

# Arabian Nights

## 34th Annual Western Area Rally

### Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival

#### Indio, California January 10-14, 2024

**WINDSHIELD PLACARD:** The large windshield placard that comes in your credentials packet acknowledges your registration, indicates to security and parking personnel that you have paid, and must be displayed at all times. If you decide to leave the grounds in your motorhome for any reason, you must display this window placard to re-enter.

**TOW CAR HANGER:** This hanger in your credentials packet should be displayed from the rearview mirror of your towed or towing vehicle. When returning to the grounds in your vehicle, you must display the tow car hanger in order to re-enter.

**EMERGENCY LOCATOR CARD:** After you have been parked, please fill out your locator card (in your credentials packet) and turn it in at the Welcome/Information Desk in the Fullenwider Building (Building 9). This locator card is the only means we have of finding you in the event of an emergency or if friends want to know where you are parked. Please be specific about your location (check signs posted near your location). Also, please check to be sure that your RV's or towing vehicle's license plate number is printed clearly.

**NAME BADGES:** Name badges (in your credentials packet) must be worn to gain admittance to the exhibit areas and all other activities. There is a space on the back of the badge to indicate emergency information and your parking location.

**WESTERN AREA SOUVENIRS:** Hatpins are your mementos of the Indio rally. You will receive them when you pick up your Welcome Bag at the Welcome Desk. If there is a sufficient supply, the hatpins will be available at the Information Desk in the Fullenwider Building 9 for a cost of \$2.00 each.

**COFFEE & MUSIC IN THE MORNING:** Early morning coffee, doughnuts, rolls, or muffins will be offered for your enjoyment while the Frustrated Maestros entertain you with their music in The Fullenwider Building 9 from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

**FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE RIBBONS:** If you indicated on your registration form that you are attending your first Western Area Rally, we will enclose red First-Time Attendee ribbons in your credentials packet. These attach to your badges so experienced members can recognize you and be available to answer your questions.

**FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE ORIENTATION:** Plan to arrive early so you can attend the meeting for all first-time attendees on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in The Fullenwider Building 9 from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Following the meeting will be the Chapter Fair where you can visit with representatives from The Western Motor Home Association (WMHA) chapters.

**NOTE:** Arrive early Wednesday morning so you can get parked in time to attend this orientation or arrive a day earlier (Tuesday). The fee for the early day is \$30.

**CHAPTER FAIR:** There will be a Chapter Fair on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the Fullenwider Building 9 from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Meet with chapter representatives and join a chapter to add more fun & fellowship to your RV life.

**BINGO:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Fullenwider Building 9. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.. Includes a \$500 Blackout game prize (sponsored by River Run RV Resort).

**PARADE:** Thursday, January 11, 2024, 4:00 p.m. There will be a colorful parade designed around the "Arabian Nights" rally theme with floats, Western Area and national officers, and chapter representatives.

**OPENING CEREMONY:** Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Hear Western Area and national officer updates, National & WMHA Officers are introduced, chapters & volunteers are acknowledged. Entertainment follows.

**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Friday, January 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:45 p.m.). Ticket price is \$15.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door beginning at 12:15 p.m. Pick up tickets purchased when you registered on Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Building 9 (Auditorium) Lobby.

**TWO ICE CREAM SOCIALS:** Thursday, January 11, 2024, 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 13, 2024, 1:00 p.m.-2:00, both at the Town Center (under the flag pole).

**PET EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW:** There will be an “Arabian Nights” Pet Extravaganza Show on Saturday, January 13, at 2:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater. Five categories will be judged with ribbons and prizes awarded.

## ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

**DIRECTIONS:** From Interstate 10 East or West, take Monroe Street (exit 142) and exit south. Go three (3) miles on Monroe to Avenue 48. Turn left and go ½-mile on Avenue 48 to Arabia Street. Turn left on Arabia to the Arrival Area, which will be on your right. Note: do not use GPS directions as they will have you coming in the wrong way and unable to make turns into the fairgrounds.

**ARRIVAL AREA/PARKING:** Arrival Area parking hours begin Sunday, January 7, 2024, at noon and end at 4:30 p.m. Parking hours will continue daily from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The WMHA Parking Crew will be on duty to assist you upon your arrival. If you arrive before January 10, 2024, you will be charged \$30 per night camping fee, payable by check or cash. There will be no early arrivals before January 7, 2024.

If you registered for Disabled Parking, please display your valid DMV issued sticker/tag in your front windshield.

If you have a tow vehicle, the parking crew requests that you unhook it in the Arrival Area so this does not hold up the parking operation once you have been taken to your assigned parking site.

If you wish to park close to friends, you and your friends must arrive together with appropriate admittance credentials. All RVs in the caravan must have the same parking credentials. Please identify your party by placing, in each drivers windshield, a piece of white 8 1/2” x 11” paper that has the last name of one of the members of your group followed by the position each RV occupies in your party (Smith 1 of 3; Smith 2 of 3; Smith 3 of 3, etc.) written in a heavy, black marking pen. These should be in the lower left-hand corner of the driver’s side of your front windshield.

<b><u>MAIL:</u></b>	Your Name	You may pick up your General Delivery mail
	General Delivery	from the Indio Post Office, located at
	C/O General Delivery	45805 Fargo Street, Indio, CA 92201
	Indio, CA 92201	Phone: (760) 347-2092

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**NOTE:** Enclosed in your credentials packet are all of your registration materials with the exception of the rally program, hatpins, and badge holders, which you will receive at the rally with your Welcome Bag.

**DUMP STATION:** Please come to the grounds with **EMPTY HOLDING TANKS** and a **FULL FRESH-WATER TANK**. There is a dump station located south of the arena west of Gate 9.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Refunds for this rally will be made only upon written request ([arearallies@fmca.com](mailto:arearallies@fmca.com)). Cancellations made by December 10, 2023, will receive a full refund minus a \$50 handling fee. Cancellations made after December 10, 2023, but before January 9, 2024, will receive a full refund minus a \$75 handling fee. No refunds January 10, 2024 and after. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FMCA home office before any refund is issued.