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With the support of my wife, Debbie, I am a candidate for the office of FMCA Western Area National Vice President and WMHA President. My wife, Debbie, and I joined FMCA in 2002, and since have become members of several chapters. This is where we have made and kept many lasting friendships.

Presently I am serving my second term as WMHA Senior Vice President. I have worked closely with the current WMHA President, Lon Cross, as well as the entire Executive Board of Directors where our collective interests have been centered on FMCA and everyone we represent in the Western Area.

Upon completion of high school I enlisted in the Air Force and became a jet aircraft mechanic. I was an instructor for the Jet Aircraft Maintenance School and then I served a year in Viet Nam. Returning to the states I served on both the F-15 and F-16 test programs at Edwards AFB. After leaving the service I worked as a civilian at Edwards where I became an Aircraft Quality Assurance Inspector. Over the years I was in charge of several programs including Unit Self Assessment, Risk Management, Unit Safety and also taught Team Building and led teams preparing for Inspector General visits. I retired as the Quality Assurance Programs Manager.

We joined FMCA in 2002 and then an opportunity came along to help start a new FMCA chapter. The new chapter was named the Golden State Trackers. During the first year I offered up my experience and leadership to help form the club and was involved in all issues. In the second year I became Vice President and Alternate National Director and worked hard to see our chapter continue to grow. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> year I became President and also served a second term as President for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. I have coordinated as well as participated in our chapter's volunteer efforts at the Indio rally to include: Tables & Chairs, Electric Sales, WMHA Prize Booth, Will Call, Parade, Security and setting up sound systems for seminars. Not to sit idle, I accepted a challenge to run for and was elected Central Area Vice President in the WMHA for 2 terms. During this time I attended my first international convention, the 2015 FMCA Winter Convention in Pomona, CA, where I volunteered to be Tram Captain.

Upon completion of my 2<sup>nd</sup> term as WMHA Central Area VP, I was elected to WMHA Senior Vice President. I am now finishing out my 2nd term and it has been a very challenging as well as rewarding 4 years. I have gained valuable experience working directly with our Secretary, Treasurer, the Regional VPs and the WMHA President on issues involving WMHA as well as being Co-Rally Master in putting on our annual rally in Indio. The experience I have gained over the years I feel qualifies me to serve as your WMHA President and FMCA Western Area National Vice President. My wife and I both agree that FMCA is comprised of the most wonderful people we have ever met. With your support it will be an honor and a privilege to serve you and the Association.