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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

Great to see everyone at the 109th International Convention and Governing Board meeting in Redmond, Oregon. There is some exciting news from the Governing Board meeting.

- Approval of the FMCA DBA Family RV Association.
- FMCAssist will continue as a member benefit, FMCAssist, (now known as Medical & Travel Assist,) has a new name and a new insurance carrier, Arch.

During the Secretary roundtable in Redmond, a question was asked regarding the retention of Chapter or Area minutes. ***The minutes are a permanent record of the Chapter or Area and should be maintained on file indefinitely.***

Chapter and Area certification has started this is an easy process that can be completed online. If you don't want to use the online forms, you may print the forms and either mail or email to Chapter Services. To fill out the forms online, follow the steps below.

1. Sign into www.FMCA.com
2. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on *Member Forms*
3. Scroll to bottom of the page *Chapter Updates*
4. Chapter Officer Form (ONLINE)
5. Chapter Meeting Verification Date (ONLINE)
6. Chapter Roster Update (ONLINE)

Please complete your certification prior to December 31, 2024 if you have any questions, please contact Chapter Services.

Registration for the 110th International Convention in Perry, Georgia, March 12-15, 2025, is open. Please come and enjoy springtime in the South.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at prichard@fmca.com or 513-220-6350.

Have fun and safe travels,
Pamela Richard, FMCA National Secretary.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Richard".



CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

July, August, and September

5 Years

Certificate

On The Road Stitchers (7/20)

10 YEARS

Certificate

Racecar Fans (8/14)

20 YEARS

Certificate

NW Trek Fun Club (8/12)

Tenn-Tom Travelers (9/25)

25 YEARS

Certificate

Oregon River Ramblers (9/12)

35 YEARS

Certificate & \$200 Check

Overland Trailblazers (9/24)

40 YEARS

Certificate & \$250 Check

Monaco International (7/28)

Singles International (8/1)

50 YEARS

Certificate & \$350 Check

Central Florida Roadrunners (7/13)

Green Mountain (7/13)

Lincoln Landers (7/13)

Lincolnland Coachmen (7/13)

Over the Hills (7/13)

Tri-State Traveliers (7/13)

55 YEARS

Certificate & \$350 Check

Capitol (7/23)

Chapparal (7/23)

Dixie Traveliers (7/23)

Penn Coachmen (7/23)

CHAPTER CERTIFICATION

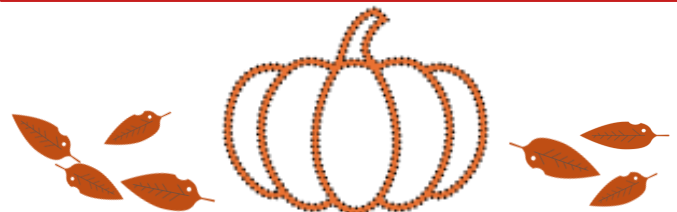
Each year all chapters must be certified. In the fall season, the National Office will mail the necessary forms, with instructions, to each chapter secretary. The completed forms need to be returned to Chapter Services no later than December 31st of that year. The forms are: 1. Chapter Officer Form, 2. Chapter Meeting Verification/Chapter Membership Status, 3. Chapter Roster .

Your chapter's membership roster will be compared to the National Office's records .If there are discrepancies in addresses or telephone numbers noted during the certification process, remind the member that it is their responsibility to notify Family RV Association of changes to their personal membership record and that the Secretary cannot make changes for them.

A chapter that fails to maintain the qualifying requirements shall revert to inactive chapter status. The national director or alternate national director will have no vote in the proceedings of the Governing Board. An associate chapter that fails to maintain qualifying requirements will revert to inactive associate chapter status.

Additionally, the Secretary shall indicate whether the chapter will change its status: 1. From chapter to associate chapter 2. From associate chapter to chapter, or 3. Maintain its current status for the following year. Once you have completed chapter certification, it is important to notify Chapter Services of any roster changes that occur throughout the year.

Keeping records up to date on a regular basis makes the chapter certification process easier to complete at the end of the year.



Reminders

- Please encourage your chapter officers to update their email addresses in their member record. This helps when communicating important information regarding chapter business and the Governing Board.
- Submit your chapter rallies online at FMCA.com. You can find the 'Submit a Rally' page under the Chapter tab.

What does F mean in my membership number?

The F in your membership number (F123456) stands for Full membership or Family. F-number memberships represent RV owners.

What does A mean in my membership number?

The A in your membership number (A12345) stands for Associate. Associate members are former Full/Family (F) members who no longer own an RV. For example, perhaps your RV was sold due to age or health reasons, but you wish to remain part of Family RV Association to receive the magazine and participate with your chapter. As a reminder, Associate members do not count towards chapter member counts for certification. Per the National bylaws, Associate members cannot vote or hold office.

What does P mean in my membership number?

The P in your membership number (P000513) stands for Pathfinder membership. P-number memberships represent members that are in the research phase of RV ownership. As a reminder, Pathfinder members do not count toward chapter member counts for certification. Per the National Bylaws, Pathfinder members cannot vote or hold office.

What does the S, D, G, or P stand for in some membership numbers ?

This is what we call a generational membership. If you have a relative who is a present or former member, you can link to that person's membership number. A letter is added to your member ID when you join to represent your own unique membership. For example:

- #F123456S (S for son)
- #F123456D (D for daughter)
- #F123456G (G for grandchild)
- #F123456P (P for parent)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CHAPTER FAIR MARCH 11, 2025

FMCA's 110th International Convention & RV Expo
LAFITTE'S LOST TREASURE
March 12-15, 2025 * Perry, Georgia

EMAIL CHAPTERS@FMCA.COM TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHAPTER FAIR!

CHAPTER SERVICES IS HERE TO HELP!

Items we can help you with are :

Area Newsletters
Bylaws
Chapter Anniversary Materials
Chapter Certification
Chapter Directory
Chapter Formation
Election Questions
Rally Insurance Certificates
Recruitment Mailings

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HOW DO I UPDATE MY CHAPTER MEMBERS' INFORMATION?

Please note that individual members are responsible for updating their own information. They can update the information online at FMCA.com. Once logged in, they can click the Membership drop-down, then click Profile on the left side of the page. Or they can email membership@fmca.com.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?

Call (800) 543-3622
membership@fmca.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

110th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

March 12-15, 2025

Perry, Georgia

111th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

July 16-19, 2025

Gillette, Wyoming

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY

October 23-27, 2024

Farmington, NM

WESTERN AREA RALLY

January 9-12, 2025

Indio, CA

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT CHAPTER SERVICES

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articles in this newsletter.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Please send letters, comments, and articles to Chapter Services,

8291 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244;

fax them to 513-474-2332; or email them to chapters@fmca.com.

Please let us know if we can use articles from your area's/chapter's publications. Articles used for publication may be edited

for space and clarity, and they will also appear on our website: www.fmca.com.

