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## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY



*Minot Magic—100 Times the Fun*, FMCA's 100th International Convention, is in the history books! What a terrific event it was! There were many new events on the program, thanks to the hard work of the FMCA staff and the Events Department. National Officer elections were held at the Governing Board meeting with the following results: National President, Jon Walker; National Senior Vice President, Rett Porter; and National Treasurer, John Reynolds, all re-elected for a second term. Congratulations! Personally for me, *Minot Magic—100 Times the Fun* was a magical experience, as I was elected to be your National Secretary, replacing Gaye Young, who completed her second term in the position. Thank you, Gaye, for a terrific job as National Secretary!

For those of you who are thinking, who in the world is Kathie Balogh and what is her FMCA background? We joined FMCA in 2002; I have been on several National committees; served as secretary for several chapters, was Northwest Area Secretary from 2008-2014 for two Area Vice Presidents; and served from 2014-2018 as Northwest Area National Vice President. I am so honored to have been elected to the National Secretary position. Thank you so much! Now let's get started with our future together! In many parts of the United States and Canada, our chapters and areas are having rallies with officer elections at this time of the year. You, as the Secretary, play a very important role in this task. Remember, you are not alone; the Cincinnati Chapter Services Team and I are available to help you. Just contact us!

It is chapter certification time! Please keep an eye on your mailbox, as you will soon receive an envelope that has the forms you need to certify your chapter (Chapter Officer Form, Chapter Meeting Verification, and Chapter Roster). You can find more information about certification on page three. If you are a newly elected secretary, take some time to read about what you need to do in order to certify your chapter, and if you're a returning secretary, take a moment to refresh your memory! Remember, the deadline to certify your chapter is December 31, 2019. If your paperwork is not received by then, your chapter will be placed on inactive status. LET'S TRY TO GET THIS IN BEFORE DECEMBER 15th. It will really help the Chapter Services team get their job done quicker; what a great Christmas present it will be for them!

I have been working on a project that I think will help our members understand more about FMCA, our history, our governance, and how and why we do things the way we do them. Right now the title is "FMCA 101." We can work on this together in the future.

Please know that I am here to help you at anytime; by phone, 503-530-0166, and by email, [kbalogh@fmca.com](mailto:kbalogh@fmca.com).

Happy and safe travels, and remember to KEEP IN TOUCH!

Kathie Balogh, National Secretary

# Sunsets and Saguaros—FMCA’s 101st International Convention

If you are planning to join FMCA at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, Arizona, in March 2020 please consider hosting a table at the Chapter Fair. We will also be bringing back the Block Parties for this convention! Registration is not open yet, but keep an eye out for information to be sent out in the upcoming weeks. If you are not planning to attend the Convention, please let your fellow chapter officers and members know about this opportunity, so that we can have as many Chapters represented as possible. Keep in mind, **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON SITE**, so plan ahead to ensure you know who will be representing your chapter!

## A Few Things To Remember ...

- 2019 Chapter Certification will be sent out soon! Keep an eye on your mailbox, and please ensure that you return the forms by **December 31, 2019**.
- If you attended the Minot Convention, or have had any Chapter Events in the recent months, FMCA would love to see some photos! You can send them to [marketing@fmca.com](mailto:marketing@fmca.com). Be sure to include your chapter’s name and some information about the event.
- FMCA is always looking for chapters to feature in the Family Matters column in *Family RVing*. Let us know if you are interested in having your chapter featured!
- Please continue to review and send us updates for your chapter’s profile on FMCA.com.
- The minutes of the 2019 Governing Board meeting have been sent to your National Directors. Reach out to them if you have any questions regarding the meeting.

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

FMCA congratulates the following chapters that celebrated special anniversaries in July, August, and September.

### 5 YEARS

#### Certificate

Racecar Fans (8/14)

### 15 YEARS

#### Certificate

Midwest Area Roamin’ Catholics (7/17)

NW Trek Fun Club (8/12)

Tenn-Tom Travelers (9/25)

Mandalay Travel Club (9/29)

### 20 YEARS

#### Certificate

Oregon River Ramblers (9/12)

### 30 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$150 Check

GMC Heritage Cruisers (7/8)

Overland Trailblazers West (9/24)

California Pacers (9/25)

### 35 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$200 Check

South Central Bus Nuts (7/1)

Monaco International (7/28)

Singles International (8/1)

### 45 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$300 Check

Central Florida Roadrunners (7/13)

Green Mountain (7/13)

Lincoln Landers (7/13)

Lincolnland Coachmen (7/13)

Over the Hills (7/13)

Tri-State Traveliers (7/13)

### 50 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$350 Check

Capitol (7/23)

Chaparral (7/23)

Dixie Traveliers (7/23)

Penn Coachmen (7/23)

**Your Area National Vice President is responsible for coordinating the anniversary materials, so you will need to make arrangements with him or her for presentation.**

# 2019 Certification

It's time again to certify your chapter! In the coming weeks, you will receive your packet that will include four forms: Chapter Officer Form (*required*), Chapter Meeting Verification (*required*), Chapter Roster (*required*), and Chapter Monthly New and Past-Due Report (*optional*). You will need to complete the Chapter Officer Form now and during the year whenever re-elections or changes occur. Next is the Chapter Meeting Verification form, where you will indicate when a meeting occurred, plus the status of your chapter. If your chapter is 'open,' you welcome all FMCA members, and if your chapter is 'closed,' your chapter has some sort of membership restriction. Lastly, please compare your roster information with FMCA's roster and update it accordingly. If your chapter chooses to receive the monthly New Member and Past Due Member Reports, please fill out that form accordingly. There will be more information about these reports included in your certification packet.

Remind your chapter members that it is their responsibility to update their personal information with FMCA (online, or by calling, emailing, or mailing). Any requested changes to individual member profiles that are not received from the members themselves will not be updated.

Don't forget that any expired members that show on your chapter's roster will be removed once we receive your certification paperwork. If they plan to continue to be a member of your chapter, you may want to contact them with a reminder to pay their FMCA dues.

Certification can be completed online or by mail. Whichever way you choose to certify your chapter, we need the information to be returned by **December 31, 2019**, or your chapter will be placed on inactive status. After all of your chapter's forms have been received and processed, the chapter secretary will be mailed a confirmation letter and an updated final roster.

*If you have any questions or concerns regarding your chapter's certification, we are here to help! Please contact Kaitlyn at ext. 233 or [kkrol@fmca.com](mailto:kkrol@fmca.com).*

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## **How do I update my chapter's online profile on FMCA.com?**

Should you need to update your chapter description, hobbies & interests, or membership restrictions, you can submit changes via email to [chapters@fmca.com](mailto:chapters@fmca.com). A PDF version of the Hobbies & Interests form can be found under Documents & Forms on the FMCA website.

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- *Chapter Anniversary Materials*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY

October 17-20, 2019

*Pima County Fairgrounds*

Tucson, AZ

## SOUTHEAST AREA RALLY

February 5-8, 2020

*Sun N' Fun Expo Campus*

Lakeland, FL

## NORTHWEST AREA RALLY

June 24-27, 2020

*Douglas County Fairgrounds*

Roseburg, OR

## INTO AREA RALLY

October 21-25, 2019

*Lakewood Resort*

Myrtle Beach, SC

## FMCA 101ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

March 26-29, 2019

*Pima County Fairgrounds*

Tucson, AZ

## FMCA 102ND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

July 29—August 1, 2020

*New York State Fairgrounds*

Syracuse, NY

## WESTERN AREA RALLY

January 8-12, 2020

*Riverside County Fairgrounds*

Indio, CA

## GREAT LAKES AREA RALLY

June 17-20, 2020

*Allegan County Fairgrounds*

Allegan, MI

## SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY

September 16-19, 2020

*Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center*

Shawnee, OK

### IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT CHAPTER SERVICES

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them to 513-474-2332; or email them to  
kkrol@fmca.com. Please let us know if  
we can use articles from your area's/  
chapter's publications. Articles used for  
publication may be edited for space and  
clarity, and they will also appear on  
FMCA's website: [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com).