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FMCA Experience:

Lisa and I joined FMCA in 1993, when we received a membership on the purchase of our 3rd Motorhome. In 2006 we began our involvement with the SOI Motorhome Club Chapter and have been instrumental in the growth and success of their Rose Parade Rally for the last 14 years. I am currently the President for SOI and the RACECAR FANS chapters, which are continuing to attract new members.

As Vice President for the International Area for four years, I was heavily involved in scouting and setting up our rallies in Shreveport, Tallahassee, Branson and PIMA County Fairgrounds outside of Tucson. Our rally attendance has continued to increase, and we are constantly looking for innovative ways to attract new members through our rallies.

Over the last 2 years, as the Senior Vice President of the International Area, I have been involved in all aspects of the operation. I was involved in changing the focus of some of our rallies to destinations. I was integral to the planning and execution of our destination rally to Myrtle Beach and am responsible for the planning of our upcoming destination rally to Calgary.

In addition to the INTO Rallies, I have attended the last 11 International Conventions, volunteering for the Tram Crew in Redmond, Madison, Pomona and West Springfield. For the Chandler and Indianapolis International Conventions I was the Assistant Chief of Trams and in Perry 2018, I was selected to be the Chief of Trams. In Gillette 2018, I volunteered for security and in Perry 2019, I was the Communications Coordinator.

I have also volunteered at 13 Area rallies, working on Tables and Chairs at Western Area, Security at the Rocky Mountain Area, Trams at Midwest Area, Tram LT at South Central Area, Trams and Facilities at the Great Lakes Area and Food Service at the Northwest Area. I have learned that volunteering is one of the best ways to meet people, gain a detailed understanding of FMCA and is a great training ground to learn the many and varied aspects of the Area's and FMCA's operation.

Tour and Rally Experience:

I have planned and conducted rallies throughout the U.S. and Canada for the last 20 plus years. Additionally, I have scouted, planned and conducted tours in the U.S., Mexico and Canada as well as New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, South Africa and scouted RVing in Russia.

Personal:

Lisa and I met in Germany while serving in the U.S. Military. We have been married over 38 years. We full timed in our motorhome for 9 years and we still spend more time on the road than we do at our house. Our daughter and family live in Alaska, giving us a good reason to travel to see our 2 grandchildren.

Education and Employment:

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree and Masters Credits in Public Administration. I am a combat wounded veteran and retired from the U.S. Army in 1992, after 21 years of service. Since my retirement I have worked in many areas, traveled extensively and continue to look for interesting and challenging activities. FMCA and the International Area has provided me with many novel and interesting challenges.

Summary: I believe INTO and FMCA are in a pivotal position. Not only are the baby boomers hitting retirement age, but with the addition of towable Recreational Vehicles, FMCA has the potential to increase its membership. The FMCA benefits provided to our members is one of the keys along with interesting and innovative rallies. INTO has capitalized on the current climate by developing new types of rallies to exciting locations which has attracted a younger crowd. We have been able to get many of them involved in a Chapter that piques their interest which increases the retention rate for FMCA. It is exciting to see the new Chapters getting started and the excitement they generate.

I think my career and background, along with my experience in FMCA have prepared me for the challenges ahead as President of the International Area. I look forward to energizing our current INTO Organization, recruiting new members, developing new Chapters and helping INTO and FMCA continue to move in a positive direction.