

## CACTUS CHRONICLE

#### ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA

Amigos del Camino - Friends of the Road

JANUARY 2019

ARIZONA CHAPTER
FMCA 2019

**GEORGIA MOSES - PRESIDENT** 

February 7-10, 2019
Gila Bend KOA, Gila Bend AZ

Rally Masters: Russ & Sharon Diaz (602)690-8087—(602) 339-3526 russidiaz@q.com

March 7– 10, 2019 Quail Run RV Park, Quartzsite AZ Rally Masters:

> Dewey & Paulette David (503)701-9966 dpdavid2@aol.com

April 12 - 15, 2019 Fortuna De Oro RV Resort, Yuma AZ

Rally Masters are needed

Please sign-up to host

Contact John Matthews (623) 910-9716

Continuing on with resolutions for 2019 from our last issue, we have resolved to make a checklist of tasks we need to remember to do before each trip we take to our rally locations. Things like checking tire pressure, taking unused items out of RV storage places (how many tables do we really need to carry??) and removing unnecessary tools and other items (yes Dear – I do need an extra crockpot). We all like to be prepared, but we also know weight in RVs is a big issue. The weight we carry frequently exceeds recommended weights from manufacturers and can cause extra strain on our tires, engine, and probably other parts of our RV in addition to possible road dangers like longer distances to stop.

In addition, we will pay closer attention to the various gauges in our units, not just those in the cockpit, but also the monitors of electrical systems, tank levels, etc. We have a case in point; we were receiving an error code on a panel we can just barely see in our control cupboard. We finally saw it, had it checked out, and found out our alternator was about to "bite the dust" which could have left us in a bind when traveling.

And finally, we will never pull out without checking to ensure all of our vehicle lights are working and if towing, that our brake system is functioning properly – tasks that take about 3 minutes total and make us safer on the road, even if we just stopped for a long lunch or a rest. We want to be sure our friends our safe as they travel so we can continue to enjoy the fellowship we experience at each gathering.

Hope to see you all in February at our Gila Bend Rally,



Georgia Moses—President

#### **JOHN MATTHEWS - 1ST VP - WAGON MASTER**

February rally is at the Gila Bend KOA 800 Butterfield Road Gila Bend, AZ 85337

Dates are February 7, 8, 9, departing on the 10th.

Rally Masters: Russ and Sharon Diaz (602) 690-8087

March rally is at the Quail Run RV Park 918 N. Central Blvd Quartsite, AZ 95346 Dates are March 7,8,9, departing on the 10th.

Rally Masters: Dewey and Paulette David (503) 701-9966

April Rally is at the Fortuna de Oro RV Resort 13650 Frontage Road Yuma, AZ 85361 Dates April 12,13,14, Departing on the 15th.

**Rally Masters: Needed** 

# We Need Rally Masters and 2 couples to assist for this April rally. Contact me at: jmatthews47@cox.net (623) 910-9716

Please call me to sign up to be Rally Master or assistant Rally Master You be surprised how fulfilling and rewarding it is (and fun to). Without a rally Master and Assistant Rally Masters we cannot have a rally so please step up and volunteer.

I, as your Wagon Master, will be here to help you to plan menus, depending on the resorts facilities, plan activities and games or whatever you need.

I will be here to help you, SO PLEASE CALL ME AND VOLUNTEER. (623) 910-9716



#### RICHARD TALMON 2ND VP MEMBERSHIIP - WEBMASTER

We have 6 new members to the chapter they are as follows: Chuck & JoAnn Culpepper, Ward & Lee Anne Clark, Bob & Candy Harding, Jim & Cindy Konija and John & Carol Stinner. We would like to welcome them to the Arizona Chapter. Our membership now stands at 68 coaches for the 2019 calendar year thus far.

I neglected to mention a new member that joined our chapter in November of last year and should have appeared in the last issue, they are Richard & Carol Engelsman from Mesa AZ. Welcome to the chapter.

This month I emailed 29 invites to Arizona people that joined FMCA in the month of December in hopes had they will join our chapter.

If you have changed your email recently and wish to continue to receive chapter information please forward me the new email address.



Hope to see you at the February rally in Gila Bend, AZ and the March rally in Quartzsite AZ.

Richard Talmon—2nd VP

It's not the destination, it's the journey. May you enjoy each day of your adventure.

#### **JUDY TALMON - TREASURER**

#### TREASURER REPORT AS OF JANUARY 22, 2019

Savings account as of 12/15/18	\$8,336.76
Interest earned	.07
Balance 01/22/19	\$8,336.83
Checking account as of 12/15/18	\$1,116.91
Commercial Memberships	120.00
Family Memberships (New)	\$195.00
Family Memberships (Renewals)	\$325.00
Rally Deposit Refunded	\$250.00
Go Daddy Fees	\$45.33
March Rally Deposit	\$250.00
Balance 01/22/19	\$1,711.58



Respectfully submitted,
Judith Talmon—Treasurer

#### **GRACE FOGARTY - SECRETARY**

As we begin a new year I want to wish everyone a healthy, happy, and prosperous year. We had a great New Years rally at Cottonwood RV resort so if you missed it you definitely missed a good time. The entertainment was hilarious, I will post pictures on a following page, plus, Rich has posted pictures and videos on our website. Be sure to check them out, the are great. We sure have some hams in our chapter and they put on quite a performance.

Our February rally in Gila Bend will be hosted by Russ and Sharon Diaz. They always have new and exciting ideas so can't wait to see what is in store for us there. Hope to see you all there.

Our Wagon Master, John Matthews, is looking for rally masters for April. There are always members who want to help or be on a committee so there's lots of help. Don't be shy, step-up and have some fun.

REMINDER: if you change your address, email, phone, or contact information you need to contact FMCA Membership directly (FMCA.Com) This change can only be done by the member. Also, let our Membership VP, Rich Talmon know too so we can update our chapter roster. Thank you.



Grace Fogarty - Secretary

#### DAN FOGARTY — NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The results are in for the recent membership vote regarding changes to FMCA's Constitution. The proposed amendment to Article II, FMCA Membership, passed with 407 votes for and 17 votes against; and the proposed amendment to Article X, Amending the Constitution, passed with 516 votes for and 5 against. An updated copy of the Constitution is available at FMCA.com.



Dan Fogarty

Fast approaching is FMCA's 99th International Convention and RV Expo, scheduled for March 13 through 16, 2019, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, Georgia. There is an added bonus being offered in Perry by the FMCA Academy. FMCA, in partnership with the RV Driving School, has developed a pair of programs for attendees – an RV Driving Class available March 6-11 and an RV Backing Class available March 6-9. Visit www.fmca.com/rv-driving-school for registration information. Space is limited so if this is something that interests you, you'll want to sign up as soon as possible.

Also available is FMCA's popular RV Basics course, powered by the FMCA Academy, which will take place March 10 through 12, 2019, in Perry. Learn the dos and don'ts of RVing for trouble-free travel from expert instructors in a relaxed setting with other RVers. Attendance is limited, so visit www.fmca.com/rvbasics for more information and register now!

Registration will open February 13, 2019, for FMCA's 100th International Convention and RV Expo, scheduled for August 14 through 17, 2019, at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds in Minot, North Dakota. We are planning special activities to mark this 100th convention milestone. Biannual elections are being conducted for the National Vice President position in the Midwest, Northeast, Rocky Mountain, South Central, and Southeast areas. Successful candidates will serve on the Executive Board for a two-year term, and take office during the Annual Membership Meeting in Minot, North Dakota, in August. A nomination form and details explaining the election process are included in this mailing for those in these areas. If you are interested in serving FMCA in this capacity and have questions regarding the duties, please contact your current Area National Vice President, or call the National office at 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622.



## New Years Eve 2018 Cotton Lane RV Park













It's not only about the places we go,

It's also about the people

we meet along the way.

#### **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Karen Reed is under going treatment for an illness. Prayers would be appreciated.

Lee Anderson will be in a care facility full time. He would love to hear from you. His cell # (406) 390-0339. You can send Cards to:

Lee Anderson 6185 Rd. 836 NW, Havre, MT 59501

If you know of anyone who has been under the weather please contact me to be put into the newsletter.

fogartys\_kwaj@yahoo.com



### SUNSHINE REPORT







#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**





If you have something to sell send the information to me and I will put it in the upcoming Newsletter.

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## AZFMCA CHAPTER T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE

If you would like to purchase a chapter t-shirt please contact Grace Fogarty at fogartys\_kwaj@yahoo.com



### <u>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</u> 2019

Dan Fogarty
Grace Fogarty
Janice Gauna
Jim Haas
Peggy Kosel
John Kosel
Carl Limbach
Sandra Parker
Lisa Phelps
Dana Pratt

Check out our club website at http://azfmca.org

#### **ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS**



AZFMCA invites you to join our club rallies which take place from October through April.

The members in our club enjoy a wide variety of activities, great food and fellowship.

Take a moment to check out our website to learn more about

why we are the fastest growing chapter in Arizona.

#### **CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMERCIAL MEMBERS**

#### 2018—2019 OFFICERS

#### **PRESIDENT**

#### **Georgia Moses**

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#### **John Matthews**

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#### **COMMERCIAL MEMBERS**

#### **Affinity RV**

3197 Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301 928-445-7910 www.affinityrv.com

#### **Robert Crist & Company RV**

2025 E. Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85213 480-834-0410 www.rvsrfun.com

#### The MotorCoach Resort

1576 S. Nelson Drive, Chandler, AZ 85226 602-790-8249 www.themotorcoachresort.com

#### **RV World**

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#### 2018—2019 OFFICERS, Cont'd

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#### **Dave Peterson**

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# ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA Membership/Renewal Application



to be, and to remain, a member

NEW MEMBER	SHIP	ICA NO.:	
Please check the app	PLICATION bropriate box.	NGTH:	
January 1, 2019—Decei	mber 31, 2019		
PILOT:	CO-PILOT:		
PILOT'S	CO-PILOT'S		
EMAIL:			
ADDRESS:			
CITY:	STATE	ZIP	
Membership / Renewal Dues			
I'm enclosing the annual dues	for the ARIZONA CHAPTER.	\$ \$15.00 Family	
(I understand that this fee does not include Camping and Rally fees.)			
		\$ \$30.00 Commercial	
Membership Renewal after Janua will be subject to a late fo	<del>-</del> ·	\$ \$ 5.00 Late Fee	
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO	MAIL FORM WITH PAYMEN  TO:  ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA  Richard W Talmon	You must be a member	
ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA	3972 E Verbena Ct	(FMCA)	

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