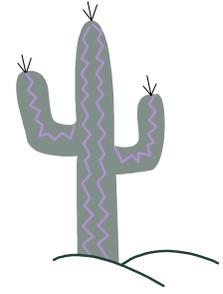


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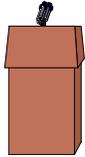
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## PRESIDENTS FORUM

We had a great time at Distant Drums R.V. Park in Camp Verde.

We also got some new members. I believe we had 26 motor homes in attendance.

The whole years rallies for next year have been scheduled (i.e. October, 2015 thru April, 2016).

**John Lusson** is now putting the finishing touches on all of this. He has been recovering from surgery. You cannot put a good man down. We need his help and great experience.

Drive carefully this summer. We want to see you all in October.

**Peggy Kosel, President**

taco garnishment as part of her costume. Molly and the Dugan's won third place in the contest. They also won "Best of Show". The Dugan's ended up with a table full of dog items, that they shared with others. Dugan's did take home the trophy.

Have a safe and fun filled summer,

**John Lusson, Wagon Master**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members **Mark & Sandee Kapellusch, Louis & Sandra Parker, Terry & Lee Melot and Tom & Nancy Harrington**, plus former commercial Member **Desert Autoplex, RV**

I'm sorry I missed meeting our new members and look forward to meeting them this fall.

If you would like me to send information to anyone, please send me their contact information.

Have a fun and safe summer.

**Martha Gardner, 2nd VP Membership**

## WAGONMASTER REPORT



Thank you for the "get well" card. I hope to start therapy after seeing the surgeon in early May.

Much thanks to Dan and Grace Fogarty and their helpers for another great rally at Distant Drums.

We seem to be on a roll. We are recruiting some more good new members at every rally. Feel free to ask a rally master if you can be on their committee. The working members enjoy this chapter the most.

Thanks to the Chapter Officers and their supporters, we have a complete set of rally locations and dates for the next fiscal year. Some rallies are longer than just the second weekend of the month. When our rallies get posted in the monthly FMCA magazine, you will see other Arizona Chapters following us. Some of them will beat us there. We still have some Rally Master spots open.

Some of our members went to the big "Good Sam Samboree" that was held at Phoenix International Raceway from February 26th to March 2nd this spring. Judy and Tom Dugan have a Carin Terrier named Molly. There was a four part dog contest with about 50 dogs and their owners competing. Molly was entered as the "Supreme Taco Terrier" with fresh



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## AZ FMCA RALLIES 2014-2015



**Sept 29-October 3, 2015 - Rocky Mountain Ramble**  
**San Juan County Fairground, McGee Park,**  
**Farmington, NM**  
**Harry Montgomery-623-341-321**

**October 8-11, 2015 - Prescott Valley Fairgrounds**  
**Prescott Valley, AZ**  
**Rally Master- John & Peggy Kosel 602-867-2299**

**November 12-15, 2015 - Augies Qual RV Park**  
**Gila Bend, AZ**  
**Rally Master - Jim & Barbara Taylor-480-279-3687**

**December 29, 2015 - January 4, 2016**  
**Silver View RV Park - Bullhead City, Nevada**  
**Rally Master-- John & Peggy Kosel-602-867-2299**

**February 11-15, 2016- High Chaparral RV Park**  
**Casa Grande, AZ**  
**Rally Master: Duane & Marcia Woerman**  
**480-330-1136**

**March 10-13, 2016 - Arizona Sun RV Park**  
**Quartzsite, AZ**  
**Rally Master - TBA**

**April 7-10, 2016 - Cochise Terrace RV Park**  
**Benson, AZ**  
**Rally Master - TBA**

## Publication Deadlines

Publications on 20<sup>th</sup> of:

January, February, March, April,  
May, September, October, Novem-  
ber

Deadline for news is:

18<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the rally.



# ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA

## Business Meeting Minutes - Campe Verde

### April 11, 2015



The Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am. President Peggy Kosel led the pledge of Allegiance.

**President:** Peggy Kosel welcomed new members. Peggy announced that John Lusson is keeping the position of Wagon Master for at least another year and he asked she and Marcia Woerman assist him in the search for upcoming rally locations and dates. Peggy Kosel presented the gathered information of upcoming rallies to the membership present.

**Secretary:** Marcia Woerman presented the minutes of the previous meeting and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** Judy Talmon presented financial information for April 2014 to April 2015. A brief discussion followed.

**Wagon Master:** John Lusson was not present. Previous to the meeting he delivered the old coffee pot the club had decided to donate. He sent word through Barb and Jim Taylor that if anyone needs to get equipment or supplies to please call him or Barb before going to pick those items up because they have placed a lock on the trailer to keep the contents secure.

**Membership/Newsletter:** Martha Gardner was not present.

**Old Business:** Barb Lusson and Barb Taylor spent many hours scanning photos from old albums stored in the trailer. It was decided now that the photos were scanned Pete Adams could put them on the web site and after a time the old albums could be disposed of. It was discussed and decided by membership it would be posted in the newsletter that if anyone wanted any of the old albums or photographs they could have them. If no one claims them by a certain date they will be disposed of.

**New Business:** Peter Adams was introduced as our Web Master and Photographer. He asked if anyone in the membership ever used our web page and a quite few people said they had. Two new members said they found our chapter through this site. He announced the address in case someone did not have it. He also asked that everyone stay after the meeting for a group photograph.

**Alternate National Director:** Jeff Vogel was not present.

**National Director:** Dan Fogarty reported that he and Grace had found a knowledgeable man, Mac McCoy, who does RV Fire Safety seminars and

suggested that we contact him for one of our rallies. He also reported this summer there will be elections for National officers during the Rocky Mountain ramble in Farmington, NM. President Peggy Kosel adjourned the meeting at 10:39 am.

Respectfully submitted: Marcia Woerman, Secretary



## FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER

April 16, 2015

<b>Checking Account 3/16/15</b>	<b>\$2,852.66</b>
Deposits	47.51
Withdrawals	844.72
<b>Balance 4/16/15</b>	<b>\$2,055.55</b>
<b>Savings</b>	
Savings account 3/16/15	<b>\$8,321.52</b>
Interest earned	.36
<b>Balance 4/16/15</b>	<b>\$8,321.88</b>

Increase in savings account was from interest paid. Deposits into the checking account was March surplus. Withdrawals were for \$44.72 general operating expenses, \$500.00 National Director fee and \$300.00 New Years deposit. Outstanding is \$100.00 Rally deposit Saddle Mountain and \$100 Verde Valley Fairgrounds (Refund is being mailed).

Respectfully submitted by Judy Talmon, Treasurer

## NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT



The Pomona, California Reunion is over and the wheels are in motion for "Escape to Wisconsin," in Madison, Wisconsin, FMCA's 92 Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase, July 29-August 1, 2015. I hope many can attend as it promises to be a good gathering.

There, the Governing Board will be voting on national officers, two proposed national Bylaws amendments and numerous items that are still to be put on the agenda. Details of the election and amendment items are on the FMCA web site and include the position of RMMA National Vice President and area president.

**Elwood (Jack) Mayberry** is currently running unopposed for this two year office. Chapter secretaries will soon be receiving a roll call sheet for this meeting requesting verification of their chapter representative (national director).

Dan Fogarty, National Director

## In Memory of



Former member Pat Sabin passed away on March 31, 2015, surrounded by her loved ones. Pat kept the girls entertained at cards with her quick wit and comebacks, and was always a willing volunteer. Whenever you needed help you knew who to ask. She will be missed by all those whose lives she touched.

*Our condolences and prayers go to her family.*



### SUNSHINE REPORT

**Ed Brandt:** Ginny brought Ed home on March 18 because she felt he wasn't getting the proper treatment. They had therapy come to the house twice a week and she worked with him every day. April 15, was the first day he could put any weight on that leg and he has to be very careful for a while.

**Sandy Teal;** has 3 herniated discs in her back and can pinch a nerve at anytime. She is schedule to see a specialist in a couple of weeks

*If you know of a sick member, please let me know.*

### APRIL RALLY RUNDOWN



A number of members arrived a day early anxious to get started having a good time for one last time together before summer. We were blessed with nice weather and 42 fun loving people

Thursday, the rest of the attendees arrived. After they were parked they came over to the building and registered for the rally, we played games and enjoyed visiting. The potluck was a big success and as usual the food was delicious. After dinner we played the Oldly Weds (variation of the Newly Wed for seniors). Our Mistress of Ceremonies, **Judy Talmon**, kept us in stitches as she asked contestants **Duane & Marcia Woerman, Terry & Lee Melot and Jeff & Connie Wieringa** such questions as. "If you could choose one thing of your wife's to get rid of, what would it be? And "If your husband died and came back as a dog, what breed would he be, Golden Retriever, Collie, Jack Russell Terrier, Poodle or Bull dog?" The Melot's were

the winner's and won a bottle of wine in a nice wine bag and two redneck wine glasses made out of mason jars.

Friday morning we gathered together and caught the shuttle for breakfast at the Casino. After breakfast some tried their luck, others went sightseeing and some came back to the room and played games, including the usual card games. **Al & Karen Reed** taught a few how to play Pegs & Jokers and **Tom & Nancy Harrington** learned how to play Wii bowling. With so many other things going on we did not have a beanbag baseball tournament. Happy hour we were all back at the room sharing stories and visiting. The committee fixed a great meal, followed by card bingo called by **Rich Talmon**. New member **Nancy Harrington** was the big winner.

Saturday morning the committee fixed our favorite breakfast (biscuits & sausage gravy, and eggs). Our Chef Duane cooked eggs anyway you wanted them. Thank you, Duane, for taking special orders and loving to cook. Mid-morning we had our chapter meeting followed by a 50/50 drawing. **Paulette Dewey** was the winner of \$88 and donated it back to the rally to help with expenses. We then had a drawing for the high directors camping chair that **John Lusson** got as a donation from Camping World. **Candi Swinarski**, who is about the shortest person in the chapter, was the winner. She said, "Now I can be as tall as the rest of you!" We then celebrated **Phil Lovick, Walt Swinarski and Candi Swinarski's** birthdays with a round of Happy Birthday and birthday cake. After the birthday celebration, people tried their luck at the casino and stayed and played games. We had an early and very short happy hour before catching the shuttle to the casino for Prime Rib dinner. Yum!

Due to a park mix up in the scheduling of our rally and an Indian fund raiser on Sunday morning, we were moved to the library for the rest of our activities and

had our continental breakfast and good-byes on the library patio.

A great big thank you to **Dan & Grace** for the great job they did in planning and putting everything together and many thanks to your committee **Dewey & Paulette David & Rich & Judy Talmon**) for making this a fun and memorable rally.

I think it would be safe to say our last rally of the season was a blast!

Mark your calendars for **October 8-11**, when we kick off the 2016 season at Prescott Valley Fairgrounds, in Prescott Valley.

Have a great summer and safe travels.

See ya this fall!

Martha Gardner, Editor/Grace Fogarty, Rally Master

### CHAPTER SHIRTS



Please contact Grace Fogarty at 480-505-9198 or fogartys\_kwaj@yahoo.com to order chapter shirts.

### SNICKERS AND GIGGLE



Thought you might enjoy some memories of yesteryear's old Burma Shave signs. They were always fun to read as we went up the highway

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE  
TAKE IT SLOW  
LET OUR LITTLE  
SHAVERS GROW  
**Burma Shave**

TRAINS DON'T WANDER  
ALL OVER THE MAP  
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS  
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP  
**Burma Shave**

NO MATTER THE PRICE  
NO MATTER HOW NEW  
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE  
IN THE CAR IS YOU

**Burma Shave**

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH  
BY MISTAKE  
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS  
HER HUSBAND JAKE

**Burma Shave**

BROTHER SPEEDER  
LET'S REHEARSE  
ALL TOGETHER  
GOOD MORNING, NURSE

**Burma Shave**

CAUTIOUS RIDER  
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR  
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL  
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER

**Burma Shave**



### FROM THE EDITORS DESK

It's that time of year when we get out and enjoy this beautiful country in which we live, visit family & friends, and get together along the way.

I missed being with ya all at Distant Drums, and understand I missed a fun time. Thank you for the 'get well' card with the notes of encouragement.

**John Lusson**, with the assistance of his two helpers **Peggy Kosel & Marcia Woerman** has planned a fun 2016 season, and new places for us to explore. Note that we have a change of venue and dates for the New Years rally. The 2016 rally schedule is on page 2 - mark your calendar and plan to join us for another great season. We still need rally masters for March and April of 2016. Please contact **John** (480-991-3780) if you would be willing to take either of these rallies.

Safe travels and plan to join us for more fun in the sun this fall.

Martha Gardner, Editor



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