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President's Message



Charlotte & I have just returned from the Northwest Area rally in Coos Bay, OR, what a Great Rally, Kathy & Andy Balogh had everything well organized. Many of our Western Area members also attended, the rally held at the Mill Casino.

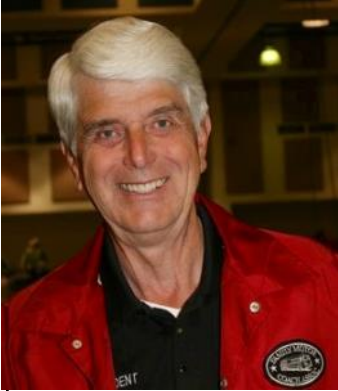
We will be leaving for the FMCA'S 92nd Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase on July 14th. The Governing Board meeting will be July 29th my wife Char will represent the Apollo Amigo's as a Temporary Delegate. Besides the typical housekeeping issues we will be voting on Proposal #1 to allow Chapters to determine voting rights by individual or by member number on all matters other than constitutional matters. Proposal #2 that a Chapter President may appoint a Temporary National Director 3 days before a convening Governing Board meeting, when the National Director & the

Alternate National Director will not be able to attend, this would assure each Chapter of the fullest representation. 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 Regional VP has your list. We have NEW & GREAT plans for Indio in 2016. Lon Cross will be the Rally Master & I will let him tell you all about the exciting news in his article. We need every Chapter to really get behind the Western Area Rally to build attendance. I hope to see most of you in Madison.

Safe travels,
Dick Gibbs F278983
Western Area President



WMHA Senior Vice



Christine and I left home on June 2nd for the WMHA Executive Board Meeting in Santa Maria. The first half of the meeting was devoted to the Indio rally and the last half we spent working on balancing the budget for the coming year. This budget will be presented to the Governing Board in Hanford for their review and vote for acceptance. Chapter Presidents, National Directors, Indio Captains are very much

encouraged to attend the Hanford meeting in September. This is where Chapters and Captains have a say in the budget and the working of the Indio rally.

Next we attended the Northwest Area Rally in Coos Bay, Oregon. They really put on a nice rally, and it was nice to see so many of our WMHA friends there. A big "Thank You" goes to Kathy and Andy Balogh and their entire staff for a great time! We also appreciate and thank the Northwest Area for bringing so many coaches to Indio to support our rally.

From Coos Bay we are heading east to attend the National Convention in Madison, WI, where I will be representing the Colorado River Rambles at the Governing Board meeting on July 29th. I hope to see many of you there

I am very honored that Dick Gibbs appointed me as the 2016 Indio Rally Master. And I would like to share with you some of the exciting things that the Executive Board and Staff have been working on for the coming "Call Of The Wild" Rally. We are planning to open up the Rally on Sunday January 3, 2016 to early arrivals. We hope that Chapters will take advantage of this and plan to hold a chapter outing at our Rally. And, as an incentive, WMHA will give away a party space (worth \$75.00) to each chapter that brings at least

1/3rd of their certified membership to the Rally.

We are also planning tours: on Tuesday Jan 5th there will be a tour to the Living Desert with box lunch and on Wednesday Jan 6th a tour to the Palm Springs Air Museum and return by noon..

With thanks to dedicated Staff Members here are some other note worthy events that have happened this quarter: WMHA can now be followed both on Facebook and Twitter. Go to the Western Area website at wafmca.com and click on the links to join in on the fun. And don't forget to visit the WMHA website where you'll find all sorts of great information about the Western Area.

- An aggressive poster campaign, announcing our 2016 Rally, has been launched to better increase Rally attendance and Day Pass participants. The posters will be delivered to RV related businesses and RV resorts in the Indio area. The poster can be found on our Twitter page.
- We will continue to have chapters participate in the next years Rally Theme. The Chapter that comes up with the winning theme will have Saturday night up front setting that year, PLUS that Chapter will receive \$100 for their treasurer.

• Just a reminder of the 2016 entertainment: "The Ally Cats", "New West", and "The Diamonds"

We hope to see you at Madison...and please add the Indio Rally (Jan. 6th thru 10th) to your rally event schedule.

Travel Safe,

Lon Cross WMHA Senior VP

MEMBERSHIP – CHAPTER FAIR

Since I am the Membership chairperson for Western Area and also do the Chapter Fair in Indio I decided to combine the reports for both jobs.

Things have been rather slow in the membership department – haven't received any requests from the Cincinnati office (not sure if any of the chapters have received any requests).

I know it seems early but it is time to start thinking about our Western Area Rally in Indio and planning for it. Please think about having a table at Chapter Fair, it will be January 6, 2016 just after the First Timers meeting. Remember you don't have to have a big fancy display – the main object is to let people know about your chapter. Items that are helpful are newsletters (if your chapter has one), pictures of rallies, and maybe a schedule of your rallies. Have at least a couple of your members there to answer questions about your chapter.

Please let me know as soon as possible if your chapter is interested in participating in the chapter fair in January. You can contact me by phone: 530-519-7346, e-mail: bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com or even by snail mail: P.O. Box 704 Willows, CA 95988. Alice Bernard

INDIO – VOLUNTEERING

I know it is early but time to be thinking about our Western Area Rally in Indio in January. . At this time we are not sure how many volunteers might be needed. Many of the captains already have enough volunteers but there is almost always need for a few more volunteers. If you are interested please let us know and we will contact you when we find out who will be needing volunteers – some of this we will not know until November or December but it is time to start planning on attending even if you do not volunteer. You can contact me by phone: 530-519-7346, e-mail: bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com or even by snail mail: P.O. Box 704 Willows, CA 95988. Alice Bernard

HELP WANTED

NEEDED - 2 captains for the coming Indio rally – the Big Trams and the Radios, if you are interested and would like to know more about what would be duties at either of these jobs please contact Dick Gibbs – cell phone: 661-203-9180 or e-mail: randcgibbs@juno.com or Lon Cross – cell phone: 714-814-7178 or e-mail: loncross1225@att.net

Northern Area Vice President

Hello to all my Northern Area Chapters.

Since the Pomona rally Margie and I attended the Executive Board meeting in Santa Maria. The first day was spent on the Indio Rally talking about things to do and making plans to expand extra days for chapters and volunteers who would like to arrive early. We plan to add Tours on Tuesday and Wednesday in and around Indio. This will be a great time for us to gather together and have some fun before the rally starts. The hope is that chapters will hold a pre-rally at the Indio Rally. An incentive is that WHMA will offer a party space (worth \$75) if they bring 1/3rd of their certified chapter members. We spent the second day working on the budget, which will be presented in Hanford to the Governing Board.

After Santa Maria Margie and I started our trip home, and on the way we had a flat tire. We spent the next 3 hours on the freeway waiting for a tow truck. Once we got the tire fixed we made it home okay.

We have not been very active since the flat tire but are

looking forward to getting on the road again. As a matter of fact we have four upcoming Anniversary Presentations to hand out. We look forward to having a great time meeting with the chapters and presenting them with their certificates.

As you may know there will be a need for some new WHMA officers in June of 2016. My term will be up so we need someone to volunteer to take my place for this elected position. We also need to fill the following positions: Secretary, Treasurer and Central Vice President. You will enjoy your time.

Thank you from your Northern Area VP, Lee Clemons.

Vice President Northern Area, WMHA F.M.C.A.
lee2675@msn.com Cell# 209-992-6097



Central Area Vice President

Greetings to everyone and I hope you are all enjoying your summer travels. We finally made it up to Sonora for the Apollo Amigos annual "Cow Capers" rally over Memorial Day week. This was held at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds and it was a nice facility with plenty of shade trees and a big building complete with a kitchen to hold the rally events. The weather was cool and partly cloudy with no rain in the forecast. On the 2nd day I decided to clean the travel bugs off the windshield. Upon completion it started to sprinkle. Then it turned into rain. I was accused of making it rain because I cleaned the windshield and the front of the motorhome. Anyway, it was a nice rally and we met many new friends and saw lots of interesting things in the surrounding area.

Following this we headed over to Santa Maria for the annual Executive Board meeting at the Santa Maria Fairgrounds. We discussed many changes to the Indio rally including opening the rally up for early arrivals to give chapters more time to have their functions and sight see the area. We also discussed bringing back the chapter officer appreciation party and looking into adding a couple of bus tours to the rally. The next day we put together a budget. All of this will be presented to the governing board up in Hanford in September for their approval. In the morning before the start of the meeting I decided to clean the windshield and front of the motorhome. Once done and while admiring my work I felt a rain drop. Wouldn't you know it, it started to sprinkle. Later it turned to rain and again there was no mention of rain in the weather forecast. If your area

is in need of rain and your city is willing to pay my expenses, I will drive my motorhome to your town and clean my windshield and maybe it will rain there too. Hey, in this extreme drought times anything is worth a chance, right?

Towards the end of June Debbie and I hosted a rally for the Golden State Trackers up in Lone Pine at the Boulder Creek Resort. No rain this time as we were in the grips of a heat wave and no I didn't clean my windshield (it was too hot). Temperatures averaged 104° - 106° for the entire rally. We still had a good time and we collected a truck load of clothing donations to give to the Inyo-Mono Association for the Handicapped.

As you know this is my last year as your Central Area Vice President and I am going to miss this job and how it allowed us to meet so many great people. We will still be around helping out where needed but for now we need a successor. If you have any interest at all in the Central VP job please step forward and put yourself in. Feel free to contact me with any questions about the position and I will gladly go over the duties with you. Nominations (self-nominate) are due by December and the voting takes place next spring.

Bob Galk

WMHA Central Area Vice President

Southern Area Vice President

Normally, Ann and I are gone during parts of June and July, but this year we decided to stay home and do some projects. One of them was to do some modification to our yard due to the drought, and wouldn't you know, the weather has been hitting triple digits. Now living in the high desert you would think I would know better, definitely not one of my better decisions.

This spring we attended five different rallies, one of them was celebrating a mile stone year. The California Chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary in May at the Golden Village Palms in Hemet. We enjoyed dinner and dancing as well as numerous activities. The Cursin'Condos were gracious enough to invites us to their Rally in Vista; they really know how to show a person a good time.

We also attended the Southwestern Bus Nuts rally, where I did a presentation, gave them a certificate, and check, only to find out later that I had the wrong chapter. After cleaning the egg off my face Glen and Tom were gracious enough to return them to me. Even though I did get egg on my face we had a great time.

In addition to the rallies we also attended the Executive Board meeting in Santa Maria, where several things were decided. One of the big things was to open the rally up for Sunday arrivals, this is an excellent opportunity for chapters to enjoy socializing before the exhibits open, so plan

your rallies early. We are also planning on offering two tours, one to the Palm Springs Air Museum and the other to the Living Desert museum. Both tours are escorted by personnel at the facilities. The Air Museum is a casual walking tour, while the Living Desert will be by tram. Both of these venues are highly rated, and we will have limited space, so be sure and look for the sign up on your registration form. We need a person to assist our Sign Captain Ron Von Soosten, it would entail helping make and distribute the signs at the Indio Rally. You would need to come in early to help set up the sign shop and help place the signs throughout the venue. If you are interested in helping please contact me at 661 722 3078, or E-Mail Klamath2@verizon.net. Question is your chapter missing out on free advertising? When I look through the FMCA Magazine in the Association section I notice a lot of the chapters don't have their outings listed. This is not only a good way to let your members know about rallies, but you may also recruit new members by attracting nonmember interest. You simply have to let the personnel in Cincinnati know three months in advance and you will be included.

I hope all of you have had the best summer ever. Remember to have fun.

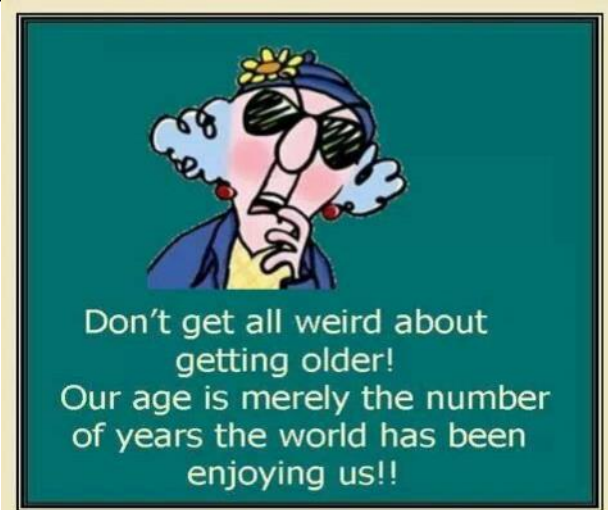
Roy Mc Daniel Southern Area Vice President

NEEDED A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO COLLECT MONEY

FROM DAY VISITORS AT INDIO RALLY

3 Hour shifts with 3-4 other Volunteers

Contact: Allyn Smith @ 951-212-2473





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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: bernardfrog-farm@yahoo.com

The price of the badge is \$11.50 (Which includes your name and F number). The hangers are \$2.75 each these hangers can be for your city or your job or your chapter. You may have several hangers if you like. I will be ordering badges by the end of this month (October) and will have them for you at Indio in January.

...WANTED...

HELP WANTED! No experience necessary!
The Ladies Tea is always a fun event at the Western Area Rally @ Indio and having lots of raffle prizes is always a big draw. This is a plea/request for anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize to contact Jan Watson @ 209-533-3679 or e-mail fjazzitupsparklers@gmail.com with a description of your contribution. It can be a hand crafted gift, a Starbucks coffee card, candles, scarves, costume jewelry, a book or anything You might like to receive. Please pass this on to your Chapter members so we can award raffle prizes to many of our lovely ladies looking for a fun afternoon with cookies and tea, and a fabulous fashion show.
Thank you in advance and I hope to hear from many of you...please don't wait for someone else to do it!

Jan Watson
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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.

For questions contact:
John Stocksdale wb6abw@hotmail.com

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Welcome

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Pet Extravaganza / Seminars / Door Prizes / Commercial Exhibits / New Display Coaches
The Frustrated Maestros / Coffee & Goodies Served Each Morning

General Information: Early Arrival Area opens Sunday, Jan. 3 (Fee Payable Onsite) • **2 Bus Tours:** The Living Desert, Zoo & Garden (Jan. 5) & Palm Springs Air Museum (Jan. 6) • **Exhibit Hours:** Display Coaches Open Wed. Jan. 6, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm / Commercial Exhibits Open Thur. - Sat. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • **Private Golf Cart Rental available:** Call GTI for reservations, Mindy Hawkins 800-477-0467 • **Directions:** I-10 to Monroe, Monroe south 3 miles to 48th, left 1/2 mile to Arabia Street, left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right.

Western Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:	Coach License:	Coach Make:	<input type="checkbox"/> First Time at a Western Area Rally	
Last Name:	Pilot's First Name:	Co-Pilot's First Name:		
Address (if this address differs from your billing address, please call):		City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Handicap Parking Placard #:	
Home FMCA Chapter:		<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call		<input type="checkbox"/> Mail Confirmation Packet
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		

	Pre-Reg.	After 12/18	Qty.	Total	Parking Preference (only check one)
Coach with 2 Adults - Electric	\$ 210.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$	I prefer to park in the following area: <input type="checkbox"/> General Electric Parking - 20-30 amps <input type="checkbox"/> General Parking - Generator between 7:00 am - 10:00 pm <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Electric Parking* - 20-30 amps <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Parking* - Generator between 7:00 am - 10:00 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 24-Hour Generator Parking <input type="checkbox"/> National Officer/WMHA Executive Officer <small>* Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs. Please provide parking placard number above.</small>
Coach with 1 Adult - Electric	\$ 190.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$	
Coach with 2 Adults - Generator	\$ 135.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$	
Coach with 1 Adult - Generator	\$ 115.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$	
Coach with 2 Adults - 24-Hour Generator	\$ 135.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$	
Each Additional Occupant	\$ 50.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$	
Passport* for 1 adult	\$ 45.00	+ \$ 10.00		\$	
Children Under 12	FREE	FREE		FREE	
Living Desert, Zoo & Garden - Jan. 5 • 5 hr	\$ 48.50	\$ 48.50		\$	
Palm Springs Air Museum - Jan. 6 • 2 hr	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00		\$	
				Total	\$

* No motorhome parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and Coffee Hour.

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