



# Cactus Chronicle

## Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

*Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road* February 2020

### **AZ FMCA 2020** **Rally Calendar**

February's Rally is now history. Thank you to Rally Masters Tom and Lisa Phelps and Committee Members Cindy & Jim Konija and Gwen & Steven Sherwood for a job well done.

Thank you to all 33 RV's who reserved and attended the weekend, had lots of fun, and enjoyed spending time with friends.

Our next Rally is March 26-29, 2020 in Tucson. It is a Rally within the FMCA 101st International Rally. If you haven't made reservations with FMCA for a spot, please sign up online soon. We are not going to be in one location since there are several choices for hook-ups. They are also offering driving school for an extra cost if you are interested. I am taking the course – so watch out for our Rig on the 25th.



### **March 26-29, 2020**

101st International Rally  
Pima County Fair Grounds

Tucson, AZ

(Additionally)

Arizona Chapter Rally within Rally  
Rally Master: David & Georgia Moses

Phone: 214-490-7794

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### **April 16-19, 2020**

Sunflower RV Resort

El Mirage, AZ

Rally Master: Dan & Grace Fogarty

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We currently have confirmed reservations for our New Year's Rally in December 2020 and March's Rally in 2021 – more information coming next month. 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.

Respectfully,

**Art & Sharon Simpson**

**Wagon Master**

**Phone: 602-821-2127**

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**President's Report**  
**Georgia Moses**

As the saying goes, “a good time was had by all” at the February rally! We had a clear, dry time with lots of wonderful activities in Camp Verde and Tom & Lisa and their committee of Cindi & Jim and Gwen & Steven kept us busy all weekend.

P.S. the “split” pot luck was a great idea that worked well. Thanks!

I must admit that I am a little disappointed in the small number of members that have stepped up to help out at **the March FMCA International Rally** in Tucson in March. I'm thinking that perhaps you all aren't sure what volunteering to help entails, so here is a brief description of each place we need help:

**Chapter Fair:** this is an opportunity for us to talk to campers that visit the rally about FMCA and our Chapter. It is a 2 hour event and in the past we have had a lot of interest in our Chapter because we are active and friendly folks! The Chapter Fair will be set up on **Thursday, March 26** at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until noon. If you are happy you joined the Arizona Chapter, this is a great spot for you. Volunteers can sit at this volunteer opportunity.

**Chapter Pot Luck:** this event will be held **Thursday, March 26** with set up at 4:30 p.m. Setup includes covering tables with provided covers and preparing a space for everyone who comes to put the goodies they are sharing. At the end (before evening

entertainment) the committee will ensure we leave the room as clean as we found it. This is for our Chapter and our guests. If tables are not provided, the committee will ask members who can to bring small tables that they carry in their RV's.

**Block Party:** The committee will serve “adult” beverages and we will be grilling hot dogs for attendees. Committee members will set up tables for beverage serving, finger foods and condiments before the event. During the event the committee will cook hotdogs and serve beverages and at the end, the committee will clean up the area. Once set up, there's lots of time to enjoy the event and to visit other block parties in the area. The Block party will be held **Friday, March 27** with set up at 4:00 p.m.

**Information Center:** Volunteers in the information center will help convention attendees with general information. They may help with handing out goodie bags and/or other convention information. In the past there has been a place to sit for this volunteer opportunity and volunteer opportunities will continue throughout the convention.

Call me, email me, come to my house – whatever works for you, but please volunteer to help.

**Georgia**  
President



## National Director's Report

FMCA's Board of Directors voted to hold the 2020 summer convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the Lancaster Events Center. The dates of the event are August 26 through August 29, 2020. Registration will begin on February 26, 2020.

As we welcome 2020, we look ahead to new opportunities, new goals, new dreams, and new experiences.

Registration is open for FMCA's 101st International Convention and RV Expo, "Sunsets + Saguaros," March 26 through 29, 2020, at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, Arizona. To register, visit <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-tucson-2020-learn-more>, use the form included, or call our Events Department; 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622.

FMCA's popular RV Basics course, powered by FMCA Academy, will take place March 23 through 25, 2020, in Tucson. Whether you're an RV newbie or you've been RVing for years, consider attending this RV education course for worry-free RV fun! This course sells out quickly so visit [www.fmca.com/rvbasics](http://www.fmca.com/rvbasics) for more information and register now!

There is an added bonus being offered by FMCA Academy in Tucson. FMCA, in partnership with the RV Driving School, delivers two hands-on courses for driving and backing. All training will be done in your

own RV! A two-day RV Driving Class and a one-day RV Backing Class can be scheduled. Visit [www.fmca.com/rv-driving-school](http://www.fmca.com/rv-driving-school) for more information and call 800-543-3622 to register. Space is limited.

Put the Chapter Fair on your Tucson activity schedule for Thursday, March 26, 2020, and for added fun join the Block Parties to be held on Friday, March 27, 2020! Chapter representatives must register before March 6, 2020, in order to participate.

We are honored to have this International Rally being held in our state of Arizona and want it to be a huge success, so please considering volunteering. It only takes a few hours out of your day and it is rewarding. If you would like to volunteer with our chapter at the Information desk email Grace Fogarty at; [fogartys\\_kwaj@yahoo.com](mailto:fogartys_kwaj@yahoo.com), (480) 272-4495, or if you would like to volunteer in any other area she can direct you to the right person.

**Dan Fogarty,**  
National Director  
Arizona Chapter



**2nd VP Report**  
**February 2020**

Judy and I spent time working the big tent in Quartzsite, AZ from January 15th – January 27th, 2020.

We volunteered to help FMCA in their membership booth along with other members of RMMA.

There were over two hundred people that signed up to be new members of FMCA.

It is the Biggest RV Gathering on Earth; some 155,000 pass through the big tent and the tent is 69,000 square feet.

**Five new members to the chapter:**

- Tim & Lang Bauer of Marana AZ
- Larry & Lynda Cohen of Tucson AZ,
- Carl & Ann Cote of Scottsdale
- John & Fran Fay of Surprise
- Donald & Denise Sturdevant of Buckeye

We welcome you to our chapter and hope to see you at up-coming rallies.

**Rich Talmon**

2nd VP



**March Birthdays**



- Dottie Christofferson
- Lynda Cohen
- Liz Headley
- Eric Holyoak
- Stan Gauna
- Jo/Goodson Prince
- Pat Richards
- Marcia Rigsby
- Laura Rivers
- Ford Rollo
- Pat Stien
- Judy Talmon



**Trivia:** Ivory bar soap floating was a mistake. They had been over mixing the soap formula causing excess air bubbles that made it float. Customers wrote and told how much they loved that it floated, and it has floated ever since.

**Convention & Rally Info**

FMCA’s 101st International Convention and RV Expo is scheduled for March 26 through 29, 2020, at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, Arizona. If you haven’t made plans to attend you should do so as time is running out. Go to this website to get the form and register: <https://fmca.com/fmca-tucson-2020-learn-more> or call FMCA direct at 800-543-3622 or 513-474-3622. There are many informative seminars, one for everyone, a ton of vendors, show coaches, entertainment and more. Come and join the fun.

Also, don’t forget our upcoming (Ramble) RMMA 30th Rally, October 21-24<sup>th</sup> to be held at the PIMA County Fairgrounds in Tucson. This promises to be a great rally. You can register online at FMCA.Com. We welcome volunteers, so please consider giving a few hours of your time to help make this a huge success. You can contact me at 480 272-4495 for help signing up.

Happy Trails  
**Grace Fogarty,**  
Immediate Past President



**TREASURER REPORT**

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

**Savings account**

01/11/2020	\$ 7,003.58
Interest earned	\$ 0.06
Balance 02/09/2020	\$ 7,003.64

**Checking account**

01/11/2020	\$ 2,079.66
Family Memberships	
- Renewals	\$ 105.00
GoDaddy	\$ 9.99
Balance 02/09/2020	\$ 2,174.67

Respectfully submitted  
**Judith Talmon**  
Treasurer

**Secretary’s Report**

We had a great time at Distant Drums. We did not have a meeting, so there are no meeting notes.

**Sandra Parker**  
Secretary



**Louis Parker**  
Editor





We had games at Distant Drums



We had prizes at Distant Drums



We had food at Distant Drums



We had fun at Distant Drums

**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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To be held at the April 2020 Rally at the Sunflower RV Resort, 16501 N El Mirage Rd, Surprise AZ. on April 18, 2020.

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