albany, OR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY

October 17-20, 2019

Pima County Fairgrounds
Tucson, AZ

FMCA 99TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

March 13-16, 2019

*Georgia National Fairgrounds
& Agricenter*
Perry, GA

FMCA 100TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

August 14-17, 2019

North Dakota State Fairgrounds
Minot, ND

INTERNATIONAL AREA RALLY

October 21-25, 2019

Lakewood Resort
Myrtle Beach, SC

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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

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them to 513-474-2332; or email them to
kkrol@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.