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Western Area FMCA

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President's Message



western support for FMCA and the Northwest Area. We have scheduled both a Caucus and an Area Gathering at Redmond. At the Caucus we can discuss issues to come before the Governing Board. National Directors, please attend. The Area Gathering will provide information on the Western Area's annual Indio rally, FMCA's Pomona rally, and anything else of interest. Because all things can be subject to change, please check the Redmond program for the latest location, time, and date for the Caucus and Area Gathering. You can also meet and greet the new Executive Officers.

It is hard for me to find the words to thank all of the WMHA Executive Board Members, all of the Chapter Officers, Indio Captains, and Marvelous Volunteers who spent so many hours making the WEST THE BEST, and for helping to keep my butt out of trouble. Thank you one and all. Hoping to see many of you down the road.

Rick & Jan

Robert "Rick" Ricordati, WMHA President

P.S. I delivered 15 lbs. of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. They thank us for our contribution and I'll continue to collect them as long as you save them for me.

We've all heard the saying, "All good things must come to an end.", and so, my term as Western Area President will officially cease this August at Redmond, OR. It was my pleasure at the WMHA Executive Board, in Santa Maria this June, to administer the pledge of office to the new Executive Board Members. They are all officially installed save for Richard Gibbs who will have to wait until his installation at Redmond by FMCA (Charles Adcock). To be sure that you know who your officers are, here's the list: President, Richard Gibbs; Senior Vice President, Lon Cross; Secretary, Debbie Golk; Treasurer, Judy Jackson; North VP, Lee Clemons; Central VP, Robert Golk; South VP, Roy McDaniels; Immediate Past President, 'Rick' Ricordati. (Thought you got rid of me, didn't you?).

I hope many of you are going to Redmond, OR. to show





President – Elect Byways Summer Com- ments 2014

The election of Officers is now over and is now time to get to work. First of all I want to thank everyone who voted for me to be your

President; it will be an honor to serve. I will be sworn in at Redmond in August, we hope that most of you will make the trip to Redmond as it is sure to be an outstanding Family Reunion.

At the Governing Board I will represent the California Coasters as a National Director & my wife Char will represent the Apollo Amigo's as a Temporary Delegate. Besides the typical housekeeping issues we will be voting on a bylaws amendment to eliminate the non-voting Immediate Past President from the Executive Board. A Policy & Procedure Proposal that we will vote on is to change the mileage allowance for motor home travel to be double the IRS rate for automobiles, & deleting the requirement for officer travel to be reimbursed by the least cost method. Another Policy & Procedure amendment to #3011 for Chapter & Associate Chapter "Voting will be one vote for each adult member". The Board of Directors will also be voting on the list of convention sites presented by committee.

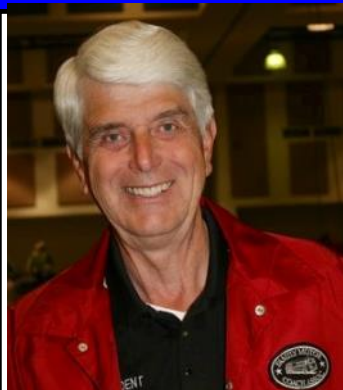
- To hold the 2016 winter convention in Perry, Georgia, contingent on successful contract negotiations.
- To hold the 2016 summer convention in Syracuse, New York, contingent on successful contract negotiations.
- To hold the 2017 winter convention in Pomona, CA, contingent on successful contract negotiations.
- To hold the 2017 summer convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, contingent on successful contract negotiations.
- To hold the 2018 winter convention in Perry, Georgia, contingent on successful contract negotiations.
- To hold the 2018 summer convention in Gillette, Wyoming, contingent on successful contract negotiations.

Lon Cross our Senior VP & myself have been working hard to get our plans in place for the September 29th Budget & Indio planning meeting and we have a balanced budget to present to you at that time. This meeting is very important for all Chapter President, National Directors, & Indio Rally Captains to attend. Our first priority is to have the budget approved by noon and then spend the afternoon planning Indio. We will need every Captain to give us a list of everything that he/she will need to perform their job at Indio. If you don't have your list made up please have it completed before Sept. 29th. If you cannot attend this meeting please make sure your Area VP has your list.

I hope to see most of you in Redmond.

Safe Travels, Dick Gibbs WMHA President – elect

WMHA Senior Vice



Thank you for electing me your Senior Vice President. As we took the oath of office, we swore that we would do our best for the betterment of Western Motor Home Association and all of its Members. With your help that's exactly what I intend to do. The newly installed Executive Board is all about "teamwork" and all of you are a very important part of **THE** team. SO...If there are any questions or concerns

you have regarding FMCA, WMHA, or whatever is on your mind, please give myself, or any Board member a call. Phone numbers and email addresses are listed on the back of the Byways.

Dick Gibbs, our WMHA President, myself, as well as the entire Exec Board, have been working closely together on various items. From the Governing Board meeting in Hanford to Indio Rally, with it's many contracts, to the up coming Winter Convention in Pomona in March 2015. I truly feel that we genuinely have a cohesive group of dedicated Board Members working for you.

In June we held our Executive Board meeting at the Santa

Maria Fairgrounds, where temperatures were very favorable. We had installation of Officers and worked to develop a balanced budget for 2014-2015. Judy Jackson, WMHA Treasurer, did a great job of pulling information together for her Budget presentation. The Budget will be presented for discussion and vote at the Governing Board Meeting in Hanford on September 28-30, 2014. If possible, all Chapter Presidents, National Directors, and Indio Rally Captains are urged to attend this meeting. Thank you.

FMCA's 90th Family Reunion and Motor Home Showcase will be held at Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond, Oregon on August 13-16, 2014. We hope you are planning to attend. While there Roy McDaniel, Southern Area VP, and I have volunteered to work Communications.

Also at Redmond, I will be representing the California Chapter as National Director. Dick Gibbs outlined, in his report this month, the many issues that are on the agenda for discussion and vote. We *will* be very busy. I hope to see a lot of WMHA Chapter National Directors and Delegates there.

Our Indio Rally (Jan 7-11, 2014) has some changes...as we always try to improve this event. One of them, which I am excited to announce, is the addition of the Roadtrek International Chapter, which will host the Pet Show. With the won-

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derful help of Christy Powers (who has volunteered as Captain) I'm sure this will be one of our favorite events. Christy has presented several Dog Shows before and you can bet there will be plenty to WOOF about.

Sadly, I must mention that Western Motor Home Association has lost a great friend in the passing of Bobby Donald. We had the good fortune of Bobby and Shirley's attendance at our recent Exec Board meeting. I haven't known Bobby as

long as some of the "ol' timers", for me since the mid 90's. But, there was one thing I could always count on, when I had a question...Bobby had the answer or he found out. And, if you needed a hand during a rally it seemed he was always there to help. I raise my glass and a toast to my friend...Bobby.

I hope to see you in Redmond,
Travel Safe, Lon Cross WMHA Senior VP

Northern Area Vice President

First thing I would like to thank everyone for their confidence and their votes. I am looking forward to serving as your Northern Area Vice President for another term. Our first meeting in Santa Maria California is where the officers were sworn into office. Next we worked on balancing the budget. We also discussed plans for Indio 2015 and Pomona 2015. After Margie and I left Santa Maria we stayed a couple of nights in Bakersfield then on to Las Vegas for a family reunion with my side of the family. It was very hot. We had a

great time. We will be attending the rally in Redmond Oregon and we hope to see everyone there. Remember FMCA needs the support of everyone. So let's have a 100% turnout.

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Central Area Vice President

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer and continues to do so. I want to thank everyone for putting your faith in me as your Central Area Vice President for another 2 years. These past 2 years have been a real eye opener for me as well as my wife Debbie (your WMHA Secretary) as we learned the ropes of our respective offices. It has been a very rewarding past 2 years as we took on various challenges. A real treat has been all the wonderful people we have met and come to know and we look forward to continuing to work with everyone.

a new Chapter called the Golden State Trackers. He assisted me in cooking hamburgers for all the attendees and that is when I got to know him. Although a rough exterior he was a warm and knowledgeable person inside with a great sense of humor. He helped me over the years and it was at his suggestion that I ran for Central Area VP. We had drinks together and shared stories and he was always able to answer any questions I had. We were very fortunate to see him and have dinner at the Executive Board meeting in June. I will miss my friend Bobby.

To all my Chapters in the Central Area I will be asking for you to send me your 2015 rally schedules once you have them finalized. I want to do more Chapter visits over the next 2 years and I have a spread sheet that I plug all your rally places/dates into so I can plan out a visitation schedule. Also, please keep sending me your newsletters so I can stay abreast of your Chapter activities. Through these I learn about places I have not been to, attractions in the area and things Chapters do for rally activities.

This September will be our Governing Board meeting and Indio planning session up in Hanford. Looking forward to seeing the Chapter representatives and the volunteer captains. Until then safe travels to you all.

I would like to toast a friend that we lost recently - Bobby Donald. I first met Bobby 6 years ago at a formation rally for

Bob Golk

WMHA Central Area Vice President

Southern Area Vice President

I had the pleasure of traveling to Santa Maria for my first WMHA executive board meeting, where I was installed as the Southern Area Vice President. I would like to thank all of you who have given me your support. I look forward to working with you.

breakout meeting for the chapters, which is an excellent time to discuss issues of concern or ideas that may improve our overall groups. If you have subjects you would like to discuss please let me know. If a captain is unable to attend, please contact me with what supplies or equipment you need and let me know how I can support you. My E-Mail address is Klamath2@Verizon.net.

The planning for the Indio rally is well underway, and I look forward to meeting the Chapter Presidents and Captains at the September meeting in Hanford. There will be a

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We will be traveling to Redmond, where I will be volunteering to help with communications. On the return trip in addition to visiting relatives, we plan on attending the Southern California Elks rally in Oceano.

Looking forward to seeing you in Hanford.

Roy Mc Daniel, Southern Area Vice President



Bobby Lee Donald

June 28, 1935

To

July 7, 2014



We lost our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother on July 7, 2014 in a gallant fight with cancer. He was born on June 28, 1935 in Washington D.C. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Doris Donald, his sister Daisy Peotzman and his son Bobby Lee Jr.

He is survived by his friend, soul mate and loving wife Shirley; son Wesley Lee Barrett; wife Pamela of Centerville, WV; daughter Cyndy Myers husband Don of Gig Harbor, WA; daughter Janice Donald; daughter-in-law Beverly Johnson of Moorpark, CA; stepson Jeffery Smith wife Staci of Camarillo, CA; stepson Brett Smith of Camarillo, CA; and 16 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Sister Elinore Douglas, husband who he loved like a brother from Martinsburg, MD; brother William Streeks, wife Faye of Ventura, CA.

He served his country in the US Navy for 4 yrs. Abroad the USS Cony and Coast Guard for 14 yrs. He earned two Degrees, one in Engineering and one in Business Management. He worked a NASA and Point Mugu in Public Works for a total 38 yrs. He was involved as Commander of U.S. Navel Sea Cadets, Umpire for Miss Softball America, Life Member of American Legion and Vice Commander of VFW. Bobby also enjoyed golfing, bowling on a team, painting miniature villages, building NASCAR cars. His passion was watching NASCAR and had season seating for many years with his name on the seats. Since 1988 he has been an active volunteer in FMCA (Family Motor Coach Association) serving in all capacities. Bobby was Area VP for 4 years and President of WMHA (Western Motor Home Association) of FMCA for 4 years. Bobby attended 25 yrs. at Indio Rally never missing till this year due to illness. He took great Pride in telling everyone he had recruited almost 140 members. He loved driving his 40 ft. motor home all across the USA, meeting old friends and making new ones. Per his request, he will be cremated with no service. He asked that you all toast him and share all your thoughts about your good times together. He will always be a part of us. To Know Him Was To Love Him.

Looking for Indio photos?

Flickr Photo Tutorial

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

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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)

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

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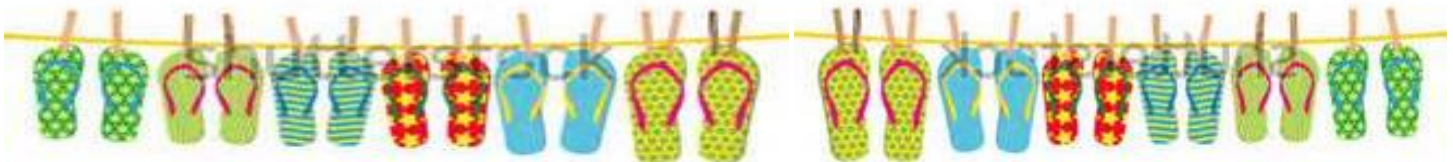
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Once Downloaded, you can choose to either; keep it, e-mail it, print it, or save on

CD to have printed somewhere else.

For questions contact:

John Stocksdale wb6abw@hotmail.com



MEMBERSHIP – CHAPTER FAIR

I have continued to send Welcome e-mails out to the new members of FMCA that are listed for the Western Area. Response has not been real good but I do receive responses back from at least 9 or 10 interested new members. I will continue to do this and hopefully these people are joining chapters in their areas. I still receive requests from the National office for information on various chapters which I forward to the contact person for the chapter. It is important that each chapter keep me advised as to who your contact person is so that we can get this information to the correct person in a timely manner. When people request information about a chapter usually they are very interested and the quicker they get a response the more apt they are to join a chapter.

Please be thinking about Chapter Fair at Indio in January. It will be on January 7, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. immediately after the "First Timers" meeting. I will be sending a note out later to each chapter President and/or contact person about the Chapter Fair. This year I will be requesting that the chapter representative(s) please come in before the "First Timers" meeting and set up their information then either join the "First Timers" meeting or leave the building so that we don't have people talking in the Chapter Fair area while the meeting is going on. If you have not attended a "First Timers" meeting (even if you have been around for several years) you might enjoy listening to what they are being told.

Thanks to all of you chapter members who are encouraging new members and participating in Western Area.

Alice Bernard

INDIO & POMONA VOLUNTEERS

As most of you know I (Alice Bernard) am the volunteer coordinator for **Indio** and I realize that most of you work with your chapter at Indio (if not please contact me if you would like to volunteer). Most of the captains have full crews for their jobs but we do need a few extra for vacancies and I will put your name down.

For **Pomona** in March, Bud & I are the volunteer coordinators. We will need a lot of volunteers for that convention (National figures around 1,000). There again I am sure that there will be chapters who will volunteer for certain jobs but if your chapter is not volunteering as a group please contact us if you are willing to volunteer. There are still some **captain positions open** and if you are willing to step up and be a captain for Pomona please contact Dick Gibbs (cell – 661-203-9180) or Lon Cross (cell – 661-886-5071) and let them know that you would consider being a captain. (Their e-mail addresses are on the back of this newsletter).

If you would like to volunteer for both Indio or Pomona as well as either Indio or Pomona please contact us, Bud & I either by e-mail:

bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com , phone: 530-519-7346 cell or snail mail: P.O. Box 704 Willows, CA 95988.

We would appreciate your help. Alice Bernard

Crabby Road

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2016 THEME CONTEST

INDIO RALLY

**OPEN TO ALL WESTERN AREA CHAPTERS & INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS
OF ROAD TREK, ALFA, & BEAVERS.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER FOR THE THEME CONTEST TO BE SENT TO ALL
CHAPTERS ON OR BEFORE OCT. 1 ALONG WITH CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

**ALL CONTEST ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO DEBBIE GOLK
dgolk@bak.rr.com BY DEC.15TH, 2014.**

**PUBLISH CONTEST IN THE BYWAYS
EACH CHAPTER TO SUBMIT 1ST & 2ND CHOICE OF THEMES**

**WINNING THEME / CHAPTER WILL RECEIVE \$100 & PREFERED SEATING
AT SAT. NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT 2016.**

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SAT. NIGHT 2015

**IN CASE OF A TIE WINNER WILL BE DECIDED BY A FLIP OF A COIN
THEME JUDGES: SANDY KING, LON CROSS, & DICK GIBBS**

TEAR OFF

RALLY THEME CONTEST 2016

ENTRY FORM

CHAPTER NAME: _____

CHAPTER PRESIDENT: _____

1ST CHOICE THEME: _____

2ND CHOICE THEME: _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____



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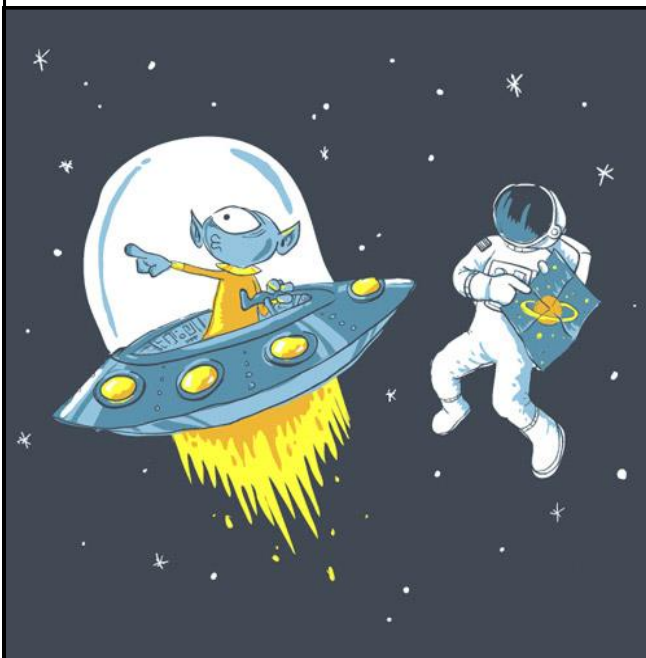


Need a Western Area Badge?

Anyone who is interested in Western Motor Home Association badge please contact Alice Bernard by phone: 530-934-7346, cell 530-519-7346 or e-mail: bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com.

The price of the badges has increased since the last order – they are now \$11.00 for the badge (which includes your name and F number). A hanger with your city and state would be an additional \$2.75. Badges are usually ordered after the Western Area Governing Board meeting in Hanford in the fall or after the Rally in Indio in January.

2015 Indio Theme "Out of this World"



So join Western Motor Home Association in exploring the fun possibilities!

Crabby Road

7-12-07

Some days the best thing about my job is that my chair spins.



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