



Eastern Area Motorhome Association



Eastern Area News from Otho

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FMCA NEWS

Most of you are aware that Mr. Don Eversmann resigned as Executive Director of FMCA. President Charlie Schrenkel, therefore, appointed a Management Committee to carry on the business of FMCA. The members of this Committee are President Charlie Schrenkel; National Senior Vice President Judy Czarsty; National Treasurer Wil Young; National Vice President for the Western Area, Bobby Donald; and National Vice President for the Rocky Mountain Area, Allen Rein. These people are working very closely with all the FMCA Directors to ensure that your Association remains viable and ongoing.

A Search Committee for the next Executive Director of FMCA is in place. Members of this Committee are National Vice President for the Great Lakes Area, Ross Boyer, Chairman; National Vice President for the Northwest Area, Judy Keppler; and National Vice President for the Southeast Area, Tom Eller.

At the Governing Board's direction in Bowling Green, OH, a committee was set up to search for alternative contracts in regards to our present medical evacuation program (MEDEX). The EVAC Benefit Committee is composed of Chairman Ross Boyer, National Vice President for the Great Lakes Area; Patricia L. Allen; Opal Chandler; Daniel M. Couch; and Sonny Gillespie, National Vice President for the International Area. They reported to the Executive Board that they had sent out requests for proposals to several companies.

FMCA's Review Council (formerly called President's Council) members are Chairman Don Moore, Wilma Jean Alexander, Aubry Myrick, George Schremp, and Nancy Wolfe.

There is a new recruitment program called "A Dozen Does It." It is specifically designed to increase membership in FMCA in 2010. It is also a great tool for increasing chapter membership. Each chapter president will receive five free memberships to give to non-members who own motorhomes. To quote FMCA President Charlie Schrenkel: "Each chapter

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Bob Holliday, F96151

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Judy Czarsty, F79148

member who signs up a new member will receive a thank-you letter, a \$10 recruitment coupon, and a postcard from FMCA's national office. The member will turn in the postcard to his or her chapter president. When a chapter president has accumulated 12 postcards, he or she can send them to the national office and redeem them for a prize package (limit two prize packages in 2010)." Please read the rest of Charlie's column in the December issue of "Family Motor Coaching" magazine.

FMCA's 83rd International Convention will be at Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, March 22-25, 2010. FMCA's 84th International Convention will be at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo, Redmond, OR, August 11-14, 2010.

GREAT EASTERN AREA RALLY (GEAR)

I am excited about the venue for GEAR 2010. It will be held at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC. You could tell from the pictures included in my last "Newsletter" that it is a beautiful facility. The theme is "Nothin' Could Be Finah" than to be in Winston-Salem, NC. Comments have been very favorable as to the location and going back to the Fall when the temperatures should be milder. The DCF Events Coordinator, Leigha Cordell, is excited about hosting GEAR 2010, the first rally of this size to be held at the facility.

The registration form for GEAR 2010 is now available on the Eastern Area Web site www.easternarea.net.

The Planning Meeting for GEAR 2010 will be held the weekend of April 16-18.

Although GEAR 2010 is months away, it isn't too early to be considering the election of officers that will take place at the Annual Meeting. Please contact one of the Nominating Committee members if you are interested in filling or being re-elected to one of the following positions: Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Regional Vice Presidents. Contact Mann Duff - fmcadogwood@gmail.com, Vince Marroletti - vm112447@yahoo.com, or Bev Wyman - bevwyman2@aol.com.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/RALLY MASTER

I would appreciate receiving your rally schedule for 2010 so that Jayne and I can plan to visit your chapter.

GEAR 2010 planning is moving along. We have a theme - "Nothin' Could Be Finah." Our artwork is now complete. All our Chairs and Co-Chairs are working very hard. We hope to see many of the Chapter Presidents at the Winston-Salem Planning Meeting in April.

Jayne and I hope you had a Merry Christmas and we wish all of you a safe and Happy New Year.

John Reynolds
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REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

Our Regional Vice Presidents have been busy visiting Chapters and attending RV shows around the Eastern Area.

Northern

I encourage your chapters to schedule a pre-rally in the Winston-Salem, NC, area prior to the GEAR 2010 extravaganza in October. There are many interesting things to see and do in this area. Make it a vacation destination before and/or after GEAR.

We are all working to increase membership in FMCA. It's a great opportunity to sign up new members for your chapter, also. Carry extra membership applications with you as you travel.

Please let us know if you elect new officers for your chapter. Send the information to Otho Tew, Eastern Area VP; Mary Hunter, EAMA Secretary; and me. This will be much appreciated and help us keep you in the information loop.

Don't succumb to the winter doldrums. Start thinking, planning, and designing your chapter's entry for the GEAR 2010 Parade. In the Spring you will be ready to implement that plan.

John Breisch
Northern Regional Vice President
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Central

Hello, FMCA Central Region Members.

I'm Jerry Cohen, the new VP for the Central Region of the Eastern Area. I have held many different officer positions in my home chapter (Colonial Virginians) as well as the American Coach Association. With the arrival of our first grandchild this year, Millie and I have been "on the road" to California often by plane and twice by motor coach. However, I plan on visiting many chapters in 2010.

One of the goals of the new administration is to increase new members. With the sales of new coaches down, it becomes very important that each FMCA member obtain new members, so carry applications to join FMCA and pass them out while visiting campgrounds in your area. Many times you can meet prospective members if you just talk to people with newer looking coaches. They may have never heard of our fantastic organization. If they are already an FMCA member it could lead to a new chapter member. Friendly people get good results.

As chairperson for the Handicap Trams (golf carts) at the GEAR 2010 in Winston-Salem on October 20th 24, I'm looking for volunteers to drive the carts. Please put these dates on your calendars for a great time and lots of fellowship. I look forward to meeting you there. If I can be of any assistance to you or your chapter, please contact me.

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Southern

Happy New Year, Eastern Area! A new year is upon us and promises to be exciting and full of opportunities. "A Dozen Does It" offers opportunities to increase your friends and family base. There are many who do not know about FMCA and the many benefits we all enjoy. Presidents, educate your chapter members and encourage them to talk with any motorhomer they meet. Don't keep the fun times to yourselves, spread the joy. This is a win-win opportunity.

FMCA Areas are in a competition that measures the number of new FMCA members we recruit. The Eastern Area has come in first once, but we all have to work together to put us in first again. Herein lies another opportunity!

GEAR 2010 in Winston-Salem, NC (October 20-24), offers some new events as well as some returning events with a different twist. For our chapter competition, we will be having a parade on Saturday where trophies will be presented. So put on your creative thinking caps, get your chapter members involved, and join in some fun competition. Again, we will have the Chapter Fair on Wednesday, but with a different twist. Remember that first-time attendees may be looking for a chapter to join. These are opportunities to demonstrate what makes your chapter the most fun-filled group that entices others to not want to miss out on the fun! I dare say that the NC and SC chapters will be ready to compete!! Stay tuned for more information on GEAR, which promises to be the best ever. Chapters, you will not want to miss GEAR 2010!

Don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you. So, Eastern Area, embrace these opportunities and spread the fun!

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Western

Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all FMCA members in the Western Region.

It is the time of year when we reevaluate the events and activities of 2009, to retain those we were pleased with and delete, if possible, those that were unpleasant or unnecessary. I hope all of you were able to share time with family and friends.

I ask each of you to give some thought and planning toward attaining the new objectives with which President Charlie Schrenkel has challenged us. Each Western Regional chapter gaining one new member per month for each of the twelve months of the year 2010 would put us over the top in many categories of our Association. It seems to be a fair and attainable goal for our Eastern Area members.

Thank you for your continued support of our FMCA ideals as we journey together into 2010. Please feel free to contact me if you have a super idea that may be good for the entire Western Region.

May your travels be safe and each one an adventure.

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TREASURER

With the economy picking up, we should see increased activity in motorhome sales and vendor activity.

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CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Of the fifty-four chapters in the Eastern Area, only seven presidents have responded by E-mail to my invitation to be our guests at the GEAR 2010 Planning Meeting in Winston-Salem, NC. This is a unique opportunity for you to be in on the ground floor, to see first-hand how decisions are reached that make ours the best Area rally in FMCA. There is still time to send me an RSVP – otew@fmca.com. The deadline is March 30th. As I said in an earlier "Newsletter," let's get back to the original intent of FMCA - members joining together for fun, fellowship and the exchange of ideas about the RV way of life.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your newsletter. Alice and I plan our Chapter visits around your rally dates. The following Chapters will be celebrating anniversaries in 2010. Congratulations to all.

February – Colonial Virginians – 20 years
April – First State Travelers – 5 years
May – Eastern Gourmands – 5 years
July – Cardinal – 35 years
September – Tennessee Primetimers – 5 years
October – Allegheny Mountain – 35 years
November – Hokie Travelers – 5 years
November – KY Horse Shu Kru – 25 years

It has been my privilege and pleasure to be your National Vice President for the Eastern Area for the past year and a half. Alice and I traveled many miles in 2009 and visited many chapters in our Area. In May and in November we attended the FMCA Executive Board meetings in Cincinnati, OH; the Great Eastern Area Rally 2009 in Richmond, VA, in June; FMCA's 81st International Convention in Perry, GA, in March; and 82nd International Convention in Bowling Green, OH, in August. In February we had the opportunity to attend the Southeast Area Rally in Brooksville, FL; the South Central Area Rally in Shawnee, OK, in September; and the Rocky Mountain Ramble, Farmington, NM, in October. We have been blessed with making many new friends, renewing old acquaintances and safe travels along the way.

Alice and I look forward to visiting with you in 2010. Our prayer is that each of you will have a healthy and prosperous New Year and that all your travels will be safe wherever the call of the open road takes you.

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone is fighting some kind of battle.

Live simply. Love generously.

Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Otto Lew

19TH GEAR RALLY

NOTHIN' COULD BE FINAH

THAN WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 20-24, 2010
DIXIE CLASSIC FAIRGROUNDS



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www.fmca.com

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

Five Nights (October 20-24) Dry Camping or
30 Amps Electric (limited to first 215 registered)
Parade • Chapter Fair • Block Party • Golf Tournament
Ladies' Tea • Evening Entertainment • Coffee And Doughnuts
Ice Cream Social • Seminars • Coach Displays • Door Prizes
Commercial Exhibits • Bean Bag Baseball Contest
Gonzo Golf • And Much More!

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GREAT EASTERN AREA RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

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

Member Number:	Coach License:	Coach Make:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a GEAR Rally	
Last Name:		First Name:		Spouse's Name:
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Handicapped Parking Placard #:	
Home FMCA Chapter:		<input type="radio"/> Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call		<input type="radio"/> Mail Confirmation Packet
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		

	PRE-REGISTERED	AFTER 9/20/10	QTY.	TOTAL	PARKING PREFERENCE (Please check one)
Coach with 2 adults	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00		\$	<input type="radio"/> General Parking (Dry Camping) – Generator between 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Coach with 1 adult	\$ 90.00	\$ 110.00		\$	<input type="radio"/> General Parking (Electric) – 30 amp hook-up. Electric parking in campground.
Each Additional Guest	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00		\$	<input type="radio"/> Handicapped Parking – Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs.
Children Under 12	FREE	FREE		\$	<input type="radio"/> Handicapped Electric Parking – Reserved for those with qualifying needs who must operate equipment relative to treatment of their conditions. Limited space first-come first-serve. You may be asked to provide proof of need.
Each Adult Passport*	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00		\$	
Electric Fee (30 amp) <i>(limited to first 215)</i>	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00		\$	
Non-FMCA Member (add)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00		\$	
Ladies' Tea	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00		\$	
			TOTAL	\$	

*Passport has no motorhome parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and coffee hour.

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Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 9/20/10. REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN UPON WRITTEN REQUEST AND IF RECEIVED BY 9/30/10 WITH RETURN OF CONFIRMATION MATERIAL. CANCELLATION FEE OF \$10.00.