



Cactus Chronicle

Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road December 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT

GEORGIA MOSES

In the midst of our holiday celebrations, I know we are all thinking of the friends we've been so lucky to have and those we have lost. We have seen an increase in people's lack of kindness and are grateful that no such lack has been known in our Chapter. Dave and I are so very grateful for the friendships we enjoy with you all and look forward to a kinder, gentler world in 2022. Happy holidays and be safe wherever you may spend them.

Georgia



APRIL 2022 ELECTIONS

It is time to form our nomination committee for April 2022 elections. The positions that are to be elected are President, 2nd Vice President/Membership, Secretary, and National Director. Please contact me quickly to volunteer for the Nominating Committee so we can be ready for the New Year!

P.S. If no volunteers step forward, I think our Standing Rules allow me to appoint three members...

WAGON MASTER REPORT

ART & SHARON SIMPSON

The second Rally of the 2021-2022 season was held at Fortuna de Oro. Fifty-two people and 25 Rigs enjoyed a wonderful Rally. We attended the Yuma Balloon Crossing very early Saturday morning and the Balloon Glow in the late afternoon and early evening. We enjoyed games of Bocce ball and Shuffleboard, played card bingo, and played a version of white elephant, had a fantastic pot luck under the covered patio and a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Many, many members helped with the games, food preparation, serving and clean up. Many brand-new members bravely attended the Rally and had a good time. So much fun.

Thank you to everyone who made the Rally so successful.



Our Rally Schedule for 2021-2022

December 29, 2021 - January 2, 2022

Note: Wednesday – Monday / 4th weekend / 4 nights

New Year's Eve

Casa Grande RV Resort and Cottages – Casa Grande

Individually register for site and New Year's Eve party calling Casa Grande RV Resort and Cottages at 520-421-0401

Please inform them that you are with the AZFMCA Rally organized by Sharon Simpson then send an email to Sharon Simpson.

If you have not received the December Agenda and Registration please email ssimpson81@gmail.com and request.

Assistant Rally Master: Arthur and Sharon Simpson

Committee members: Ken Duvall, Arlene and Richard Noteman, Marlene Woodworth, and Candy Harding.

February 17 - 20, 2022

(can park there 14 – 21 at no additional cost)

DRY CAMPING. Local companies are available if you need water, propane, and honey wagon services.

LAKE HAVASU Rodeo Fireworks

Rally Master: Arthur and Sharon Simpson

This Rally is full; however, we have started a standby list if you are interested. Please email Sharon Simpson at

ssimpson81@gmail.com if interested in being on standby.

March 23 - 26, 2022

FMCA International Rally (individually register at:

[FMCA.com/fmca-event-registration](https://www.fmca.com/fmca-event-registration)

Pima County Fairgrounds

This will be a no host Rally. We will gather for happy hour around 4:00 pm: bring your own drink and a snack to share.

Both Dan and Grace Fogarty are going to need volunteers to assist with Security and Information booths.

More on that later.

April 7 - 10, 2022

Thursday through Sunday

Ramblin' Roads RV Resort, Hope, AZ

Rally Masters: Louis and Sandra Parker

More information coming later



**TREASURER REPORT
AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2021**

JUDITH TALMON

Savings account
as of 10/31/2021 \$ 7,004.84
Interest earned 0.06
Balance 12/15/2021 \$ 7004.90

Checking account
as of 10/31/2021 \$ 2,522.46
Memberships + 275.00
Rally Profit (Tucson) + 12.80
Go Daddy 12.99
Balance 12/15/2021 \$ 2,797.27

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



NATIONAL DIRECTOR

DAN FOGARTY

Next up on the national stage is the FMCA 104th International Convention and RV Expo. Please mark your calendars for FMCA’s 104th International Convention and RV Expo, “Saguaros and Sunsets,” scheduled to take place March 23-26, 2022, in Tucson, Arizona. The FMCA Academy, in partnership with the RV Driving School, is offering a pair of programs for attendees – an RV Driving class and an RV Backing class. Space is limited, so encourage your chapter members to sign up as soon as possible. For more information, visit:

<https://www.fmca.com/rv-driving-school>.

FMCA will be hosting a Chapter Fair on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, in Tucson, and Chapter Block Parties will take place on Thursday, March 24, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m. If your chapter registers to participate with a table at Chapter Fair AND agrees to host a Block Party, FMCA will give the chapter \$75 to purchase snacks, drinks, decorations, etc. for your Block Party. You will be provided an FMCA-assigned confirmation number once you register, which will allow you to participate in the Chapter Fair and pick up the \$75. We encourage you to sign up to participate in the Chapter Fair and to host a Chapter Block Party in Tucson! Early Registration is open and spots are going fast. Register soon! If you have any questions, please contact Chapter Services staff at chapters@fmca.com or 800-543-3622. We look forward to seeing you there! You must register for the Chapter Fair before March 4, 2022, and no registrations will be taken on site.

SECRETARY REPORT

SANDRA PARKER

In November 2021, we had a wonderful rally in Yuma, AZ. We did not have a meeting.

In November, I completed all of the forms necessary to submit to FMCA for our 2022 Chapter Certification. On December 16, 2021, I received the Chapter Certification Letter from FMCA. Our Chapter has been certified and will be active for the 2022 year.

Louis is currently on very strict physical limitations. He is not allowed to do anything that will elevate his heart rate. Also, he still cannot use his left hand. We are thankful that most of the sharp stabbing pains have subsided. Thank you all for your prayers.

We are sorry that we will miss the New Year's outing.

Sandra Parker
AZ FMCA Chapter Secretary

December 2021 - Birthdays

Carl Cote
Mary Anne DeYoung
Vallarie Erickson
Melanie Kayrell
Don Kisselbach
Connie Mayberry
Michael Melby
David Moses
Tom Phelps
Brian Smith
Don Stien
Rich Talmon
Gary Woodworth



CHRISTMAS JOKES

How Do You Wash Your Hands Over The Holiday? With Santa-Tizer.

How Can You Tell That Santa Is Real? You Can Always Sense His Presents.

What's The Best Christmas Present? A Broken Drum. You Can't Beat It!

What's The Difference Between The Christmas Alphabet And The Regular Alphabet? The Christmas Alphabet Has Noel.

What Do You Call A Scary Looking Reindeer? A Cari-Boo.

How Does A Gingerbread Man Make His Bed? With A Cookie Sheet!

What Comes At The End Of Christmas? The Letter "S"!

What Do Snowmen Eat For Breakfast? Frosted Flakes.

How Does A Sheep Say Merry Christmas? Fleece Navidad!

What Happened To The Elf Who Stole A Calendar? He Got 12 Months.

By Kelly O'sullivan
Courtesy Of
The Pioneer Woman
December 7, 2021



2ND VP & MEMBERSHIP

RICH TALMON

Sunshine Report - December 2021

Regarding Sunshine Report, in the past we would include a Sunshine Report in the monthly newsletter if a member and or member's spouse was ill/sick, injured, etc.

If you wish to participate in this please notify membership at:

azfmca.membership@gmail.com

Joe Stoll:

Hopefully we will be able to attend functions next year. Joe had his hip replaced on October 25th. He had been in a lot of pain for months. A week after he had that surgery done, I had a serious fall and broke my nose, fractured my left shoulder, broke one of my front teeth, etc. I was released from the hospital a day after the fall. After two days of my coming home, Joe had to be taken to the hospital. He had a dizzy spell and was in the hospital four days until he was finally diagnosed with a bleeding stomach ulcer. He was given four pints of blood. In the meantime, I was home with my severe injuries.

Thankfully I had family members and many friends who brought food, came to my house and assisted me with things I needed help with. We both look forward to going to some rallies next year as we sure miss everybody. Please pray for us while we recover. **Donna Stoll.**



Louis Parker:

On Nov 14, Louis was trying to remove the plastic rings from a six pack of soda bottles. He decided to use a knife. The knife slipped while he was applying force to the plastic ring and he slit his wrist. It bled quite a bit and immediately he lost the feeling in his fingers and hand. I had to call 911.

He damaged some of the nerves. The motion nerves still work, so he can move his fingers, but the sensory nerves are damaged, so he cannot feel anything. He has temporarily lost use of his hand. He cannot drive or help with chores around the house, and I have to help him get dressed.

On Thursday, December 9, Louis had surgery. The surgeon reconnected the damaged nerves and also widened the carpal tunnel. He checked the tendons and ligaments, but they were okay. The doctor said that everything went well. The recovery time will be lengthy. It will take about eight months for the numbness to go away.

Louis' hand has a constant burning sensation and he also gets stabbing, searing pains periodically. Thank you for your prayers.

Sandy Parker

Wanda Wieters:

I have a tear in my Aorta and a hematoma. Spent three days in ICU, two in a regular room and came home last night with lots of restrictions. Had BP OF 200 /136. SCARY!!!

My Granddaughter is here from Florida until Tuesday. It is good to be home but frightening. I am upset; never in my mind would I would go through this. I see the vascular surgeon next Tuesday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL RALLY?

Wagon Master

Contacts various Campgrounds and Resorts looking for capacity availability and negotiates cost for site parking, the number of sites held for rally participants, room availability, kitchen access and park requirements.

Works with Membership to create and/or add Rally to yearly Rally schedule and to FMCA

Requests members sign-up to be Rally Master for one of the six yearly Rallies.

Transfers Rally responsibility to Rally Master.

Supports Rally Masters by answering questions, sharing communication with the Resort/Campground concerning park specific rules, details of registering and collecting parking fees for participants, sharing sample documents, etc.

Rally Master

Requests volunteers to act as committee members assisting with rally meals, activities, setup, parking if required, and cleanup.

Works with committee members to develop rally schedule and assign responsibilities for meals, purchasing of food, activities and purchasing of prizes, etc.

Creates Rally schedule including how many meals the committee will be preparing and how many potlucks, etc., develops Rally budget, payment tracking document using standard rally forms.

Contacts Wagon Master for assistance if needed.

Sends completed Rally schedule and costs to Membership requesting it be sent out to all members.

Holds Rally and creates necessary financial reports package to be submitted with copies of all receipts to Wagon Master for assistance and Treasurer.

Committee Member

A member of Rally who helps create a successful Rally for participants.

Attends either meeting or calls to assist with developing meals and schedule.

Decides what duties they want to assist with. Creates menu, food lists and quantities of ingredients for meal they are responsible for. Shops and purchases items for meal(s) within defined budget or provides list to member who will be purchasing all items.

During Rally, assists as needed.

Attendees

Attend Rally

Offer assistance to Rally Master and committee members when possible. Have fun, meet new friends, create a welcoming environment for others.

It takes everyone working together to have a great Rally. Please step-up and volunteer for at least one Rally a year.

COMMERCIAL MEMBERS

2021-2022 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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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RV WORLD

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