



Cactus Chronicle

Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road April/May 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BRUCE STAINBROOK

The 6th and final rally of our 2023-2024 season was successfully completed with 18 member units present, three more than required to have an ‘official’ annual business meeting. The rally was held at the Palm Creek Resort in Casa Grande, a very large and well managed RV resort. We had sole use of a large meeting room with kitchen facilities during our rally. Arlene Noteman was our rally host, helped by Louis and Sandy Parker and Don and Denise Sturdevant. Richard Noteman could not attend our rally due to a medical procedure that he was scheduled for the following week, one where he needed to minimize outside exposure. As a group we prayed Richard and Arlene will be successful with the month long treatment he will be undergoing.

Our Wagon Master will be reporting the events she has scheduled for our 2024-2025 season. Six rally events are being planned starting with the ‘Rally within a Rally’ event with the RMMA rally in Farmington, NM, October 23–26. Shirley Ridley is event rally master. The registration sheet for the rally can be found on the FMCA web site or the FMCA upcoming ‘Family RVing’ magazine. I encourage members to sign up for this event as soon as you can. Although rally plans are not totally finalized by the Rocky Mountain Area Board, there will be a Chapter Fair and Chapter Block Party of some sorts. This is where we get our new members. In Tucson at the international rally we signed 13 new members.

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Palm Creek Resort in Casa Grande

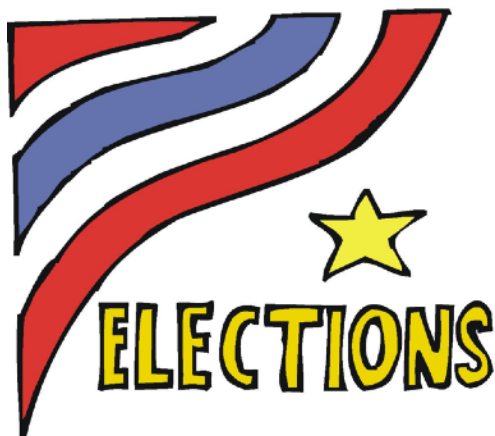


FYI, at this point we are planning a rally to Rocky Point, Mexico. By show of hands at Palm Creek we have considerable interest. Ralph Guerin has volunteered to be our rally master leader. He is looking at March 23-27 in 2025 for the rally, arriving Rocky Point on Sunday and returning on Thursday. Ralph will be providing us much more information about this rally and what we will need to do.

During our business meeting we had the election of officers for the upcoming season, all current officers were reelected with one exception. Russell Diaz submitted his resignation as Alternate National Director. This position is currently open. If any paid member in good standing has interest in being elected to this position, please contact me or Dan Fogarty for more information about the duties of the job.

My first camping season as your President is over; needless to say, it wasn't on my bucket list when I took over due to resignation of our current president. There's been a learning curve since I came into this job with very little knowledge of how our chapter functioned. I have a lot of learning ahead of me. But this I do know, having rally camping events is key to our chapter's success. Staying at new parks, older favorite parks, expensive parks or less-expensive parks all create the 'rally experience' with friends! Active chapters are the lifeblood of FMCA. Prior work experience has taught me you are either 'Green and Growing' or 'Brown and Dying'! New and Active members are the life blood of our chapter. Everyone should volunteer to be a rally master, with member rally support help. Sometimes we just need to step outside our paradigm and smell the roses.

Bruce Stainbrook
President



APRIL 2024 RALLY RECAP

The rally was held at Palm Creek RV Resort, Casa Grande, AZ.

We had 16 rigs there, plus one member that lives at the resort, and one member that lives in town and came to the Annual Meeting.

Thursday, we had a soup pot luck, salad, and garlic bread. Many of us had never done the soup potluck before. Each person brought a can of non-cream soup. We had one pot of chicken soups and one pot of beef soups. Several people were rather skeptical to begin with, but the soups turned out surprisingly delicious.

Friday morning, we got together for donuts. Then we played the “Plastic Wrap Ball Prize” game. It was a lot of fun and we had many participants that obtained a various number of prizes when unwrapping the plastic wrap while wearing cooking gloves. We had a potluck for dinner. David Hinds played his guitar and sang several songs. Then, we played Card Bingo.

Saturday morning, we had breakfast by committee. We had hash brown, sausage, and cheese casserole along with fruit. We had our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. For dinner, we went to Lin’s Grand Buffet. They had closed off a section of the restaurant, so that we could all sit in the same area. They have a very large selection of food and it was delicious. Afterwards, we went back to the clubhouse and played Name That TV Tune.

Sunday morning, we got together again for Donuts and to say our goodbyes and safe travels.

Rally Master was Richard and Arlene Noteman. Rally Committee was Louis and Sandra Parker and Don and Denise Sturdevant.

We want to thank everyone for helping us with tasks that needed to be completed to make this a successful rally.

Sandra Parker
Committee Member



Lin's Grand Buffet

1ST VP AND WAGON MASTER

GRACE STAINBROOK

Another great Rally! Palm Creek at Casa Grande was a perfect site. The planning and participation was top notch! The Notemans did a wonderful job, with the help of the Parkers and Sturdevants. It was unfortunate that Richard wasn't able to attend, but we know he was there in spirit, and supported Arlene while she was with us.

Starting the second/last year of my commitment, I would like to have my replacement working with me for the coming season. It would make for an easier transition. Please seriously make this a consideration!

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Eloy, AZ. Silverado RV Resort

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Team members: Marlene and Gary
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No Rally Master or team.

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Rally Master: Ralph Guerin

April 10-13, 2025

Wickenburg, AZ. Desert Cypress RV Park

Rally Master: Jim Headley
Team members: Ken Duval
and _____

As you can see, there are several openings for helping - please contact me with your choice.

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SECRETARY REPORT

SANDRA PARKER

April 13, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING

AZ FMCA Chapter Meeting Notes

Palm Creek RV Resort, Casa Grande, AZ

President Bruce Stainbrook called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Tom Phelps opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call was taken. 18 members present. We have a Quorum.

Bruce thanked Rally Hosts Richard and Arlene Noteman, along with Rally Assistants Louis and Sandra Parker and Don and Denise Sturdevant.

New members were introduced: David and Judy Hines from Sierra Vista and Joe and Kathy Pazourek from Yuma.

Reports from officers:

President Bruce Stainbrook introduced officers in attendance.

President: Bruce Stainbrook,

1st VP & Wagon Master: Grace Stainbrook,

Secretary: Sandra Parker,

National Director: Dan Fogarty.

Louis Parker is the Newsletter Editor.

Not in attendance:

2nd VP & Membership: Rich Talmon,

Treasurer: Judy Talmon,

Alternate National Director: Russ Diaz.

The Tucson Rally in March was the best run rally that they have attended. There were over 1,000 rigs. 35% of all attendees were first attenders.

1st Vice President (Wagon Master) Grace Stainbrook provided Rally updates. The schedule for 2024-2025 has been sent out by email to the membership by Rich Talmon.

October 23-27, 2024 is the RMMA Ramble in Farmington, NM. We will do a rally in a rally. Host: Shirley Ridley. She is looking for help with this.

November 14-17, 2024 is at Fortuna De Oro, Yuma, AZ. Hosts Al & Diane Reed. They are looking for help with this.

December 29, 2024 - January 2, 2025 is at Silverado RV Resort, Eloy, AZ. We need hosts and helpers.

February 13-16, 2025 is at Verde River Resort & Cottages, Camp Verde, AZ. We need hosts and helpers.

March 13 - 16, 2025 is at Valley of the Sun RV Park, Marana, AZ. (See Actual Rally Schedule above.)

April 10-13, 2025 is in Wickenburg, AZ. Host Jim Headley. He is looking for help with this. This is when the Annual Meeting will be held.

2nd Vice President: Sandra Parker received the Membership Report from Rich Talmon. As of April 7, 2024, our current membership stands at 56 members. Twelve new members were recruited at the Tucson Rally in March, 2024.

Secretary: Sandra Parker advised that the minutes from the Informational Meeting in March 2024 were published in the March newsletter. She also had paper copies if anyone wanted to read it. She thanked Grace Fogarty for taking notes in her absence, and submitting the notes for publication.

Treasurer: Sandra Parker advised that she received the Treasurer's Report from Judy Talmon. She read the Annual Treasurer Report. She advised she also had the Profit & Loss Report for July 1, 2023 through April 7, 2024.

The total balance of the checking and savings account is \$10,215.14.

National Director: Dan Fogarty

National FMCA Rally: August 14-17, 2024 Redmond, OR. There will be the Governing Board Meeting. Also the budget for next year will be presented and voted on. Just a reminder that we are a Non profit organization.

RMMA Rally: October 23-27, 2024 Farmington, NM. We will have a rally in a rally.

FMCA membership offers many benefits. You can review them on the FMCA website.

RMMA Officer: David Ridley spoke about the RMMA Rally in October in Farmington, NM. Events are being planned. Registration will be out for the rally. It can be found on the FMCA website and the June magazine. Dates are October 23-27, 2024.

Bruce Stainbrook suggested that members going may want to spend the night at the USA RV Park in Gallup, NM. It is a good place to stop on the way.

Unfinished (Old) Business:

Bruce Stainbrook advised that the AZ FMCA banner has been located along with the white boards.

RMMA Rally in October has been discussed in other parts of the meeting.

New Business:

Is there interest in a rally at Rocky Point, Mexico?

Ralph Guerin spoke about this. He talked about tourism, restaurants, 5th Ave, Boardwalk, and the shipping port. There is an RV Park in the city and it is a good spot for getting around and seeing things. There is also another park for larger groups.

He explained some of the security processes and the insurance policies.

Rocky Point is one hour from the border.

National FMCA meeting in Redmond, OR in August has been discussed in other parts of the meeting.

Election of Officers for the 2024 - 2025 season:

Positions up for election:

President currently Bruce Stainbrook

2nd VP & Membership currently Rich Talmon

National Director currently Dan Fogarty



All current officers have indicated they are open to continuing in their position, thus no nominating committee was formed to seek position replacements. Bruce asked if any member present would like to be considered for an officer position in the AZ FMCA Chapter for the 2024 - 2025 season? No additional candidates. Bruce moved for election of the current slate of officers for the 2024 - 2025 season. Shirley Ridley was first to accept the motion and Ken Duval seconded it.

Grace Stainbrook spoke about going to Ramblin' Roads RV Park in Salome, AZ for New Years 2025 - 2026. Another park we may go back to is De Anza RV Resort in Amado, AZ.

Potential timing for the rally in Rocky Point, Mexico: April 2025—that is our annual meeting, November—it will be chilly, March—it is better to go before spring break or after spring break. Park charges \$47 per night. Further discussion will be held regarding this. Ralph Guerin has agreed to be the Host.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandra Parker AZ FMCA Secretary

PLEASE NOTE: Changes have been made to the future outing schedule. Please review the updated information in Grace Stainbrook's article.



2ND VP & MEMBERSHIP

RICH TALMON

2024 membership stands at 58 Members currently.

Rich T - Membership

DIRECTOR

DAN FOGARTY

(See March Meeting Notes above.)

TREASURER REPORT

AS OF MARCH 2024

JUDITH TALMON

Family Motor Coach Association

DBA

Arizona Chapter FMCA

Profit & Loss

(See March Meeting Notes above.)

The Arizona chapter is solvent.

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.

Stay Safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Talmon,
Treasurer

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