



# Cactus Chronicle

## Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

*Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road January 2024*

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

BRUCE STAINBROOK

The third rally of our AZ 2023 – 2024 season was successfully completed. Lots of fun and lots of great food – especially the prime rib dinner we had Saturday night — Prime rib, Baked potato, Caesar salad and Cheese cake for dessert; it just doesn't get any better than that. And to see an old guy like Dan Fogarty using high tech equipment to cook the ribs to perfection, is almost out of Star Wars. Thank you Dan & Grace (rally hosts), and 'rally helpers' Bob & Candy, Don & Denise, and Gary & Marlene. We had 17 rigs in attendance at the Ramblin' Roads RV resort in Hope, AZ, about 25 miles east of Quartzside on Hwy 60.

For Grace and me, this was our second time at the Hope RV park. It's a great location, has friendly management & residents, and opens up all its facilities for us to use during our stay.

We had a quorum present (17 rigs represented) and therefore had an official chapter meeting. Sandy will fill you in to what was discussed and actions taken during the meeting in her report.

Our next rally is scheduled for February 15-18 at the Cotton Lane Resort in Goodyear; rally hosts are Terri & Jim Phalin. Be sure to let Terri know if you are planning on attending, but will not be overnighing in the RV resort. In March we will be joining FMCA's International Rally at the Pima County fairgrounds – March 20-24 – so there will not be a stand-alone AZ chapter rally that month.

In April will be having election of chapter officers for the 2023 – 2024 season. Some positions will be opening up for election, while some still have a year remaining. I have talked to all the current officers and all have indicated they want to return to doing what they do so well. So unless we have someone who wants to contest for a position, we should have a speedy election in April.

Bruce Stainbrook  
President



## 1st VP and Wagon Master

GRACE STAINBROOK

AZ Chapter just completed another rally. Hope, AZ is a great venue for our rallies — especially for celebrating New Year's. The management and the residents were so welcoming. No doubt Rambling Roads will be on our schedule again.

And a special thanks to the Fogarty's, Harding's, Woodworth's, and the Sturdevant's for the wonderful meals and activities.

You won't want to miss our next rallies:

Feb. 15-18, 2024.

Cotton Lane RV Resort in Goodyear.

#623 853 4000

Terri Phalin, Rally Host. #619-997-9308

Please let her know if you are only driving in for each day, and if you intend to eat with the group, and she needs helpers.

March 20-23, 2024.

FMCA International Rally Tucson AZ

A rally within the rally.

Syd and Carol Wilson, Rally Hosts for some gatherings of our group. #480-332-0170

April 11-14, 2024.

Palm Creek Resort, Casa Grande AZ

Richard and Arlene Noteman, Rally Hosts.

#916-217-5158

Please note this is our annual meeting, and your presence is requested.

## AZ CHAPTER FMCA

2024 - 2025

(Some places/ dates subject to change)

Oct. 23 - 27, 2024

Farmington NM. Rocky Mt area.

A rally within a rally.

Shirley Ridley will be happy to work with Rally Hosts. #503-604-3070

Nov. 14 - 17, 2024

Fortuna de Oro, Yuma AZ

Al and Diane Reed, Rally Hosts

Dec. 29, 2024, - Jan 2, 2025

Silverado RV Resort. Eloy AZ

Feb. 13 - 16, 2025

Verde River Resort and Cottages

Mar. 13 - 16, 2025

Valley of the Sun. Marana AZ

Apr. 10 - 13, 2025

Wickenburg Community Center

Jim Headley Rally Host



## SECRETARY REPORT

SANDRA PARKER

December 30, 2023  
AZ FMCA Chapter Informational Meeting  
(Verified Quorum Present)

Ramblin' Roads RV Resort, Hope, AZ

President Bruce Stainbrook called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Louis Parker opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

### Reports from officers:

President Bruce Stainbrook introduced officers in attendance. President: Bruce Stainbrook, 1st VP & Wagon Master: Grace Stainbrook, National Director: Dan Fogarty, Treasurer: Judy Talmon, Secretary: Sandra Parker. 2nd VP & Membership: Rich Talmon was not in attendance. Louis Parker is the Newsletter Editor.

Bruce advised that there are no new members and no guests at this Rally. For this Rally, there were 21 reservations, 4 cancellations, and 17 rigs here.

Secretary Sandra Parker advised that the previous meeting minutes from the November 10, 2023, Informational Meeting were published in the November newsletter. She also advised that she has completed all the forms necessary for the Chapter Certification process. FMCA has reviewed

and approved all the forms and AZ FMCA has been certified for 2024.

Treasurer Judy Talmon reported:

Checking account balance:	\$3,587.02
Savings account balance:	\$6,521.21
Total balance	\$10,108.23

She advised that we have to keep a minimum of \$2,500 in the checking account to waive fees. Also, it takes 17 members dues just to pay for our GoDaddy account.

Dues are due by the end of December.

Questions were raised about the amount of funds in the savings account. Judy advised that it is to cover unexpected expenses, such as: in case of a rally cancellation and fees still have to be paid, or other emergencies, and deposits for future outings.

2nd VP & Membership Rich Talmon's report was given by Judy Talmon. She advised that 33 members have paid their 2024 dues and more are paying this weekend.

National Director Dan Fogarty reminded everyone that FMCA National has some amendment changes that need to be voted on by Members. The options are to vote by paper or online. The last day to vote is December 31, 2023.

National Rallies for 2024  
March 20 - 23, 2024 Tucson, AZ  
August 14 - 17, 2024 Redmond, OR

Dan is on the Finance Committee for FMCA National.

RMMA VP for Region 3, David Ridley was in attendance and advised that the RMMA Ramble will in October 23 - 27, 2024 at the fairgrounds in Farmington, New Mexico.

1st Vice President (Wagon Master) Grace Stainbrook provided Rally updates.

Our current rally at Ramblin' Roads RV Resort, Hope, AZ. Hosts: Dan & Grace Fogarty. Committee Members: Bob & Candy Harding and Gary & Malene Woodworth and Don & Denise Sturdevant. Great job everyone!

February 15 - 18, Rally is at Cotton Lane Resort, Goodyear, AZ. Hosts: Jim & Terri Phalin. Assisting them are Grace Fogarty and Mary Lou Lavine

March 20 - 23, Rally is at Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ. It is a Rally in a Rally at the FMCA International Convention. Hosts: Syd & Carol Wilson.

April 11 - 14, Rally is at Palm Creek Resort, Casa Grande, AZ. Hosts: Richard and Arlene Noteman. Committee Members: Louis & Sandra Parker and Don & Denise Sturdevant. The Annual Meeting is held during this Rally.

October 23 - 27, is the RMMA Ramble in Farmington, NM. We may want to do a rally in a rally.

November 14 - 17, is at Fortuna De Oro, Yuma, AZ.

December 29, 2024, - January 2, 2025, is at Silverado RV Resort, Eloy, AZ

February 2025 is at Verde River Resort & Cottages, Camp Verde, AZ

March 2025 is at Valley of the Sun RV Park, Marana, AZ

April 10 - 13, 2025, is at the Community Center, Wickenburg, AZ

Grace is looking for volunteers to take the lead on planning these future outings. She suggested working with another couple and cohosting an outing.

## **Old Business:**

Bruce advised that everyone should have a name badge. The form for ordering the badges is on the AZFMCA webpage.

If you want the large placard for your windshield, contact Georgia Moses.

If you find an error in your membership data, contact Richard Talmon with corrections. He will correct our records. If the information is also incorrect with FMCA National, you need to contact them also.

We need volunteers to make these outings successful.

Our Annual Meeting is held at the April 2024 Rally.

We need a quorum to hold elections.

Candi Swinarski presented a quilt she made of Smokey Bear to Al Reed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandra Parker  
AZ FMCA Secretary

**TREASURER REPORT**

AS OF JANUARY 24, 2024

JUDITH TALMON

**2ND VP & MEMBERSHIP**

RICH TALMON

2024 membership stands at 42 Members currently.

Rich T - Membership

**NEW YEARS RALLY**

BY GRACE FOGARTY

RALLY HOST

Our New Year rally was held at Ramblin' Roads RV, a resort in Hope, Arizona. We had 17 rigs in attendance. The resort welcomed us with open arms and our spirits were festive and happy; what a great bunch of folks to share the end of 2023 with. We enjoyed a delicious prime rib dinner, cooked on the BBQ, by several of the men in our chapter. The rally committee, Woodworths, Hardings, and Sturdevants outdid themselves making this so successful. What a great team. New Year's celebration was sponsored by the park, at no cost to all. They had a three piece band who were awesome; the dance floor was crowded with everyone having a great time. A great way to ring in 2024. If you missed our rally, you missed a good time. Happy New Year.

Family Motor Coach Association

DBA

Arizona Chapter FMCA

Profit & Loss

**Savings Account**

As Of 01/24/2024 \$6,521.26

**Checking Account**

As Of 01/24/2024 \$3,750.72

**Combined Savings/Checking**

**Balance 01/24/2024** \$10,271.98

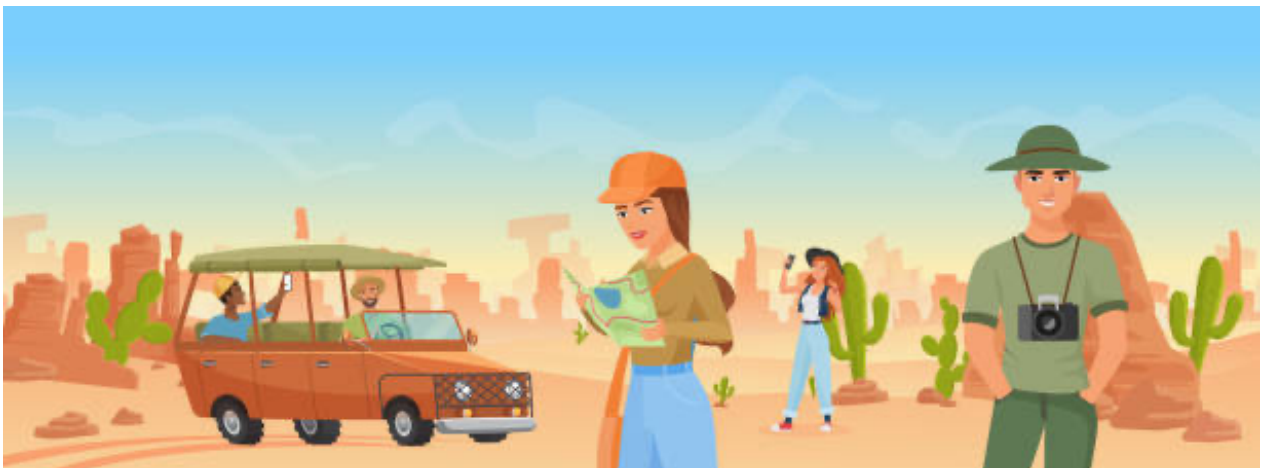
At the request of our members, we will now accept Zelle for payment of dues. Please use [azfmca.membership@gmail.com](mailto:azfmca.membership@gmail.com) as the email address.

Save time, envelopes and postage use Zelle to pay your dues.

Stay Safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Talmon,  
Treasurer



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