



CACTUS CHRONICLE

ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA

"A Family Oriented RV Club"

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FRIENDS OF THE ROAD

February, 2018

March 15-17, 2018

Black Rock RV Village
46751 East Highway 60
Salome, AZ 85348 (physically in Brenda, AZ)
Rally Masters: David and Paulette Dewey

April 12-14, 2018

**Chapter's 50th Anniversary!
& Election of Officers**

Distance Drums RV Resort, Camp Verde, AZ
Rally Masters: Arizona Chapter Board
480-272-4495, 480-272-4503

Upcoming in the Fall of 2018

Rally Host spots still available!

October 11-14, 2018

Railside RV Ranch & Cabin Resort, Williams, AZ

November 8-11, 2018

Arizona Oasis RV Resort, Ehrenberg, AZ

National Director Report

Just a note to let you know we are watching to see what changes come about with the new rules and hope to have more information for members soon. We should always remember that FMCA is a beneficial organization for us and that isn't going to change!

FROM THE PRESIDENT -GRACE FOGARTY

I'm writing this on the road from Northern California and it's 29 degrees here. We can't wait to get back to Arizona where the weather is good.



Our February rally was held in Tucson with the INTO group the first of the month. The facility was nice, full hook-ups and lots of interesting seminars, vendors, and great entertainment. For those who had never been to a big rally like this one it offered lots of information and help with questions.

David and Georgia had our new Arizona signs, for those of us who ordered them, and they are really awesome. Now when we are at rallies and have them displayed outside our coaches it will be a good tool for getting some new members. If you would like to order yours contact Georgia at (623) 537-9804.

Our next rally is in Brenda at the Black Rock RV Resort. Our Rally masters are Dewey and Paulette David and they always have so much fun planned. You won't want to miss it. Hope to see you all there.

Our April rally brings this season to a close with a very special celebration. We will be celebrating our Arizona Chapter's 50 year anniversary. Wow, what a milestone as we are one of the very few chapters who are this old within FMCA. It is also the election of new officers so there will be a lot going on. I encourage you all to attend this celebration. There may be limited spaces available so if you can come, and I hope you can, please contact Richard or Judy Talmon at (480) 625-7761 or me at (480) 272-4495 as soon as possible so you won't miss this special rally.

Grace Fogarty
President

February Rally Report!

What a great time was had by our members who attended the February Arizona Chapter Rally that was combined with the FMCA INTO (International Organization) Rally in Tucson.

While pictures follow, a few notes that must be shared first:

1. John & Mary Ann Matthews and Tom & Carole Eells did a really wonderful job as Rally Hosts!!! The food, the social time – all of it was great and very much enjoyed by everyone.
2. Some one of our members who volunteered for “cart” duty (which many of us did), seemed to end up with a semi-permanent cart at his disposal...need to share that secret with the rest of us, Tom.
3. We participated in the Chapter Fair and had several good prospects talk with us, and at least one new family member joined.
4. One of our members shared her dancing skills, one her singing talent, and one was a combo singer/dancer for the entire rally audience and they were all very good.
5. And we shared a meal at a local restaurant in the Tucson suburbs that was fun.

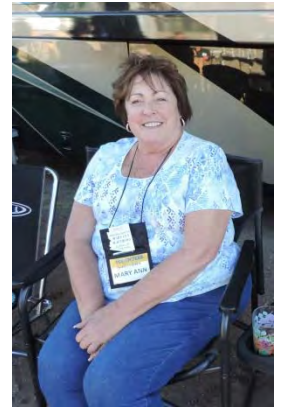
But on to the photos...



I think all of our “performers” would tell you it’s so much more fun when you participate in the events!

More photos on next page...





Wonderful social time provided by our hosts to catch up with old friends and make new friends!



It was a little windy for some of our social time, but it didn't stop us from having a great time!



If you have photos to share from the rally, please send them to Richard Talmon. He will add to the archives.

FROM 2nd Vice President/Membership

RICHARD TALMON



Some twenty coaches from the Arizona Chapter attended the 17th International Area Rally in Tucson AZ held at the Pima County Fairgrounds, February 5 – February 9, 2018.

The rally master John & Mary Ann Mathews along with Tom & Carole Eells serving as co-rally masters orchestrated the rally to perfection.

We welcomed two members at this rally they are Renaud & Suzette Berube they come from Quebec, QC and Chuck & Barb Blodgett they are from Dovall, WA.

The March 2018 rally sign up sheet being held at the Blackrock RV Village in Brenda AZ has been emailed to the membership and registration is due by March 1, 2018 if you plan on attending.

You received an invitation for the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration earlier this year if you plan on attending the final registration is March 1, 2018. This will be held April 12th - 15th 2018 at Distant Drums RV Resort, Camp Verde, Arizona.

Richard Talmon 2nd Vice President, Membership

From Members Walt & Candi Swinarski...

Instead of using caustic, not great smelling chemicals in your RV drains, the Swinarski's recommend the following recipe which is inexpensive and very effective:

- 1/3 cup dish soap
- 1/3 cup ammonia
- 1/3 cup pine oil

They suggest using dollar store brands which work well!

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Dewey & Paulette David celebrated their anniversary on February 14th.

Russell Diaz celebrated a birthday on February 14th.

Nancy Stallings celebrated a birthday on February 27th.

Sad news

Former member David Teal passed away January 26th after fighting kidney failure, congestive heart failure and cancer. We extend our deep heartfelt sympathy to Sandy Team and family and will keep Dave in our prayers knowing he is now smiling down on us.

FROM TREASURER JUDITH TALMON

Savings account as of 12/31/17	\$8,333.25
Interest earned	.34
Balance 2/15/18	\$8,333.59
Checking account as of 12/31/17	\$1,925.35
Member dues	225.00
Wickenburg security deposit	300.00
NY rally profit	145.57
Misc. Income	5.00
Rally deposits for 50 th Anniversary	690.00
Go Daddy	45.33
Rally Costs	43.44
Balance 2/15/18	\$ 3,202.15

The refund from the Wickenburg Rally was finally received after Paulette contacted the people in Wickenburg numerous times.

Respectfully submitted
Judith Talmon



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