



November 2016

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2016- 2017 Rallies

- November 2016 Gene & Susie Farr
Wine Ridge RV Resort Pahrump NV
- December 10 Saturday at 5:30 PM Christmas Party
London Bridge Golf Course
Carl & Debbie Flynn 733.2805
- January 11 – 15 2017 Rob & Shirley Crow
(928) 453.1462 FMCA Indio Rally
- February 2017 Bob & Maryann Stephens
LVM Resort
Las Vegas, NV
- March 7 – 10 2017 Chandler Az FMCA Rally
Carl & Debbie Flynn 566.1558
- April 19 – 22 2017 Keith & Lou Sheeler 846.2008
Don & Rose Kopecky
Desert Cypress RV Wickenburg, Az
- May Annual Meeting Lake Havasu City

Presidents Message...



Well hello again fellow travelers. Well we just finished a "VERY SUCCESSFUL " rally

at FORT MC DOWELL in PHOENIX AZ. and we getting ready for another good one in PAHRUMP , NEV.

I have been told we over 10 rigs going on this rally put on by Gene & Susie Farr, this is going to be GREAT, NICE COOL AIR, GAMBLING, AND WINE TASTING. What more does a guy need???

We have a lot good rallies coming up next year so PLEASE everyone, look at the schedule and plan to make as many as you can. Please do not forget our XMAS PARTY at the GOLF course in HAVASU, bring a toy (one each). Not much more to say this month , be safe, GOD BLESS ALL OF US. Your PREZ DON

.---- OH DID HEAR ABOUT THE 85 YR. OLD MAN IN HAVASU ORDERED A 1/2 PILL OF VIAGRA, THE DRUGEST SAID IT WOULD'NT DO ANY GOOD. THE MEN SAID HE DIDN'T WANT IT FOR SEX-- HE WAS JUST TIRED OF PEEING ON HIS SHOES.

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Appointees

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Quartermaster -- Robert Crow 928.453.1462

FORT MCDOWELL RALLY

Hi gang, here is a summary of our very successful rally at FORT MCDOWELL. Well we had a " GREAT " turnout of 11 coaches, and we made a profit of \$ 247.49 .

Lots of sightseeing was done, and the " HIGHLIGHT " for dinner was chosen by FRANK RICHMOND . We all caravanned some 20 miles to a GREAT pizza joint called ORGAN STOP PIZZA-- it was a night to remember, GREAT ORGAN PLAYER, the sound could wake the DEAD. (IN A GOOD WAY). Some went to the new AQUARIUM, some went to the BUTTERFLY MUSEUM, and others went driving their NEW CAR.

We had coffee and donuts every morning, and a VERY NICE POT LUCK DINNER. Highlight of the dinner was a " WHITE ELEPHANT " party, at which we were able to part from our beloved MASCOT, take good care of her, I'm sure we have not seen the last of her.

THE RALLY, was a BIG success and MARION AND I WANT THANK ALL OF YOU. DON

COLORADO RIVERRAMBLERS Minutes of Club Meeting held At Fort McDowell on Oct. 10, 2016.

President Don Lay presided over the meeting. Treasurer, Lou Sheeler Reported a balance of \$4,632.25 in the club's account. The secretary, Dorothy Michelsen, did not have the previous minutes to read and they will, instead, be printed in the club Newsletter.

There was a lively discussion about all the future rallies. The Pahrump rally Is at a park we have not used before and there is a good number of sign-ups Already.

Great friends Susie and Gene Farr are back!

The Christmas Party will be held on DECEMBER 9, 2016 at the golf course Club house, hosted by Carl and Debbie Flynn. They promise good food and a fun time. A flyer will be in this Newsletter

A note to all members is that the Lakeside RV Park in Pahrump has changed Owners and it is no longer a good camp to utilize.

Meeting was adjourned and Debbie Seconded the motion.

Meeting Minutes taken by Dorothy Michelsen

COLORADO RIVERRAMBLERS- Minutes of Club Meeting and Elections Held in Lake Havasu City, on May 9, 2016

- Our President Don Lay, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Guests attending were introduced to the members, they were; Jim and Judy, Sandy and Sharon, Otto and Sharon, and Wayne and Nancy.
- Secretary, Dorothy Michelsen, read the meeting minutes from the last meeting held in Yuma on April 21, 2016
- Treasurer, Dennis Callaghan, reported that there was \$4,493 in the club account. There were no deposits outstanding.
- Don discussed the Ft. McDowell rally which is now scheduled to start Oct. 10th. Members need to bring tables, and their place settings.
- Bob Stephens, National Director, advised members that Lon Cross will be our temporary representative for the club at the FMCA meeting in Mass. Bob has asked Lon to vote to allow 5th wheels to join FMCA. Bob also talked about the October Festival rally in Hemet, California, put on by FMCA. It's a good rally and he encouraged members to go. Send all apps and money to Bob. Also, the Western Area FMCA rally is in Indio again. Rob Crow is trying to get our club rally held at the same time at a RV park nearby. The 2017 FMCA rally will be in Chandler, Arizona.

• Newsletter Editor, Kathryn asked that all members doing next seasons rally's to get her dates and locations ASAP. She also would like some stories from members as to where they traveled, over the summer, to put in the newsletter.

Kathryn asked to be replaced as "Sunshine" lady because she lives in Bullhead City, "out of the loop". Shirley Crow volunteered for the position.

• Rob Crow, wagon master, thanked all the members for all the effort in holding rallies and for an the officers of the club for their work. Rob gave some location suggestions for future rally's, for members consideration; Pismo Beach, Morrow Bay, Santa Cruz Buellton, Valencia, Prescott, Sedona, St. George, Green Valley, and Grand Canyon Rallies can be several days like some done in the past.

• There was no "old business".

• Elections were held. All officers agreed and was voted on to remain in their positions, with the exception of Dennis Callaghan, the treasurer. He requested to be replaced. Lou Sheeler volunteered to take the position. She was elected by vote of the members.

• Member, Kathryn Richmond, indicated that this was a good time to do an audit of the books of the treasurer since the position was changing and going to a new member. All agreed. A committee of Shirley Crow, Lou Sheeler and Dennis Callaghan will perform the audit.

Minutes taken by: Dorothy Michelsen, Secretary

National Directors Report

Governing Board Meeting...August 3, 2016...West Springfield, Massachusetts

A quorum was announced. The Western Area was represented by 24% of our chapters. The workbook used this year was 46 pages in length and contained the usual Reports, Amendments, and Proposals that required our votes. The pre-registered attendance was announced as being 1,059 with 246 Display Coaches (1,305 total).

National Treasurers Report

Percy Bell, National Treasurer, reported the following regarding FMCA's finances as of May 31, 2016, at the 8th month mark in fiscal year 2016:

1. FMCA is showing a operating profit of \$81,539 compared to a budgeted operating profit of \$33,955
2. Revenues for the period are \$4,395,657 compared to a budget of \$4,831,323.
3. Expenses are \$4,314,118 against a budget of 4,797,368. We are operating under budget in the

expense areas by \$483,250 and expenses are under the prior year by \$84,256.

4. The balance sheet remains strong with \$460,839 of cash in the banks.
5. The investment account is \$7,940,200.
6. FMC Assist Medical Evacuation Program is being funded each month from the earnings of the investment account. In the past eight months we have had to withdraw \$410,279 to fund this initiative.

Membership at June 20, 2016 was reported as being 70,049 members. The good news is our rate of loss has decreased, and during the first half of 2016, we have experienced a membership increase in five out of the last six months

The Executive Board in their May meeting voted to enter into a \$250,000 working association with RVillage, a social network for RVers. FMCA is going to integrate RVillage with the marketing efforts of our research firm Membership Corporation of America (MCA), who highly recommended this initiative.

Voting Issues:

Policy and Procedure Amendments (3 total)

P & P #1015 Membership Enrollment:

- This amendment was made to streamline marketing language as well as mailing costs. The requirement of abiding by the Code of Ethics and Constitution will be added to the online join process.

This Proposal Passed

P & P #2023 Area vice President's Responsibilities:

- This amendment reverses the 2015 decision regarding residency requirements. It states that the Area VP must live in the area he/she is President of.

This Proposal passed.

P & P #2031 Reimbursement of Travel Costs for Individuals Traveling on Official Business:

- This amendment was made to satisfy audit committee request that all expenses claimed for reimbursements shall be documented with original paid receipts.

This Proposal passed.

Special Committee Reports:

Special Committee reports were read to the delegates by their Chairman's.

They were: Commercial Council, Membership/Member Services Committee, Risk Management, and Youth Program.

Special Note:

Of special interest, and you will be reading more about this in the October issue of the FMC magazine. The Governing Board passed a motion to allow the Executive Board to

supervise the process of amending the FMCA Articles of Incorporation to be revised as broadly as possible, to avoid an overly restricted Constraint on FMCA's mission (which may evolve over time) and activities in serving the needs and expectations of its members. The articles were signed in 1971 and have never been revised. A ballot, which will be placed in the October magazine, must be voted on by the Membership and returned no later than December 31, 2016.

The search of the next Executive Director will begin in January 2017.

Board of Directors Items To Be Voted On:

1. To approve the renewal of the FMCA Assist Medical Emergency program.
2. Recommended to bestow the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer's Award to Jean Pryor, L12913

The following are proposed convention sites contingent on successfully negotiations:

- Winter 2019; Chandler, Arizona or Tucson, Arizona
- Summer 2019; St. Paul, Minnesota
- Winter 2020 Perry, Georgia
- Summer 2020: Redmond, Oregon

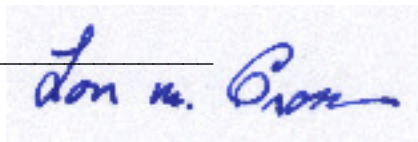
Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee presented their slate of candidates.

The results of the election are:

- National Vice President, Eastern Area: Billy Mallory
- National Vice President, Great Lakes Area; Les Naylor
- National Vice President, Western Area: Lon Cross

LON CROSS F233066
Temporary Delegate
Colorado River Ramblers



Friendly Reminder...

Remember club dues are due before November. Take a moment to write a check for \$25.00 so you don't lose track of it.

Mail to:

Lou Sheeler
976 Rolling Hills Dr
Lake Havasu City, Az 86406

New Members ...

Let's welcome:

Dick & Horacene Daugirds
From Fort Mohave.
To the Colorado River
Ramblers hope to see you
soon at a rally.



Welcome aboard

November Rally

Please note there has been some small change to the Pahrump Rally pot luck and other small changes

See the flyer for details.

How did you spend your summer

Hope everyone has a great summer. Let us know what you did this summer.



FORT MCDOWELL RALLY






COLORADO RIVER RAMBLERS

It is time to celebrate the season



**Bring a toy to be donated to Toys for Tots
One per Person
Saturday December 10 2016
Let's gather about 5:30 to renew friendships
Dinner will be served at 6:30
At
London Bridge Golf Course
2400 Clubhouse Drive
Lake Havasu City**



***Include check made payable to Carl Flynn
for \$ 30.00 for each dinner.***

Name _____

Phone _____

***Italian Theme: Chicken Alfredo or Beef Lasagna
Served with Caesar Salad, Bread and Dessert***

***Please return this portion to: Carl Flynn by November 28 2016
810 Pasco Granada Dr
Lake Havasu City, Az 86406***



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

COLORADO RIVER RAMBLERS

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

FMCA # _____ Email _____

Motorhome Info. _____
Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Length _____

\$25.00 Annual Dues

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Member _____

Spouse/other _____

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() Dues to Treasurer for deposit
() Names to Secretary for Membership Roster
() Names & E-Mail Address to Newsletter Editor
() Provide new member information to President