

FMCA
Your RVing Family

FMCA'S 108TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO



Confirmation Guide

MARCH 20-23, 2024 • PIMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS • TUCSON, ARIZONA



Gary & Glenda Milner

Congratulations on being part of FMCA's 108th International Convention & RV Expo. This booklet includes information to help you plan your trip to Tucson and what to do when you arrive. Please read carefully, and we will look forward to seeing you there.

- To park the large number of RVs that attend an FMCA International Convention, parking must begin several days prior to the event. For this event, Welcome Bags will be distributed as attendees arrive.
- **Download the FMCA App**, read the program included in your Welcome Bag — or the electronic version at FMCA.com — **and plan what you would like to see and do during the convention.**
- During the **"Fiesta Del Sol"** convention, on-grounds transportation using trams and activity golf carts will be available for you to get from the parking lots to the activity areas and back (limited service on Monday, March 18; full service begins Tuesday, March 19). If you have a bicycle, we encourage you to bring it.
- On Wednesday, March 20, the RV Displays and Indoor exhibits will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., as participating exhibitors unveil their latest models and newest products. Take advantage of this opportunity to shop for whatever you may need to make your RVing experience more enjoyable.
- **For your safety, please do not visit the exhibit areas during set-up days.** All exhibits will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22; and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23.

If you still have questions, please call the FMCA events department at 1-800-543-3622. Safe travels, and we are eager to have our FMCA family reunited in Tucson.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary W. Milner".

Gary Milner, F409834
FMCA National President

CHAPTER FAIR

Tuesday, March 19, 3:45 p.m.
Thurber Hall Receptions Area
(Following First-Timer's Orientation)

This is the perfect opportunity for you to visit one or more FMCA chapters all in one spot. See chapter displays and talk with enthusiastic members who will be happy to tell all about the fun of being part of a chapter. Ask questions and even join a chapter or two that you find interesting. You won't want to miss this chance to learn about FMCA's many chapters, so put the **"Fiesta Del Sol" Chapter Fair** on your schedule.

If you are a chapter leader interested in participating, contact the Chapter Services Department by emailing chapters@fmca.com. You will receive a confirmation email with more information about setup, etc.

FMCA Mobile Event App

The **"Fiesta Del Sol"** convention is right around the corner, and we are preparing for an incredible event.

One of the best tools to help make for an enjoyable experience in Tucson is the FMCA Mobile Event App. It's like having the rally program on your phone — but better. Not only can you find out about all of the seminars and activities that will be taking place, but you can build your own personal schedule within the app. Find exhibitors, times and locations of entertainment; be alerted to changes in the schedule or weather; and so much more.

The app will be launched in early March and registered attendees will receive an email with instructions about how to download it from the App Store or Google Play. Make sure you watch your email inbox and follow us on Facebook — more info is on the way!

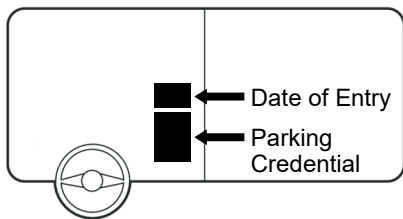
FMCA Convention Information

ENCLOSED ITEMS

Enclosed are your registration materials, which include everything you need to arrive and be parked. Early event information can be obtained by visiting www.fmca.com and viewing or downloading a digital edition of the event program.

Windshield RV Parking Credentials

Enclosed in this packet are two separate parking credentials to display in the driver's side lower right corner of your windshield when entering the grounds and at all times when parked. The larger card indicates the parking area and the type of service you requested (30-amp, 50-amp, general, full generator, no generator, etc.). The black-and-white card (Date of Entry) indicates the date you should arrive to be parked. Please place the credentials in your windshield in the order indicated below.



The credentials acknowledge your registration and aid the parking personnel who will guide you to the requested parking area. If you arrive early, you may dry camp in the Arrival Area or pay a \$40 fee per night to be parked early. If you decide to leave the grounds in your RV for any reason, you must display the window credentials to re-enter.

Towed Car Credential

Display this credential on the rearview mirror of your towed or towing vehicle. When re-entering the grounds in your towed or towing vehicle, you must display the credential. For security purposes, please print your cell phone number, name, and member number on the credential.

Name Badges

Name badges *must* be worn to gain admittance to the exhibit areas and all activities. There are spaces on the back of the badge to indicate emergency information and your RV location.

First-Time Attendee Ribbons

If you indicated that this is your first International Convention, we have enclosed an information pamphlet and red First Time Attendee ribbons. These attach to your name badges so experienced attendees may welcome you and be available to answer your questions.

International Convention Confirmation Guide

This guide includes a map and directions; emergency service information; International Convention Rules and Regulations; facts about Tucson/Pima County; and other information.

Arrival Procedures

Attendees should follow the directions to the Welcome Area indicated later in this booklet. The directions have been determined with the help of the local police so arriving RV traffic can be cleared off the highways as quickly as possible. The Welcome Area will be open starting at 8 am, Sunday, March 17. A member of FMCA's Parking Team will be on duty from 8 am until 5 pm. If you have a towed vehicle, you can unhook it off grounds and have your co-pilot or another member of your party drive it onto the grounds separately or it can be unhooked at the Welcome Area.

If you wish to park with friends, you must arrive together with appropriate admittance credentials or meet in the Welcome Area. Identify your

party by placing a piece of white letter-size paper in the window of each RV. Using a heavy black marker, write the last name of one of the members of your group followed by the position each RV occupies in relation to the total number of RVs in the party (Smith 1 of 3; Smith 2 of 3; etc.). This will alert parking personnel that you wish to park together.

Whether you park on pavement or on grass, we ask that you use wooden blocks or waffle pads under your levelers to keep from sinking the feet and/or damaging the pavement or camping area.

Welcome Bags

Welcome Bags will be distributed upon arrival and will include the event program and other materials.

Departure Procedures

Departure will be on Sunday, March 24. Electric will be turned off at 9 am, and all RVs should be off the property by 12 pm. If you would like to extend your stay, contact the Pima County Fairgrounds office to make your arrangements.

Family Emergency Contact Information

The FMCA Information Center number is (513) 909-1701. This number will be in operation beginning Saturday, March 16, at 8 am.

Mail

If you plan to have mail forwarded to this event, it is very important that it be addressed as follows:

Member Name & Member Number
c/o FMCA
Pima County Fairgrounds
11300 S. Houghton Rd
Tucson, AZ 85747

Packages sent by FedEx or UPS should be directed to:

Pima County Fairgrounds
C/O/ Hale Expo Services
Member Name, Member Number, and Cell Number
11300 S. Houghton Rd
Tucson, AZ 85747

Mail will not be available for pick up until Wednesday, March 20 at the Mail Desk in the Information Center. Mail not picked up from the Information Center by 3 pm, Saturday, March 23, will be sent to FMCA National Headquarters in Cincinnati.

If you plan to pick up your mail at the post office in Tucson, please have it addressed as follows:

Member Name
General Delivery
2420 S 6th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85713

General

There are limited water and dumping facilities at the site; therefore, please arrive with empty waste tanks and a full water tank. Septic trucks will be available to empty holding tanks along with water trucks to fill water tanks. Check your program for information about these services.

The **Information Center/Registration Desk** located in Thurber Hall will be in operation Saturday through Saturday, March 23, 8 a.m. to 5 pm

Will Call will be located in the Arrival Area Sunday, March 17, through Tuesday, March 19, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, March 20, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Will Call will be relocated to the Information Center/Registration Desk in Thurber Hall on Wednesday, March 20, at 12:00 p.m., and remain there through the duration of the event.

Fiesta Del Sol Activities

The Events listed are tentative. Please check your program and the FMCA mobile event app when you arrive for exact dates and times.

Sunspot Lounge Open

Sun thru Sat, March 17-23, 8 am
Thurber Hall

"Welcome To Tucson" Pop-Up Party

Monday, March 18, 6 pm
Cantina

Discover PCF Guided Walkabout

Tuesday, March 19, 11 am to 3 pm
Near Kleen Tank Town Center

Youth Meet & Greet

Tuesday, March 19, 1 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center, Central Park

First-Timer's Orientation

Tuesday, March 19, 3 pm
Pima Hall

Chapter Fair

Tuesday, March 19, 3:45 pm
Thurber Hall Receptions Area

Card Bingo By Demco

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm
Thurber Hall Receptions Area

Good Trouble

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

Karaoke With A Keck

Tuesday thru Saturday, March 19-23, 9 pm
Cantina

RAW Band

Wednesday, March 20, 12 pm and 4:30 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

All Exhibits Open

Wed, 1-5 pm; Thurs and Fri, 9 am-5 pm; Sat,
9 am-3 pm • Old Pueblo Conference Center

Opening Ceremonies

Wednesday, March 19, 7 pm
Main Stage

Mark Cordes

Wednesday, March 20, 7 pm
Main Stage

Roadmaster Morning Coffee Hour

Thurs, Fri, Sat, March 21-23, 8 am
Kleen Tank Town Center, Central Park

Bean Bag Toss By Demco

Thursday, March 21, 10 am
Near Kleen Tank Town Center, Central Park

Pete DeJesse

Thursday, March 21, 11:30 am
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

Ladies' Luncheon By Wacko (ticketed event)

Thursday, March 21, 11:45 am
Thurber Hall Receptions Area

FMCA Trivia Challenge By Demco

Thurs, Fri, Sat, March 21-23, 2:00 pm
Cantina

The Coolers

Thursday, March 21, 3:30 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

Block Parties

Thursday, March 21, 5 pm-7 pm
Designated Areas, Central Park, Cantina

Miller Insurance Ice Cream Social

Friday, Mar 22, 3:30 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center, Central Park

FMCA Whisker Games By Demco

Friday, March 22, 3:45 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

FMCA Great Hat-A-Tude

Fancy Hat Contest By Demco
Friday, March 22, 4:10 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

Kevin Pakulis And Rancho Deluxe

Friday, March 22, 7 pm
Main Stage

Baja Caravan

Saturday, March 23, 11:30 am
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

FMCA Supersized Book Club

The Way Of The Bear, Anne Hillerman
Saturday, March 23, 1:30 pm
Seminar 1, Old Pueblo Conference Center

"La Puesta Del Sol Parade"

Saturday, March 22, 5:30 pm
PCF Grounds to Central Park

Driven To Care Donation Ceremony

Saturday, March 23, 6 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

"Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me"

Chapterfest with Mariachi Nuevo Azteca
Saturday, March 23, 6:30 pm
Kleen Tank Town Center Stage, Central Park

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Share The
Fun On Social Media

#FMCAAZ24

Facebook from a phone, tablet, or computer

1. Log into Facebook.
2. If you have not already "liked" our page, search "Family Motor Coach Association" and follow us.
3. On your own profile, create a new post about your convention experience.
4. Type @fmcafans in your post to tag our page
5. Make sure the post is set to "public" privacy settings so others can see it.

The status update will post on your personal timeline and will link to FMCA's page.

Join our Facebook Group for fellow attendees

1. Log into Facebook.
2. Search "Family Motor Coach Association" and open our page.
3. Select the "Groups" tab.
4. Click the "Join" button for the "Tucson Attendees – 108th FMCA Convention" group.
5. You will need to be approved by an admin before you are able to participate in the group. We will be checking frequently and approving new requests.



Instagram from a phone or tablet

1. Log into your Instagram account
2. Create a post about your convention experience.
3. Type #fmcarvclub in your post to tag our page.
4. Tag your location as "Pima County Fairgrounds"
5. Be sure to use the hashtags #fmcaRV and #fmcaAZ24
6. Share your photo or video.

You can choose who sees your posts. In your account settings, set your Instagram account to public or private.



X (formerly Twitter) from a phone, tablet, or computer

1. Log into Twitter.
2. Create a tweet about your convention experience and tag @fmca_ (be sure to include the underscore).
3. Include #fmcaRV and #fmcaAZ24 in your tweet.

Tagging FMCA will link the tweet to our page and using the hashtags will make the tweets show up in the social stream on the Tucson convention app.



FMCA Convention

Rules And Regulations

1. Parking for registered attendees will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, and Tuesday, March 18 and 19; and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20. Non-registered attendees may register on site starting at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 16. Registration hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday through Friday, March 16 through 22, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 23. If you arrive earlier than the date on your Arrival Card, you must go to the Welcome Area.
2. Parking spaces will be assigned at the discretion of the Parking Team. First arrivals may not necessarily be parked closer to the activity centers.
3. An adequate parking space is provided for RVs and towed vehicles. RVs, awnings, and equipment must fit within this space.
4. Follow the directions of the Parking Team and park only in allocated spaces. *Improperly parked RVs and/or towed cars will be towed away at the owner's expense.*
5. A special parking area will be provided for RVs that are towing trailers. But leaving trailers connected is not guaranteed.
6. Caravan or large groups coordinators must schedule an arrival time with FMCA's national office. Caravan arrivals will be accepted Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19.
7. As the driver of your RV, you are solely responsible for its operation and movement as it is being parked. While Parking Team volunteers may direct or assist you while parking, it is your responsibility to avoid obstacles or situations that could lead to accidents and damage to your RV or other's property. *FMCA is not responsible for accidents or damage that occur while you are parking.*
8. Electricity is available at an additional cost. Security will issue fines to anyone procuring electricity illegally, and may request the removal of the RV from the grounds.
9. Attendees may ride trams to all activities. Towed cars should not be used to travel to activity centers.
10. Security and safety personnel are responsible for the safety of attendees. Please obey their directions.
11. Please respect all event personnel and volunteers.
12. Pets are welcome but must be kept in the parking areas unless they provide service assistance. Pets are not allowed in the activity centers — seminars, entertainment, morning coffee hour, or exhibit areas. Be a responsible pet owner; clean up pet waste, prevent the pet from making excessive noise, keep it on a leash outside the RV, and do not allow it to relieve itself near RVs.
13. Scooters, Segways, bikes, and other two-wheeled vehicles are not permitted inside exhibit buildings, seminar rooms, and other areas restricted to pedestrian traffic. Wheelchairs and mobility carts are permitted in these areas. Your cooperation is appreciated.
14. The use of privately owned golf carts is permitted. The speed limit is 5 mph. Headlights must be used before dawn and after dusk. If your cart does not have operating headlights, it cannot be used in the dark.
15. Attendees must have valid insurance on all personal mobility carts and golf carts.
16. The Convention Committee reserves the right to ask violators of the above rules and regulations to leave the grounds.

Service Information

Service is an important function at FMCA conventions, and many manufacturers and component suppliers provide limited service for attendees who are experiencing problems with their RVs. Please refer to the information below regarding emergency service. Do not ask for routine maintenance or for services that can be handled before leaving home.

At this event you will be able to sign up for service prior to arriving in Tucson; on Wednesday, March 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Service Center in the Livestock Arena; and on site at the service provider's vendor booth. A list of the service providers who have agreed to make pre-convention service appointments, along with their contact information, will be e-mailed to all registered attendees (and posted on FMCA.com) as the event nears.

In most cases, a service vehicle (van or golf cart) will be dispatched to your motorhome in the family parking area. Service will be performed at the discretion of the manufacturer, component supplier, or service firm. In most cases, non-warranty work will be charged.

LIMITED ON-SITE "EMERGENCY" SERVICE (For Service Related To Health & Safety Issues)

FMCA will permit emergency service vehicles on-site beginning the first Monday, March 18

- Service during the main family parking days — Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19 — will be limited to emergency service.
- Emergency service is defined as any service to generators, refrigerators, air conditioners, heaters, and inverters that must be performed to assure the health and safety of members. Regular or preventive maintenance (example: changing oil or filters) or new installations are not considered emergency service.
- No new installations are permitted on RVs parked on-site in the family parking area prior to noon on Wednesday, March 20.
- Service vehicles offering emergency service must display a yellow "Emergency Service" credential on their vehicle.
- There is to be no selling of any product or service in the family parking areas. All sales transactions must be limited to assigned exhibit areas.
- Immediately notify FMCA Security or the FMCA Commercial Office, located in the Horse Show Office, if vendors without proper credentials approach you regarding service in the family area.

DIRECTIONS

Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, Arizona

NOTE: Although there may be shorter routes to the facility, please use the directions below, which have been developed for the safety of attendees and to minimize traffic tie-ups.

Parking for FMCA's 108th International Convention & RV Expo will begin on Sunday, March 17, at 8:00 a.m. Display your admittance cards in the lower left-hand corner of the driver's-side windshield. Some groups will be asked to arrive before this date. Please arrive on the date indicated on your Date of Arrival card that was included in your Confirmation Packet or sent to you if you have had our Confirmation Packet held at Will Call.

Some groups may be asked to arrive earlier. Below is a list of these groups and their arrival dates:

Thursday, March 14 — National Officers; Member Staff Chiefs and Coordinators; Parking Team

Friday, March 15 — Member Staff Teams, Welcome Volunteers

Sunday, March 17 — Activity Cart, Security, and Trams Volunteers; Frustrated Maestros

Monday, March 18 — Coffee Hour, FMCA Store, Information, and Seminars Volunteers; First-Time Attendees

The Arrival Area will open on Sunday, March 17, at 8:00 a.m. All family attendees are directed to go to the Arrival Area where they will be staged before being parked. The Arrival Area is also where attendees can meet up with friends who they would like to park with; pick up credentials that are being held at Will Call; temporarily park if they arrive before the date on their admittance card; or enter if they are not yet registered for the event.

The hours for parking are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, March 17, 18, and 19. If you arrive before or after these hours, please stay in the Arrival Area until the Parking Team resumes parking at 8:00 a.m. If arriving Wednesday, March 20 or later, proceed to the Arrival Area. If a parking attendant is not available, call 513-909-1701. If you arrive after 5:00 p.m., please stay in the Arrival Area until parking resumes at 8:00 a.m. DO NOT attempt to park without parking attendant assistance.

DIRECTIONS

ALL FAMILY ATTENDEES

Follow I-10 to Exit 275 and go south on Houghton Road for approximately 1 mile to Brekke Road. Turn right onto Brekke Road and follow for approximately 0.5-mile to **Gate B**. Turn left through **Gate B** and follow to the Welcome/Arrival Area.

EXHIBITORS

Follow I-10 to Exit 273 and go south on S. Rita Road. Drive approximately 0.3-mile and turn left onto Vail Connection Road. Follow Vail Connection Road (it will turn into Harrison Road) for approximately 2.6 miles. Turn left onto Brekke Road and drive for 0.4-mile to **Gate C**. Turn right through Gate C and then right again at the first street past the guard shack. Follow the signs to the Commercial Registration office.

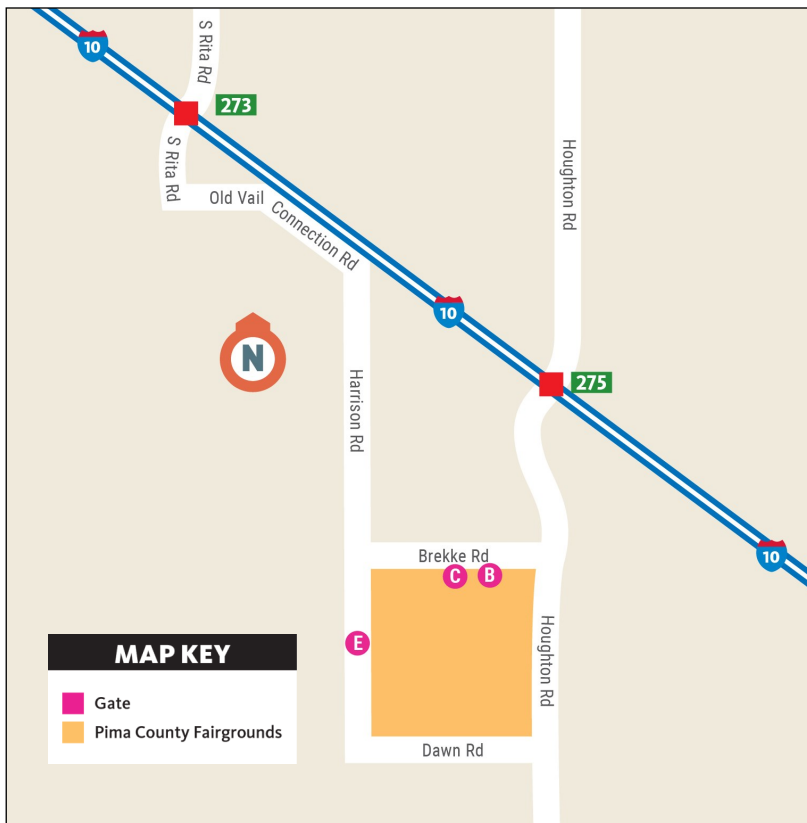
PASSPORT, DAILY PASSPORT, DAY PASS

Follow I-10 to Exit 275 and go south on Houghton Road for approximately 1 mile to Brekke Road. Turn right onto Brekke Road and follow for approximately 0.5-mile to **Gate C**. Turn left through **Gate C** and follow the signs to the Passport/Public Parking area.



OPEN RANGE TERRITORY

The area around the Pima County Fairgrounds is designated as "Open Range," meaning cattle can roam freely throughout the area, including the roadways. Please be alert to cattle and other wildlife as you're driving in the area.

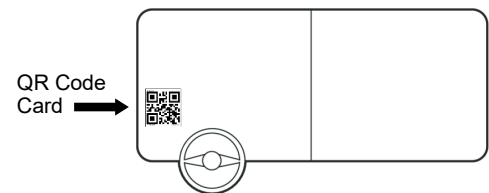


CHECK-IN & LOCATION QR CODE CARD

During the “Fiesta Del Sol” convention, FMCA will utilize a relatively new method of tracking where attendees are parked with our Check-In & Location QR Code Card that’s included in your Confirmation Packet.

Tape the Location QR Code Card that is specific to your registration in the lower left-hand corner of your motorhome’s or towing vehicle’s windshield so the code faces out. After you have parked, members of FMCA’s Parking Team will scan the QR Code Card, registering the location of your RV on site in the event FMCA personnel need to locate you.

Make sure to have this card visible in your windshield once you are parked. If you cannot find the QR Code Card in your Confirmation Packet, call the Events Department (800-543-3622) and your card will be printed and sent to you. Also, make sure the QR Card has your name and member number on it. If it does not, give us a call for a new card.



GPS COORDINATES

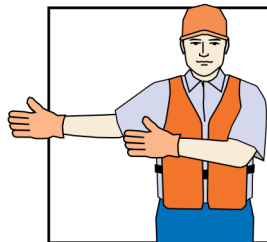
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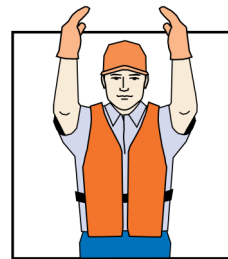
BASIC PARKING SIGNALS

Parking at a convention can be a tricky endeavor with the number of RVs at the events. The basic parking signals shown to the right can help you park in a safe manner. These uniform signals will be used by Parking Team members to help direct you as you park.

These signals are usually given from the left rear of your RV. Never move the RV unless the parker is in plain view. When the parker leaves the preferred high-visibility left side of the RV to determine whether the other side is clearing, the STOP signal will be given. If at any time you do not understand the hand signal or additional directions are needed, wave your hand out the driver’s window and signal the parker to approach for conversation.



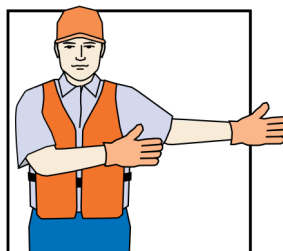
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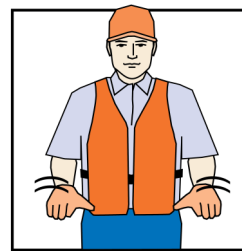
Come straight back.



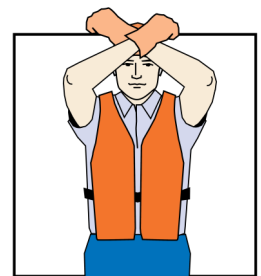
Distance to go (palms apart indicating how far).



Move rear of RV to the right, as seen in mirror.



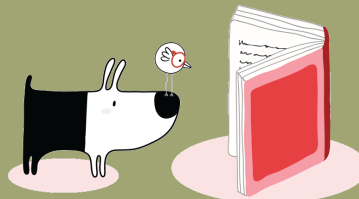
Slowly (when pumping palms down, like patting a dog).



Crossed forearms indicate STOP!



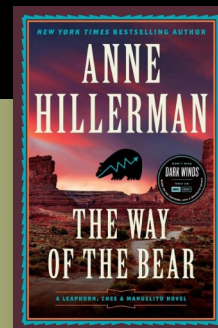
FMCA *Supersized* BOOK CLUB



Saturday, March 23, 1:30 p.m. Old Pueblo Conference Center, Seminar 1

FMCA is hosting its eighth Supersized Book Club during the “Fiesta Del Sol” convention. Attendees are invited to read *The Way Of the Bear* by Anne Hillerman. Anne will be in Tucson to discuss the book, answer questions, and sign copies.

To join the Supersized Book Club, visit join.fmca.com/az24bookclub



Anne Hillerman has lived in the Southwest since she was a toddler, the oldest of author Tony Hillerman’s six children. She began her career as a reporter, editor, columnist, and non-fiction writer. Her book *Tony Hillerman’s Landscape, on the Road with Chee and Leaphorn* led to the exciting world of detective fiction. After her father’s death, Anne continued the Jim Chee/Joe Leaphorn mystery series with her debut novel, *Spider Woman’s Daughter*. It received the Spur Award from Western Writers of America as the best first mystery. Anne’s work has been recognized with numerous other awards through the years. Her eighth novel, *The Way of the Bear*, continues to celebrate her love of the Southwest. The story weaves paleontology, greed, rejected love, a web of lies, and a pair of seemingly unrelated murders. Anne’s newest book, *Lost Birds*, will be released April 22, 2024, from HarperCollins.

FMCA YOUTH ACTIVITIES

During the “Fiesta Del Sol” Convention FMCA’s Youth & Family Activities Committee will be presenting a variety of organized activities for kids and their guardians, beginning with a Meet and Greet on Tuesday, March 19.

All activities will be developed to include participation by the kids and their parents, grandparents, or guardians. This is not a babysitting service, and the adults must accompany the youth to these activities.

To participate in the Youth Activities Program, please visit join.fmca.com/az24youthactivities to register yourself and your kid(s). More information about the planned activities will be sent out once the schedule is completed.

For more information, contact Charlsanne Miskell at fmca youth@gmail.com



SALUTE TO SERVICE



To honor the men and women who have served to protect the freedoms we enjoy, along with current or retired police, fire, and EMS/EMT personnel who keep our loved ones safe and us safe, we will have a special pictorial “Salute To Service” presentation running on a video monitor in the Information Center throughout the event to honor these heroes.

We encourage those who served to send us their name, branch (rank), or occupation, and a picture of themselves in uniform to be displayed on the big screen during the lead-up to entertainment. Go to www.fmca.com/fmca-salute to enter your information and upload your image, or send the info along with a photo (no originals, please) to: Salute To Service, 8291 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244. Submissions must be received by March 11, 2024.



DRIVEN TO CARE SILENT AUCTION

During FMCA's "Fiesta Del Sol" Convention, March 20-23, 2024, in Tucson, Arizona, our designated charity will be the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Southern Arizona. This Tucson-based non-profit organization serves families in Southern Arizona who have a child/teen diagnosed with cancer or blood disorders. This includes leukemia, brain tumors, solid tumors, sickle cell anemia, and other anemias. Programs include summer camp, holiday parties, information resources, and other support services.

Attendees can participate in a couple of ways. First, chapters, areas, exhibitors, and individuals are encouraged to put together a box, basket, or bag filled with items fellow RVers would love to have. Examples could be things for the RV, gift cards, packaged food and drink, etc. A basket for the ladies? Or maybe something for the guys? Be creative. The second way is by bidding on the donated items.

Bids will be taken Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Information Center in Thurber Hall. At 3:00 p.m. on Friday, bids will close. Those with the winning bids will be contacted and must come to the Information Center to pay for and receive their item. If items are not picked up by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, we will move to the next winning bid.

We encourage all attendees to get involved as auction item providers or bidders (or both) to help this worthwhile cause.



Driven to *Care*

WITH FMCA



To register, contact the Events Department by calling (800) 543-3622; or register onsite and pick up your race packet at the Information Center (Thurber Hall)

RACE INFO

- When: Friday, March 22, at 8 a.m. - Rain or Shine (Please arrive by 7:45 a.m.).
- Will reschedule for Saturday in the event of severe weather.
- Where: Meet at the start line near the FMCA Town Center.
- Course distance will be approximately 1 mile.
- Bring your pets!
- Participants may walk, run, or ride on mobility scooters. No bicycles, golf carts, or other motorized vehicles will be allowed.

REGISTRATION INFO

- \$10 per person.
- If you are walking as a couple or a group, please enter each person individually.
- All participants will receive a Magic Mile water bottle and participant packet.
- All proceeds will go to the Candlelighters.



Candlelighters
Childhood Cancer Foundation
of Southern Arizona

Candlelighters supports, serves and advocates for children and adolescents with cancer and other blood disorders, their families, long-term survivors, bereaved families, and the professionals that care for them.

Candlelighters currently serves approximately 300-450 children and family members annually. In Southern Arizona about 70 children a year are diagnosed with cancer, and treatment lasts an average of 2 ½ years. For many children, the long-term effects remain for a life time and navigating a new normal in school is very difficult. School advocacy is an area for which we provide numerous resources.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 • 4:00 p.m.
FMCA TOWN CENTER TENT



Gentlemen,

Proud of your facial hair? Then you'll want sign up for FMCA's Mr. Whiskers Games. Compete in one of three categories — Beard, Goatee, or Mustache — and be judged on the growth and grooming of your whiskers. From the three winners, the **"Fiesta Del Sol"** Mr. Whiskers Champion will be crowned by audience approval.

Sign up at the Information Center before noon on Friday, March 22, then report to the FMCA Town Center stage by 3:45 p.m. The whiskerless can join the fun as well. Cheer for your favorite furry-faced competitor, and help decide who will be Mr. Whiskers Tucson 2024.



Ladies,

Get ready to have a fashionably fun time of your own as FMCA presents the Great Hat-A-Tude Contest.

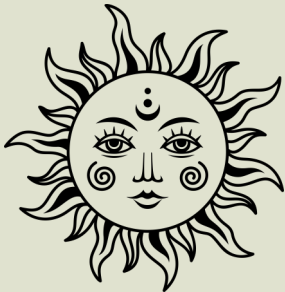


Categories will include: Most Creative based on the convention theme, Gaudiest, Prettiest, and Ugliest. The winners of each category will then compete for the crown of **"Fiesta Del Sol"** Ms. Great Hat-A-Tude champion as determined through audience applause.

Sign up at the Information Center before noon on Friday, March 22, and be at the Town Center Stage by 4:10 p.m. Those who are hatless can join the fun by participating as judges who decide the overall champion.

Friday, March 22, 4:20 p.m.
FMCA Town Center Stage

"La Puesta Del Sol"



Celebrate the Saturday evening sunset and the finale of FMCA's Tucson convention during our Parade and Chapterfest.



KLEEN TANK TOWN CENTER, CENTRAL PARK • 6:30 P.M.
FEATURING MARIACHI NUEVO AZTECA

Parade Starts at 5:30 pm

Parade circuits the grounds, ending in Central Park to get the **"Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me"** Chapterfest started.

Chapterfest Starts at 6:30 pm

Music, food, and fun as attendees meet with friends, party with chapters, and celebrate the final night of the **"Fiesta Del Sol"** event.

WARNING

Exhaust Gas Is Deadly!

Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, an odorless and colorless gas that's formed during the combustion of hydrocarbon fuels. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and can cause unconsciousness and death. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include the following:

- Inability to think coherently
- Vomiting
- Muscular twitching
- Throbbing in the temples
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Weakness and sleepiness

If you or anyone else experiences any of these symptoms, shut down the generator; exit the immediate area (whether inside the RV or outside); and get into fresh air immediately. If the symptoms persist, seek medical attention immediately. Do not operate the generator again until it has been inspected and repaired.

The best protection against carbon monoxide inhalation is proper generator installation and frequent visual inspections of the complete exhaust system. Also, your motorhome should be equipped with a working carbon monoxide detector.

Did You Know?

Many attendees bring motorized transportation to FMCA events to help move about the grounds. These golf carts, scooters, etc. are a wonderful convenience for those who are not as mobile as they used to be.

Using these vehicles in close proximity to pedestrian traffic poses increased risk of an accident for which the user may be found responsible. Many owners of these vehicles may not be aware that their insurance does not protect them in case of an accident. These vehicles may not be covered under homeowner or motor vehicle policies. Insurance companies may consider these types of vehicles as "recreational vehicles" or "motor vehicles" and require that they be separately insured. Individuals may be able to purchase insurance coverage for these vehicles with an attachment (called a "rider") to one of an existing insurance policy. Several companies will cover a small, single-seat electric scooter used to transport a disabled person under a homeowner policy.

For your protection, and the protection of other attendees at FMCA events, ask your insurance agent whether your vehicle is covered under an existing policy or requires additional coverage. *Members and guests are responsible for their own property and liability while using their own RV, car, cart, bicycle, etc.*

QUILTER'S AND CRAFTER'S CORNER

Below are Crafts and Topic Classes that will be presented at the "Fiesta Del Sol" convention. These classes are offered for an additional fee. Sign-ups begin on Wednesday, March 20, at 8:00 a.m. in Thurber Hall. These are ticketed events. Limited class sizes.

FIBER ART

Instructor: Pam Stalnaker

- Oven Mitts (Bring your machine)

JEWELRY & OTHER

Instructor: Katie Taddeo, Katie's Design Studio

- Arizona Unakite Bracelet
- Cactus Diamond Dots Note Holder
- Celebrating Unakite Necklace And Earrings
- Fiesta Time Fabric Wreath
- Festive Stretch Bracelet

Instructor: Lee Deal

- Diamond Dot Suncatchers

PAINTING CLASSES

Instructor: Cora Newell, "Art On The Road,"

Visit Facebook, Cora Newell Art

- Aspens In Sunshine (Acrylic)
- Arizona Sunset (Colored Pencil)
- Painting An Arizona Sunset (Acrylic)

VARIETY

Instructor: Topsy Picassos of Tucson

Visit Facebook, Topsy Picassos

- Mandala Mug
- Mosaic
- Painted and Wood-Burned Hats
- Resin Jewelry

TUCSON FAST FACTS

For Emergencies, dial **911**.

Tucson is located in **Pima County**. Surrounding counties include Santa Cruz (south), Yuma (west), Maricopa (northwest), Pinal (north), and Cochise (east). Tucson is approximately 110 miles southeast of Phoenix; 240 miles east of Yuma; and 275 miles west of Las Cruces, NM. It is 122 miles north of the Mexican border. The area code is 520 and the zip code for the fairgrounds is 85747.

U.S. Post Office

1501 S. Cherrybell Stra. Rm. 205
Tucson, AZ 85726-9998
Phone: (520) 388-5180

St. Mary's Hospital

1601 W. St. Mary's Road
Tucson, AZ 85745
Phone: (520) 872-3000

Northwest Emergency Center at Vail

10146 E. Old Vail Road
Tucson, AZ 85747
Phone: (520) 574-7400

Emergency Dentist Tucson

6161 E. Pima St., Unit #2020
Tucson, AZ 85712
Phone: (520) 337-9070

Civano Animal Hospital & Emergency Center

10425 E. Drexel Road
Tucson, AZ 85747
Phone: (520) 600-7100

Weather broadcasts can be found on the following Tucson area TV and radio stations:

Digital TV Stations

KVOA — 4 (NBC)	KUAT — 6 (PBS)
KMSB — 11 (FOX)	KOLD — 13 (CBS)

Radio Stations

KCUB — 1290 AM (Sports)
KGVY — 1080 AM (Oldies)
KFNX — 1100 AM (News/Talk)
KGMS — 940 AM (Religious)
KUAZ — 89.1 FM (Public Radio)
KHUD — 92.9 FM (Country)
KRQQ — 93.7 FM (Top-40)
KLPX — 96.1 FM (Classic Rock)

Cancellation Requests

Refunds for this convention will be made only upon written request by emailing (cancel@fmca.com). Cancellations made by January 17, 2024, will receive a full refund minus \$25 handling fee. Cancellations made after January 17, 2024, but before February 28, 2024, will receive a full refund minus a \$50 handling fee.

NEW ELECTRIC CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations made after February 28, 2024, but before March 20, 2024, will be refunded for registration cost minus \$50; ELECTRIC FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.

Absolutely no refunds March 20, 2024, and after. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FMCA home office before any refund is issued.

GROCERY, PHARMACY, LAUNDRY, AND MISCELLANEOUS SHOPPING

The information below is provided solely as a courtesy to attendees and should not be construed as an endorsement or recommendation by FMCA for the businesses indicated.

The Pima County Fairgrounds
11300 S. Houghton Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85747

WALMART SUPERCENTER

9260 S. Houghton Rd., Tucson, AZ 85747

Store Phone: (520) 329-6674

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Pharmacy Phone: (520) 232-2763

Pharmacy Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FRY'S FOOD AND DRUG

8080 S. Houghton Rd., Tucson, AZ 85747

Store: (520) 663-1960

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SAFEWAY

13380 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Vail, AZ 85641

Store: (520) 526-7087

Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

TINY BUBBLES LAUNDRY — OFF-SITE

6229 E. Golf Links Rd., Tucson, AZ 85711

Hours: 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.



RV Weighing Service

The RVSEF RV Weighing Service utilizes certified scales to determine individual wheel position loads. Owners complete a comprehensive worksheet that includes all critical weight and tire ratings. Scale readings and ratings are entered into a custom computer program that generates a weight analysis report, detailing safety margins on each component. Members receive a preliminary report at the weighing site, followed by a comprehensive report, including tire load/inflation tables, in the mail. The cost of the service is \$70.

There is no charge for the education program titled "RV Weight & Tire Safety" presented by RVSEF. Check your program for day, time, and location.

Sign up for RV weighing at the FMCA Information Center located in Thurber Hall on Wednesday, March 20, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., or during exhibit hours in the supplier exhibits at the RV Safety & Education Foundation booth (120). Appointments are limited.