



Cactus Chronicle

Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road April/May 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sharon Diaz

As your newly elected President, I will start by saying, thank you all for your welcoming and encouraging words. I am very excited about this new challenge, and maybe a little terrified.

Our Past President, Georgia Moses, has led our group through some hard times. Among those were the difficulties in keeping us together while we weathered the Covid crisis. She has continued to support our chapter during many unexpected changes in our board, and supported us even when her term was over. I am grateful to Georgia for all of her hard work and the enormous effort she put forth to keep us going as a chapter. I am grateful she secured rally locations when we were without a Wagon Master. Please join me in thanking her for all of those efforts and for the great work she has done for our chapter. Georgia, you have been awesome.

I'd also like to thank our returning board members for their hard work, continued support and for filling in to host our rallies when we had no one step up to help. Welcome to our newly elected board members. I look forward to working with all of you and hope I can lean on you a little until I am up to speed.

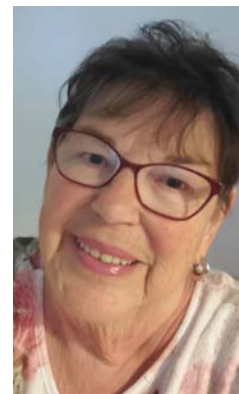
We have new members and are glad you have joined our chapter. I look forward to knowing you better and enjoying our chapter activities with you. As your President, I'm excited to work for all our members and very much welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

As is usual, we are pausing for summer. Our next scheduled rally is for Arizona Oasis RV Resort, October 12-15, 2023. (See the Wagon Master's report on the next page.)

Please mark your calendars. As we get closer to the rally date, you will get more information. Also remember that you will need to make your own reservations for your parking and pay the resort directly. It's going to be a great time for us to get together after our long summer recess. I always love coming back to share our summer fun.

Please enjoy your summer, take care, and we will see you in October!

Sharon Diaz
President



1ST VP AND WAGON MASTERS

Grace and Bruce Stainbrook

The April rally was held at Cotton Lane RV resort in Goodyear, AZ, with eleven rigs in the camping sites and several other members joining us for the day activities.

We had free use of a nice air conditioned building that included some kitchen facilities. Our thanks to Grace Fogarty for heading up this rally as acting rally host. As with every rally, volunteers pitch in whenever needed. Everyone had a great time participating in games, visiting, and mealtime.

Saturday morning featured our annual business meeting and election of officers. (See Secretary's Report below.)

Grace Fogarty has made reservations for October, November and December/January rallies:

October 12–15, 2023

Arizona Oasis RV Resort
50238 Ehrenberg-Parker Hwy
Ehrenberg, AZ 85334
Club house available, but no kitchen facilities.
Call Deb at 928-212-4178 to make your own reservations.

November 9–12, 2023

De Anza RV Resort
2869 E. Frontage Road
Amado, AZ 85645
Call Amy at 520-398-8628 to make your own reservations.

Dec 29, 2023 - Jan 2, 2024

Ramblin Roads RV Park
60655 Hwy 60
Salome, AZ 85348
Call Lori at 928-859-3187 to make your own reservations.

Note: New Years Eve at the Club House, with Music, is free; just bring your own drink and a dish to share.

More information will be made available as these dates are nearer.

Bruce and I will be working on February March and April, and you will be informed when those sites/dates are available.

Wishing good health and a pleasant summer time, until we meet again in October.

Grace and Bruce Stainbrook
1st VP and Wagon Masters



2ND VP & MEMBERSHIP

RICH TALMON

We have a total of 66 members in the chapter.

Each month the chapter receives a list of new members that have joined FMCA, we in turn email those members an invite to join our chapter along with a membership application.

Rich T - Membership



[Rich Talmon Forwarded this Article]

On our recent trip through Texas we had an engine failure. I had always heard that the engine will shut down when there is a problem to prevent further problems. Our engine shut down outside of San Antonio, Texas and would not run. We had it towed to the Cummings facility for repair. This happened over Christmas and we had to wait to begin repair.

They discovered there was a hole in the cylinder wall and let water in and also was in the oil. We had had an engine low water alarm during the trip and I added water to the radiator. I later found that this was a no-no. Cummins Inc. recommends using either a 50/50 mixture of good quality water and fully formulated antifreeze, or fully formulated coolant when filling the cooling system. The fully formulated antifreeze or coolant must meet CES14603 specifications.

Good quality water is important for cooling system performance. Excessive levels of calcium and magnesium contribute to scaling problems, and excessive levels of chlorides and sulfates cause cooling system corrosion.

Improper coolant, concentration of coolant additives, and maintenance will likely result in liner pitting and engine failure. Fully formulated products contain supplemental coolant additives (SCAs) and are required to protect the cooling system from scale and fouling, solder corrosion, and general corrosion.

This is what happened to us. We escaped a full engine replacement. Our fix was an engine cylinder wall repair plus other associated parts. They determined it was operator maintenance, my using water, so we bore the entire cost. Don't let this happen to you. Always carry the appropriate antifreeze with you and use only that to refill the radiator.

Jack Mayberry F360343



(Stock image - Don't let this happen to you)

TREASURER REPORT

AS OF APRIL 22, 2023
JUDITH TALMON

Family Motor Coach Association
DBA
Arizona Chapter FMCA
Profit & Loss

Savings Account

as of 4/1/2023	\$6,505.79
Interest earned	\$ 0.00
Balance 04/22/2023	\$6,505.79

Checking Account

as of 4/1/2023	\$3,565.16
Memberships	\$ 0.00
Balance 04/22/2023	\$3,565.16

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

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

No activity to report this month.

Stay Safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Talmon, Treasurer



SECRETARY REPORT

SANDRA PARKER

April 15, 2023 AZ FMCA
Chapter Meeting Notes

ANNUAL MEETING

Cotton Lane RV Park, Goodyear, AZ

Treasurer Judy Talmon called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. President Rich Talmon was in attendance and requested that Judy conduct the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Wanda Wieters opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary Sandra Parker confirmed that we have a quorum. We had 16 Family Unit Members. A quorum at this point in time is 15 Family Unit Members.

Secretary Sandra Parker advised that the previous meeting minutes from the October 8, 2022 meeting were published in the November 2022 newsletter.

Secretary Sandra Parker advised that FMCA National is requesting that all Chapters update their bylaws and use a standard format. This is currently being worked on. Once it is completed, it will be sent to the officers to review and then to the membership. Most of the changes have to do with wording and the content is basically the same as our current bylaws. If there are changes that are more than words, and a vote is necessary, the membership will be notified.

(Secretary Report continued from page 4)

Past President Georgia Moses went over the office definitions and introduced the current officers.

President: Rich Talmon
1st Vice President, Wagon Master:
Georgia Moses, temporary/substitute
Treasurer: Judy Talmon
National Director: Dan Fogarty
Alternate National Director: Vacant
Secretary: Sandra Parker
Newsletter Editor: Louis Parker
2nd Vice President, Membership:
Rich Talmon

Georgia Moses went over some history since the last elections in October 2022.

A member accepted the nomination of President, he was voted in and installed. Due to unforeseen circumstances, he no longer owns a motorhome and does not plan to get another one. Therefore, his position as President became vacant.

1st Vice President, Wagon Master was vacant.

2nd Vice President, Membership Rich Talmon moved into the President position. He also continued his 2nd Vice President, Membership role.

The secretary and treasurer positions, if vacant, can be appointed by the President.

The National Director position has to be elected. If vacant, the President can appoint someone to attend the Annual FMCA meeting.

The 1st Vice President, Wagon Master resigned for medical reasons earlier in 2022. Georgia Moses has filled in. The suggestion was made that maybe two people share the responsibility.

Offices currently up for election:

President: 1 year left
Alternate Director: 2 years
Secretary: 2 years
Treasurer: 2 years
1st Vice President, Wagon Master: 2 years

Reports from officers:

Treasurer, Judy Talmon: We are solvent. The balance sheet is available for review.

National Director, Dan Fogarty: FMCA National Convention is August 23-26, 2023 in Gillette, Wyoming. The FMCA Budget will be voted on for the next year. There are classes being offered before the convention begins. Dan is a member of the National Finance Committee. He has a meeting to attend in May.

2nd Vice President, Membership, Rich Talmon: We currently have 67 members.

Secretary, Sandra Parker: information was given earlier in this meeting.

Grace Fogarty introduced new members: Jim and Denise Slawson. They live in Salome. They will be in Wyoming this summer about 60 miles from Gillette where the FMCA National Convention is being held.

(Secretary Report Continued next page)

ELECTIONS:

President: Sharon Diaz
1st Vice President, Wagon Master:
Grace & Bruce Stainbrook will be primary.
Grace Fogarty will help
Secretary: Sandra Parker
Treasurer: Judy Talmon
Alternate National Director: Russ Diaz

Grace Fogarty thanked the help this weekend to include Grace Stainbrook, Paulette David, and Barry Stallings.

The officers were sworn in by Past President Georgia Moses.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

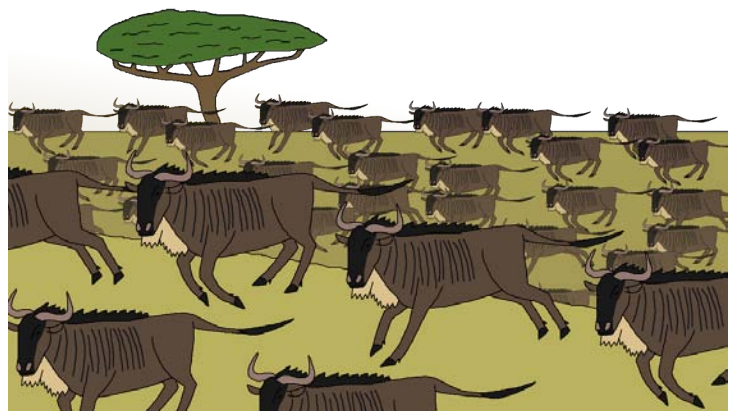
Sandra Parker
AZ FMCA Chapter Secretary



CAMPING WITH AZFMCA

Once there was a small Arizona Chapter of FMCA that had a terrible problem. One month they held their rally next to an African Wildlife Park. Every morning during their rally, a neighboring herd of Wildebeests, called Gnus, would stampede through their campground, knocking over barbecues, overturning picnic tables, smashing water jugs, trampling on sewer hoses, and tearing out electrical cords. The Wagon Master had tried everything to stop the stampedes, but with no success. She built fences out of Corn Hole boards, but the Gnus ran right through them. She tried having her members scare the herd away with sign up sheets, but the Gnus snorted at clipboards and always came back.

Finally, one morning the Wagon Master woke up and didn't hear the thunder of hooves. She went out, and the Gnus herd was nowhere to be seen. They were gone at last! So, the Wagon Master called a meeting and announced, "No Gnus Is Good News!"



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(Standing Left to Right) Judy Talmon, Sandra Parker, Sharon Diaz, Russ Diaz, Grace Fogarty, Grace Stainbrook, Bruce Stainbrook. (Seated Left to Right) Rich Talmon, Dan Fogarty, Georgia Moses)