

My fellow American Coach Chapter members,

My name is Jim Graham and I'm a past president of the American Coach Chapter (ACC). You might not know me, as I returned to work for the past three years and have not been able to attend any of the ACC Pre-Rallies or FMCA conventions. Thankfully, I am once again retired and I look forward to attending the future rallies we will be having.

I've written this letter to ask for your help. Our existing slate of ACC officers has served their two-year terms and they are ready to step down. Currently, we do not have enough volunteers to fill these vacant positions. This leaves us in a precarious situation, with no leadership to guide the chapter forward and handle the duties required of a large organized group.

In an effort to bring ACC members together to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the chapter, FMCA national president Charlie Adcock has offered us a free pre-rally at Fairplex in Pomona, California, in March prior to FMCA's Family Reunion. In return for this free pre-rally, chapter members who attend will volunteer to work on the parking crew for the FMCA convention. This pre-rally will give us time together to discuss the future of our chapter, and will demonstrate the ACC's willingness to become a more significant participant in FMCA activities. Those who wish to be involved in this exciting opportunity will register for the FMCA Family Reunion and pay the standard registration fee (plus electric, if you choose), but the two days before the convention begins will be free. We have been promised that our chapter will receive some of the best parking spots on the grounds along with volunteers from other chapters.

I have agreed to act as interim president of the chapter and Ray Shea has agreed to be interim vice president until we can elect a full slate of officers. This election is tentatively set for August 2015 in Madison, Wisconsin. I encourage all chapter members to consider running for one of the open positions in the ACC. All offices are up for election and include FMCA National Director; FMCA Alternate National Director; President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Western area director; Central area director; Eastern area director; and membership chairperson. The offices and duties are listed on our Web site at ACC-FMCA.com/AccPages/News.php. Please review the officer positions available and consider running for one of these offices. I am sure that you will find the experience very rewarding. Without your help, our chapter may disappear. There are currently 250 ACC members who all own American Coaches and have a ton of fun driving them.

ACC is the best and most fun chapter in the FMCA. With your help, we can keep the chapter rolling!

Thank you,

Jim Graham & Ray Shea

