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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Welcome to Summer 2022!

As I write this newsletter, I am attending **WELCOME BACK**, the Northwest Area Rally in Coos Bay, Oregon. The attendees at the rally are enjoying the warm bright weather on the Pacific Coast.

We have been on the road since the end of April; attending the May Executive Board meetings in Cincinnati, and both the International Area Rally, **ROAD TO LEBANON**, in Lebanon, Tennessee, and the Great Lakes Area Rally, **RVing With You in '22**, in Goshen, Indiana. It is certainly great to be able to travel and visit the area rallies. Secretary Roundtables were presented at each rally. The next Secretary Roundtable will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska. I am really looking forward to attending the convention and presenting the Secretaries' Roundtable Seminar on Thursday, August 25th at 1:00 pm in Seminar Room 7. I encourage all current Area & Chapter Secretaries and anyone interested in running for the Secretary position to attend the Lincoln Roundtable. Please join in and share your ideas with other Area and Chapter Secretaries.

Please check out the FMCA website, <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-events-information-central> for updates and for all the information on vendors, seminars, entertainment, in addition to games and ice cream social. Don't forget to sign up for the Chapter Fair held Tuesday, August 23rd at 1:45 p.m. and attend the Chapter Officers' Reception held Tuesday, August 23rd at 10:30 a.m. Please note the Chapter Fair has a deadline of August 4th to sign up. Speaking of the Chapter Officers Reception, please encourage all your Chapter Officers to attend this event. It will give them a chance to exchange ideas with other Chapter Officers and it gives the FMCA Executive Board and our wonderful FMCA staff a chance to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication. I look forward to meeting many of you in Lincoln!

Don't forget to reserve March 15 – 18, 2023, for FMCA's 106th International Convention in Perry, Georgia!

Thank you again for all you do for your Area, your Chapter, and FMCA!

Happy and safe travels and remember to Keep In Touch!

Kathie

CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

15 YEARS

Certificate

Bernie & Red (4/17)

Ohio Arrows (7/27)

20 YEARS

Certificate

California Coaches for Christ (4/6)

Happy Tennessee Travelers (4/13)

Panhandle Gems (5/19)

Southern Alberta Drifters (8/17)

Vancouver Islanders (7/7)

25 YEARS

Certificate & \$100 Check

Hudson Islanders (4/26)

GM Bus Owners of New England (4/12)

30 YEARS

Certificate & \$150 Check

Frustrated Maestros Great Lakes Area Music Makers (5/24)

Mid-Week Flamingos (4/16)

Northern Lights (5/9)

One Hundred Plus (7/14)

Peach State Travelers (4/18)

Willie & CO. Fan Club (5/9)

35 YEARS

Certificate & \$200 Check

Florida Ramblers (4/11)

Travlin Texans (6/6)

Western G.M Coach (4/15)

45 YEARS

Certificate & \$300 Check

Foretravel International (7/28)

Midwest Prairie Schooners (7/28)

New York Centrals (7/28)

Southwestern Bus Nuts (7/28)

Susquenango (7/28)

50 YEARS

Certificate & \$350 Check

Empire State (7/16)

Fingerlakers (7/18)

55 YEARS

Certificate & \$400 Check

Northwestern (7/6)

Lone Star (6/16)

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.

2023 Chapter Certification Information

As we near 2023, please be aware that certification is just around the corner. Please read this information carefully. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reach out to the Chapter Services Department at chapters@fmca.com or the National Secretary Kathie Balogh at kbalogh@fmca.com.

A Few Things To Remember ...

- Please note that you can submit changes to your Chapter's roster at any time! If you would like to request a current copy of your roster, or make any additions and deletions, please reach out to chapters@fmca.com or click the following link to make changes online: <https://www.fmca.com/documents-and-forms>
- The more changes you make throughout the year, the easier it will be during Certification!
- We want to know what chapter membership means to you. It's been said that chapter membership is one of FMCA's best benefits, and we want to know why you and your chapter members love being part of your chapter! Please encourage your chapter members to send in their testimonials. They can be submitted via email to chapters@fmca.com or by mail to 8291 Clough Pike, Attn: Chapter Services, Cincinnati, OH 45244.
- Don't forget to submit your chapter rallies online at FMCA.com. You can find the 'Submit a Rally' page under the Chapters tab.
- Please note that ALL chapter rally certificates of insurance (C.O.I's) requests and contracts for rallies MUST be submitted to chapters@fmca.com for review and approval. Please do not contact the insurance agency directly. Secondly, please do NOT sign the contract until receiving correspondences from FMCA to confirm the contract does not put FMCA or the chapter at risk of liability.

The **"CHAPTER BYLAWS FORMAT"** is intended to serve as a reference for FMCA chapters forming or revising their bylaws. The model document contains the basic provisions that conform to FMCA National Bylaws and are binding upon chapters. The Chapter Bylaws Format is available on FMCA's website in the Documents and Forms section that requires a member sign-in. <https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/Document-ChapterBylawsFormat.pdf>

The chapter may choose to complete the recommended Chapter Bylaws Format or the chapter may expand or modify the format to fit the chapter's needs. Generally, the size and activities of the chapter determine whether added content and detail will be helpful. FMCA's Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviews all new and revised chapter bylaws for conformance with FMCA Bylaws.

CHAPTER SERVICES IS HERE TO HELP

Items we can help you with are listed below:

- Area Newsletters
- Bylaws
- Chapter Anniversary Materials
- Chapter Certification
- Chapter Directory
- Chapter Formation
- Governing Board Mailings
- National Elections
- Rally Insurance Certificates
- Recruitment Mailings

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HOW DO I UPDATE MY CHAPTER MEMBER'S INFORMATION?

Please note that individual members are responsible for updating their own information with FMCA. They can update the information online at FMCA.com. Once logged in, they can click the Membership drop-down, then click Profile on the left side of the page. Or they can email membership@fmca.com.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?

Call (800) 543-3622
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Upcoming Events

**FMCA 105TH INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION & RV EXPO** **August
24-27, 2022**
Lincoln, Nebraska

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY
October 26-29, 2022
Tucson, AZ

WESTERN AREA RALLY **January
11-15, 2023**
Indio, CA

**FMCA 106TH INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION & RV EXPO**
March 15-18, 2023
Perry, GA

NORTHWEST AREA RALLY
June 7-11, 2023
Albany, OR

MIDWEST AREA RALLY
June 13-16, 2023
Chippewa Falls, WI

**FMCA 107TH INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION & RV EXPO**
August 23-26, 2023
Gillette, WY

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY
September 13-16, 2023
Shawnee, OK

EASTERN AREA RALLY
October 4-8, 2023
Lewisburg, WV

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

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DO YOU HAVE

SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Please send letters, comments, and
articles to FMCA Chapter Services,

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45244; fax them to 513-474-2332; or
email them to chapters@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.

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