



# CACTUS CHRONICLE

## ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA

"A Family Oriented RV Club"

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FRIENDS OF THE ROAD

January, 2018

**February 5 - 9, 2018**

**FMCA 17<sup>th</sup> International Area Rally**

**Under the Tucson Sun**

**Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ**

**Contact John Matthews for information**

**623-910-9716**

**March 15-17, 2018**

**Black Rock RV Village**

**46751 East Highway 60**

**Salome, AZ 85348 (physically in Brenda, AZ)**

**Rally Masters: Paulette and Dewey David**

**503-701-9966**

**April 12-14, 2018**

**Chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

**& Election of Officers**

**Distance Drums RV Resort, Camp Verde, AZ**

**Rally Masters: Arizona Chapter Board**

**480-272-4495, 480-272-4503**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT - GRACE FOGARTY



As we said goodbye to 2017 and rang in 2018 at Cotton Lane in Goodyear, AZ a good time was had by all. Our Rally Masters, Dan Mangelsdorf and Margie Cooper, with the help of their committee, did an outstanding job of feeding everyone and keeping us all entertained. There is never a shortage of good food, fun, games, and friendship. For those who weren't able to join us, we missed you and hope to see you in February in Tucson at the INTO rally.

February's rally is in conjunction with the International Region folks and will have a lot to offer in the way of educational seminars, vendors, and of course good food and entertainment. John and Maryann Matthews are hosting this rally.

March will be hosted by Dewey and Paulette David and will be at Black Rock RV Resort in Brenda, AZ. I've already heard rumors of the fun things they have planned so you definitely don't want to miss this one.

April is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our Chapter, it is a very special time and I'm hoping you will be able to attend.

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# JANUARY



## WHAT A GREAT WAY TO END THE OLD YEAR AND BRING IN THE NEW!

Thanks to Dan Mangelsdorf and Margie Cooper and their committee members, we had a great rally over the New Year's weekend. The food was amazing - great breakfasts (see Jeff Vogel's French Toast Casserole recipe elsewhere in this issue), and as always, a wonderful selection of goodies at our potluck!

On Sunday (12/31) games were held and winners are below, and with the slight chill in the air it was a great time for card playing. Our New Year's Eve celebration was started off with prime rib done to perfection (thanks Dan Fogarty!), and was followed by a cake to celebrate Rich Talmon's birthday. We had fun with a game much like the horse races game we've played!

On Monday we had more games and a great potluck to wind up the weekend. It goes without saying "a good time was had by all"!



We surprised Rich with a birthday cake – he “accidentally” stuck his finger in the frosting...



Jeff treated us to his French Toast Casserole for Breakfast one day – it was really, really good!

## Game Results from the New Year's Rally

While the score was close (not really!) the following team of skilled bean bag baseball players beat their opponents.

Congratulations to Karen Reed, Sharon Simpson, Sharon Diaz, and Candi Swinarski for a well-played game.

Although it was a little chilly, several members cheered (or jeered) the players on.



Karen and Al stepped up to play the “Shoe” game – still not sure who really won...more game results on next page.

## New Year's Rally Game Winners continued...

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## FROM OUR "ACTING" WAGON MASTER – JOHN MATTHEWS ...

Our February rally will be combined with the Regional FMCA rally in Tucson. We'll gather at 11:00 a.m. on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Pima County fairgrounds in order to join other Region 3 Chapters for dinner. We'll go in as a group so we can be parked near each other.

The rally will officially begin on February 5<sup>th</sup> and we have several members planning to attend, so look forward to pictures and stories when we return!

Joining John & Mary Ann as co-hosts will be Kent & Sharon Holladay and Tom and Carol Eells.

In March, Joe & Dee McClure with Barry and Nancy Stallings, and Dewey and Paulette David will host the Chapter at Black Rock RV Village in Brenda, AZ. More info to follow in the next newsletter.

Jeff



Vogel's French

## Toast Casserole

### FOR THE CASSEROLE:

1 tbsp unsalted butter, softened  
1 loaf Italian-style bread cut into 18 half inch slices  
6 large eggs  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
2 tsps pure vanilla extract  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
Kosher salt  
2 cups whole milk  
1 cup heavy cream



### For the Brown Sugar Crumble:

¾ cup packed light brown sugar  
¼ cup all-purpose flour  
½ tsp ground cinnamon  
¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg  
Kosher salt  
1 stick unsalted butter cut into cubes  
1 cup chopped walnuts

Generously butter a 3-quart casserole dish. Arrange bread slices over the bottom of the dish in rows of 6 slices shingling slightly.

Whisk eggs, granulated sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and ½ tsp salt in large bowl until combined. Whisk in the milk and heavy cream. Pour egg mixture evenly over the bread slices, making sure that all slices have been coated. Cover the dish and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or up to 12 hours.

Position over rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees .

For the crumble, toss the brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ¼ tsp salt together in a medium bowl. Add the butter and work it in with your fingers until the mixture is crumbly with pea-sized bits of butter. Mix in the walnuts. Sprinkle crumble over the top and bake the casserole until the top is puffed and browned and a knife inserted in the center comes out clean about 45 minutes. Tent with foil if the topping is browning too quickly. Serve hot.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays:

Winifred Fiandaca	Grace Fogarty
Dan Fogarty	Jim Haas
Peggy Kosel	John Kosel
Carl Limbach	Sandra Parker
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### Anniversaries:

Jane & Chuck Peterson



**THE "CRAZY" HAT CONTEST WAS VERY INTERESTING WITH AWARDS GOING TO JIM HEADLEY, CANDI SWINARSKI, AND JOHN MATTHEWS. THE JUDGES MUST HAVE BEEN PAID OFF!!!**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FROM RICH TALMON

The March 2018 Rally registration form is being finalized and will be emailed to members the first week in February.

The New Year's rally was a huge success with 20 coaches in attendance – each coach had a pull-thru spot with full hookups and there was ample parking at the activity center where we held all of our events and meals. Dan Fogarty did an outstanding job in grilling the prime rib for New Year's Eve and Jeff Vogel dished up his delicious French toast casserole which was a huge success as always.

I hope to see you at the upcoming rally in Tucson and if not, hopefully at the March Rally or the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration rally in April.

Rich Talmon, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership



**CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE  
JANUARY 1 – HAVE YOU  
SENT YOURS IN YET??**



**Did you know that giraffes can clean their ears with their 21 inch tongue?**

**Did you know that macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs?**

**Did you know each time you see a full moon you see the same side?**

## TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Judith Talmon,  
Arizona Chapter Treasurer for  
period ending December 31, 2017



<b>Savings Account</b> as of 11-30-2017	\$8,332.91
Interest Earned	0.34
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2017</b>	<b>\$8,333.25</b>
<b>Checking Account</b> as of 11/30/2017	\$1,951.76
Member Renewal Dues	75.00
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Expense	-93.42
Go Daddy Web Expense	-7.99
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2017</b>	<b>\$1,925.35</b>

## MEMBER TRAVELS

This month we are sharing pictures from Judy Haas recent trip to Antarctica. If you would like to share pictures from one of your recent trips, send pictures (with explanations) to Georgia Moses at [georgiamoses.tx@gmail.com](mailto:georgiamoses.tx@gmail.com)



## NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT



A new year will soon be here, and what an exciting year it will be as FMCA embarks on an incredible new journey. The results are in for the recent membership vote. Members have voted to welcome owners of all types of self-contained RVs to join FMCA. This broadening membership opens a new chapter in the association's 54-year history. I want to reassure everyone, regardless of how you voted, that the things you know and love about FMCA aren't going to change! FMCA will continue to promote the RV lifestyle and to pursue its core mission of education and information sharing. This is a chance for our RVing family to grow.

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**WHAT A GREAT ADVENTURE**

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR SHARING!**

## FROM ACTING SECRETARY GEORGIA MOSES

At the Chapter Business Meeting held on January 1, 2018 at the New Year's Rally, the following business was conducted after the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer.

**Membership** – Rich Talmon reported that to date only 39 members from 2017 have renewed their Chapter dues

Discussion about how we can increase our membership was held with consideration given to a possible Chapter Fair at the Tucson rally, multiple year membership with some reduction of dues, and how the new FMCA “towables” rule may help increase numbers

**Treasurer** – Judy Talmon reported that Account balances were reported in the December newsletter

**Acting Wagon Master** - John Mathews discussed upcoming rallies and a possible trip to Rocky Point for a week next fall (October or November). John will research availability and costs and report his findings to us as soon as available

**National Director** – Dan Fogarty discussed the new towables rule and suggested that our Chapter needs to decide if we want to change our standing rules to include all towables. He talked about upcoming FMCA rallies in Perry, Georgia and Gillette, Wyoming.

**Nominating Committee** – Russ Diaz announced candidates for the upcoming election in April. They are as follows:

President – Grace Fogarty

1<sup>st</sup> VP / Wagon Master – John Matthews

2<sup>nd</sup> VP / Membership – Rich Talmon

Treasurer – Judy Talmon

Secretary/Newsletter – Georgia Moses

National Director – Dan Fogarty

Alternate National Director – Tom Phelps

Immediate Past President – Peggy Kosel

## BYLAW CHANGES

Russ made a motion to combine the newsletter (appointed position) with the Secretary position. Barry Stalling seconded and motion passed unanimously.

See all changes that were voted on and approved on Page 7 of this newsletter.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Grace Fogarty presented information about our Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally in April at the Distant Drums RV Resort in Camp Verde. Judy Talmon then discussed the need for approval to spend funds for the rally. Judy explained that the President has authority to spend up to \$500, but Judy asked for a suggestion of some amount of money for the celebration.

Art Simpson made a motion to approve up to \$2,000 for the celebration. Paulette Dewey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The fee for this rally will be \$50 for couples in a coach and \$25 for singles, John Matthews will work with campground on rates and how many spots we can get.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Georgia Moses suggested that we get signs to display in front of our rigs at rallies. A sample was shown and the cost explained to members (\$16.50 per sign). Signs will have Chapter logo on them and some form of member name (i.e. Last, or firsts or both). Several signs were ordered and Georgia will continue to accept orders. There is an order form in this newsletter with a picture of the draft sign.

John Matthews suggested that we all wear our Chapter shirts to our business meetings and also at events with other chapters.

We will discuss and vote on including towables in our Chapter at the March business meeting. Questions will be answered by Dan Fogarty.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

*After confirming that there was a quorum present at the January 1, 2018 Chapter Business Meeting, the following by-law changes were voted on and passed unanimously by the members present. All changes are reflected below.*

**ANNUAL ELECTION:** Every year a business meeting shall be convened in April, at which an election of officers is held. The Voting general membership is to elect Chapter officers during years ending in even and odd years, as follows: President (Even), 1st Vice President (Odd), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Even), 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President (Odd), Secretary (Even), Treasurer (Odd), National Director (Even) and Alternate National Director (Odd).

Article VI – C – 4

**QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Chapter meeting is 20% of the Chapter family unit memberships or 15 family unit members, whichever is less.

Article VII – B – 2

2. To nominate candidates for the following Chapter Offices: President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and National Director on even year elections. To nominate candidates for the following Chapter Offices: 1st Vice President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer and Alternate National Director for odd year elections.

Standing Rules Change:

Article I – E – 2

2. The Board may authorize special cases where the newsletter is sent to non-members, other chapters, and certain vendors.

Article II – K

An election of Officers shall be held at the annual business meeting in April every year. The elected Officers shall take office immediately following election. Term is for two years.

Article II – L – 2

2. This committee shall, at the meeting prior to the election of Officers meeting in April, present a slate of nominees of at least one individual for each office to be filled during the even or odd election cycle.

**THANKS  
FOR VOTING!**  
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*President Grace Fogarty Message continued*

Oh, and by the way, please consider running for a board position, nominations can be taken from the floor. It's a rewarding experience and a way to give back to the chapter by volunteering.

I'm going to place a chapter t-shirt order the end of the month so if anyone wants one please contact me right away; they will be ready for the February rally. (480) 272-4495

It seems there are always new benefits popping up with our FMCA membership; our National Director will fill you in on those in his report.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in February and beyond.

Grace Fogarty, President  
Arizona Chapter FMCA  
Amigos del Camino – Friends of the Road

**National Director continued from page 5...**

I am still waiting for the official rollout adding towables, but FMCA has changed motor home to recreational vehicle in constitution and by-laws. I have not found a new official definition of recreational vehicle yet. Will keep you updated once I do.

Some wonderful member benefits are also new. In addition to the FMCA Roadside Rescue, and FMCA Connect-On-The-Go, FMCA has announced another new benefit, the New Tech Connect+ Benefit! FMCA Tech Connect+ is a benefit package that brings technology offers to FMCA members. Offers include tech product discounts and mobile data plans. What do you get? For just \$49.99 monthly, you'll have access to a Sprint mobile hotspot data plan, plus discounts on WiFi extenders and products. With Sprint, you'll get full, un-throttled and uncapped 3G and 4G LTE speed. To take advantage of this benefit, your FMCA membership dues must be active for at least one year. And stay tuned – we plan to offer more discounts to this benefit package! Why not take part in a benefit package that keeps you connected at a lower cost?

**FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR SIGN DURING THE NEW YEAR RALLY, AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT SIGNS, BELOW IS AN ORDER FORM THAT CAN BE SENT TO GEORGIA MOSES (address on front page) WITH A CHECK FOR \$16.50. Two pictures are (#1) a sample from a Texas FMCA group, and (#2) a mockup of what ours will look like (before the sign maker makes it pretty!) – the signs will be approximately 18" x 24" and will take from 5 – 7 days to get back.**

**ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA SIGN ORDER FORM**

ORDERED BY: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON SIGN? (yes or no) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) FOR SIGN: Can be first only, last only, or both

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/TOWN FOR SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check for \$16.50 to Georgia Moses, P.O. Box 5585, Sun City West, AZ 85376.





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## Chapter HEALTH UPDATE

**We've received word that David Dewey had successful hernia surgery on January 22, 2018. That's good news!**

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WOULD BENEFIT KNOWING ABOUT,  
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