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## President's Message



We have just returned from FMCA's 93<sup>rd</sup> FAMILY REUNION & MOTORHOME SHOWCASE at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter in Perry, Georgia. What a great facility to have a big rally. As always the volunteers did a great job and for the most part everything

went quite smooth. We had a great time seeing old friends and meeting new ones. We had 3 great nights of entertainment, Lee Marvin Adams, comedian on Fri. night, Country Unplugged (Mark Chesnutt, Lorrie Morgan, & Joe Diffie) on Saturday night, then Pamela G & Jackie B. on Sunday night.

This year is an election year & we have a great slate of officers running for election. Bob Golk for Senior Vice President, Roy McDaniel Southern Reg. VP, Fred Wells Central Reg. VP, Steven Shade Northern Reg. VP, Kurt Simon Treasurer, and Sharon Roach Secretary. The voting will be sent out to each National director on April 22<sup>nd</sup> & are due back to the Cincinnati office May 17<sup>th</sup>., with tabulation May 20<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to these officers leading us through the next 2 years. These officers will take office in June at our Indio planning & budget meeting except for Lon Cross; he will be sworn in at Springfield Mass., in August as National VP, Western Area. I wish them all the very best.

The Winter issue of the Byways was the first issue to be sent out to all FMCA members in the Western Area in an effort to keep you better informed as to what is happening in the Western Area. We hope that you all enjoy reading this Newsletter.

If you have any special Chapter event that you feel the membership would enjoy reading about please submit a write-up to our Sr. VP, (Lon Cross until June, after that Bob Golk) to be included in the next Byways.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting in Santa Maria to

install the new officers, plan the events for Indio & develop the 2016 - 17 budget for the Western Area. We will then present that budget to the Governing Board at our Hanford, CA meeting Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. The California Chapter's Oktoberfest follows on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Safe travels,

Dick Gibbs F278983  
Western Area President

You are Invited to  
Western Motor Home Association's  
**Beach Party**  
Indio  
January 2017



## WMHA Senior Vice President's Views



Spring is certainly here... 89° in my backyard and snowing in Denver!

Christine and I are getting ready for the travel season: In June we plan on attending the Northwest Area Rally in Albany, OR; then in July the Midwest Area Rally in Amana, Iowa; and in August FMCA's 94<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion & Motor Home Showcase in West Springfield, Mass.

There will be a Governing Board meeting at the Springfield Reunion and I would hope that many of our Western Area Chapters plan on sending their National or Alternate Directors to this meeting. In the event that neither of these Directors are available to attend the meeting, the chapter can elect a Temporary Delegate to represent them.

In February we were informed that FMCA Executive Director Jerry Yeatts had resigned his position, and in accordance with FMCA Bylaws, while the search for his replacement continues, Charlie Adcock, National President, appointed a Management Committee to oversee these duties. The committee consists of Charlie Adcock, National President; Jon Walker, National Sr. VP; and three other individuals (Gaye Young, National Secretary; Percy Bell, National Treasurer; and Rod Sartwell, South Central Area National Vice President). I would like to thank Jerry for his 16 years of service.

New to our newsletter will be a **Community Bulletin Board**. If any Western Area chapter has a special upcoming event, or a little bit of information, that you feel is noteworthy to our Membership, you may submit it to me (or Bob Golk after June). I will review the article and then forward it on to the newsletter editor for publication.

The previous issue of the *Byways* was the first issue to be sent to **ALL** FMCA members within the Western Area. Our goal is to better inform our members of events and special happenings, and maybe attract folks to the experience of joining a chapter...where more RV fun can be found. Our website (wafmca.com) is another great place to obtain information about the Western Area. Here you can find chapter listings, chapter newsletters, photos from our past Indio rallies, as well as WMHA past history.

Work has started on the 2017 Indio Rally (Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>). The theme this year is "Beach Party" and I can only imagine what chapter parade floats will look like?? Entertainment has been booked and they are: Thursday night – Flashback Boyz (Rock & Roll); Friday night – The Troubadour Experience (George Strait Tribute Band); and Saturday night – Southwest Surfers (Beach Boys & surfer music).

Start planning now for your chapter's pre-rally at Indio...and if you bring one third of your chapter (minimum of 10 coaches) we will give you an additional parking site, with electricity (\$75 value), to use as a party area.

Happy Traveling,  
Lon Cross Sr. VP WMHA

## Northern Area Vice President

### Hello to all of Lee Clemons' Northern Area Chapters...

I spoke with Lee Clemons (Northern Region VP) last week to get an update on his Family's health issues. Lee's wife, Margie, has had a few setbacks from her stroke, but it now appears those issues have stabilized and she is starting to show more progress. Lee's oldest daughter, Yolonda, who also had a stroke, is recovering very well. Lee would like to express his thanks to everyone for their continued support and the many get-well wishes.

Lee says: "I wish everyone a fun and safe summer."

Lon Cross  
SR VP

## Central Area Vice President

Since this is the “slack time” of the year, there is not much to report. Our Indio rally is behind us and we are only in the preliminary stages of the planning process for the next Indio rally. To be sure your officers are kicking around some ideas and the treasurer is putting together a budget proposal. We have the theme and the entertainment has been set (see Lon’s report). The planning process will begin in earnest this June with the Executive Board meeting and installation of new officers. Things will then really start getting into gear.

So during this slack time we went to Arizona to the big metropolis of Bouse to visit some long-time friends. They have installed 2 nice, large pull-thru RV parking spaces on their property complete with 50 amp service, water and sewer all nicely graveled and level. While there we traveled out into the desert to watch some of the Parker 425 off-road race. From a hilltop you could see them coming from a long ways off and then they thundered by in great clouds of dust and screaming engines with chase helicopters close overhead with camera crews on board. It was quite a sight. From there we headed up to Laughlin, Az. for a Beat-The-Odds rally. I’m not much of a slot machine player as I have never done well, but I entered the slot tournament anyway just for the fun of it. Wouldn’t you know it, I took 1<sup>st</sup> place and won the top prize! I still can’t believe I was that lucky. Maybe it was my skillful play of the spin button. Following this we did a couple of rallies

with our Golden State Trackers chapter, one in Victorville and one up in Lone Pine. Now this being an “El Nino” year we have had quite a number of storms and lots of rainy weekends. But somehow all of these rallies have fallen on the nice weekends between the storms – how lucky was that?

As mentioned elsewhere, the Byways is now sent out by FMCA to all members in the Western Area. FMCA uses the e-mail addresses they have on file for you, so if you (or someone you know) did not receive the Byways via e-mail you need to check with FMCA and make sure they have your current e-mail address. Many of you have changed e-mail addresses in recent years, but if you have not contacted FMCA with the change they will probably still have your old address on file.

Safe travels,

**Bob Golk**

**WMHA Central Area VP**

## Southern Area Vice President

The last few months have been interesting to say the least. Ann has had hip replacement surgery, which left her at the mercy of my cooking and caregiving. Guess what, we have not killed each other yet. While she is still in physical therapy, she is recovering nicely and should be back to normal in a few more weeks.

We attended The Big E outing this April, which was celebrating its 40-year anniversary. Ann and I are grateful for the hospitality shown by Gene Le Meur, and the chapter members. It was my pleasure to present a 40-year award along with a check to the chapter. It is a real testament of how much the members enjoy the activities and friendships developed over the years.

I had the honor of meeting Willie Windich, one of the founding members of the chapter. Not only is Willie one of the founding members, he is also a member of what Tom Brokaw called the Greatest Generation. Willie graduated

from high school in 1942 and went into the air force, where he went through flight training. Upon completion he was assigned to train pilots.

Willie was not only recognized by the chapter, he received a very special American Flag along with the stand. He was also presented with a letter of commendation from a California United States Congressman. On Wednesday evening, after a great dinning-out experience, we returned to the club room where there was a sheet cake with ice cream in Willies honor. Willie, thank you for your service to our country and the FMCA...

**Roy Mc Daniel Southern Area Vice President**



# California Chapter's 42nd Annual Oktoberfest

Golden Village Palms RV Resort 3600 West Florida Ave, Hemet, CA 92545

## September 29 thru October 2, 2016

### RALLY FEE INCLUDES

8 Nights Camping (9/29,30,10/01,2016)  
 (Full Hook-ups 50 amps, cable, Laundromat, Showers, internet service) Morning Coffee & Donuts and one hot breakfast  
 Two Biergarten Lunches ( Bratwurst, Beer, Wine & Soda )  
 Two Catered Dinners, One Wine & Cheese party  
 Ice Cream Social  
 Door Prizes, Live Entertainment and lots of fun!!

### Directions:

I-15 North - Exit Winchester Road go North for 15 miles, then Right on Highway 74 East (Florida Ave.) for 6 miles, then Left at Golden Village.

from I-10 South exit Highway 79 South (Beaumont Exit), go south on Highway 79 to Saunderson Ave, right and south to Florida Ave. (Highway 74). Right on Florida Ave. (west) to stop light at Golden Village Palms. Right into RV Park, next to Hampton Inn.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Bingo...\$250.00 Blackout!.....Crafts & Seminars.. Shuffle Board Tournament... Putting Contest ...Bean Bag Baseball Tournament ...Biergarten Lunches.... Live Entertainment following Evening Dinners... Pet Parade, First Lady's Luncheon... ROMEO'S Luncheon...  
 3 pools, Billiard tables , Horseshoe Pits and Work-out room.

Trail Boss: Roy & Ann McDaniel (805) 368-2641  
 Co-Trail Boss: Ed & Sarah Speakman (619)952-6030

Off-site Registration: Darlene Glenn (714)750-5812

Cancellations: Accepted in writing or by phone up to 15 Sep 2016.

**NO REFUNDS** honored after 15 Sep 2016.

**\*\*General parking begins Sept. 29 at 8:00 AM\*\***

**\*\*\*Early Arrivals must call Park for reservations\*\*\* (1-800-323-9610)**

Please Print

FMCA #	Coach Make: Coach License Number:	Length:
Last Name:	Pilot First Name:	Co-Pilot First Name:
Address:	City:	State: Zip Code:
Telephone:	Guest/Child Name	Guest/Child Name
Emergency Contact Name & Telephone:	First CCFMCA Rally: YES [ ] NO [ ]	Home FMCA Chapter:

REGISTRATION FEES	TOTAL
Coach with 2 people (3 nights-Thr-Fri-Sat)	\$236.00 \$ _____
Coach with 1 person (3 nights)	\$183.00 \$ _____
Pet fee \$2.00 per night per pet (# _____)x(\$2.00)=	\$ _____
Adult Guest (# _____) x	\$123.00/ea. \$ _____
Children 10-17 (# _____) x	\$25.00/ea. \$ _____
(Children under 10 FREE)	
First Lady's Luncheon(# _____)x	\$ 10.00/ea. \$ _____
ROMEO'S Luncheon (# _____)x	\$ 5.00/ea. \$ _____
Registration AFTER 15 Sep 2016	\$255.00 \$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>	\$ _____

**Make checks payable to:**  
**CCFMCA Oktoberfest 2016**  
 Mail to: Darlene Glenn  
 12881 Otis Ave.  
 Garden Grove, Ca. 92840  
 For separate confirmation, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Cancellations accepted in writing or by phone up to 15 Sep 2016  
**NO REFUNDS** honored after 15 Sep 2016.

Arrival day Thurs. Fri. (early arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_)

- Handicapped Parking- Permit # \_\_\_\_\_
- I plan to attend the First Lady's Luncheon on Thurs. Sept.29. at 1:00 PM
- I plan to attend the ROMEO'S (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Luncheon on Thurs. Sept.29.at 1:00 PM

**Those who wish to attend the Luncheons need to arrive and be parked prior to 10:00 AM. Thursday Sept.29,2016.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE Volunteer!** She (S), He (H), Both (B)  
 Registration/Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Trams \_\_\_\_\_ Tables/Setup \_\_\_\_\_ Meals \_\_\_\_\_ Clean Up \_\_\_\_\_ Decorations \_\_\_\_\_ Anywhere \_\_\_\_\_

**This rally is open to all. Come and join the fun!**



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## 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

## 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...**

Our sincere condolences to the Bernard family.

Alice and Bud Bernard's son-in-law (Darrell McGill) recently past away.

## Looking for Western Area photos?

### Flickr Photo Tutorial

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

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

or

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

Once in FlickrR 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.

For questions contact:  
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