

*Happy Easter*



*Arizona Chapter Board Members*

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# Cactus Chronicle

## Arizona Chapter FMCA

"A Family Oriented RV Club"

*Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road* April 2021

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S HIDEY HOLE

GEORGIA & DAVE MOSES

As my term as President comes to an end, I want to thank all of our members for their help, participation, and friendship over the years. Special thanks to our Board members. It has made my job very easy to have a Board that took care of the "business" of the Chapter in a cooperative, efficient, and friendly manner. And all this without being asked! I strongly encourage each of you to get involved at the board level, and if you're not ready to do that, at a minimum participate as a rally host or committee member. That's how our Chapter will continue to be great! Dave and I look forward to our next years of rallies and hope to see you join in the fun!

Georgia



### Wagon Master Report

ART & SHARON SIMPSON

We held our first Rally in the calendar year 2021. For our 2020-2021 this is only the second rally of the year, however, both Rallies were exciting, different, somewhat challenging, and fun for all who attended.

March's Rally at the AZ Oasis RV Resort was attended by 36 people in 20 coaches. It was an all-outdoor event. We gathered, ate, played games, and prepared most of the meals outside our RV's. The scenery was great and the weather was sunny, a wee bit chilly and windy, but the best thing of all was the comradery of being with friends of the road. Many hands made light work for the committee and we thank everyone who attended and assisted with the Rally.

April's Rally (our last Rally of the 2020-2021 season) will be held at Sunflower RV Resort in Surprise on the 15-18th. As of March 29th, we have 10 coaches and 18 members signed up to attend. We have at least 22 sites available with the option of late requests being accepted if space is available. Please send us your completed Rally form and Rally fees. The current process is Art and I will send a spreadsheet with your information to Sunflower and they will create an individualized packet for you. You will provide payment and receive your packet at arrival at Sunflower RV Resort. COVID restrictions are still in place and not expected to be modified before the Rally.

## Coming Up

We are working on the Rally schedule for next year.

For October's monthly Rally, the AZ FMCA Chapter (us) will be attending the October 19 – 24, 2021 FMCA Rocky Mountain Region (RMMA) Rally held in Tucson at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, AZ. You will need to sign-up on-line at the FMCA web site.

For March's monthly Rally, the AZ FMCA Chapter (us) will be attending the March 23 – 26, 2022 FMCA's 104th International Convention and RV Expo also being held at the Pima County fairgrounds in Tucson, AZ. You will need to sign-up on-line at the FMCA web site.

For November 2021 we are researching the Colorado Balloon Festival in Yuma Arizona November 20-21, 2021. We would stay at a campground a few miles away and maybe carpool over to the Balloon Festival Saturday and maybe Sunday. We might change the Rally to be the 18-22 (Thursday to Monday leaving Tuesday morning. Please let us know if you are open to having the Rally the 18th to 22nd of November. If you have any information regarding the Colorado Balloon Festival or a recommendation for a RV Park in Yuma, email us at [ssimpson81@gmail.com](mailto:ssimpson81@gmail.com). We are currently researching two RV Parks, but welcome others' recommendations also.

If you have visited a location and think it's a good place for a Rally, please e-mail me at [ssimpson81@gmail.com](mailto:ssimpson81@gmail.com) and we will be happy to check them out.

Sharon Simpson

## 2nd VP & Membership

RICH TALMON

### Membership Report April 2021

Delmar Record Arizona Chapter President  
2005-2008

On Monday, Mar 22, 2021 at 3:44 PM  
Delmar Record wrote:

Hi all !!!! It's been a busy spring for me, many, many doctor appts with all bad news. Have to go to a cancer specialist tomorrow, they have found cancer on my prostate. Looking forward to coming down to AZ way for a long visit with my friends and daughter and family in Anthem. Also, to visit Martha G.

I miss my AZ living and all my AZFMCA friends, all getting old.

— Del Record



**Sprint Unlimited Mobile Hotspot**

FMCA has teamed with Sprint to bring its members an outstanding, truly unlimited mobile hotspot data plan through Sprint. This includes 3G-4G LTE speeds as well as 300mb roaming coverage per month. (This plan is available in the US only, as there is no international data included in this plan.)

Judy and I have had the above Sprint Unlimited Mobile Hotspot for approximately a year now and have been up and down the pacific coast and we are very satisfied with the internet service that is provided.

As of March 24, 2021, we have used 106.88 gigabytes of internet with 8 days remaining in the month of March, we have found no slowdown of speed.

To find out more information you must log in your account on the FMCA website.

Rich Talmon

**TREASURER REPORT  
AS OF MARCH 27, 2021**

<b>Savings account</b>	
as of 09/30/2020	\$ 7,004.10
Interest earned	\$ 0.28
Balance 09/30/2020	\$ 7,004.38

<b>Checking account</b>	
as of 09/30/2020	\$ 1,821.80
Memberships	\$ 1,015.00
GoDaddy 5 months	\$ 49.95
GoDaddy Website Renewal	\$ 39.34
Balance 03/27/2021	\$ 2,747.51

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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- Sally Conley
- Michael Othites
- Susan Shepard
- Barry Stallings
- Kay Stephens
- Joe Stoll
- Candice Swinarski
- Walter Swinarski
- Gary Tucker
- Wanda Wieters
- Roger Williams



**APRIL ANNIVERSARY**

- Russell & Sharon Diaz
- Louis & Sandra Parker



## National Director Report

DAN FOGARTY

**NATIONAL DIRECTOR:** As we get closer to what looks like the beginning of the end of the pandemic, let's welcome 2021, and look ahead to new opportunities, new goals, new dreams, new experiences, and getting back to normal. I hope that we can embrace our past and continue to work together in the best interests of this exceptional organization. Thank you for your time and dedication. It's so nice to have some FMCA events to look forward to after spending the last year without any RMMA Regional events.

FMCA's 103rd International Convention and RV Expo is scheduled for July 7 through 10, 2021, at the CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities in Gillette, Wyoming. Registration begins April 5, 2021, for *The Spirit of Wyoming*. Sign-up early to get the spot you want. You can print out the registration form and mail it in now or wait until the 5th and call FMCA. Don't miss an opportunity to visit this beautiful city and the surrounding areas! This is an election year for the offices of National President, National Senior Vice President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer. FMCA's Nominating Committee will be conducting candidate interviews and recommending a slate to the Governing Board.



## How Can I Attend?

Just give us a call at (800) 543-3622 and we can get you registered for all the great activities and bushels of fun we have planned.

Full Access + RV Camping, On-Site — \$225/couple, 4-Days Full Access with 5 Camping Nights — Includes access to RV Displays, Exhibits, Educational Seminars, Entertainment, Member gatherings, Chapter Events, Camping with Friends.

30-Amp, 30-Amp + Water, 30-Amp Full, 50-Amp, 50-Amp + Water, 50-Amp Full, and non-electric sites available.

The RMMA Rally, *Sunset on the Sonora Desert*, will be held October 20-23, at the Pima County Fairgrounds, in Tucson, Arizona. Our beloved Rita Moore will again be volunteer coordinator; so please, let's make up for not having a rally this year and make it the biggest and best yet! Being the Captain of Security and Safety, I am looking for volunteers from our chapter. I have a few volunteers, but more are needed. It's an easy volunteer job. Please contact me if you are going and you would like to help. Email: fogartys\_kwaj@yahoo.com. (480) 272-4503. Be on the look-out as registration is right around the corner. Hope to see you in Gillette and Tucson.

Dan Fogarty,  
Arizona Chapter, National Director

**Secretary Report**

SANDRA PARKER

AZ FMCA Chapter Meeting

March 13, 2021

Georgia Moses called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Sandra Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance

**President: Georgia Moses**

Spoke regarding the elections next month.

Current officers:

President: Georgia Moses

1st Vice President/Wagon Master: Art & Sharon Simpson

2nd Vice President/Membership: Rich Talmon

Secretary: Sandra Parker

Treasurer: Judy Talmon

National Director: Dan Fogarty

Past President: Grace Fogarty

Alternate National Director: Dave Peterson



Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April Rally.

Due to COVID, the Board has decided to take into account that we had very few rallies last year, so the positions that were to be voted on in 2020 will be voted on in 2021 instead.

The positions currently available are: President, 2nd Vice President, and National Director.

If you are interested in any of these positions, let Georgia know.

Each term is for 2 years. If you have any questions, please ask any board member.

We are looking for new couples to help the Wagon Master. Get involved.

There was a discussion about changes taking place in arrangements made with parks. Many of the parks are limiting the number of spaces and increasing costs.

One idea was to hold a lottery for spaces. If you have any ideas, send an email to Georgia.

Sharon Simpson advised that the past year, she has used the first come, first served basis.

Georgia encouraged everyone to get involved with rallies and Board positions.

## **Past President and RMMA Secretary: Grace Fogarty**

RMMA 36th Rocky Mountain Ramble will be held October 20-23, 2021. Leave the 24th.

Location: Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, AZ

Information and sign up sheets are available, or sign up on line.

Includes chapters in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming

Volunteers are needed to help with security.

Grace needs volunteers to work with her in the office.

They are expecting 600 coaches/trailers. There will be vendors and seminars.

Those from our chapter attending will meet prior to the ramble in the parking lot so we will enter together and be parked together.

Grace has the forms necessary to order name badges.

## **Secretary: Sandra Parker**

Minutes from the last meeting, November 9, 2019 were posted in the November 2019 newsletter.

The required Chapter Certification paperwork was submitted to FMCA Chapter Services on November 21, 2020. Due to COVID, the certification process took longer than usual. We received our letter of Chapter Certification for 2021 on January 22, 2021.

## **1st Vice President/Wagon Master: Sharon Simpson**

Thanked the committee members for this rally:

Jim & Liz Headley for handling the game and activities

Ken Duval for buying, expert cooking, and serving the pulled pork

Don & Denise Sturdevant for being the greatest partners and assisting with everything

Grace Fogarty & Paulette David for always lending a helping hand.

Al Reed for helping with set up, clean up, and cooking

Many others for support

Next Rally is April 15-18, 2021 in Surprise, AZ at Sunflower Resort.

Cost - \$120.00 for 3 day parking, \$15.00 per person Rally costs.

Currently we will have use of the ballroom, no drinks and no water.

We will be able to use it for meetings and games.

We may be able to use the kitchen if we have someone who has food services experience.

Bob Richards volunteered.

A Rally Master is needed for this outing.

Confirmed Committee Members are: Wanda Wieters, Barry Stalling, and Ken Duvall.

We need a few more volunteers. Many hands make light work.

## **President: Georgia Moses**

There was a discussion regarding the various insurance programs with FMCA. More information can be obtained on the FMCA website.

Status on placards for the windshield: The company that Georgia had been using went out of business. She may have another company that will make them. The price may be \$22.00. She will get the information out after she talks with them again. The placards will be good to have at the October RMMA Ramble.

## **1st Vice President/Wagon Master: Sharon Simpson**

Sharon spoke about the role of the Wagon Master and Rally Master

Wagon Master negotiates with the parks including number of spaces and price.

Rally Master duties: coordinate, define responsibilities of the committee members, utilize the knowledge base of the club. Needs to have helped with at least one rally prior to being Rally Master.

## **Jim Headley**

Announced the winners of the games and awarded prizes.

## **National Director: Dan Fogarty**

Talked about the FMCA 103rd International Convention & RV Expo in Gillette, Wyoming, July 7-10, 2021.

He also talked about the FMCA tire program.

There was discussion about FMCA raising dues and that membership numbers dropped.

FMCA was discussing the option of lowering dues. He will keep us posted.

President Georgia Moses adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.





**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](http://www.affinityrv.com)

**DAVE'S DIESEL DIAGNOSTIC**

455 E. Main St, Quartzsite, AZ  
605-999-0720

**ROBERT CRIST & COMPANY RV**

2025 E Main St., Mesa, AZ 85213  
480-834-0410 or [www.rvsrfun.com](http://www.rvsrfun.com)

**THE MOTORCOACH RESORT**

1576 S. Nelson Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226  
602-790-8249 or  
[www.themotorcoachresort.com](http://www.themotorcoachresort.com)

**RV WORLD**

5875 E Gila Ridge Rd, Yuma, AZ 85365  
800-762-7448 or [www.rvworldyuma.com](http://www.rvworldyuma.com)



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Julius & Alice Schiavo  
March 12, 2021

