

American Coach Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association Newsletter September 2019

This is an exciting time for the American Coach Chapter! We just completed a very successful rally at Minot, North Dakota and are making plans for the next three FMCA conventions! Please take the time to read about the upcoming conventions in Tucson and Syracuse.

Jim & Doty Graham hosted a wonderful pre-rally at the Roughrider campground in Minot, then we moved to the North Dakota State Fairgrounds for FMCA's 100th convention. We had a great time at the fairgrounds with afternoon socials held daily on the fairgrounds drag strip. Most of the attendees had opted for dry camping at the fairgrounds and the drag strip was our home away from home for six fun filled days! Janeen Gerke, Randy Hendricks, Don Gephart and other REV personnel sponsored a social one night, and their support of our chapter is greatly appreciated! This event was Randy Hendricks' last FMCA convention prior to his retirement, we wish him well and know that he will be missed!

Pauline and I feel fortunate to be a part of this chapter and we hope to see you at a future rally!

Ray Shea

Next stop Tucson! Registration will be available online September 26th for March 2020's FMCA's 101st International Convention in Tucson, AZ. Our chapter will hold our pre-rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds, the same location as the convention. We will arrive at the fairgrounds on the morning of Monday, March 23rd and we will stay on the same site throughout the convention which starts March 26 and runs through March 29. The FMCA will not charge us for the extra days. You must inform the FMCA when you register that you are arriving on the 23rd and that you are with the American Coach Chapter! It is anticipated that the full hook up sites will sell out fast! Register early! It does not matter what your preference for electricity or water/sewer is, we will have a designated location for our gatherings. A copy of our registration and agenda is posted on our web site (www.acc-fmca.com). The separate registration posted on our web site is to cover the cost of catering for the pre-rally.

March 23 – 26, 2020	Chapter pre-rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds
March 26 – 29, 2020	FMCA's 101 st International Convention Pima County Fairgrounds

Looking ahead to FMCA's 102nd Convention in Syracuse NY. Our Eastern Coordinator, Jean Borin and her husband Bruno are already planning for next summer's convention! They have scheduled a two-stop rolling rally prior to entering the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse for our pre-rally. The schedule for these events is:

July 21- 24, 2020	First stop on the rolling rally, Artillery Ridge Campground, Gettysburg, PA Three nights in the campground closest to downtown Gettysburg! https://www.artilleryridge.com/ Just call the campground to reserve your site, be sure and tell them you are with ACC-FMCA!. There will be no charge from ACC as all we are planning is daily socials. There is a lot do in Gettysburg and we will be close to Hershey.
July 24 – 26, 2020	Second stop on the rolling rally, Country Hills Campground, Marathon, NY www.countryhillscampground.com This is a small campground and our Eastern Director will be our point of contact. Please let Jean know if

**you want to make this stop. Payment will be made prior to arrival.
Jean's email address is easterndirector@acc-fmca.com .**

July 26 – 29, 2020 Chapter Pre-rally – NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
July 29 – August 2, 2020 FMCA's 102nd Convention – NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
The rolling rally stops are not a requirement to go to the pre-rally in Syracuse. This type of event is a first for us and we have only reserved ten sites. Register early!

FMCA Structure

The FMCA has nearly 400 chapters divided into ten areas, nine geographical plus the International Area which focuses on an interest rather than geography. Our Chapter has members in 32 states and two provinces and belongs in the International Area! The International Area Organization has a very informative web site and I encourage you to check it out at <http://fmcainto.com/> .

FMCA's Tentative Long-Term Convention Schedule

For your planning purposes, the following is a tentative list where the FMCA International Conventions are planned to be in the next several years. This list was approved during the recent convention in Minot.

March 26 – 29, 2020 Tucson, AZ	July 29, August 2, 2020 Syracuse, NY
Winter 2021 Perry, Georgia	Summer 2021 Gillette, Wyoming
Winter 2022 Tucson, Arizona	Summer 2022 Lincoln NE or Sedalia, MO
Winter 2023 Perry, Georgia	Summer 2023 Lincoln NE or Sedalia, MO
Summer 2024 Gillette, WY	Summer 2027 Gillette, WY

Welcome to our newest members!

Mike & Teri Burger, Livingston, TX	Al & Vicki Denton, Box Elder, SD
Ann Gleason & Pete Coffman, Livingston, TX	Arthur & Kathy Garcia, Riverside, CA
Scott & Marlyn Grant, Omaha, NE	Richard & Debbie Hayhurst, Deming, NM
Harry & Sandy Hentschel, Colorado Springs, CO	Jim & Robin Madaffer, San Diego, CA
Thomas & Gina Mericle, Spring Lake, NJ	Chris & Charlsanne Miskell, Senoia, GA
Jerry & Loretta Scott, Camarillo, CA	Malcolm & Daryl Spencer Lake Elsinore, CA
Dallas & Tammy Thompson, Oacoma, SD	James & Sylvia Toothaker, Etters, PA

Welcome back!

Phil & Denise Battin, Sioux Falls, SD	David & Renee Engle, Jackson, GA
Jack & Claudia Rutherford, Perkasié, PA	

Our chapter has welcomed thirty-five new member coaches in 2019!

If you have any questions or concerns, please bring it to our attention! Our web site lists email addresses for our officers.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tucson!