



Cactus Chronicle

Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road March 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BRUCE STAINBROOK

The fifth rally in our 2023 – 2024 season was successfully completed with the signing of 13 new member units. It was held at the Pima County Fair Grounds south of Tucson in conjunction with the International FMCA National Rally. Over 1,000 rigs came to the rally; 35% being first timers. The rally was very well run with lots of entertainment, seminars, vendors, and other activities to keep one busy. Syd and Carol Wilson were rally masters with both a chapter block party and chapter pot luck held at their RV on Thursday and Friday nights respectively. We had eight rigs from our chapter in attendance.

On Tuesday afternoon a Chapter Fair was held. Various chapters, who wished, displayed information about their chapter activities and events, with the purpose to entice FMCA attendees to join. Block party invitations were extended to interested folks who visited our Chapter Fair table. The Chapter Fair started immediately after the first timers welcoming meeting, and because the rally had such a large number of first timers, our table was swamped with people wanting to know about our chapter and what benefits we offered.

On Thursday at 5:00 PM, we held our Chapter Block party with Margaritas, and chips and salsa. Again we were deluged with lots of people, many first timers, but also those who just wanted free Margaritas. Overall we signed two members at the chapter fair, six members at the block party, four members at the Friday potluck, and one member Saturday morning.

Our next rally is scheduled at the Palm Creek RV resort in Casa Grande on April 11-14, with Richard and Arlene Noteman serving as rally masters. We will be conducting our annual business meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday. If you are unable to bring your RV to the resort in Casa Grande, but are able to join us for the business meeting (or for that matter any of the chapter activities), we would love to see you. Besides election of officers, we will be discussing the possibility of having one of our chapter rallies at Rocky Point, Mexico.

Bruce Stainbrook
President



1ST VP AND WAGON MASTER

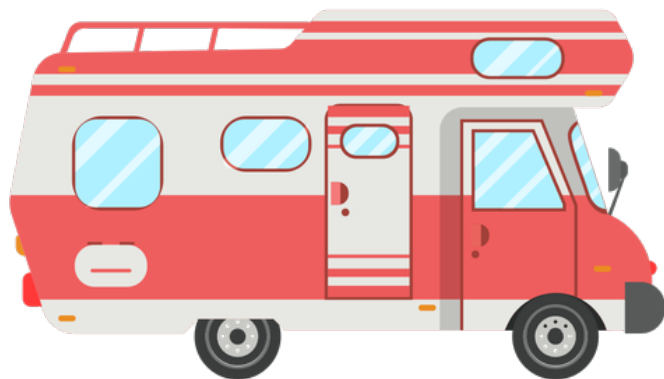
GRACE STAINBROOK

Our AZ Chapter rally was held during the FMCA International Rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds near Tucson, AZ. We had a small group in attendance, but with hosts Syd and Carol Wilson, we all had a great time.

Our responsibilities included the Chapter Fair with Grace Fogarty providing the eye catching table, and we were inundated with questions and comments, especially from First Timers who were interested in learning about chapters.

Our second responsibility was the Block Party held alongside the Wilson's coach. We served Margaritas and chips. There was a lot of interest in our Chapter, and by the last day of the convention we had acquired 13 memberships! Yes, 13 new rigs to join our group! It was so exciting! The following night we invited our new friends to join us for our potluck supper.

It's now the responsibility of our members to make these new folks feel welcome and included.



~~Next up~~

April 11 - 14, 2024

Palm Creek RV Resort at Casa Grande with Richard and Arlene Noteman as Rally Masters.

We trust you are planning to attend, especially since it's our Annual Meeting and Election. We need a quorum in order to conduct business.

October 23 - 27, 2024

Farmington, NM at the Rocky Mountain area rally.

Shirley Ridley will work with a committee, as we once again have a rally within a rally.

November 14 - 17, 2024

Yuma AZ at Fortuna de Oro

Rally Masters will be Al and Diane Reed

December 29, 2024 - January 2, 2025

Note: Four nights — We'll be celebrating and welcoming in the New Year.

Silverado RV Resort near Eloy, AZ

I'm working on the NEXT season's schedule, and hope to have some of that ready to announce at our April meeting.

Don't forget ~~ it takes everyone's involvement to make a happy thriving chapter!



SECRETARY REPORT

SANDRA PARKER
(As Reported by Grace Fogarty)

March Meeting Minutes 2024

President Bruce Stainbrook called the meeting to order. A prayer was said followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He reported that we got thirteen (13) new members signed up between the Chapter Fair and networking. Bruce thanked Syd and Carol Wilson for hosting us with the Chapter Party and a wonderful potluck the following evening. Bruce talked about the possibility of going to Rocky Point, Sonora, Mexico for a rally. We would be covered by the FMCA umbrella but would need to have our rigs insured for that trip through our own insurance. We would need to call FMCA Assist to notify them of going. He will talk more about it at our April Rally.

Our April rally will be hosted by the Notemans. We need to call them for reservations as they will give the park all attendees' information. then the park will contact us, individually, for payment. The fee for our chapter is \$12.00 a person. At this rally, we will need at least fifteen (15) rigs in order to vote for new officers. The business meeting will be held on the 13th at 10:00 AM.

Wagon Master: Grace Stainbrook reported that April will be our big meeting as we vote on new officers.

October is the International rally to be held in Farmington, NM. We will have a rally within a rally, a block party like the one we had in March. They are lots of fun and you

get to meet new folks, plus hopefully recruit new members.

November – Yuma, AZ at Fortuna del Oro, The Reed's are hosting this rally. They need volunteers

December - Silverado Resort in Eloy, AZ – rally. December 29th – Jan 2nd.

February – Verde River –

March – Valley of the Sun -

April - Wickenburg, AZ location TBD

Syd and Carol Wilson, our hosts, had seven (7) coaches in attendance. As we are never quite sure how many will attend when planning and shopping for a rally they bought supplies that were left over. Some members bought the unused supplies which helped the final accounting. The Block Party supplies were separate from the chapter rally and the chapter pays for that.

Treasurer - Judy Talmon was not in attendance but reported that the chapter has over \$10,000.00 in total so the chapter is solvent.

Secretary – Sandra Parker was absent and the minutes were taken by Grace Fogarty.

Membership – Richard Talmon was absent but reported that the chapter membership is growing.

National Director – Dan Fogarty stated our next National Rally will be August 14th – 17th in Redmond, Oregon. The annual budget will be voted on. FMCA is a non-profit organization, controlled by the National Directors (Governing Board). FMCA Tech-connect offers three internet plans, T-Mobil, Verizon, and AT&T.

As there was no further business to discuss President Bruce Stainbrook closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Fogarty

2ND VP & MEMBERSHIP

RICH TALMON

2024 membership stands at 56 Members currently.

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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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