



Cactus Chronicle

Arizona Chapter FMCA

“A Family Oriented RV Club”

Amigos Del Camino Friends of the Road October 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bruce Stainbrook

At the first rally of the 2023-2024 AZ FMCA Chapter season, I was officially elected president, to replace Sharon Diaz who resigned. Sharon was experiencing health issues which precluded her from continuing as president of our chapter. Since Grace and I were 1st VP's and would have moved up to president per our chapter by-laws, we felt it best if she continued in her duties as Wagon Master, and I assume the President's responsibilities. Having a quorum of 15 rigs at the October rally in Ehrenberg, I was officially nominated and subsequently elected as your new chapter president. With your help I hope I can do the job you expect of me in this office.

Grace and I have been RVing since my retirement in 2000. First with 5-wheels (2 of them), and later with Roadtrek Class B camper RV's (also 2 of them). Over the past 12 years or so we have divided our time between the Sunflower RV resort in Surprise, AZ (7 months) and the Forest Hills Golf and RV Resort in Detroit Lakes, MN (5 months). Over the years we have attended numerous RV rallies and events in the USA and Canada. We plan on following the same path for the coming years, a life-style we have grown to love and enjoy!

Our Arizona Chapter has lots of history – 55 years of RVing and all the fun associated with it. Grace and I have been a member for about three years – each year attending more of the seasonal chapter rallies, getting familiar with more and more of our many state RV campgrounds.

As your new president I have lots to learn as we move forward in this RV life and the enjoyment it can bring to our lives. I need your help! Campgrounds you want included in our seven month camping schedule, activities you want included, dining opportunities, learning activities, member show and tell meetings, etc. Call or email me with your suggestions; they are important to me.

We have six more planned RV gatherings scheduled this season and are included in our Wagon Master's report. And I know she is currently working on the 2024-2025 schedule, so please let us know any preferences you might have.

Bruce Stainbrook
President



1st VP and Wagon Master

Grace Stainbrook

The AZ Chapter of FMCA had its first meeting of the current season on October 12-15, 2023 at AZ Oasis RV park in Ehrenberg, AZ. Rally Hosts were Al & Diane Reed, assisted by the Fogerty's and Moses's.

Sixteen rigs were parked on the shore of The Colorado River, enjoying the outdoors with canopies giving us protection from the sunshine. Our meals included potlucks, a pancake/sausage breakfast, and grilled burgers and hot dogs.

Our first business meeting was held Friday morning, conducted by 1st VP's Bruce and Grace Stainbrook in the absence of our elected President Sharon Diaz, who resigned because of health concerns.

Bruce Stainbrook was elected President.
(see Secretary Report for details of the meeting)

We welcomed new members: Jim & Terri Phalin, and Dave & Shirley Ridley.

Upcoming Rallies:

Nov 9 – 12, 2023

DeAnza RV Park at Amado, AZ

Rally Hosts: Art & Sharon Simpson

Dec 29, 2023 – Jan 2, 2024

Ramblin' Roads RV Park at Hope, AZ

Rally Hosts: Dan & Grace Fogarty

Feb 15 – 18, 2024

Cotton Lane RV Park at Goodyear, AZ

Rally Hosts: Terri & Jim Phalin

Mar 20 – 23, 2024

FMCA International Rally at Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson

(Rally within a Rally)

NEED Rally Hosts

April 11 – 14, 2024

Palm Creek RV Resort at Casa Grande, AZ

Rally Hosts: Richard & Arlene Noteman

Submitted by Grace Stainbrook,
Wagonmaster



SECRETARY REPORT

Sandra Parker

October 13, 2023 AZ FMCA Chapter
Informational Meeting Notes

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Arizona Oasis RV Park, Ehrenberg, AZ

Acting President Bruce Stainbrook called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Louis Parker opened the meeting with prayer.

Introductions:

Guests: David & Shirley Ridley RMMA

New members: Jim & Terri Phalin

Newlyweds: Al & Diane Reed

Rally Hosts: Al & Diane Reed

Committee: Georgia & Dave Moses, Grace & Dan Fogarty

Acting President: Bruce & Grace Stainbrook

Secretary: Sandra Parker

National Director: Dan Fogarty

Past President: Georgia Moses

2nd Vice President: Rich Talmon (not in attendance)

Treasurer: Judy Talmon (not in attendance)

Reports from officers:

Acting President Bruce Stainbrook announced that Sharon Diaz has resigned as President due to health issues.

Secretary Sandra Parker advised that the previous meeting minutes from the April 15, 2023 meeting were published in the April/May newsletter. She also had a paper copy if anyone wanted to read them. The newsletter is also posted on the AZ FMCA website.

Bruce Stainbrook advised that Treasurer, Judy Talmon sent him the balance sheet: We are solvent. At the FMCA National Convention in Gillette, Wyoming in August, our Chapter received \$400 in celebration of 55 years as a Chapter.

Bruce Stainbrook advised that our archives need to be updated. Grace Fogarty advised that she has records that she needs to give the Secretary.

National Director, Dan Fogarty: Spoke about the FMCA National Convention in August 23-26, 2023 in Gillette, Wyoming. The Governing Board met. They worked on three constitutional amendments that all members will be voting on in the fall. These deal with policies and procedures. One is to create a new class of members. (Path Finder) This would allow people who do not own an RV, but are looking for one. to become a member. Their member number would start with "P". When they purchase an RV, their member number would be changed to start with "F". FMCA Board may be changed to a DBA. This would make it easier to make changes and administrative changes. They also worked on a New Mission Statement, Long Range Plan, and Budget.

Dan is a member of the National Finance Committee for the next two years.

Elections were held during this convention.

FMCA's National Officers are:

President: Gary Milner

Sr. Vice President: Paul Mitchell

Secretary: Pamela Richard

Treasurer: Barbara Smith

Immediate Past President: Rett Porter

RMMA President is: Connie Jones

Regarding the constitutional amendments, the issues will be addressed as separate amendments. Ballots might be sent online or maybe by mailing. The FMCA magazine will have an announcement about the ballots and voting process.

There are approximately 280 chapters in FMCA. 211 Chapters were represented at the FMCA National Convention in Gillette, Wyoming.

An announcement was made that the RMMA VP, Mel Jones, passed away unexpectedly a day before this meeting.

1st Vice President Grace Stainbrook provided Rally updates.

Grace described that the job role of the 1st VP (Wagon Master) is to find a location for the rally, determine the date, make arrangements with the rally location, and find hosts.

October 12 - 15 Rally is this rally at Arizona Oasis RV Park, Ehrenberg, AZ. Hosts: Al & Diane Reed.

November 9 - 12 Rally is at DeAnza RV Resort, Amado, AZ. Hosts: Art & Sharon Simpson.

December 29 - January 2 Rally is at Ramblin' Roads RV Resort, Salome, AZ. Hosts: Dan & Grace Fogarty. Four nights

February 15 - 18, 2024 Rally is at Cotton Lane Resort, Goodyear, AZ. Hosts: Jim & Terri Phalin

March 20 - 23 Rally is at Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, AZ. It is a Rally in a Rally at the FMCA International Convention. Hosts to be determined.

April 11 - 14 Rally is at Palm Creek Resort, Casa Grande, AZ. Hosts Richard and Arlene Noteman. The Annual Meeting is held during this Rally.

Newsletter Editor, Louis Parker, advised that the newsletter will be published after each rally. He will send out notices to the officers after each rally asking for their articles for the newsletter.

Bruce Stainbrook was nominated to fill the vacant President position by Bob Richards and Barry Stallings seconded the nomination. Grace will remain in the 1st Vice President (Wagon Master) position.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reminder that the badges request form is on the AZ FMCA website.

It was suggested the we might want to update our Membership photos. We need a photographer to take pictures of each Family Unit Member. We can then post the photos on the AZ FMCA Website.

Next Rally information:

November 9 - 12, 2023

DeAnza RV Resort, Amado, AZ

Hosts: Art and Sharon Simpson.

Sharon shared the following information:

Each member needs to call the Resort to reserve a spot. Be sure to advise that you are part of the AZ FMCA Rally. \$54 per night. You can reserve your spot using a credit card deposit. There is a 3% charge for using a credit card to pay for the spot when you get there. There is no charge to pay by check, debit card, or cash.

Sharon had copies of the Rally sheet if anyone needed one. You could fill out the form and give it back to Sharon.

Sharon went over the schedule.

Committee: Don & Denise Sturdevant.
More help is needed.

We have a room to use. The cost is \$60 for the weekend. There are electrical outlets in the room. but no other amenities. She will check on tables and chairs.

Volunteers are needed to organize games. The Resort has various games. The cost of the Rally is \$20 per person.

Candy Harding advised the group that Jim Headly's wife Liz passed away since our last Rally.



(Keep Reading)

RMMA Update:

David and Shirley Ridley attended the Rally this weekend. David holds the office of Region 3 Vice President in the Rocky Mountain Motor Association. He represents the Arizona area.

The other officers of the RMMA (Rocky Mountain Motorhome Association) are:

President: Connie Jones

Senior Vice President: Vacant

Region 1 Vice President: Vallarie Erickson

Region 2 Vice President: Vacant

Region 3 Vice President: David Ridley

Secretary: Sharon Wilson

Treasurer: Judy Talmon

Immediate Past President: Jamie Erickson

RMMA Ramble scheduled for October 2023 has been cancelled.

The 2024 RMMA Ramble will be October 23 - 27 in Farmington, New Mexico. This is near the 4 corners.

Regarding the 2024 FMCA 108th International Convention in March 2024, RMMA is in charge of Volunteers. Call Rita Moore if you would like to volunteer.

The FMCA 109th International Convention will be held in Redmond, Oregon in August 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandra Parker AZ FMCA Secretary

**ADDENDUM TO THE MEETINGS
NOTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2023**

Friday, October 13, 2023 (Friday) at 4:50 pm
a meeting was called to order.

Dan Fogarty led the meeting.
It was determined that there was a quorum of
Members at this outing. This was confirmed
by Secretary Sandra Parker. We had 15
Family Unit Members present. Bruce
Stainbrook has been nominated to fill the
President vacancy. There were no other
nominations from the floor.

A vote was held and Bruce Stainbrook was
voted in as the New President.

Georgia Moses administered the oath of
office.

FMCA and RMMA will be notified.

2ND VP & MEMBERSHIP

RICH TALMON

We have a total of 67 members in the chapter.

Rich T - Membership

Rally Committee Announcement

2024 will soon be here so plan to come to our
December rally at Ramblin' Roads RV park
in Hope, Arizona and help ring in the New
Year. Look for the sign-up and itinerary info
which will be coming to you very soon.

Your New Year Rally Committee

TREASURER REPORT

AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2023

JUDITH TALMON

Family Motor Coach Association

DBA

Arizona Chapter FMCA

Profit & Loss

Savings Account	
Balance 10/28/2023	\$6,506.10
Checking Account	
Balance 10/28/2023	<u>\$3,348.57</u>
Combined Savings/Checking	
Balance 10/28/2023	\$9,854.67

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.

Attached is the Award that was presented to
the Chapter in Gillette, WY. Along with a
check from FMCA in the amount of \$400.00

Stay Safe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Talmon, Treasurer



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