



Cactus Chronicle

Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road November 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dave Peterson

As we prepare for a new year I want to thank all the current and past board members for their work over the last three years. Covid has made having meetings and rallies a challenge for the club during this time. Now that most of the pandemic restrictions are behind us it is time to get back to having rallies where we can meet up with old friends and meet some new friends as well. I am pleased to see that our membership is not only maintaining but growing this past year. Welcome to all of our new members; sign up for a rally and come make some new friends. I encourage all members to sign up to attend as many rallies as possible. The more members attending a rally means a better rally.

Since we have several new members since our last rally season I want to spend a little time talking about our club and how we are organized. As a club we normally have six rallies starting in October and ending in April. The April rally is also when we hold our annual board meeting for any club business as well as elect a portion of the board. There is a Wagon Master that finds rally locations and works to reserve space. Each rally has a Rally Host who plans the schedule, activities and meals for that event with the help of a Rally Committee that usually consists of two members. The board members each serve a two year term while the rally hosts and committee members volunteer for a rally that fits their schedule.

All the positions in the club are filled with volunteers from our membership.

With all this said we need volunteers to continue with the great rallies we have had in the past. I encourage everyone to volunteer as a host or committee member for a rally. There is nothing like being involved with the rally as a host or committee member to get acquainted with folks and it really is fun. I see this as our biggest need going forward. Experienced hosts will gladly lead you through the process. Contact Georgia Moses to sign up for one of the rallies on the schedule this year. (See Rally Updates Below.) With a membership of over 70 no one should have to do more than one a year if all participate.

Because of the problems of Covid over the last three years and the lack of rallies, a few committees have fallen behind and need to be reactivated. One of those is the nominating committee for board members. If you were on the nominating committee in the past and would like to continue please contact me. If you would like to help select possible new board members, also please contact me. We need some names for the board election in April 2023. All the board member contact information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you for reading though this and please consider volunteering. Without volunteers the club will not exist and it would be a shame to miss the opportunity to share friendships with fellow RVers.

NOVEMBER RALLY

Ramblin' Roads RV Park

Our Arizona Chapter had a fun rally in November, at Ramblin' Roads RV Park in Hope, Arizona, which is just a short distance from Beyond Hope. Lol

We played fun games, shared good food, friendship, and had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

The RV Resort is spotless and a very nice park. The management and the tenants are friendly and welcoming. The park had a very nice Veterans Day celebration and introduced all the attending Veterans, then presented each one with a patch to thank them for their service.

A good time was had by all.

Dan & Grace Fogarty
Rally Masters



DINNER AT RAMBLIN' ROADS

RALLY UPDATES

The Arizona Chapter FMCA had our November rally at Ramblin' Roads RV Park in Hope, Az. The food was great - the thanks-filled meal to share with friends was served and many members participated in the RV Park's pancake breakfast. The weather was wonderful.

In January (our next rally) we will travel to the Tucson area to the South Forty RV Ranch Resort. There are nine rigs signed up right now with one space left with our group. If interested, call Georgia Moses at 214-490-7794. Rally Hosts, Al Reed and Diane Hawley, are busy planning the weekend, so stay tuned for the registration form to come out very soon.

In February we will head to Yuma - one of our favorite spots. Fortuna de Oro welcomes us even though this is a super busy time of year for them. We currently have 16 rigs signed up with room for four more. Again, call Georgia if interested at 214-490-7794. As of this newsletter we do not have a rally host or committee for this event.

That's all for now - see you on the road!
Georgia Moses
Temporary, Substitute Rally Planner



2ND VP & MEMBERSHIP

RICH TALMON

At the present time our membership stands in the low 70's. We picked up one new member from the FMCA's monthly new member report.

You might have noticed a new paragraph at the bottom of our emails.

That is part of the Can Spam Act, it allows you as a member to opt out of any future emails from the chapter.

If you decide to use the above please include your name and F# and type unsubscribe in the subject line.

Rich T-Membership
Drive Safe and be Safe.

Joke of the Month



TREASURER REPORT

JUDITH TALMON

Family Motor Coach Association

DBA

Arizona Chapter FMCA

Profit & Loss

October 2022

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Memberships	\$ 75.00
Misc. Income	\$500.00
Rallies	\$ 27.77
Total Income	<u>\$602.77</u>

Gross Profit

\$602.77

Expense

AZ Website Maintenance	\$ 15.19
Officer Expense	\$280.87
Total Expense	<u>\$296.06</u>

Net Ordinary Income

\$306.71

Other Income/Expense

Other Income	
Interest Income	\$ 0.06
Total Other Income	<u>\$ 0.06</u>
Net Other Income	<u>\$ 0.06</u>

Net Income

\$306.77

The \$500.00 in Miscellaneous Income is an award from Rocky Mountain Motorcoach Association for participation in the RMMA Ramble in Tucson.

Dan Fogarty represented our chapter in the Chili Cook Off (he won first place) and Walt Swinarski did table at the chapter Chapter Fair (we got three new members)

Officer expense was for the annual meeting luncheon.

SECRETARY REPORT

SANDRA PARKER

October 08, 2022

AZ FMCA Chapter Meeting Notes

Cotton Lane RV Park, Goodyear, AZ

President Georgia Moses called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Louis Parker opened the meeting with a prayer.

President Georgia Moses led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Georgia Moses welcomed the new members: Greg & Dale Vargas.

Additional new members: Reid & Nan Halpern

Secretary Sandra Parker confirmed that we have a quorum. We had 19 Family Unit Members. A quorum at this point in time was 15 Family Unit Members.

Secretary Sandra Parker advised that the previous meeting minutes had been handed out earlier in the day. Ken Duval motioned for the minutes to be accepted and approved. Barry Stallings seconded the motion. They were accepted and approved.



Georgia Moses gave a 1st VP (Wagon Master) update.

a. The 1st VP position is currently vacant. We are looking for a volunteer to complete the remaining term. The current term ends April 2023.

b. Rallies have been scheduled and sites reserved from now through April 2023. We need people to host. If you have not hosted a rally before you can ask someone who has hosted. Georgia had members raise their hand if they had previously been rally hosts.

c. Georgia has brought four clip boards with the next four outings information on them. If you plan to attend the outing, please sign up. For the November Rally, our hosts are Dan & Grace Fogarty. The committee consists of Rich & Judy Talmon and Dewey & Paulette David.

2nd VP (Membership) update. Rich Talmon was in attendance. Judy Talmon read the report. We currently have 71 members. Rich receives an email from FMCA advising of new members in our area. Rich sends them an email advising them of our chapter. Word of mouth is a vital key to the success of our chapter.

Treasurer update. Judy Talmon went over the basics of the Chapter Balance Sheet. Walt Swinarski motioned for the treasurer's report be accepted and approved. Ken Duval seconded the motion. They were accepted and approved.

Dan Fogarty, National Director update.

a. The RMMA Rally is being held October 25-29, 2022 in Tucson, AZ There are still spots available. There are currently 150 reservations made. There will be more vendors this year.

b. Spring 2022. Dan was selected to be on the FMCA Financial Committee to work on the budget for 2023. The budget was approved. Dan attended the meeting by Zoom.

c. The FMCA International Convention was held in Lincoln, NE. Dan was unable to attend, but Judy Talmon attended in his place. There were 649 coaches there. It was the least amount of coaches at a convention. FMCA is looking for more centralized locations.

Old Business. None

New Business.

a. We need to correct election years for the Secretary position. The Bylaws state two different elections years. Dan Fogarty advised that this is an administrative change and can be changed by contacting FMCA National. There does not need to be a vote. Secretary Sandra Parker will submit the information to FMCA National.

b. President Georgia Moses introduced the candidates for the expiring offices.

- President—Dave Peterson
- National Director—Dan Fogarty
- He currently holds this position
- 2nd VP (Membership)—Rich Talmon
- He currently holds this position

c. Georgia asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

d. There is only one candidate for each position, so ballots are not necessary. Dave Moses motioned and Ken Duval seconded the motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot for the Chapter. This was done. President Georgia Moses thanked everyone for all of their work and assistance during her Presidency.

e. Grace Fogarty, RMMA Secretary swore in the new officers, Dave Peterson, Dan Fogarty, and Rich Talmon.

f. Outgoing President Georgia Moses introduced New President Dave Peterson

Any other business.

Al Reed talked about a moving (traveling) rally. 1-2 weeks in length. Travel every three or four days. Stay for a few days and do sight seeing. He was looking to see if there was any interest. If you are interested, contact Al.

Walt Swinarski requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Richards seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Parker
AZ FMCA Chapter Secretary

NATIONAL DIRECTOR

DAN FOGARTY

Welcome to Fall: the season to give thanks for all that we have. In FMCA, we remain thankful for all the volunteers serving as officers and at the events.

Have you made plans to join us yet for FMCA's 106th International Convention and RV Expo scheduled for March 15-18, 2023, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agri-center in Perry, Georgia?

To register, visit <https://www.fmca.com/fmcaperry-2023-learn-more> or call our Events Department at 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622.

Chapter Fair and Block Parties in Perry! Be sure to register your chapter to participate in the Chapter Fair being held in Perry. Chapters must be registered for the Chapter Fair in order to participate in the Block Party. Registration is open now. You can reach out to chapters@fmca.com to register your chapter.

FMCA, in partnership with the RV Driving School, has developed a pair of programs for those wishing to become safer and more confident drivers. All training will be done using YOUR RV. The RV Driving Class will be a two-day class with classroom training on day one and behind-the-wheel training on day two. The RV Backing Class will be a one-day class with two hours of training in the morning and three-and-a-half hours of individual backing practice in the afternoon. There are a limited number of seats available for each class. The dates are March 8-13, 2023. The FMCA Academy is also offering the RV Basics workshop. Led by knowledgeable instructors, this two-and-a-half day course will get you acquainted (or re-acquainted) with your RV's operation and systems. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.fmca.com/academy>. The dates are March 12-14, 2023. Please note that the FMCA national office will be closed on Monday, December 25 through Friday, December 30, for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

I wish you a festive holiday season and a very happy New Year.



COMMERCIAL MEMBERS

We are very fortunate to have Commercial Members in the AZ Chapter and we encourage you to support their businesses whenever possible. Our commercial members are:

AFFINITY RV

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

ROBERT CRIST & COMPANY RV

2025 E Main St., Mesa, AZ 85213
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