



Eastern Area Motorhome Association



Eastern Area News from Otho

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FMCA NEWS

You have all been waiting for news about the 84th FMCA International convention in Redmond, OR. The family attendees totaled 2,202. The weather was beautiful; couldn't have asked for better. Seminars were well attended. "The Long, Long Trailer," starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, drew a packed house. Debbie Reynolds delighted the audience with her reminiscences, songs and dance. How wonderful a surprise to hear the great voices and music of The Texas Tenors! Jimmy Buffet fans enjoyed the music by Live Bait. Not to be missed was the group who brought to us Forever Motown.

During the Ice Cream Social, the National Officers cooled off in the Dunk Tank. This special event was to raise money for the Oregon cross-country Olympic ski team. Two of the team participated in this fun time. Even Convention Director Jerry Yeatts had a turn!

There were a number of actions taken by the Governing Board:

- A Bylaws change that makes lifetime maximum terms of office for National President and National Senior Vice President in line with National Secretary, National Treasurer and National Area Vice Presidents. It is now 2 2-year terms.
- There were minor changes in Policies and Procedures because of the Bylaws change.
- During elections of National Officers and after nominations for offices are closed and there is only one

Eastern Area Motorhome Association Officers



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candidate, the Chair may take a voice vote or declare the result by acclamation.

Treasurer Wil Young presented and made a motion to accept the 2011 Budget of \$9,624,832 with a deficit of \$91,570. After no discussion, the motion passed. FMCA is financially sound with \$7 million in reserves.

President Charlie Schrenkel reported that, as a cost-saving measure, the FMCA store has been brought in-house, reducing expenditures \$60,000 per year. FMCA has partnered with GMAC to offer discounted insurance rates for members. Funding has been reduced for staff and volunteer travel expenses. \$1,352,784 is expected from past tax returns, which will be added to FMCA's reserves.

Ross Boyer, Chair of the Evac Benefit Special Committee, reported that MEDEX will be discontinued as of midnight, December 31, 2010. Immediately thereafter, at 12:01 AM, a new benefit will begin. FMCAssist costs less per member and has more benefits, with the total cost being \$150,000 less per year. An optional medical plan is available now for a premium for those who are traveling outside the United States. Information about FMCAssist will be on the FMCA Web site and in *FMC* magazine.

GREAT EASTERN AREA RALLY (GEAR) 2010

Everything is going well for GEAR 2010 in Winston-Salem, NC, October 20-24. As of Wednesday, September 22nd, total Family registrations were 591. Thank you, Chapter Presidents, for getting the word out to register early because of limited electric sites-only 315. The response has been overwhelming! Arrangements had to be made for additional electric sites, which were also limited due to the facilities.

There will be four (4) nights of Entertainment:

Wednesday night, October 20th – Maria Rose and Danny Elswick
Thursday night, October 21st – the 82nd Airborne Chorus from Ft. Bragg, NC
Friday night, October 22nd – Red Hot and Country Roundup
Saturday night, October 23rd, and Sunday morning, October 24th – Sarah Getto

The First-Timers Seminar will be Wednesday afternoon, October 20th, at 3:00 PM, followed by the Chapter Fair at 4:00 PM. From 4:30 – 6:30 PM, the Frustrated Maestros will perform in the Display Coach area during the Ice Cream Social and “sneak preview” of coaches.

Community Donations this year are to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina. Bring your case of canned goods or other non-perishable items (no glass, please) to the lobby of the Education Building. Checks or cash are also appreciated.

Chapter Presidents, remind your members that there will be coach weighing available. Join in the fun of Bean Bag Baseball and Gonzo Golf. Don't forget that the annual meeting and election of officers of the Eastern Area Motorcoach Association will be Saturday, October 23rd, at 9:30 AM.

Chapter Presidents, has your Chapter reached the goal of “A Dozen Does It”? Have you received your prize package? A new member for FMCA could also become a new member for your Chapter!

EAMA SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/RALLY MASTER

Hi everyone,

GEAR 2010 is fast approaching. There are 591 family coaches registered. As of now, we have 60 display coaches and are planning for 50 vendors. The Ice Cream Social has a sponsor and there is a partial sponsor for Coffee and Doughnuts.

Please remind your chapter members who plan on attending about our food drive for the Community Donations.

As Rally Masters, Jayne and I are very excited about the response we have had and are looking forward to a very successful rally.

See you in October.

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EAMA NORTHERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Now that the heat of summer is past, I’m sure many of you have plans to travel in your motorhomes. Hopefully, one of those trips will be to GEAR 2010 in Winston-Salem. It promises to be a great rally – one that you don’t want to miss! Please encourage your chapter members who are not already registered to do so and to take part in the various activities that are sure to make this rally the best GEAR yet!!! Also, as you travel keep in mind the “A Dozen Does It” recruitment effort. Keep your coach and car supplied with *FMC* magazines to help promote membership in our great organization.

I look forward to meeting many of you in October in Winston-Salem.

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EAMA CENTRAL REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

We arrived home just in time to prepare for the arrival of Hurricane Earl. I’m thankful that it moved off the coast and just brought rain and some winds. Hope everyone else also had no damage from the storm. Now I can empty the coach and clean it up after being on the road for four months.

We attended the Convention in Redmond, OR, and I think all went well. The attendance was not as good as expected but everyone I talked with had a good time. The city of Redmond went all out to make our FMCA members feel at home.

Now it is our turn to welcome you to Winston-Salem and GEAR 2010. Over 591 coaches have already registered and four (4) weeks to go. Lots has been planned. I look forward to meeting many new members at GEAR. So come on out and have fun!

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EAMA SOUTHERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Hello from the Southern Region!!!

“Nothin’ could be Finah” than to be in Carolina at a Rally!! Don’t miss out on the fun at GEAR 2010. Beginning with the First-Timers Seminar on Wednesday, October 20th, and ending with the Chapter Competition Parade on Saturday, October 23rd, you’re in for a great time. First-Timers will participate and compete for prizes in the Amazing GEAR Race during the Chapter Fair, with Chapters competing for the coveted blue ribbon. Then go outside for the Ice Cream Social and Sneak Peak Display Coaches. There will be nightly entertainment; seminars, games, vendors, and coffee and doughnuts daily; and a Ladies Luncheon on Friday. Cheer on your Chapters as they strut their spirit and challenge each other for trophies on Saturday.

Volunteers have been busy and will be working hard during the Rally to make this one of the best that the Eastern Area has to offer! With cooler temperatures and great Southern hospitality from the heartland of North Carolina, there is so much to see and do. So come out and join in the festivities!! See you in Winston-Salem!!

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EAMA WESTERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

GEAR 2010 at Winston-Salem is going to pit “the best of the best” in Bean Bag Baseball (BBB) competition. The tournament will kick off at 9:00 AM on Friday, October 22nd, and will be held inside in case of inclement weather.

Each Chapter is encouraged to organize as many teams as possible with no more than 10 players on each team. We have four sets of newly constructed equipment, which will permit 80 individuals to compete at the same time. It will be single elimination. Each team should furnish a scorekeeper and umpire who are not actively playing in the game they observe.

There will be First and Second Place ribbons awarded to the winners. We expect vocal encouragement by team members as their “batter” takes their place at home plate. Good fun and good sportsmanship is always the classy way to go. Player experience is not required. Each team captain will have a copy of the rules.

Thanks for planning ahead.

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EAMA TREASURER

We are getting ready and looking forward to a very successful GEAR 2010 in Winston-Salem, NC, on October 20-24. As I am writing this we already have 591 coaches registered, which is about as large a pre-registration as we have had for some time. We are sure you will like the Winston-Salem facility. It is compact, yet has everything needed to host a great Rally. So, if you aren't among the pre-registrants, call 1-800-543-3622 or go online at www.fmca.com and join the crowd and fun!

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On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for re-electing me as your National Vice President for the Eastern Area. Alice and I have tried to represent FMCA and you at all times as we have traveled. We will continue to keep you uppermost in our endeavors.

Alice and I hope and pray for your safe travels wherever the call of the open road takes you in 2010.

Bob Ten

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

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

Live simply. Love generously.

Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Have you or your chapter taken the challenge?



Help keep FMCA's 2010 member recruitment effort rolling by introducing new families to FMCA.

It only takes a dozen with A Dozen Does It.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- Recruit a member
- Sign your name on the "How did you hear about FMCA" line of application
- Receive a postcard and reward
- Forward postcard to a Chapter President
- Five free membership certificates per chapter to jump start the program



THE REWARD FOR YOU For each new member who joins, the recruiter will receive a \$10 coupon that can be used to pay FMCA dues, or to buy FMCA or Camping World merchandise.

THE REWARD FOR YOUR CHAPTER

Recruit 12 new member families, and your chapter will receive a Chapter Prize Package filled with gifts you can give away at future rallies (shown above).



The "A Dozen Does It" program began January 1, 2010, and continues until December 31, 2010. The \$10 recruitment coupon will not be awarded to recruiters who sign up a new member using one of the five free membership certificates. Members working as volunteers at RV shows are not eligible for credits toward the Chapter Prize Package. Prize limit is two Chapter Prize Packages per chapter. Visit www.fmca.com for complete program details.