



# Cactus Chronicle

## Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

*Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road February 2024*

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

BRUCE STAINBROOK

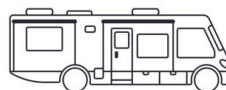
#### AZ FMCA newsletter – February 2024

The fourth rally of our AZ 2023 – 2024 season was successfully completed. It was held at the Cotton Lane RV Resort in Goodyear. Park management allowed us the use of their large meeting room, complete with full kitchen, during our three day rally, which is pretty nice. Terri and Jim Phalin were first time rally hosts for our gathering and did a wonderful job. We had 18 people in attendance with eight rigs parked on site. Terri and Jim cooked us a tasty spaghetti and meatballs dinner Friday evening. On Saturday evening we all carpooled to Rudy’s and enjoyed a delicious smoked meat meal of our choosing.

Our next rally is scheduled for March 20 – 23 at the Pima County fairgrounds located a few miles south of Tucson off Hwy 10. It is FMCA’s International Rally, one of two National FMCA rallies held each year. If you have never attended a national rally, this would be a good time to do so; lots of activities. Our chapter will be having a ‘rally within a rally’ with Syd and Carol Wilson as rally hosts. They sent each AZ chapter member an activity schedule for our chapter; so you can see what we will be doing as an individual chapter. If you go on-line and download the international rally schedule, you will see tons of things to do. You can be as busy as you want to during this event!

Per Wilson’s schedule, you see two events that will require your attendance. On Tuesday afternoon, we will be hosting a Chapter Fair table. This is one of two events we can showcase our Chapter and hopefully sign-up new members. Note: I said Tuesday afternoon; the rally doesn’t officially start until Wednesday. But typical of the national rallies people come a day or two early. Grace and I will be coming in on Monday, as well as several other member rigs. **WE WANT ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO ARE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ON TUESDAY TO COME AND WORK AT OUR CHAPTER FAIR TABLE.** Wear your name tags and any clothing you have highlighting our chapter’s name! **OUR TABLE WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS THE AZ CHAPTER TABLE.**

The second event that showcases our Chapter is the Chapter Block Party which will be held Thursday afternoon by Wilson’s rig. Again, we hope to sign-up new members. Bring chairs to ‘circle the wagon.’ Our chapter will be serving Margaritas, and chips and salsa to visitors who visit our block party. There will be other block parties going on, all wanting new members, **SO WE NEED ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO ARE PRESENT TO COME AND WORK AT OUR CHAPTER’S HAPPY HOUR BLOCK PARTY!** Again, wear your name tag and any clothing that highlights our chapter name.



One other item I would like you to think about: Having a monthly chapter event at Rocky Point, Mexico! Rocky Point is about 190 miles from Phoenix, about the same distance as Yuma is from Phoenix. We have chapter members who frequently travel to Rocky Point and much enjoy what the area has to offer. Some RV tour groups schedule trips to Rocky Point. To my knowledge, we have never gone outside the country for a chapter event. I ask you to let me know your thoughts about scheduling a rally at Rocky Point – both positive and negative. This item will be on our agenda at the April business meeting.

Bruce Stainbrook  
President

## 1ST VP AND WAGON MASTER

GRACE STAINBROOK

Another successful rally in the books. Big thanks to Terri and Jim Phalin and committee for all the planning and arrangements so the rest of us could have a great weekend!

March 20-23

We head for Pima County Fairgrounds south of Tucson for the big FMCA International Rally.

Our Rally Hosts will be Syd and Carol Wilson. You have received the information sent from them, telling of two main events that we hope you will attend. This is our chance to recruit members, and we are asking that you all will make an effort to introduce yourselves and invite others to join our AZ Chapter.

April 11-14

This month we are heading to Casa Grande AZ, staying at Palm Creek RV Resort. This will be our last rally of the season. You won't want to miss it. Richard and Arlene Noteman are the Rally Hosts and they have many fun and interesting plans for us.

This month it'll be important to have a quorum for our business meeting and election of officers.

### Looking ahead to next season :

October 23-27 Farmington, NM.

Rocky Mountain area

Shirley Ridley will help to set up a schedule for our 'rally within the rally'

Need a couple folks to volunteer to work with her.

November 3-17. Yuma AZ at Fortuna de Oro  
Rally Hosts are Al and Diane Reed

December 29, 2024 - January 2, 2025

Silverado RV Resort, Eloy, AZ

Need at least two couples to be Hosts

Further rally sites will be coming. Thanks for volunteering and helping. We need each of you to help to make this chapter better than ever

KEEP UP THE ENTHUSIASM - - -  
IT'S CONTAGIOUS



**SECRETARY REPORT**

SANDRA PARKER

February 16, 2024 AZ FMCA Chapter  
Informational Meeting Notes

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Cotton Lane RV Resort, Goodyear, AZ

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

Louis Parker opened the meeting with prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Bruce thanks Rally Hosts Terri and Jim Phalin. Terri went over part of the schedule. Games this afternoon. Spaghetti dinner at 5:00 PM with social hour before dinner. Jim has a cornhole game set up at his site (11) and anyone can play at 1:00 PM.

**Reports from officers:**

President Bruce Stainbrook introduced officers in attendance:

President: Bruce Stainbrook

1st VP & Wagon Master: Grace Stainbrook

Secretary: Sandra Parker

Not in attendance:

2nd VP & Membership: Rich Talmon

Treasurer: Judy Talmon

National Director: Dan Fogarty

Louis Parker is the Newsletter Editor.

Bruce advised that there are no new members and no guests at this Rally. For this Rally, there are nine rigs here.

Secretary Sandra Parker advised that the previous meeting minutes from the December 30, 2023 Meeting were published in the January 2024 newsletter.

Bruce advised that he received the following information from Treasurer Judy Talmon: The total balance of the checking and savings account is \$10,271.00

Bruce spoke for National Director Dan Fogarty:

National FMCA Rallies for 2024  
March 20 - 23, 2024 Tucson, AZ  
August 14 - 17, 2024 Redmond, OR

1st Vice President (Wagon Master) Grace Stainbrook provided Rally updates.

**March 20 - 23 Rally** is at Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ. It is a Rally in a Rally at the FMCA International Convention. Hosts Syd and Carol Wilson. Please sign up to help. \$20 per person. Carol needs this by March 5. The schedule has been sent out to Members.

**April 11 - 14 Rally** is at Palm Creek Resort, Casa Grande, AZ. Hosts Richard and Arlene Noteman. Committee Members: Louis and Sandra Parker with Don and Denise Sturdevant. The Annual Meeting is held during this Rally. Elections will be held.

**October 23 - 27** is the RMMA Ramble in Farmington, NM. We may want to do a rally in a rally. Shirley Ridley will assist.

**November 14 - 17** is at Fortuna De Oro, Yuma, AZ. Hosts Al and Diane Reed.

**December 29, 2024 - January 2, 2025** is at Silverado RV Resort, Eloy, AZ

**February 13 - 16, 2025** is at Verde River Resort & Cottages, Camp Verde, AZ

**March 13 - 16, 2025** is at Valley of the Sun RV Park, Marana, AZ

**April 10 - 13, 2025** is at the Community Center, Wickenburg, AZ. Host Jim Headley

## Old Business:

Bruce Stainbrook:

Our Annual Meeting is held at the April 2024 Rally.

We need a quorum to hold elections.

If anyone would like to be considered for an office, please contact Bruce before the April meeting.

Please wear name tags to all chapter events. This is important for the newer members as well as the older members.

Grace Stainbrook:

Grace would like to have someone help her next year.

## New Business:

Bruce went over some information about the FMCA International Convention at Pima County Fairgrounds that is being held next month.

-Chapter Fair on Tuesday, March 19. A table will be provided.

-Chapter Happy Hour Block Party on Thursday, March 21, and it may be near Syd's and Carol's RV.

Bruce will register our chapter for these two events.

-Parade on Saturday, March 23.

-Ice cream social.

Sharon Simpson talked about going in to the rally in groups, to get parked together.

Sandra advised that she will be out of town and unable to attend. She needs someone to take notes of the chapter meeting. Grace Fogarty and Sharon Simpson advised that they would take care of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandra Parker  
AZ FMCA Secretary



**2ND VP & MEMBERSHIP**

RICH TALMON

2024 membership stands at 44 Members currently.

Rich T - Membership



**NATIONAL DIRECTOR**

DAN FOGARTY

**2024 Conventions:**

March 20-23, 2024 FMCA's 108th International Convention and RV Expo. Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ

August 14-17, 2024 FMCA's 109th International Convention and RV Expo. Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center, Redmond, OR.



**TREASURER REPORT**

AS OF FEBRUARY 2024

JUDITH TALMON

Family Motor Coach Association

DBA

Arizona Chapter FMCA

Profit & Loss

**Savings Account**

As Of 01/24/2024 \$6,521.32

**Checking Account**

As Of 01/24/2024 \$3,763.35

**Combined Savings/Checking**

**Balance 01/24/2024** \$10,284.67

The Arizona chapter is solvent. All submitted bills are paid. The December rally resulted in a \$ 51.00 loss and the rally host has been reimbursed.

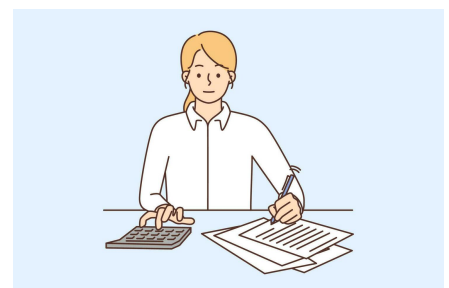
At the request of our members, we will now accept Zelle for payment of dues. Please use [azfmca.membership@gmail.com](mailto:azfmca.membership@gmail.com) as the email address.

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

Stay Safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Talmon,  
Treasurer



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