



**President's Message**



Greetings everyone in the Western Area. I'm now completing my first 2 months as your new Western Area President and FMCA National Vice President. Things started off quite busy with several Zoom meetings and lots of e-mails, but all has seemed to settle down for the time being. By the time you read this, the FMCA web site will be up and running. There will be several enhancements to make the web site work better so if you haven't done so already, be sure to check it out. FMCA is tentatively going forward with the convention in Perry, Georgia. Registration for the event is open. Of course, this is all pending on how the pandemic plays out this winter, so stay tuned.

I want to take time to thank my predecessor, Lon Cross. He has been a wonderful leader in our organization and he was a

great asset to the WMHA. He had a vast working knowledge of WMHA and FMCA and a capacity for making the correct decisions. He was a great mentor to me in preparing me for the job. He always kept me in the loop on developments, and we both had an uncanny ability to be thinking alike on issues and problems. I can't thank him enough for the help he has given me, and will continue to give me in his role as Immediate Past President. He left some really big shoes to fill (I think they are size 13), but he assures me I can do it. So once again Lon, a big heartfelt thank you.

Debbie and I were finally able to attend a rally. It was a Beat The Odds chapter rally up in the sprawling metropolis of Pahrump, Nevada. For those of you unfamiliar with Pahrump, it is just over the mountain (over "the hump") from Las Vegas. We really like it there as it is more laid back without all the glitz of Las Vegas. A local casino there hosted our slot tournament (which I happened to win) and also our awards banquet. We also had an outdoor happy hour on the grass under shade trees. It was unseasonably hot there, but the evenings were really nice. Most of all, it was great to get together with

fellow members, some of which we have not seen in a year.

Debbie and I have been invited to attend a Christmas rally with the Gold Dust Travelers. We are looking forward to this rally but it will be iffy for me as that is one month after my hip replacement surgery. Everyone I talk to says this is a piece of cake and that I will be up and about right away. The doctor says I can't drive for 6 weeks, which I find hard to believe, so we will see how this plays out. In the mean time, I hope everyone is making the most of these trying times and I do hope that things actually get better.



Safe travels to you all, and I hope to see you down the road.

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

## Senior Vice President's Message



Hello Everyone,

I hope that all of you are doing well and are continuing to remain safe while our cities and counties continue to "open up."

Some of you know that in late August I conducted an experiment with my motorhome. I decided to determine if a street curb was stronger than the lower edge of the frontend cap

of my motorhome. I was backing out of a driveway, concerned that the back of the coach was getting too close to a tree, so I turned, causing the front cap to catch the curb. I'll pause for a moment so you can carefully guess what happened. Well ... as the insurance paid for the repair, six weeks later the coach is now back in storage. By the way, I know the insurance initially paid for the repairs, but I'm sure I will when it's time to renew the policy!

While the motorhome was in the shop, Marilyn and I ventured to Pahrump, NV, for a rally with the Beat The Odds chapter. We stayed in one of the park's "park" models. While we couldn't do some activities because of COVID 19, we were able to enjoy gatherings (appropriately spaced and masked), a banquet dinner, a slot tournament, and the awards presentation, before driving home.

Why are chapters so much fun? People, people, people! Whenever your chapter(s) start getting together, get out there. I'm sure if you follow all the guidelines, you'll have a great time, feel better, and rekindle some old friendships.

Stay safe and enjoy your travels!

Dave Franke, F443367  
Senior Vice President

### Important FMCA Member Benefit Update

We are excited to announce a change in the provider for our popular **FMCAssist Medical Evacuation and Travel Assistance Program**.

Beginning October 1, 2020, Travel Assistance Services will be provided by Europ Assistance, and coverage will be underwritten by Federal Insurance Company, a member insurer of the Chubb group of companies. Chubb is the marketing name used to refer to subsidiaries of Chubb Limited, providing insurance and related services.

## Southern Area Vice President's Message



Well, it's autumn in Southern California. The temperature has taken a drastic drop from 110 to the high 90s. Time to break out the jackets and check the heater in the RV. Who is this guy kidding? Oh well, wishful thinking I guess!

We do have 3 camping trips in November and I do need to check the rig out this week. Hopefully the RV smell of a few months ago is gone. While our issues of virus, social unrest, war, and international

problems are still with us, there is a bright spot; the elections are over.

Of course, the holidays are coming up as well. While this is a busy time of year, I enjoy Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. I realize it's a tough time for many people and the holidays may be more difficult than usual. However, for Western Motor Home Association folks, it's also time to start planning some future camping trips. I'm looking forward to meeting the Camping Squares folks. I heard they square dance. I was 17 the last time I did that at the Granite Falls, Washington, Grange Hall. Wonder if these 72 year old legs and no social distancing can do it?

Carol and I look forward to meeting as many people as we can. While social distancing is still the name of the day, we can still sit around and "chew the fat" as my Great Grandmother used to say. Maybe it was more about eating than talking in their sod hut in Nebraska?

Anyway, stay safe, stay positive, and stay on the road. Really, I mean it. Between the lines, please.

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877-350-3532 (Canada)  
1-202-659-7803 (Collect Outside USA)  
[OPS@europassistance-usa.com](mailto:OPS@europassistance-usa.com)

## Central Area Vice President's Message



Hello all, let's start out with some good news. Starting October 1, 2020, travel assistance will be provided by Europ Assistance Services and coverage will be written by Federal Insurance Co. They are a member of the Chubb group of companies. Their contact information is as follows:

877-352-0785 inside the US  
877-350-3532 Canada

1-202-659-7803 collect outside US

You can go to [www.FMCA.com/FMCA-assist](http://www.FMCA.com/FMCA-assist) for all the details.

Some of the central area chapters have held rallies and had a great time. Most chapters have canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. Not much to report on this time. Hopefully, soon, everything will reopen and things will get back to normal. So stay safe and healthy.

My wife and I were all loaded up and ready to head up to Bridgeport, CA. for some relaxation and fishing. About an hour before we were to start out, Twin Lakes resort sent a text and said not to come up. The health department shut everything down due to smoke and ash from all the fires up there. Needless to say, I was disappointed. I started to put the motor home away when our youngest daughter called and said she found a place to go in Williams, Arizona. So off we went. We checked a few things off our bucket list. We took the train ride into the Grand Canyon National Park and had a great time. A couple of days later we drove into the park for more sightseeing. Although most of the park was closed, we still had a great time. We stayed at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel and RV resort. The weather was great and the facility was awesome. If you haven't been there, you should go. That place is beautiful.

Please check our website at [www.wafmca.com](http://www.wafmca.com)

Remember to smile and have fun.

Rick Ammerman, F442485  
Central Area Vice President

The WMHA Chapter newsletters and/or website links are posted at <https://wafmca.com>. Visit the official WMHA website for a multitude of information like: Bylaws & Standing Rules; Photos; Chapter news; Chapter descriptions; Archived Western Byways; President's message; History; Contact info; etc.

## Northern Area Vice President's Message



Hello to all,  
My name is James McDaniel. I am your newly elected Northern Area Vice President. My wife, Janie, and I are very excited to visit and participate in each of your chapter rallies. However, due to COVID-19, we are all constrained by not being able to get together at this time.

Since having been elected, the team and I have been busy

planning the 2021 Indio Rally. However, due to COVID-19, the rally has been postponed until 2022. In the meantime, I have a lot to learn regarding the planning of WMHA rallies, how to communicate with each chapter, and how to best present issues or concerns to our Western Area National VP of FMCA. It is my goal to be as transparent as possible and establish a strong relationship with each chapter.

As Northern Area Vice President, I truly want to represent each and everyone of you to the best of my ability.

Our Journey:

My wife and I have been members of FMCA since 2004, the same year we purchased our first motorhome. For 10 years, I took my family to various RV shows and factories in Oregon to look at different motorhomes, as I dreamed of owning one myself. Finally, after my wife Janie agreed, we happily purchased our first RV. I did everything possible to ensure our RVing experience was the best. Our first FMCA rally we attended was in Pomona, CA. Learning all about our first RV and attending our first rally was challenging and a bit stressful, yet exciting all at the same time. What we enjoyed most were all the activities we could participate in and all the helpful RVers willing to show us the ropes. Now that we have experience under our belts we have completely immersed ourselves into the RV lifestyle. We have traveled across the great United States with a caravan of our closest friends and have been accompanied by our wonderful grandchildren.

We are looking forward to many more trips and activities with our friends and families, as well as getting to know you all through the various rallies and activities. But for now, I hope and pray no one is impacted by the virus and that you all stay safe. Hope to see you soon.

James McDaniel, F371784  
Northern Area Vice President



## Membership / Chapter Fair



Things are very slow with membership at this time. I no longer get the lists of new members in FMCA that are from Western Area. The chapters are still receiving the new and past due listings. If you have any questions about membership, please contact myself or your regional vice president. If I don't have an answer I will try to find out for

you. Since there is not going to be a rally in Indio, no planning to do for the Chapter Fair. Hopefully the chapters will plan on being at the 2022 rally and more of the chapters will take part in the Chapter Fair. I know that I will miss the rally and seeing people from all the different chapters. I hope everyone is staying safe and well.

I am still hoping that someone out there would like to take over the Membership / Chapter Fair position. I am still enjoy doing it, but have done it for many years and I think maybe someone else might like to get involved. I am willing to help all I can. Also, if anyone is interested in helping our WMHA for the Indio rally I also do the Volunteer Coordinator job and maybe someone would like to do that job. Again, I would be willing to help with that. It is interesting, because you get to know more of the members and captains. I have enjoyed doing it and will do it as long as I am able, but we need to get some new people volunteering in the Western Area. It is a great area and there are many wonderful people who do volunteer, and I have enjoyed the many years I have worked with WMHA and will continue to help where I can, as long as I can. Stay Safe and Well.

Alice Bernard, F79098  
Membership & Chapter Fair Captain  
Volunteer Coordinator

### 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.

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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 motor homing lifestyle. Please feel free to contact any of the Chapters below. They will be happy to have you join them for an outing.

### WHMA Southern Area Chapters ... Jesse Bassford Vice President

Alpine SoCal	Frustrated Maestros
The Big E	GMC Pacific Cruisers
California Chapter	Outdoor Resorts Palm Springs
Camping Squares	Overland Trailblazers West
Cruisin' Condos	Rockwood West
Discovery Club of California	Southern California FMCA Elk
The Dolphins	Southern Bus Nuts

### WHMA Central Area Chapters ... Rick Ammerman Vice President

Beat the Odds	Komfort Kruisers
California Coaches for Christ	Midweek Wanderers
California Coasters	Monaco Romers
California FMCA HMC	Roamin' Catholics Southwest
California Heartland	Safari of Southern California
Golden State Trackers	Valley Cruisers
HMC Club	Western GM Coach

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

Alpine Coach Norcal	Monaco NorCal
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California Capitals & Bay Area Liners	Sierra Hi Rollers
Crafty Crafters	Sierra Ramblers
GMG Forty Niners	Thousand Trails West
Gold Diggers	Western Bus Nuts
Gold Dust Travelers	Safari R Us
Golden Spike	

This Chapter information, along with the contact's mailing address, is posted on the FMCA website - FMCA.com. It is to be used only for chapter-related inquiries. Any other use of this information is expressly prohibited.

## [Quartzsite RV Show to Proceed, With Precautions](#)



If all goes as planned, RVers will converge in the Arizona desert for the 2021 Quartzsite Sports, Vacation & RV Show, set for January 16 through 24. But the event will look and feel different in the wake of COVID-19.

Among the precautions that will be in place: mandatory face coverings for all exhibitors, attendees, and show staff; numerous hand cleansing stations; expansion of the big tent's three interior aisles to 15 feet; one-way aisles; posted reminders about social distancing and aisle directions; clear plastic dividers separating exhibitors' selling areas; and possible temporary closings of some entrances to avoid overcrowding. In addition, attendees will be discouraged from arriving on opening day and will be encouraged instead to visit during the week.

TO REGISTER USING A LETTER OF CREDIT FROM THE TUCSON EVENT, CALL (800) 543-3622.

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FMCA's biannual international conventions bring together thousands of people for four days of everything RVing – education, shopping, entertainment, camaraderie. There are also regional events. Each of FMCA's 10 areas generally holds an area rally annually, where members gather to socialize, view exhibits, attend seminars and enjoy quality entertainment. Area rallies are organized by FMCA and area associations.