

October 4, 2024

Dear Governing Board members,

Important FMCA Updates: Our hearts go out to immediate past president, Gary Milner and his wife, Glenda, as Gary receives treatment for his health issues. We wish them all the best. As a result of Gary's departure from the National President position, in accordance with the FMCA Bylaws, I am your new National President. Steps are underway to fill the vacant Vice President position.

Eastern Area President special election. Enclosed with this mailing Eastern Area National Directors will find information for the vacant position of Area President. Ballots are being sent to you by USPS postal mail. This position was vacated when Phyllis Britz completed her term. This officer will fill the remaining term, taking office upon the tabulation date and ending in 2026.

In this mailing you will find updates, requests for actions, and information about upcoming activities.

This mailing contains the minutes from the meetings held in Redmond, Oregon. Redmond was a successful event, and it was nice to visit the Northwest Area.

Also included is a flier announcing that FMCA is accepting nominations for the **Robert L. Richter Award and the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer Award**. The deadline to nominate an individual for either of these awards is **March 15, 2025**.

Have you made plans to join us for **FMCA's 110th International Convention and RV Expo** scheduled for March 12-15, 2025, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, Georgia? To register, use the form included, visit fmca.com/fmca-perry-2025-learn-more or call our Events Department at 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622.

Family RV Association has scheduled a **Chapter Fair, Parade and Chapterfest in Perry**. Contact the Chapter Services team to reserve your spot: (513) 474-3622, or (800) 543-3622; or email chapters@fmca.com. Because tables and chairs must be ordered in advance, we cannot take on-site registrations. Tables are limited. The Chapter Fair will take place on Tuesday,



March 11. *The deadline to register your chapter and sign up for a table is February 28, 2025. See the enclosed flier. There will also be a Parade leading to the Chapterfest on Saturday, March 15, 2025. More information will follow at a later date.*

The FMCA Academy is also offering the **RV Basics** workshop. Led by knowledgeable instructors, this two-and-a-half-day course will get you acquainted (or re-acquainted) with your RV's operation and systems. The dates are March 9-11, 2025. ****NEW**** Introducing RV Basics Advance – Next-Level, Hands-On Learning. This course is for those who crave more knowledge. RV Basics Advanced takes your skills to the next level. This course is offered to those who have taken RV Basics at a prior FMCA event. You can learn more by visiting www.fmca.com/academy.

FMCA, in partnership with the **RV Driving School**, has developed a pair of programs for those wishing to become safer and more confident drivers. All training will be done using YOUR RV. The RV Driving Class will be a two-day class with classroom training on day 1 and behind-the-wheel training on day 2.

The **RV Backing Class** will be a one-day class with 1.5 hours of training in the morning and 4 hours of individual backing and parking practice in the afternoon. There are a limited number of seats available for each class March 5-10, 2025.

We remain thankful for all the volunteers who give their time at the events as well as those who serve as chapter and area officers.

Please note that the FMCA national office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, 2024. The office also will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Tuesday, December 31, for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025. Lisa and I wish you a festive holiday season and a very happy New Year.

We thank you for keeping up to date with information to share with your chapter and fellow Family RV Association members. Until next time,

Paul G. Mitchell
National President