

## President's Message



### Spring into Excitement with Family RV Association!

Greetings fellow RVers..It's Spring time!. It's hard to believe we are in Spring already. Where has the time gone? Well, as the old adage states, "Time waits for no one." So, here we are. With the arrival of daylight-savings time and the onset of spring, we

find ourselves in a transitional season. The weather has been unpredictable, oscillating between cold and wet days, with the occasional warm spell. This makes it difficult to stay prepared for our trips and determine which clothes to keep handy.

Reflecting upon our recent adventure, I am reminded that Janie and I continue to face the challenge of not having our RV. We flew in for Family RV Association's (FRVA's) 110th International Convention in Perry, Georgia and as you can imagine, packing for warm, windy, and rainy weather was a little tricky! Despite our best efforts, we still found ourselves lacking some essential items, and we were consistently reminded that we couldn't just grab what we needed from our RV. Nevertheless, we had a great experience and the event was a success. We had an absolute blast at the convention, which welcomed over 1,500 RV enthusiasts!

The commitment of our fellow RVers was truly commendable, as many braved the rain to ensure they found parking and set up their rigs. Even amid the drizzly conditions, dedication and enthusiasm filled the air. One of the many highlights of the event was the extraordinary fireworks show that illuminated the sky with vibrant colors and captivating displays. A most gripping, yet not entirely planned, moment was witnessing fireworks that skimmed low across the

water and ignited the launching platform. While that moment turned tenuous, thanks to the quick action of the pyro-technician and the resilience of all the attendees, we were able to continue to revel in the splendid show ... a true testament to the motto, "The show must go on!"

This year's venue, which was developed as an emergency disaster center for the state of Georgia, proved to be both accommodating and impressive for first-time attendees like myself. As a result of this year's success, it is exciting to announce that Perry will host the FRVA convention again in 2026 and 2027, offering attendees a chance for more memorable experiences over the next couple of years. If you didn't attend this year, don't miss out again! Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for the upcoming conventions.

This year's convention spurred many conversations about retention and the growth of FRVA moving forward. One innovative feature that was introduced was a QR code system. This system would allow chapter members the ability to recruit new members easily, as they would be able to sign up new members on the spot via the QR code. This accessibility speaks to the inclusive nature of FRVA, which is family-oriented and welcoming to all; and also demonstrates our efforts to keep up with the times and current technology

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## President's Message (Continued)

In alignment with the spirit of being family-oriented and welcoming to all, each chapter is encouraged to share their unique activities and experiences in our magazine.

### Here's how:

#### CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

Share details about a rally with an interesting theme, charitable projects, milestone anniversaries, or member recognitions. Articles typically range from 150 to 500 words. Accompany your submission with high-resolution digital photos (around 300 dpi, 4" x 6" in size) or one photo with a caption that captures the essence of your event. Please provide the key details: who, what, when, where, and how. Submit your articles to Editor Robbin Gould at [rgould@fmca.com](mailto:rgould@fmca.com). For any questions, Robbin can be reached at (800) 543-3622, ext. 235.

#### CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT:

Chapters that are featured in the "Family Matters" section often experience an uptick in new member sign-ups, thus a fantastic opportunity for growth!

I am thrilled to announce that our Indio Rally was mentioned by several attendees at the FRVA International Convention. Many remarked that ours is one of the best rallies to attend! We've even heard whispers from those planning to participate in the Rose Bowl Parade, that they are also planning to join our WRVA rally in 2026, themed "The Roaring 20's." Excitement is definitely in the air! The executive board has already begun planning and attending workshops in preparation for the rally.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers, team leads, and captains who tirelessly work to bring our rallies to life and serve as ambassadors for our community. Your dedication is what makes these experiences unforgettable!

Let's make this Spring a season of connection, camaraderie, and adventure as we hit the road together. Safe travels and see you at the next convention!

James McDaniel F371784  
Western Area National VP of FRVA  
Western RV Association President

## Senior Vice President's Message



### Hello Western Area

This will be a more concise report than I usually prepare. I am having to type this on an iPad as I am sitting in Iceland and about to embark on an extensive drive around the Golden Circle this morning to see several iconic waterfalls, natural wonders, glaciers, etc. I arrived back to my hotel room this morning

at 2:30 am after a northern lights tour last night. Tomorrow I will leave the hotel by 3:00 am for a 10 hour round trip drive to Diamond Beach, black beach, Múlglifur Canyon, more waterfalls and glaciers, and the town of Vik. Many of you have traveled with me, or have at least heard of my propensity to drive the motor home for upwards of 12 hours and over 700 miles per day in my travels.

When I return on April 16th I only have a few days before I will be attending and helping as a trail boss for my Sierra Ramblers rally in Anderson, CA. When I return from that rally I only have a week before embarking to a rally in Verde River, AZ with my Overland Trailblazers West chapter. Of course the time between returning home and leaving again will be filled with getting the RV ready and much needed mowing and weed whacking on the ranch. I thought retirement was supposed to be relaxing.

Please remember to register for our next FRVA International Convention in Gillette, WY in July. It should prove to be a great rally with election of new national officers. *See page 8 for Mail-In Registration Form.*

For those of you that are Chapter Presidents and National Directors in the Western Area I encourage you to participate in our planned zoom meetings asking for feedback and input in planning our upcoming area rally in Indio in January 2026. We want everyone to be involved to improve our rally and get more participation. I'd like to see the number of RV's in Indio back in the 1000s again.

Safe Travels

Mike Kirk F99230S  
Senior Vice President

### Northwest Area Rally Registration Form

Please help support our friends and neighbors to the North. They strongly support our Annual Indio Rally

*See page 6 for information and the Mail-In Registration Form*



## Southern Area Vice President's Message



### HELLO CHAPTER MEMBERS

I hope all is well with you and you're enjoying tons of fun. Since our last update, we have been catching up with family and friends.

The Indio Rally really occupied a lot of my attention but now is the time to catch up and plan trips with family and friends. Kim and I had a chance to celebrate a birthday with one of my long-time camping friends and we finally settled on a camping date for this year's trip. We are going to Flying Flags in Buellton CA in June and really looking forward to finally camping there.

I'm also working on scheduling more chapter visits. My goal in the next couple of months, while the weather is nice, is to visit Crusin Condos. We would have loved to attend the rally with GMC Pacific Cruisers who are having their rally at Menghini Winery. I guess we need to make a decision on which direction to go or just opt for a couple of day trips which makes more sense.

Can you believe that it's time to start planning and getting the budget worked on for next year's Indio Rally? I have started reaching out to some of the new vendors we had last year in order to find out what they think about our rally and maybe what we could change going forward.

Once I put it together, I will be submitting the information to the Executive Board and discuss what changes we may make going forward. I'm super excited about the 2026 Indio Rally. With a rally under our belts, we now have a better handle on everything and our stress levels will be a little better, at least I hope so.

Well, I really don't have much for this Edition, but I will for the next. As always, if you have any ideas, please feel free at anytime to contact me or any of the Executive Board members.

Safe travels to all

Greg O'Neal, F506466  
Southern Area Vice President

## Central Area Vice President's Message



Welcome to Spring. This beautiful weather and the wonderful mild temperatures have brought forth flourishing wild flowers carpeting the lower foothills of our Seirra Nevada Mountains. After being house bound with both the fractured right shoulder and sprained left wrist it was a true pleasure to

take the drive through Elderwood located where the Orange Belt of Central California meets the first hills of our majestic snow capped peaks. Please enjoy the photos I took that first day of spring that seem to reflect it all.



Early March, Peggy Gruber and I drove to the River Run RV Park in Bakersfield as honored guests of the Komfort Kruisers for their annual Saint Paddy's day Rally. We joined Debbie Francis, President, and all her great Irish friends for a true Irish dinner of Corned Beef and cabbage with all the trimmings. Afterwards it was my pleasure as the Western RV Association (WRVA) Central Area Vice President to present the "KK's" their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificate and a \$150.00 check from Family RV Association (FRVA). Desert and game time called "The "Family Feud Irish style" took place with each table choosing a name for their Family. Oblivious to the other 5 tables ours laughed and giggled and visited through the process being last to give our new family name. We chose the "Shenanigans." The room erupted with hoots and laughter. Unknown to us, all the other tables had chosen Shenanigans too!. So much for our lack of atten-

## Central Area VP's Message (Cont.)

tion. The game was full of Irish questions, very competitive and a lot of fun. This made for quite an enjoyable evening with lots of fond memories. Thank you Komfort Kruisers and congratulations on your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Executive Board is already in the planning stages of our own Western Area Indio Roaring Twenties rally. I look forward to working with our Captains and Volunteers along with the various chapters that make our Rally the great success it is. Next year's Rally will be back to the Wednesday through Saturday format, leaving on Sunday. The more we plan, the more excited I get! So be sure to circle the second week in January 2026 so you don't miss out.

After 3 months of physical therapy, X-Rays and appointments, I have now been discharged by the Orthopedic and Physical Therapy Doctors. So number one on my list is to get the RV out of the Bus barn and on the road again. With that said, I hope to see many of you at the June Northwest Rally in Albany, Oregon followed by the July International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming. I'm sure you will hear me coming. I plan on singing "ON THE ROAD AGAIN" just as loud as I can. Happy trails again!!!....

Julie Burger F396137  
Central Area Vice President



JANUARY 2026

### Western Area Rally

January 07-11, 2026  
Indio, CA

Registration Coming Soon

## Membership / Chapter Fair



There is not much going on with the Membership and Chapter Fair at this time. I know that there are a number of our chapters that are active during this time of the year and I hope that you are supporting those chapters and their rallies.

I would like to again remind the membership person in your chapter that new members are joining Family RV Association (FRVA) all the time. You can contact the FRVA main office and request a list of new members. The list changes all the time and there's a good chance that you may find someone in your area that might be interested in joining your chapter. Request the current list from the Membership Department.

Our Executive Board and Committee members are working on the January 2026 Indio Rally. If you are willing to give some extra time, contact one of them and volunteer. We can always use volunteers. Also, if you are interested in taking a more active role in our Western Area let the Board know.

There will be more information on the 2026 rally coming out the "Byways", our area newsletter. Look forward for information and ways you can volunteer to help our Western Area Executive Board. Volunteering is a good way to meet new people in your area that enjoy RVing so please get involved.

Keep an eye out for information on the January 2026 Indio rally, plan to attend and volunteer.

Alice Bernard, F79098  
Membership & Chapter Fair Captain







## FRVA Replacement Plate



If you are looking to order a FRVA plate to replace your existing FMCA plate, then login with your account to <https://www.frva.com/> and select Store and navigate your way to the plate product to place your order. This is a special order item and only fulfilled on demand. Normal shipping times DO NOT apply. Please allow 8-10 weeks minimum for delivery.

## Ladder Brackets



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Western Byways welcomes comments and suggestions about information published in the newsletter  
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## Western RV Association Website

<http://wafmca.com/>

Northwest Area Presents

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Morning Hospitality • Catered Dinner • Ice Cream & Strawberry Social  
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LINN COUNTY EXPO CENTER  
3700 Knox Butte Rd. E., Albany, OR 97322

June 18-21, 2025



## Northwest Area Rally Registration Form

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

Member Number:	Last Name:	Pilot:	Co-Pilot:
Address (If this address differs from your billing address, please call):		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Cell Phone:
RV Make:	RV License:	RV Length:	Hold at Will Call? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> First Time Attendee
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age: <input type="radio"/> Disabled Parking	
Chapter Affiliation:		Would you like to park with your chapter? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Registration Category	By 5/15	After 5/15	Qty	Total	Would You Like to Volunteer?
RV with 2 Adults – Dry Camping (General & Disabled)	\$ 245	\$ 255		\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes, I would like to volunteer.
RV with 1 Adult – Dry Camping (General & Disabled)	\$ 205	\$ 215		\$	For more information contact: Debbie Bamer Phone: (626) 221-5271 Email: dbamer@yahoo.com
Additional Fee for 30-Amp Electric	+\$ 150	+\$ 150		\$	
Guest 13 and Older	\$ 100	\$ 100		\$	<b>Rally Master – Barbara Schleuse</b>
Children Under 13	FREE	FREE		FREE	Phone: (360) 305-8458 Email: bschleuse@fmca.com
Passport (No on-site RV parking)	\$ 100	\$ 100		\$	<b>Commercial Exhibits – George Doersch</b>
No arrivals permitted before noon on Tuesday, June 16, 2025.				<b>Total</b>	Phone: (541) 287-0531 Email: gdh.4440@outlook.com

Payment Information	Confirmation Credentials/Cancellations
<b>Place Credit Card Registrations By:</b> <b>Online</b> www.fmca.com <b>Phone</b> (800) 543-3622 (513) 474-3622	<b>Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.</b> <b>Mail to:</b> Northwest Area Rally c/o FMCA 8291 Clough Pike Cincinnati, OH 45244
Confirmation credentials will be mailed if registration is received by May 15, 2025. After May 15, 2025, your packet will be held at Will Call. Please enter information carefully; name tags, etc. are created from this information.	
<b>CANCELATION POLICY:</b> Refunds will be made, minus \$25, with written notice (arearallies@fmca.com) sent on or before May 30, 2025. No refunds after May 30, 2025. <b>NO EXCEPTIONS.</b>	
<b>Parking Captain – Andy Balogh</b> Phone: (503) 530-0166 Email: akcbalogh@gmail.com	
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# WESTERN RV ASSOCIATION



## CHAPTERS

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

Did you realize when you joined FRVA 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 FRVA 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 FRVA's chapters? FRVA 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.

### **WRVA Northern Area Chapters ... Keith Session 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  
Safari R Us  
Sierra Hi Rollers  
Sierra Ramblers  
Thousand Trails West  
Western Bus Nuts**

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[wafmca.com](http://wafmca.com)



### **WRVA Central Area Chapters ... Julie Burger Vice President**

**Beat the Odds  
California Coasters  
California Heartland  
Komfort Kruisers  
Midweek Wanderers**

**Roamin' Catholics Southwest  
Romers  
Safari of Southern California  
Valley Cruisers**

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### **WRVA Southern Area Chapters ... Greg O'Neal Vice President**

**Alpine SoCal  
California Chapter  
Camping Squares  
Cruisin' Condos  
Discovery Club of California  
The Dolphins**

**GMC Pacific Cruisers  
Outdoor Resorts Palm Springs  
Outward Bound'rs  
Overland Trailblazers West  
Southern California FMCA Elk**

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This Chapter information, along with the contact's mailing address, is posted on the FRVA website - [FRVA.com](http://FRVA.com) and at [wafmca.com](http://wafmca.com). It is to be used only for chapter-related inquiries. Any other use of this information is expressly prohibited.





# FRVA'S 111<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

## JULY 16-19, 2025

### CAM-PLEX MULTI-EVENT FACILITIES

### GILLETTE, WYOMING

#### CHAPTER MEMBER

☐ I am a Chapter member.

CHAPTER NAME

#### FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE(S)

☐ I am/we are First-Time Attendee(s) **7-14-25 Arrival**

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

See reverse for details & options.

#### REGISTRATION FEES

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

SELECT ONE		EARLY BIRD RECEIVED BY 5-14-25	RECEIVED AFTER 5-14-25	AMOUNT DUE
	Registration + Non-Electric Camping <sup>1,2</sup>	\$ 250	\$ 270	
	Registration + 30-Amp Electric & Water <sup>2</sup>	\$ 500	\$ 520	
	Registration + 50-Amp Electric & Water <sup>2</sup>	\$ 600	\$ 620	
	Registration + 30-Amp Full Hookup <sup>2,3</sup>	\$ 600	\$ 620	
	Registration + 50-Amp Full Hookup <sup>2,3</sup>	\$ 700	\$ 720	
	RV with 1 Person – Deduct \$20	-\$ 20	-\$ 20	
	Each Additional Guest (complete info above)	\$ 20	\$ 20	
	Passport – 2 People (no overnight parking)	\$ 185	\$ 205	
	Passport – 1 Person (no overnight parking)	\$ 165	\$ 185	
	Ladies' Luncheon – Thursday, 7/17, 11:30 a.m.	\$ 20	\$ 20	
	Magic Mile Walk/Run – Friday, 7/18, 8 a.m. <sup>4</sup>	\$ 10	\$ 10	
	Credit Card Payment Plan <sup>5</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> Limited availability | <sup>4</sup> Proceeds to chosen activity charity | <sup>5</sup> See reverse for details

#### CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds for this convention will be made only upon written request by emailing [cancel@fmca.com](mailto:cancel@fmca.com). Cancellations made by May 14, 2025, will receive a full refund minus \$25 handling fee. Cancellations made after May 14, 2025, but before July 16, 2025, will receive a full refund minus \$50 handling fee. Absolutely no refunds July 16, 2025, and after. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FRVA home office before any refund is issued. Electric Refunds: No refunds for electric service if cancelled on or after June 16, 2025.

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#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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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/WE OWN A:

☐ Motorhome ☐ Trailer ☐ Fifth-Wheel

#### 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

#### \*EMAIL ADDRESS

You agree to allow Family RV Association to contact you at this email address with convention-related communications.

#### 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  
☐ Disabled Parking Needed<sup>†</sup>  
☐ Governing Board/PNO/Committee

<sup>†</sup> 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 JULY 8, 2025, REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN ONSITE.

The Welcome Area and Will Call in Gillette will open on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 8 a.m.

#### RETURN FORM TO

Family RV Association  
Events Dept.  
8291 Clough Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

#### MORE DETAILS ON THE REVERSE SIDE



## Editor's Corner



### Water Dog

What pray tell is a Water Dog?

When I volunteered for the Parking Team at the Family RV Association's 110th International Convention in Perry, Georgia I fully intended to once again perform the duties of a "Follow Me" person leading RVs to their designated locations where members of a parking team would park them for the rally.

But, as fate would have it, I was offered a position as one of three Water Dogs for the rally. I was informed that for being a Water Dog, I would have the use of a golf cart for the duration of the Perry rally. Having never attended a rally at Perry and looking at a map of the facilities, I was hooked at "golf cart"!

Basically, the duties of a Water Dog consists of delivering small coolers of bottled ice water to the parking crews scattered throughout the rally grounds, the "Follow Me" people, Will Call and assorted other stations. After the start of the rally, the duties included providing water for the shuttle crews and other stations on a daily basis.

Unforeseen circumstances forced one of the Water Dogs to cancel which left two of us. Then, after a couple of days, the other Water Dog needed to leave due to medical reasons. That left me and my wife which by then filled in admirably for the Water Dogs that cancelled.

It's been said that it wouldn't be a Perry Georgia Convention without rain and the saying certainly held true. We not only had bouts of heavy rain but the weather turned unseasonably cold. Therefore, a few of the mornings, there were not too many requests for ice water. People wanted hot coffee and/or chocolate which we provided.

All in all, being a Water Dog turned out to be a enjoyable experience and my wife Karen has volunteered to be a Water Dog for the Gillette rally this summer. I have once again volunteered for the "Follow Me" team.

Peter Jautais F439338  
Western Byways Editor

## Slate of candidates for 2025-2027 FRVA National Offices



**FAMILY RV  
ASSOCIATION**

The FRVA National Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for National Offices for 2025-2027 term.

<u>National President:</u>	Paul Mitchell Barbara Smith
<u>National Vice President:</u>	Kathie Balogh Les Naylor Bob Weithofer
<u>National Secretary:</u>	Glenda Milner Don Schleuse
<u>National Treasurer:</u>	Nick Gilliam Ken Lewis

Resumes for these candidates will be published in the May/June 2025 issue of *Family RVing* magazine.

The election will be held at the Governing Board meeting on July 16, 2025, at FRVA's 111th International Convention in Gillette, Wyoming. In accordance with the National Bylaws, additional candidates may be nominated by petition of from the floor at the Governing Board meeting.

Please review the resumes of the candidate in the May/June 2025 issue of *Family RVing* magazine and let your National Director know your voting preferences so that he/she can properly represent your Chapter at the Governing Board meeting.



As you advocate for FRVA, the premier RV owner's organization, and highlight its numerous benefits, not only do your RVing buddies enjoy perks, but you also unlock fantastic freebies for yourself. And the more you recruit, the more rewards you'll continue to receive. Visit <https://www.frva.com/recruit-new-members-promotion> for more information