



CACTUS CHRONICLE

ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA

"A Family Oriented RV Club"

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FRIENDS OF THE ROAD

March, 2018

April 12-14, 2018

**Chapter's 50th Anniversary!
& Election of Officers**

Distance Drums RV Resort, Camp Verde, AZ

Rally Masters: Arizona Chapter Board

480-272-4495, 480-272-4503

Upcoming in the Fall of 2018

Rally Host spots still available!

October 11-14, 2018

***Railside RV Ranch & Cabin Resort,
Williams, AZ***

Great place to take the train to the Grand Canyon if you haven't been there in a while!

November 1-4, 2018

***Arizona Oasis RV Resort
Ehrenberg, AZ***

This RV Resort is right on the Colorado River with a beautiful clubhouse and great kitchen and Quartzsite is just 15 minutes away!

FROM THE PRESIDENT -GRACE FOGARTY



Recently you have received emails outlining changes to our Chapter bylaws that we will be voting on at our April meeting at Distant Drums RV Resort. One of the changes is related to "towables", and the remainder are important to keep our bylaws in line with National bylaws.

We have discussed these changes and have reviewed recommendations from FMCA and have duly notified all of our members about the changes. So, in addition to our Election of Officers, we will vote on the changes. Please plan to be at the meeting if you can.

Also wanted to remind you about information on the FMCA website. I hadn't been on the site lately, and was surprised to find a lot of benefits I either didn't know about or had forgotten. Log on to the FMCA.com website, then choose "membership" (top left) and you will get a pop-up menu that lists all of your membership benefits.

And finally, your Board members are working hard to make our Anniversary Celebration very special – it will be one of our biggest rallies in quite a while, and we have lots of fun and some surprises for those of you who have registered. Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Grace Fogarty
President

**ELECTIONS ARE IN APRIL DURING
THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
RALLY**



From 2nd VP/ Membership – Richard Talmon

One of the reasons to attend rallies.

At the 17th International Area Rally in Tucson AZ in February, we visited one of the vendors by the name of W.W. Williams. We inquired if they serviced Aqua-Hot as ours was due for the yearly servicing.

We made an appointment for March 7th; we arrived late afternoon of the 6th where they had 30 & 50 amp service hook ups for our convenience.

The next morning our RV was taken in their service department, they serviced the Aqua-hot along with engine/generator oil, filters etc.

We were informed that the generator was install by manufacturer is such a way the oil access door was blocked and there was no way it could be serviced. They found a way to re-locate the generator and it can now be serviced.

They bought us lunch and delivered it to us in there waiting room; everyone there was courteous and professional.

I will return there for servicing in the future, it is a distance to travel but they have gained my trust in their work ethics and service department.

I highly recommend them, if are ever in the Tucson area and need your RV serviced for any reason contact Adam Davis, Service Advisor at 520-624-8377 ext.: 24223, 1375 W Glenn St, Tucson AZ 85705.

Richard Talmon 2nd Vice President, Membership



From National Director, Dan Fogarty

FMCA has adopted the following definition of recreational vehicles (towables): The term qualifying recreational vehicle (RV) is a “self-contained wheeled vehicle that includes permanently installed cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities.” Although this definition could be tweaked this summer in Gillett, they are proceeding to use it for new member for now.

So it is time for us to vote on what we want to do as a chapter. I have drafted changes to our by-laws that mirror FMCA’s changes and they have been out sent to the membership approximately 30 days before the April Rally. This will allow us to vote on the issue at the rally. We can choose to accept, modify or reject what I have drafted.

Registration is open for FMCA’s 98th International Convention and RV Expo, scheduled for July 18 through 21, 2018, at the CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities in Gillette, Wyoming. To register, use the form included, visit <https://site.fmca.com/fmca-dates>, or call the Events Department. The Governing Board meeting will be held at this event. Constitution and Bylaws amendments are among several items that will be voted on.

As a reminder, a redesign is in the works at FMCA that involves your monthly magazine. FMCA has hired a design firm to help us give the magazine a refresh, which hasn’t happened in a decade. The new design will be unveiled with the May 2018 issue. I received a sneak peek into this process, and I’m excited to see the results. Also with that issue, the name of the magazine will change to Family RVing to reflect FMCA’s expanded membership. One change of note to chapter leaders is that starting with the May issue, the Association Calendar will be renamed FMCA Events and will include the two upcoming months of chapter rallies and not rallies taking place during the month listed on the magazine cover.



TREASURER REPORT AS OF MARCH 12, 2018 FROM TREASURER JUDITH TALMON

Savings account as of 2/15/2018	\$8,333.59
Interest earned	.34
Balance 3/12/18	\$8,333.93
Checking account as of 2/15/2018	\$3,202.15
Rally deposits for 50 th Anniversary	840.00
Go Daddy	9.99
Balance 3/12/2018	\$4,032.16

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Talmon
Treasurer

From March Rally hosts, Paulette & Dewey David

We had 11 coaches and 21 members that attended our March rally at Black Rock RV Resort in Salome, AZ.. One of our new members, David Rigsby, also joined our rally. Committee members John & Dee McClure, with Barry & Nancy Stallings contributed to a great rally! The weather was good – not too hot, not too cold, but a little less wind would have been nice...

Thursday night after a hamburger bar-b-que we had fun with the ever-popular white elephant game. There were lots of laughs as the members stole the white elephant gifts from each other.

Friday found the members exploring or just relaxing. Judy made enough baked rigatoni to feed a small army and Paulette’s State quiz had us all scratching our heads as we endeavored to figure out the State’s nick names. Cell phones were banned but sharing between participants was encouraged.

We had a great St Patrick’s Day celebration — corned beef, and all the trimmings cooked by Dan & Grace Fogarty (Dan checked it, and maybe NASCAR action) frequently so it was perfect, and after dinner

Judy Talmon acted as auctioneer in a new game called place your bet. Play money was given to everyone for them to place their bets. It was the consensus that the game was a winner.

We also enjoyed Omelets in a bag, pancakes, ham and scrambled eggs on the breakfast menu. As always, lots of good food, and wonderful social time!

RV TIPS:

We never have enough room on the little shelf in our shower for everything, so we use a cut plastic shoe organizer to hold the excess items. It’s waterproof, light weight, and can hook to an expanding curtain rod, so no screws/nails needed.



Did you know that mice hate Irish Spring soap? Put a bar in cupboards where you might have concern.

Also, wasps are attracted to propane for some reason, but if you put cut up pieces of flea collars in the propane compartment they won’t bother you.

And finally... while not road-worthy, it sure is unique!



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