



President's Message



The 98th FMCA Convention held in Gillette, Wyoming, is now history and all who attended had a great time. There were 1,578 family units and 217 display coaches for a grand total of 1,735. It did rain a couple of times but had little effect on the fun.

The following is the Governing Board Activity Report:

The Governing Board concluded their meeting with the following decisions.

Constitution and Bylaws Amendment Proposals

Proposal 1: The purpose is to provide flexibility in providing refunds: Passed

Proposal 2: To authorize electronic voting by the Executive and Governing Boards: Passed.

Proposal 3: Duplicate of #2 (this was submitted by written petition): Failed

Proposal 4: Provide definition of recreational vehicle: Passed

Proposal 5: Provides Commercial Member flexibility: Passed

Proposal 6: Adds flexibility to refund dues: Passed

Proposal 7: Revises the governing board by creating Area National Directors rather than chapter directors in an effort to represent all of FMCA's members: Failed

Proposal 8: this was a "Proviso" and would affect numerous Policies and Procedures if Proposal #7 passed: Failed (because #7 failed)

Policy and Procedure Amendment Proposals

("Proviso"... is defined as a condition attached to an agreement)

P&P #1001: Proviso if Bylaw Amendment #2 was approved: Passed

P&P #1015: Proviso if Bylaw Amendments #4 & #6 were approved: Passed

P&P #1017: Proviso if Bylaw amendment #5 was approved: Passed

P&P #2031: Proposal split into two sections. #1: Executive Board members may travel to other Area rallies with consent of the National President: Passed. #2: eliminates per diem and creates "meal expenses": Passed

Clerical changes were made to about 40 P&P's

Too many to be listed here...

Newly Elected National Officers

Northwest Area VP: Don Schleuse

International Area VP: George Schremp

I am pleased to report that 63% of the Western Area Chapters were represented at the Governing Board meeting. I would like to thank all of the Delegates and Temporary Delegates that made this possible. Thank you!

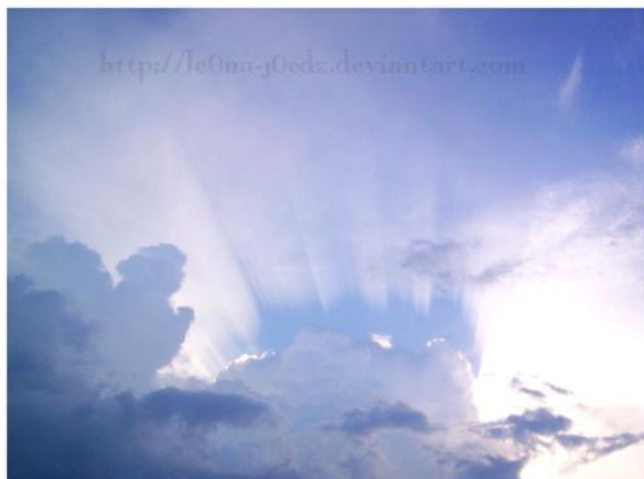
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Please mark your calendars for the 31st Annual WMHA Rally that will be held in Indio, CA, on Jan 9-13, 2019. The theme will be **Once Upon a Time**.

HAPPY & SAFE TRAVELS ...



**LON CROSS, F233066
NATIONAL VP
WMHA PRESIDENT**



Sad Passing:

Lon was notified that David Brooks passed away on Monday, August 23, 2018. Dave served as our Indio Display RV Captain for many years with much success.

After Dave "retired" from the Display RV position he helped Pat with her work on the Stage Painting Crew. Dave and Pat were also our Parade Grand Marshalls in 2016.

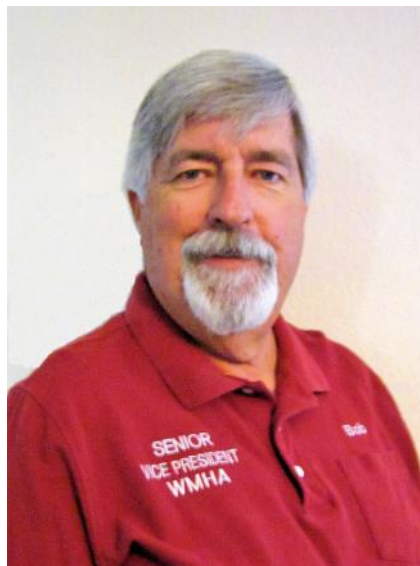
On a personal note...Dave served as Lon's Vice President for the 7 years that he was president of the California Chapter and was a wonderful and able assistant.

Dave will be missed.

Condolences can be sent to:

Pat Webb
49394 Redford Way
Indio, CA 92201

Senior Vice President's Views



Debbie and I hope you are having a wonderful summer. It has been a hot one with July going down as the hottest July on record for our area. We are not summer people and can't wait for fall weather to get here.

Just as summer arrived we had our WMHA Executive Board meeting in Bakersfield. Since we had other business to attend to, Debbie and I arrived a day early. Wouldn't you know it, Bakersfield set a new record of 108° for that day. What a way to start summer. At the board meeting, we welcomed our 2 newest officers: Dave Franke, the new Southern VP; and Carole Hazeltine, our new Secretary. We deliberated for 2 days going over the budget, captain's critiques, and possible changes for the Indio rally. One new initiative we decided to embark on is a digital marketing campaign to increase awareness and attendance at our Indio rally. We have commissioned a marketing firm to do this and it will involve e-mails and internet banners to people who own or are interested in RVs. We also put together a balanced budget to be presented at the upcoming Governing Board meeting up in Hanford this September.

With the executive board meeting out of the way, Debbie and I headed over to the coast to the town of Oceano (just south of Pismo Beach) for our Golden State Trackers rally. It was a small get-together as only a few members made it. We still had a great time and the weather was fabulous with cool temperatures, overcast skies in the morning, and sunny afternoons. For some reason, this was the first time there that Debbie and I did not eat any seafood. We had the planned meals for the rally and we went to an Italian restaurant and also got a hamburger in town, but we did not

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have time to go to our favorite seafood restaurant. I guess we will need to go back.

Besides the aforementioned marketing campaign, we are also taking steps to increase the number of vendors for our rally. We are already getting calls from interested vendors and we are also getting calls from prospective attendees asking about the rally. This activity is happening much earlier than in the past, so it looks promising for our attendance. Speaking of the Indio rally, here is the entertainment line-up for the rally: "A Salute to the Music of Glen Campbell" starring Jeff Dayton who was Campbell's band leader. "Ken Kaz—Life is Funny & so am I," a stand-up comedian. Finally "Groovin' Thru The 60s," paying tribute to the music of groups from the 60s such as The Mamas & The Papas, Peter, Paul & Mary, etc.

After Hanford, Debbie and I will be heading to Laughlin for a Beat the Odds rally (always fun) and from there we will head down to Hemet for the California Chapter's Oktoberfest rally. This will be our first time at this rally and we are looking forward to it as we have heard great things about this rally.

Enjoy the rest of summer and safe travels to you all.

Bob Golk, F316752
WMHA Senior Vice President



Northern Area Vice President's Message



Hi to Everyone. I hope that all is well with everybody, and that you made it through the fires up and down our California state.

My wife and I put a few miles on our RV. First, we drove to the gorgeous Oregon coast for the FMCA Northwest Area Rally in beautiful Coos Bay. We met with friends from other states that we hadn't seen in a while. We enjoyed the company, fun, and good food, especially the smoked salmon cooked right at the Mill Casino. From there we traveled about 20 miles north to Winchester Bay, Oregon, where we enjoyed the cooler weather for a few days.

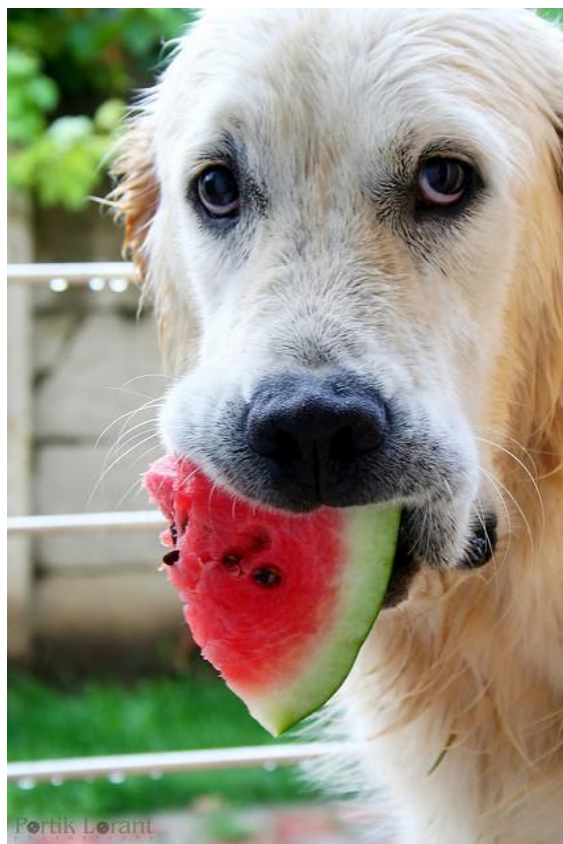
In July, we visited a few chapters. In Jackson, California, we were blessed with lots of fun activities, like Bean Bag Baseball and delicious food provided by the Gold Diggers Chapter. Then we traveled to Gilroy to present a 10-year certificate to the Alpine Nor Cal Chapter. While we were there most of the members went to the Garlic Festival, a wonderful experience, by a bus provided by the Casa de Fruta RV Park. Unfortunately, one trail boss couple had to leave early due to the fire in Redding. We enjoyed the companionship, great food, and fun of the Alpine Coach Chapter.

During the first week of August, my wife and I drove to Grass Valley to visit some close friends. While we were there we attended the Nevada County Fair where our friends had six restored John Deere tractors on display. Even though the weather was hot and smoky, we enjoyed the family-oriented fair. Our next destination is Hanford, California, for the annual Governing Board meeting where specific planning is done for our area rally in Indio. I still have one more certificate to present in October, to the Gold Dust Travelers Chapter for 15 years of being an FMCA chapter.

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I hope to see all of you in Indio in January, 2019. And remember, it is all about having fun! Take care.

Stephen M. Shade, F395353
Northern Area Vice-President



A little treat to help stay cool!

Central Area Vice President's Message



June, time to attend the WMHA Executive Board Meeting held at the River Run RV Park in Bakersfield. One of the many items discussed was the proposed budget for Indio 2019, which was being prepared for the Hanford meeting. See you captains there.

After the board meeting, we headed home to prepare for our trip north to attend the Northwest Area Rally held in Coos Bay, Oregon.

On our way to the rally we spent 10 days on the coast of California, parked on the banks of the Klamath River. One of the highlights was a jet boat ride up the Klamath River. Not only was the ride fun, we saw bear, harbor seals, bald eagles, river otters, and osprey. We stayed in the Golden Bear RV Park and were able to spread the word about FMCA and its many benefits to the many towables using this park.

Next stop was the Northwest Area Rally. The venue was the Old Mill Casino. It was a great venue. Those NW Area folks sure put on a great rally. If you did not have fun, you must have been ill. While attending the rally we had some new awnings installed.

From there we proceeded to Florence, Oregon, and stayed at the Florence Elks rest area for a week. Then it was on to Tillamook, Oregon, staying at the Tillamook Elks rest area for the week of the fourth. Tillamook has a great rest area with full hookups and a great cheese factory, also.

From Tillamook, we traveled to Yakima, Washington, to visit family we have not seen in a long while. After the family visit and a heartening discussion with my co-pilot, concerning the 106 degree temperatures at home, we decided we would reverse our route and head back to the Oregon and California coast. Good weather on the Klamath, plus 72+ degrees.

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We arrived home on August 11. It was only 106 degrees when we arrived home. Always glad to be home? Still in time to prepare for Hanford.

Be safe in your travels and remember "It's all about having fun."

Guard your Health

Fred Wells, F128327
Central Area Vice President

Cool off by the pool!



Southern Area Vice President's Message



Hello to all WMHA Chapters and especially the Chapters of the Southern region.

Having been installed this past spring, I think it's important for me to thank Roy and Ann McDaniel for their counsel and insight into the duties of this job. Plus the time and commitment they have given and will continue to give WMHA. I appreciate their time and energy given to me.

As the rally season picks up, I want to meet and visit all the Chapters of the region. To that end, please add me to your newsletter distribution and yearly rally schedule and calendar. I hope to visit all the Chapters as time permits. Traveling with me will be my best friend and wife – Marilyn. On the schedule for my first visit is California Chapter at Hesperia in September, followed by So Cal Elks, Vista in November, and Discovery Club of California in January.

I hope your Chapter has planned on attending "Once Upon a Time" at Indio in Jan 2019, and if you use this event for a chapter meeting, please let me know. I'd love to come by and say hello and meet your members.

Dave Franke, F443367
Southern Area Vice President



MEMBERSHIP / CHAPTER FAIR

I am still receiving the list each month of the new members to FMCA in the Western Area. Your membership person can also get this list for your area. I send a welcome e-mail out to all those who have e-mail addresses. The response is not great, but if we can get a few of these new FMCA members into our chapters it is great. This past list there are several who say they are planning on attending the Indio rally. When at the rally if you see a first timer be sure and welcome them to FMCA and WMHA.

As I have said before it is not too early to plan on having someone represent your chapter at Chapter Fair in Indio in January. Some chapters put a lot of effort into attracting new members but the main idea is to get the name of your chapter out to all of the first timers who attend the rally and to have someone there to talk to them.

If your chapter is having a problem with membership, remember, I am here and also your WMHA officers are here to help your chapter. It would be a help to me if you would keep me informed on who is the contact person for your chapter. Please e-mail: bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com or phone: 530-519-7346.

Remember each chapter can get \$125.00 from FMCA for advertising or mailing to select zip codes. Contact your Regional VP and he will send you the instructional brochure.

Alice Bernard, F079098
 Membership, Volunteer Coordinator
 and Chapter Fair Captain

Need a Western Area Badge?

Anyone who is interested in a Western Motor Home Association badge, please contact Alice Bernard:

Phone: 530-934-7346

Cell phone 530-519-7346 or

E-mail: 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.

**Next Byways
 Due Date is
 November 15, 2018**



Wouldn't it be nice to be here right now?

Looking for Western Area Photos?

Flickr Photo Tutorial

There are several ways to get into Flickr to see many RV photos.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/>

or

<http://www.wafmca.com/> (look for link to photos)

Once in Flickr Photostream, click on Sets, (Do Not use Photostream)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/sets/>

then click on the Set you wish to see. (Sample)

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/sets/72157625715483763/>

Double Click on the photo you want to see or download:

(Sample)<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/5362080447/in/set-72157625715483763/>

Right Click on the photo—Click on All Sizes, and decide the size you want.

(Sample)<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/5362080447/sizes/o/in/set-72157625715483763/>

Then click on Download the Original Size

I would then click Save As, and give it a name and location to Download. (I put them in a Folder on my Desktop called "Photos" and make a new Subfolder called (?) "Indio")

Once Downloaded, you can choose to either; keep it, e-mail it, print it, or save on CD to have printed somewhere else.

CHAPTER RECRUITMENT BENEFIT

• LET FMCA ASSIST YOUR CHAPTER •

Each chapter is entitled up to \$125 in recruitment funds from FMCA per year. There are three options to choose from (Brochures, Mailings, and Advertising). You can do only one of the three options per year.

Contact your Regional VP for COMPLETE details...

...START PLANNING NOW...

Help Wanted

Positions available at Indio:

We need someone to take the captain position for the Decorating Crew. This is a very fun position and Sandy King is willing to help with the transition.

We are in immediate need of an assistant Seminar Captain for Indio. For the 2019 rally the assistant, working with the seminar captain will be responsible for: craft scheduling & sign-ups, seminar monitors/evaluators and also take care of after-hours building scheduling (for chapter parties, events, etc). The current captain will still do the seminar scheduling. Starting in 2020 the assistant will become the new captain and take over all seminar/building scheduling along with an assistant of their choice.

We are also in need of someone to take over putting together the Rally Program Book and the Rally At A Glance guide. The current program manager will work with the new person this year with the new person taking over for 2020.

We are in immediate need of a Day Pass Captain. Day pass captain is responsible for having passes printed for the four day sales time frame of the rally and ensuring support supplies are adequate (radios, carts, pass holders, water, etc). Also ensure you have volunteers to man the gates, normally two per shift and you are responsible for daily accounting of money collected. You will have the current assistant captain working with you and the outgoing captain will assist as much as possible.

**If you are interested in any of the positions please contact either
Lon at 661-886-5077 or Bob at 661-599-3548 for more information.**

INDIO RALLY LADIES SOCIAL

WEAR YOUR APRONS!

CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE

...OR YOUR MOTHERS OR YOUR GRANDMOTHERS APRONS

... OR ONE THAT YOU BOUGHT OR MADE

... OR THE TOWEL YOU TUCK IN YOUR WAIST

OH THE FASHIONS WE WILL SEE!

**Western Motor
Home
Association
Chapters**

- Alpine Coach NorCal
- Alpine SoCal
- The Ambassadors
- Apollo Amigos
- Beat the Odds
- The Big E
California
- California Capitals & Bay Area
Liners
- California Coaches for Christ
- California Coasters
- California Cruisers
- California FMCA HMC
- California Heartland
- California Pacers
- Colorado River Ramblers
- Crafty Crafters
- Cruisin' Condos
- Discovery Club Of California
- Dolphins, The
- Frustrated Maestros
- GMC Forty Niners
- GMC Pacific Cruisers
- Gold Diggers
- Gold Dust Travelers
- Golden Spike
- Golden State Trackers
- Komfort Kruisers
- Midweek Wanderers
- Monaco Nor' Cal
- Monaco Romers
- NorCalRex
- Northern California FMCA Elk
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