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## President's Message



We are finally past summer and into the fall season. We wrapped up our summer attending the FMCA Convention in Gillette, WY. Besides the usual convention festivities there was also the Governing Board meeting where we approved many Policy & Procedures and Bylaws changes as well as elect new National Officers. We also had the Annual Meeting where we installed the newly elected officers. The evening entertainment

was a hoot. The entertainer's bios in the convention program didn't sound too promising but we went anyway and sure glad we did. They were all very good. On our return trip to home we ran into some exciting weather as monsoons moved into the south west. We added an extra day to our stay in Mesquite, NV to wait out the storms. There was a 3-hour window the next day to get through Las Vegas before the next storms so off we went. We timed it perfectly as one hour behind us Las Vegas got hammered and I-15 got closed due to mud and debris flows. Sure can't beat this modern world we live in with readily available information to help in trip planning.

Of special interest to diesel owners has been the California Heavy Duty Diesel Inspection & Maintenance Program. You have probably received a card in the mail alerting you to the fact this may apply to you. See the update article on page 10 in this newsletter.

In September we had our WMHA Corporate Board of Directors meeting and Indio Planning meeting, held in Bakersfield. Normally this is held at the Kings County fairgrounds in Hanford but due to unannounced repair of the RV spaces, we had to find another venue. Lucky for us, the KOA in Bakersfield was able to accommodate us. After much discussion we were able to approve our budget for the 2023-2024 year. During the Indio Planning meeting we discussed many of the challenges facing us for the upcoming rally. The biggest issue is we are losing

people to work the rally and not enough new volunteers stepping up. We have many new things in work for this rally. Some new seminars that have never been done there before and for the first time we are offering 50Amp electric service. There are still some other ideas being worked to see if we can add them.

From Bakersfield, several of us went on to Pahrump, NV for the Beat The Odds Fall rally which happened to also be their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rally. There was a good turnout despite the fact that the monsoon storms of summer had washed out Hwy 127 out of Baker, CA which meant we all had to take the long way around through Las Vegas. The rally was fun with great weather. Unfortunately for me, my lucky gambling shirt did not work. I think it has been laundered too many times and all of the "luck" has been washed out of it. Debbie did win 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the slot tournament though.

For all you dog lovers out there, here is an update on our new dog, Sasha. We got her in June when she was 8 weeks old. The trip to Gillette was her inaugural motorhome trip. Being just a puppy, we expected the worst but she took right to RV travel. She even housebroke herself which was pretty amazing for a 4-month-old puppy. Several of you have met her but she is still very shy of strangers so hopefully this will change as we get her out to more rallies and more people.

The big holiday season will soon be upon us (where did the year go?). Halloween decorations are up around our neighborhood and cold weather to soon follow. I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year and hope to see you all in Indio in January.

Safe travels,

Bob Golk, F316752  
Western Area National Vice President of FMCA  
WMHA President

## Senior Vice President's Message



### 100 Days Until Indio

Mark your calendars, underline it twice, January 10-14, 2024 is an activity you don't want to miss; Western Motor Home Association's rally, "Arabian Nights", at the Riverside County Fairgrounds.

Park your recreational vehicle, choose your form of electrical power (50 or 30amp, limited or full generator) and start your fun.

Walk to the auditorium, Fullenwider, and get your Welcome Bag. Grab a seat and start planning which crafts, seminars, vendors, or recreational vehicles display coaches you want to see first.

There will be seminars by the staff of FMCA to include "Meet the President", by Gary Milner, and his wife Glenda, discussing "Emergency Go Bags" and "Women RV Drivers", to mention a few. There will be a total of six.

BINGO, we have it, Wednesday night. Buy some cards, sit with friends, and keep your dabbers ready.

Did I mention Line Dancing, we have it! Three mornings are set aside for the Electric Slide, Boot Scooten Boogie and more. Check your program for times and location. Usually first thing in the morning.

So far there are 33 seminars, some presented twice. Once again check the program for specific times and locations.

Our 9 scheduled crafts require registration which will be Wednesday at Fullenwider. There might be a small cost for most craft sessions.

Vendors vary, RV parts and polishes, to clothing will be available. We have a number of vendors that are scheduled to be at the rally.

The Ladies Luncheon, hosted by Debbie Golk, is always a great event. Good food, entertainment, fun and a lot of camaraderie.

Three nights of musical entertainment; William Florian, former member of the New Christy Minstrels, Kentucky Bluegrass Band, and the Flashback Boyz, returning by popular demand.

To start off each morning, come and have coffee and a donut in Fullenwider, on us.

Thursday afternoon, grab a lawn chair and a place along the parade route. This year's theme is Arabian

Nights. As the floats and theme characters go by, be aware of candy being tossed your way.

I hope I've sparked your interest, that you'll mark your calendar, and register for the rally. I know you won't be disappointed!

Dave Franke, F443367  
Senior Vice President WMHA

## Southern Area Vice President's Message



Carol and I recently returned from our visit with the Beat the Odds folks in Pahrump, Nevada, where we had a great time. However, the trip to Pahrump was not so easy and almost catastrophic.

Going North on the 15 freeway, we found out that highway 127 through Death Valley to Pahrump was closed because of flash floods washing out various parts of the highway. As such, we were forced to continue the 15 towards Vegas and then the fun really started.

We were a few miles from the Nevada state line when suddenly I thought I felt heavy winds blowing me to the right side of the freeway. Unfortunately, it was not the wind but my tow vehicle, a ¾ ton dodge pickup, had partially come lose from the right tow bar. Apparently, the pin holding the tow bar to the truck had broken off. My truck was still attached to the motor home on the left side but had drifted to the right side, causing minor damage to both the truck and the ladder of the RV. Within a few minutes, a highway patrolmen stopped and kept his lights on while I fixed the problem. Fortunately, I had better locking pins and was back on the road within 15 minutes. Oh, but the fun does not stop there.

We had to drive to highway 160, through the mountains, to Pahrump. We were notified by one of our members ahead of us that 160 was partially closed because of a bad accident. We had to make a detour several miles around the accident. We were very tired by the time we got to Pahrump. However, we had a great time with the Beat the Odds folks and were glad to finally get home.

I hope you will all attend the Western Motor Home Association Indio Rally in January. We are expecting a great crowd. As always, barring any tow vehicle problems, "Try" to stay on the road between the lines.

Jesse Bassford, F44869  
Southern Area Vice President

## Northern Area Vice President's Message



Good day all! I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer. While the end of summer, with its very unpredictable weather patterns this year, has been somewhat bittersweet; I must note that I am looking forward to a decrease in pesky flies and ants appearing in the coach in search of food or sweets. It seems there

was a definite increase of pests this year.

We also seemed to have had an increase of disruptions this summer. Janie and I had our entire summer planned for this year. We had our reservations and registrations to the rallies and RV resorts done and we were excited and ready to go. However, as you know some of the best laid plans can be thrown off, especially when owning an RV.

As we were heading to Gillette, Wyoming to attend the FMCA international rally, a kind gentleman got our attention to notify us that we had an oil leak at the rear of the RV. We pulled the RV over and found oil all over the tow car and found oil leaking from the transmission cooler. We pulled into the nearest KOA in Verdi, Nevada and registered for a couple days so that we could get repairs done and hopefully be back on the road to Gillette soon. We contacted Carson Mobile RV Service. He came out and removed the cooler and took it to a local radiator shop for repairs. Unfortunately, the cooler wasn't repairable, so a new one had to be built in Oregon. This change in plans caused a significant delay, as the projected timeframe to build a new cooler was 10 business day. At this point Janie and I were frustrated and disappointed. We called FMCA headquarters and notified them about our RV problems and let them know we would be unable to attend the rally.

On the brighter side however, we didn't have to be towed and we weren't stranded in the middle of nowhere. The KOA in Verdi was quite nice. We had the opportunity to exercise each day by walking the beautiful trails along the Truckee River. We also visited family and friends and we were able to do some sightseeing and tour the area. We finally got our RV back on the road a month later. The staff at KOA hated to see us leave. I wonder why...

Next, we headed to Long Beach for a CCBAL club outing at Golden Shores RV Resort. Janie and I were very happy to be back on the road. We had a wonderful time hanging out with friends. We spent a day

on Catalina Island and attended a special celebration under the popup tents in the middle of the resort garden area for Sharon Sessions' big birthday.

Our WMHA governance board meeting was held this year in Bakersfield at the KOA Campground Resort. The meeting was well attended and there was no problem reaching a quorum. There was much discussion regarding last year's rally and its overall cost and the losses sustained. The major reason for the increased cost resulted from hosting a rally after two years of inactivity due to the pandemic and the very short time period we had to plan the event.

As we reviewed our 2024 Arabian Night rally plans, all governance board attendees had the opportunity to go over the details and provide their thoughts and concerns. A few high points noted were that WMHA has a website that offers online registration for participants and vendors. You can sign up for seminars and much more. All that is required is that you go to the any of the following sites: Facebook- WAFMCA or WMHA, Twitter- @WMHA, or IndioRVRally.com.

It was also noted that you can now select 30 or 50amp for electricity without being separated from the group.

Again, I want to send a special thanks to all of our volunteers that have supported and worked hard to make our rallies a reality. Thank You!!

On October 4<sup>th</sup> the Gold Dust Travelers reached a major milestone, achieving their 20 Year anniversary. I will be presenting them with their 20 Year certificate from FMCA during their club outing at Yanks RV Resort. I'm looking forward to participating in their anniversary celebration. Congratulations, Gold Dust Travelers RV Club!

As we wrap up, please stay tuned for more information as elections are right around the corner. We need YOU! If you're interested in any position all you need to do is dust off your resume and submit it to Billy Low, email: [bjlow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjlow@sbcglobal.net).

Stay Safe and Happy Holidays,

Sincerely,  
James McDaniel  
Northern Area Vice President

## Central Area Vice President's Message



Hello to All - As I sit here enjoying the cool brisk autumn morning, it has reminded me that Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. How time flies! Paula and I hope everyone is doing well and had a great

summer with good travels.

We just returned from a six week, 4500 mile trip. We started out by attending 107th international convention and RV Expo in Gillette, Wyoming. The governing board meeting went very well. We had to vote on nine proposals that you will be receiving to vote on, so be on the lookout for more information coming soon. We also elected a new national executive board. The RV Expo was a great success. As usual the entertainment was excellent. Everyone had a good time.

After the convention we headed to Oregon to visit with our daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter. Boy has she grown. We were there about a week before heading down to Waldport for another week visiting with friends. We left Oregon and started heading for Bakersfield for the Western Area governing board meeting and Indio Rally planning. We still need help with setting up tables and chairs. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please contact me.

We have a new and easier way to register for the Indio Rally. Please go to [indiorvally.com](http://indiorvally.com) and register. All the information is there. You will see a few things that have been added, like 50 amp electrical hookups.

After Bakersfield we headed to Pahrump, Nevada and celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Beat the odds chapter. We had a slot tournament and a Bunco tournament. Everyone had a blast. Now it's time to head for home.

Paula and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas.

Remember to smile and have fun.

Rick Ammerman, F442485  
Central Area Vice President



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Policy Number: 9908-76-26

## Need a Western Area Badge?

Anyone who is interested in a Western Motor Home Association badge please contact Alice Bernard by phone: 530-934-7346 or cell phone 530-519-7346 or e-mail: [bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com)

The price of the badge is \$11.50 (which includes your name and F number). The hangers are \$2.75 each. The hangers can be for your city or your job or your chapter. You may have several hangers if you like.

## Membership / Chapter Fair



I do not have much on Membership at this time. Hopefully, you received the information that was sent out from the FMCA National office on extending your membership at a reduced rate.

If your chapter is interested in new members be sure to contact the FMCA National office asking them to send you the list of new members by zip codes that are in your area. FMCA sends out a list each month.

It's time to think about our WMHA January 2024 rally in Indio. If at all possible you should plan to have a table at the Chapter Fair (which happens right after the First Timers) to promote your chapter.

It does not have to be fancy – but you should have information on your chapter, possibly some pictures, newsletters, etc. Plan on having at least a couple of your members there to answer questions.

I will be sending out an e-mail to your chapter contact person – at least the person I have listed – to see if they will be requesting a table.

I would like whoever does attend the chapter fair to come in and set up your display on Wednesday before the First Timers starts and then either sit quietly, attend the First Timers meeting or step outside of the building so there are no interruptions during the information being given out during the First Timers meeting.

Doing the chapter fair lets people know about your chapter and even if they don't join that day they may pick up the information and join at a later date. Hope to see you in Indio in January.

Alice Bernard, F79098  
Membership & Chapter Fair Captain



### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Western Byways welcomes comments and suggestions about information published in the newsletter  
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# 34th Annual Western Area Rally Arabian Nights

**JANUARY  
10-14, 2024**

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival • Indio, California

**Highlights:** 4 Nights of Camping • 3 Nights of Entertainment • 2 Ice Cream Socials • Parade • Ladies' Luncheon  
1st Time Attendee Orientation\* • Bingo • Pet Extravaganza • Commercial Exhibits • New/Used Display RVs  
Chapter Fair • Seminars & Crafts • Door Prizes • The Frustrated Maestros • Coffee & Goodies Served Each Morning

**General Information:** Early Arrival Area opens Sunday, Jan. 7 (Fee Payable On-site)

**Exhibit Hours:** Display RVs Open Wed., 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. / ALL Commercial Exhibits Open Thur. – Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Private Golf Cart Rental Available:** Call Elec Cart Sales for reservations, Mary Rasada 562-244-1001

**Directions:** I-10 to Monroe. Monroe south 3 miles to 48th. Left ½ mile to Arabia Street.

Left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right. Arrive with waste tanks empty and water tank full.

\*Orientation will be Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

## Western Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:	Last Name:	Pilot:	Co-Pilot:
Address		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:	Telephone:	Cell Phone:	
RV Make:	RV License:	RV Length:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a Western Area Rally
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:			<input type="radio"/> Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call
2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:			Disabled Parking? (see below) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Registration Category	Pre-Reg <sup>2</sup>	On-Site	Qty.	Total	Parking Information
RV with 2 Adults – Dry Camping	\$ 260.00	\$ 270.00		\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Electric Parking</b> – 30 amps or 50 amps</li> <li>• <b>Generator Hours</b> – 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Disabled Parking</b> – Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs. State-issued placard must be visible.</li> <li>• <b>Early-Arrival Fee</b> – \$30 per night payable on-site, cash or check only</li> </ul>
RV with 1 Adult – Dry Camping	\$ 240.00	\$ 250.00		\$	
Additional Fee for 30-Amp Electric	\$ 175.00	\$ 185.00		\$	
Additional Fee for 50-Amp Electric	\$ 295.00	\$ 305.00		\$	
RV with 2 Adults – 24-Hour Generator	\$ 260.00	\$ 270.00		\$	
Each Additional Occupant	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00		\$	
Passport for 1 Adult <sup>1</sup>	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00		\$	
Children Under 13	FREE	FREE		FREE	
Ladies' Luncheon	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00		\$	
Day Passes Avail. Thurs., Fri., & Sat. \$10/day/person	On-Site	On-Site	–	On-Site	
				<b>Total</b>	\$

<sup>1</sup> No RV parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and Coffee Hour.

<sup>2</sup> Registrations after December 21, 2023, will be held at Will Call.

**Payment Information**

**CREDIT CARD**  
Place your credit card registrations by:  
Phone: (800) 543-3622 • (513) 474-3622

**CHECK**  
Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.  
Mail to: FMCA / Attention: Western Area Rally  
8291 Clough Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

### COVID-19 Waiver

An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event you understand and assume all risk related to COVID-19 exposure. FMCA, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

### Would you like to Volunteer?

**Yes.** If interested, please contact Carole Hazeltine at (916) 838-7200 or dickhazeltine@yahoo.com

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### Cancellation Policy

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# CHAPTERS

## **For Many, Chapter Membership is considered the best part of FMCA**

Did you realize when you joined FMCA that you not only became a member of the premier RV association in North America but also one of the largest networks of RVers in the world? That's right, the FMCA family includes thousands of RV enthusiasts who, like you, not only have a zest for travel but also hobbies and interests off the highway. What better way to meet folks who share your "likes" than to become involved in one or more of FMCA's chapters? FMCA chapters have get-togethers at chapter rallies, area rallies and conventions to share stories, talk about issues that involve the RV community, assemble for social activities, and have a great time!

Joining a Chapter is a great way to make lifelong friends and maximize the enjoyment of your motorhoming lifestyle. Please feel free to contact any of the Chapters below. They will be happy to have you join them for an outing.

### **WHMA Northern Area Chapters ... James McDaniel Vice President**

Alpine Coach Norcal  
 California Capitals & Bay Area Liners  
 Diablo Ramblers  
 Freedom Rollers RV Club  
 GMC Forty Niners  
 Gold Diggers  
 Gold Dust Travelers  
 Golden Spike

Monaco NorCal  
 Northern California FMCA Elk  
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 Sierra Hi Rollers  
 Sierra Ramblers  
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### **WHMA Central Area Chapters ... Rick Ammerman Vice President**

Beat the Odds  
 California Coasters  
 California Heartland  
 Komfort Kruisers  
 Midweek Wanderers

Roamin' Catholics Southwest  
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 Safari of Southern California  
 Valley Cruisers  
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### **WHMA Southern Area Chapters ... Jesse Bassford Vice President**

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 The Dolphins

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## Western Motor Home Association Fall Chapter Anniversaries

### Gold Dust Travelers Chapter

#### 20 Year Anniversary

We have members located from within the San Jose - San Francisco Bay Area, East to Sonora, North and South from Sacramento to Fresno.

Our rallies are held once every quarter on a weekend and are usually located within 200 miles of Modesto, California. We can also travel as a chapter beyond the 200 miles; however, this takes a vote of approval by our members.

We currently have 40 RVs with 75 members, and at least two-thirds attending each Rally. Our rallies are scheduled in RV Parks that contain full hookups and have a meeting room for meals, entertainment, activities, and a business meeting. We also set aside time for folks to enjoy the local areas if they wish to do so. We use two Trail Bosses to handle the arrangements and running of the rallies at each pre-chosen location.

Our chapter is made up mostly of retired folks; however, we do have some that are still employed. The members are fine people who enjoy each other, RV outings, fun, and relaxation.

Our annual membership fee is \$15.00 per rig, with an initial one-time fee of \$10.00.

Frank Kelly  
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## Western Motor Home Association Fall Chapter Anniversaries

### Discovery Club of California Chapter

25 Year Anniversary



The Discovery Club of California was chartered in May 1999 with 27 charter members (several remain active in the club as of today!) In the beginning, the club was made up of Fleetwood Discovery coaches. Over the years, members changed coaches to other brands and new members were allowed with other brands. Our club name remains the Discovery Club of California because we feel it reflects the adventurous spirit of the members. We now have 44 recreational vehicles (RVs,) and is open to Class A, B, and C coaches as well as self-contained towables.



We have four rallies a year. A typical rally usually includes Happy Hour, food, games, and a car trip to a local point of interest. For example, our Vice President recently arranged a club tour to a wind turbine farm in Palm Springs - a real highlight of a rally in Banning, California. Our rallies are generally

three days, but members often come early and/or stay late.

Many RV resorts closed for a while and most RV resorts closed their club houses during COVID which presented us with challenges. Let's face it,



having a club house available at a reasonable cost is a real bonus, but the restrictions during COVID taught us a valuable lesson. As long as a resort is open, we can continue to get together without a club house by setting up an outdoor meeting place with canopies, and continue rallying in comfort, safely, and having lots of fun. Thankfully, we have wonderful volunteer Trail Bosses that are flexible and creative which is why we have rallied on!

Our motto is fun, fellowship, and participation. If you're looking to join a club that embodies these values, please consider joining the Discovery Club of California.

Check out our website [discoveryclubonline.com](http://discoveryclubonline.com) to learn more about the club. We are actively recruiting new members.

Janet Ortiz  
President

### Southern California FMCA Elk Chapter

35 Year Anniversary

As the name implies, our members belong to both FMCA and an ELKS LODGE. Our chapter has 4 rallies a year in the southern California area.

One rally is in January, following the Western Area FMCA Rally at Indio. The purpose of this chapter is to help the Elk Lodges in the area and at the same time get better acquainted with our fellow Elk and FMCA family members.

We take part in some fun, easy activities and meals at the Lodge. The ones we go to have RV hookups. Our activities include: games, socializing, good meals, book exchange, shopping at various stores, and happy hour. Immediate family members and visitors are always welcome.

Carol Bassford  
[fishcar71@gmail.com](mailto:fishcar71@gmail.com)

# California Air Resources Board — Regulations & Reporting Requirements



## Have you received a Postcard like the one above from CARB?

### Does this apply to you?

Beginning January 1, 2020, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will verify a vehicle's compliance status with the Truck & Bus Regulation before registering a heavy-duty vehicle in California. California Air Resources Board (CARB) and DMV will work to identify as many vehicle owners as possible and explain the necessary Excluded Diesel Vehicle Reporting (EDVR) process. However, they may not reach everyone. CARB urges vehicle owners to identify if their vehicles fall under the following categories and report in EDVR before their DMV registration is denied unnecessarily.

Some vehicles will be difficult for the DMV to identify as compliant with the Regulation. CARB has developed the EDVR System as a tool to assist vehicle owners who have had (or will have) their DMV vehicle registration denied inadvertently.

**The Truck & Bus Regulation does not apply to the following vehicles, but these vehicle types may need to report in EDVR to avoid DMV registration denial:**

- *Vehicles used exclusively for towing a habitable trailer for non-commercial private use.*
- *Motorhomes used for non-commercial private use including vehicles converted to a motorhome. "Motorhome" means a single vehicular unit designed for human habitation for recreational or emergency occupancy and built on, or permanently attached to, a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis, chassis cab, or van, which becomes an integral part of the complete vehicle or a vehicle that exclusively tows a trailer that was originally designed for human habitation for recreational or emergency occupancy.*
- *Pick-up trucks with a GVWR of 19,500 lbs or less with a pick-up bed used exclusively for personal, non-commercial, or non-governmental use.*

### How can you report your vehicle?

If you believe your diesel (or diesel converted) vehicle(s) needs to be reported in EDVR to avoid unnecessary DMV registration denial, proceed by visiting the EDVR System at <https://air.arb.ca.gov/edvr>

#### For assistance:

Please contact the CARB Diesel Hotline 1-866-6DIESEL (1-866-634-3735) or email: [8666Diesel@arb.ca.gov](mailto:8666Diesel@arb.ca.gov)

**\*\* Disclaimer \*\*** The information above is presented here for clarification informational purposes. It comes from the California Air Resources Board website <https://arb.ca.gov/truckstop> Visit the site and read their information for yourself ...

INDIO RALLY VOLUNTEERING

Events like the annual FMCA Western Area Indio, California Western Motor Home Association (WMHA) large-scale event is only possible; thanks to volunteers. There is a volunteer opportunity for nearly everyone – parking RVs, handing out ice cream, working security, pouring coffee, assisting with seminars, stage decorations, commercial exhibitors, 50/50 ticket sales, the parade, will call and express trams – just to name a few.



Rally-goers tell me that volunteering lets them meet people and get a behind-the-scenes look at how the event happens. Please consider volunteering!

We especially need help with setting up tables and chairs. If you and/or your Chapter are interested and would like to volunteer, please contact Carole Hazeltine (see info below).



The volunteer appreciation dinner



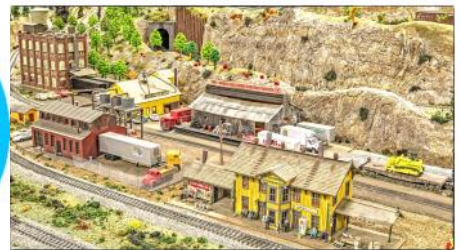
If you would like to volunteer, please contact: Carole Hazeltine at (916) 838-7200 or email Carole at dickhazeltine@yahoo.com

Indio Model Railroad Display Open House

Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
3 PM to 6PM  
Located in Building 7– Crafts & Hobbies



FMCA Western Motor Home Association 34th Annual Wester Area Rally attendees are cordially invited to visit the Coachella Valley Model Railroaders Display.



Members share knowledge, skills, abilities, and ideas with the public through open houses and clinics.

Coachella Valley Model Railroaders .. [www.cvmrr.com](http://www.cvmrr.com)  
Follow them on Facebook .. [www.facebook.com/cvmrr](http://www.facebook.com/cvmrr)

# FMCA'S 108<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

MARCH 20-23, 2024

PIMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

TUCSON, ARIZONA

SEMINARS • INDOOR EXHIBITS  
RV DISPLAYS • GAMES  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL • ENTERTAINMENT

### I/WE OWN A:

Motorhome  Trailer  Fifth-Wheel

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

See reverse for details and options.

### BECOME A MENTOR

I would like to be a mentor

### REGISTRATION FEES

See reverse side for parking descriptions, mailing procedures, parking procedures, and additional volunteer information.

	EARLY BIRD RECEIVED BY 1-17-24	RECEIVED AFTER 1-17-24	AMOUNT DUE
<b>SELECT ONE</b>			
Registration + Non-Electric Camping <sup>1,2</sup>	\$250	\$270	
Registration + 30-Amp Electric <sup>2</sup>	\$475	\$495	
Registration + 30-Amp Full <sup>2</sup> (limited availability)	<del>\$550</del>	<del>\$570</del>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Registration + 50-Amp Electric <sup>2</sup>	\$595	\$615	
Registration + 50-Amp Full <sup>2</sup> (limited availability)	\$700	\$720	
RV with 1 Person – Deduct \$20	-\$ 20	-\$ 20	
Each Additional Guest (complete info above)	\$ 20	\$ 20	
Passport – 2 People (no overnight parking)	\$200	\$220	
Passport – 1 Person (no overnight parking)	\$180	\$200	
Ladies' Luncheon – Thursday, 3/21, 11:30 a.m.	\$ 15	\$ 15	
Magic Mile Walk/Run – Friday, 3/22, 8 a.m. <sup>3</sup>	\$ 10	\$ 10	
Payment Plan <sup>4</sup> (credit card only)	HALF DUE	N/A	
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>		

<sup>1</sup> 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Generator, No Generator, Full Generator

<sup>2</sup> Includes registration and camping for pilot and copilot

<sup>3</sup> Proceeds to chosen activity charity / <sup>4</sup> See reverse for details

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds for this convention will be made only upon written request by emailing (cancel@fmca.com). Cancellations made by January 17, 2024, will receive a full refund minus \$25 handling fee. Cancellations made after January 17, 2024, but before March 20, 2024, will receive a full refund minus \$50 handling fee. Absolutely no refunds March 20, 2024, and after. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FMCA home office before any refund is issued. **Electric Refunds: No refunds for electric service if cancelled on or after February 28, 2024.**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

MEMBER # PILOT FIRST NAME PILOT LAST NAME

CO-PILOT FIRST NAME CO-PILOT LAST NAME

ADDRESS (Confirmation packet and credentials will be sent here.)

CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

AREA CODE/HOME PHONE AREA CODE/CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED)\*

RV MANUFACTURER RV LENGTH

I am a Chapter member.

CHAPTER NAME

I am/we are First Time Attendee(s) **3-18-24 Arrival**

### GUESTS

Immediate family and those under 18 years old are free. Those 18 and older who are not immediate family are \$20 each.

GUEST NAME AGE

GUEST NAME AGE

### CONFIRMATION & PARKING CREDENTIALS

Parking credentials will be mailed to the mailing address provided, unless you ask to have them held at Will Call.

Hold credentials at Will Call

### PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PARKING PREFERENCE

See reverse for descriptions

General (Generators 6AM-11PM)

Electric

Full Generator

No Generator

External Generator (6AM-11PM)

External Full Generator

Disabled Parking Needed ‡

‡ A current state-issued disability placard must be visible upon arrival.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

To pay by credit card, please call 800-543-3622. All major credit cards accepted. Make checks and money orders payable to Family Motor Coaching, Inc. in U.S. funds.

### AFTER MARCH 12, 2024, REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN ON SITE.

The Welcome Area and Will Call in Tucson will open on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 8 a.m.

### ELECTRIC REFUNDS

No refunds for electric service if cancelled on or after February 28, 2024.

### COVID-19 NOTICE

An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event you understand and assume all risk related COVID-19 exposure. FMCA, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

### RETURN FORM TO

FMCA/Events Dept.  
8291 Clough Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

More Details On The Reverse Side

REGISTER BY Online [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) • Mail • Phone 800-543-3622 | 513-474-3622

## PARKING AREA DESCRIPTIONS

**General Parking** – Use of factory-installed generator permitted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Electric Parking** – Electric (30-amp or 50-amp) will be available at your parking space the day you arrive and get parked. It may not be available immediately.

**Full Generator** – Factory-installed generator use permitted 24 hours a day.

**No Generator** – Generator use not permitted. Limited.

**External Generator** – Use of a portable generator placed outside of the RV permitted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Disabled Parking** – The dedicated Disabled Lot will include 30-amp and 50-amp electric in the grass field behind the main entertainment stage, near the activity areas. Those who register for other types of service will be parked as close as possible to the activity areas.

**Passport And Public Gate Car Parking** – No overnight parking on event site property. Passport and Public Gate RVs cannot be accommodated at the grounds. The Passport and Public Gate car parking lot will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., March 19 through 23, 2024.

## FMCA PAYMENT PLAN

The FMCA Payment Plan is available for those who register by credit card. This plan allows registrants to pay half of the total registration cost upon initial registration, with the balance charged at a later date. For the Tucson convention, the remaining balance will be charged on January 16, 2024.

## MOBILITY CART/GOLF CART INSURANCE & USE

Attendees must have valid insurance on personal mobility carts and/or golf carts. All golf carts must have operating headlights if used before sunrise or after sunset. The speed limit for all vehicles in the activity areas is 5 mph.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will be parked in the volunteer parking area, and electric (if purchased) will be available at your site on the day indicated on your "Date of Entry" card. If you are a volunteer and wish to park in another parking area, FMCA does not guarantee that the electricity in that lot will be available on the date you arrive.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are numerous volunteer opportunities for attendees. Please indicate which interests you by filling in the circle(s). Early arrival is required for most volunteer opportunities. For more information visit [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com). **Select one.**

### Pilot

- Parking<sup>1</sup>
- Welcome<sup>2</sup>
- Greeters<sup>3</sup>
- Activity Carts<sup>3</sup>
- Frustrated Maestros<sup>3</sup>
- Security<sup>3</sup>
- Trams<sup>3</sup>
- Coffee<sup>4</sup>
- FMCA Store<sup>4</sup>
- Information<sup>4</sup>
- Seminars<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Requires March 14 Arrival  
<sup>3</sup> Requires March 17 Arrival

### Co-Pilot

- Parking<sup>1</sup>
- Welcome<sup>2</sup>
- Greeters<sup>3</sup>
- Activity Carts<sup>3</sup>
- Frustrated Maestros<sup>3</sup>
- Security<sup>3</sup>
- Trams<sup>3</sup>
- Coffee<sup>4</sup>
- FMCA Store<sup>4</sup>
- Information<sup>4</sup>
- Seminars<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Requires March 15 Arrival  
<sup>4</sup> Requires March 18 Arrival

## MAILING AND PARKING PROCEDURES FOR ALL PARKING AREAS

**All registered guests must display the parking and "Date of Entry" credentials in the motorhome or towing vehicle windshield in order to facilitate your entry onto the grounds.**

FMCA will begin mailing the credentials as soon as January 24, 2024. Please provide a valid mailing address or you can choose to have your packet held at Will Call. Registrations received after March 6, 2024, will automatically be held at Will Call.

Those who choose to have their credentials held at Will Call will be emailed directions, pickup instructions, and a Will Call placard to be printed and affixed to the windshield. Will Call hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 17, through Wednesday, March 20, in the Arrival Area.

## ARRIVAL AREA

**The Arrival Area will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 17, through Wednesday, March 20.**

## PARKING

Parking will be located at the Pima County Fairgrounds. Each RV will be parked with the assistance of a parking team member, no exceptions. Parking hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All parking will be at the discretion of the parkers.

Registered family members will be assigned a parking date of Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, March 18, 19, or 20, 2024. Families are requested to arrive on the date stated on their "Date of Entry" card. When registering, please advise if you cannot arrive on one of the assigned parking dates.

## PARKING TOGETHER

If you would like to park with family or friends, you must register for the same type of parking and have the same "Date of Entry." You must arrive together or wait in the Arrival Area until all parties have arrived to be parked.

## CARAVANS

Groups of 10 or more RVs wishing to park together must register as a caravan with FMCA's Events Department by February 21, 2024. Please have the designated caravan leader call (800) 543-3622 to make the reservation. Contact information, the number of RVs, and the type of parking will be needed at the time of the call. To park together, RVs in the caravan must register for the same type of parking.

## EARLY ARRIVALS

If you arrive prior to your "Date of Entry," dry camping will be available in the Arrival Area starting Sunday, March 17, at no charge. If you arrive early and would like to be parked in your final parking site (during scheduled parking hours), you will pay an additional \$40 per night (payable on-site; cash or check).

## TRAM SERVICE

Tram service to all parking areas will be available beginning Tuesday, March 19. Limited tram service will be available on Monday, March 18, for volunteers.

## DEPARTURE

Departure is on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Electric service will be disconnected at 9 a.m. Everyone is to leave the grounds by noon.

## DISCLAIMER

FMCA reserves the right to cancel or postpone any event promoted by FMCA without cause or warning. Should FMCA be forced to cancel an International Convention & RV Expo along with any associated activities, attendees will receive, at the sole discretion of FMCA, a refund or letter of credit for the registration and service(s) being affected by the registration. Equivalent utilities/services at a future event may not be available at a particular venue, so the closest option will be provided.