

November 14, 2024

Dear Governing Board members,

We had several openings occur on the Family RV Association **Executive Board** for various reasons, but I am pleased to report that all positions now have been filled. Gary Lyons has been elected Eastern Area President to fill a vacant position there. Bob Weithofer, who had been serving as International Area President, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the National Vice President position. This vacancy resulted when I moved into the role of National President upon Gary Milner's resignation for health reasons. In accordance with the FMCA Bylaws, Dick Lowman, formerly the International Area Senior Vice President, will complete the remainder of Bob's term as International Area President. Congratulations to all on their new roles.

You also will find a request from the Nominating Committee to nominate eligible members who wish to be considered as a candidate for the offices of National President, National Vice President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer for the 2025-2027 term.

Included in this mailing is a ballot for the **Nominating Committee** election. Chapter National Directors will receive this ballot by USPS mail. National Directors may vote for no more than five candidates. Complete the ballot and return it in the envelope provided by the deadline date of **December 14, 2024**.

Also included in this mailing is a flier announcing that FMCA is accepting nominations for the **Robert L. Richter Award and the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer Award**. The deadline to nominate an individual for either of these awards is **March 15, 2025**.

Have you made plans to join us for **FMCA's 110th International Convention and RV Expo** scheduled for March 12-15, 2025, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry, Georgia? To register, use the form included; visit fmca.com/fmca-perry-2025-learn-more; or call our Events Department at 513-474-3622 or 800-543-3622.



The Family RV Association has scheduled a **Chapter Fair, Parade and Chapterfest in Perry**. Contact the Chapter Services team to reserve your spot: (513) 474-3622; or (800) 543-3622; or email chapters@fmca.com. Because tables and chairs must be ordered in advance, we cannot take on-site registrations. Tables are limited. *Please register now*. The Chapter Fair will take place on Tuesday, March 11. *The deadline to register your chapter and sign up for a table is February 28, 2025*. See the enclosed flier. There will also be a Parade leading to the Chapterfest on Saturday, March 13, 2025. More information will follow at a later date.

2025 marks the year for the **periodic review** of the Family RV Association's areas by the Review Council. If you have recommendations to provide to the Council, please send them to chapters@fmca.com. Don't miss this opportunity for your voice to be heard. Please see the enclosed flier for additional details.

The FMCA Academy is also offering the **RV Basics** workshop. Led by knowledgeable instructors, this two-and-a-half-day course will get you acquainted (or re-acquainted) with your RV's operation and systems. The dates are March 9-11, 2025. ****NEW**** Introducing RV Basics Advanced – Next-Level, Hands-On Learning. This course is for those who crave more knowledge. RV Basics Advanced takes your skills to the next level and is being offered following the Perry convention to those who have taken RV Basics at a prior FMCA event. You can learn more by visiting www.fmca.com/academy.

FMCA, in partnership with the **RV Driving School**, has developed a pair of programs for those wishing to become safer and more confident drivers. There are a limited number of seats available for each class March 5-10, 2025. All training will be done using YOUR RV. The RV Driving Class will be a two-day class with classroom training on day 1 and behind-the-wheel training on day 2.

The **RV Backing Class** will be a one-day class with 1.5 hours of training in the morning and 4 hours of individual backing and parking practice in the afternoon.

We remain thankful for all the volunteers who give their time, including those who serve as officers on an ongoing basis and those who volunteer at the events.

Please note that the Family RV Association national office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, 2024. The office also will be closed from Tuesday, December 24, through Tuesday, December 31, for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025. Lisa and I wish you a festive holiday season and a very happy New Year.

We thank you for keeping up to date with information to share with your chapters and fellow Family RV Association members. Until next time,

Paul G. Mitchell
National President