



# The International Traveler

A newsletter for the chapters and members of the International Area of the Family Motor Coach Association

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Greetings to my FMCA friends:

Patsy and I hit the road after Christmas toward Arizona. We were hoping to stay warm and get in place for the INTO rally in Tucson. Fort Stockton, Texas, had freezing rain and it was cold all the way to Yuma, Arizona. We stayed in Yuma and used it as a base. We drove to Quartzsite, AZ, to visit the Beaver Chapter in the desert. We had a great time visiting with the many great people in the chapter. The next day I drove to Quartzsite, AZ, by myself; Patsy had hurt her back and couldn't handle that 86-mile one-way drive. It really isn't bad, straight as an arrow and not much traffic. I had a nice time with the Newmar Chapter members and the 4-Wheelers. We have some very friendly people in FMCA; they were very nice to me.

While we were in Yuma, AZ, I decided to make a trip to Indio, CA, for the Western Area Rally. Lon Cross and his group made us feel very much at home. I knew that I would find a lot of INTO Area members there, and I was right. We got to visit with numerous chapter members. The Western Area has a parade during the rally. Everyone decorates their golf cars with the theme of the rally. Our Roadtrek Chapter won a prize. I was very proud of them, and by the way, the Roadtrek International Chapter of FMCA is now the largest chapter in all of FMCA. I want to remind them that there are several other chapters close behind.

We stayed in Yuma, AZ, and then we were off to Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, AZ, for the INTO Rally. Tucson is a great place to have a rally. We had members coming in 3 days early to go to the many attractions in the area. We had no idea that so many people would come in early. The rally was a success, and in part it was due to the people at the fairgrounds. Phyllis Ellis and Bert Rodriguez never said no to any of our requests. They made us feel like they wanted us to be there. Anybody that has put on a rally knows what I am talking about. Rett and Claire Porter got a good workout with seminars. They did a great job, and I could listen to Rett speak for hours without going to sleep. If he didn't know the answer to a question, he got the answer and later got back to the person who asked the question. Thank you very much to both of them.

We had a very nice ladies luncheon for which Dick and Bonnie Lowman worked many hours. The ladies that attended mentioned that they had a great time.

I have many people to thank. As you know, it takes a lot of people to make it happen. I want to thank the Area Vice Presidents who were there. Kathie Balogh and Patsy set up the FMCA Store, and Andy Balogh set up the cash register and oversaw the operation. Jack and Connie Mayberry helped in the information booth along with Lon and Christine Cross. Jack and Lon can cook a mean hot dog. Jim Vitte, Past Midwest Area National Vice President, helped with the vendors. Past INTO Area President Sonny and Carole Gillespie were

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there for me to lean on. Carole can get on stage and sing "FMCA" to the tune of "YMCA." It made me feel very good. Thank You.

Last but not least I must Thank the INTO Board: George and Maxine Schremp, Paul and Lisa Mitchell, Sherry Targum, Diana and Rodger Donnelly, John McPherson and Ethel Sawyer, Carol Klenow, and Dick and Bonnie Lowman. They made it happen. We had a lot of conference calls. I am very proud to be a part of this crew.

After the INTO Rally we had to make a drive of 1,000 miles plus to Georgia. On the way we stopped at the Tri Chapter (Elks, Full Timers, Military Veterans) International Area Rally, held in Unadilla, GA.

This group knows how to eat. Mike Neighbours smoked a pork shoulder on his grill. We had fun meeting old and new friends.

We went on to the FMCA Convention in Perry, GA. We had over 2,900 coaches, and 989 first-timers, which was 37.5% of those in attendance. I think that was the most I had seen in a long time. We had a Chapter Fair after the First-Timers meeting and the International Area was very well represented.

During our Executive Board meeting, Executive Director Chris Smith gave us a report on FMCA.

FMCA is having tremendous growth, with 76,000 member families including 1,000 non-motorhome RV owners.

Roadside Rescue has had over 2,300 sign-ups since November when new pricing was implemented.

Verizon and Tech Connect+ are making great progress, with a lot of members taking advantage of these programs.

The new website was launched on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with great feedback.

The FMC magazine has been redesigned and will be unveiled with the May issue.

There are more changes coming and we should be glad to be a part of the progress.

The next INTO Rally will be October 21 – 25, 2019, leaving October 26. It will be held at Lakewood RV Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. No registration forms are available at this time; we will keep you informed.

**All Chapter Officers: This newsletter only goes to you. Please forward it to your Chapter members, and include it on your chapter websites. As always, don't forget to encourage RV owners to join FMCA.**

See you down the road,



David Kessler  
President,  
International Area Organization (INTO) of FMCA

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## INTO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for INTO (International Area Organization) has filed their report and the slate of candidates for the 2018 INTO elections are as follows:

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# FMCA'S 98TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

## REGISTRATION FORM

### JULY 18-21, 2018

# CAM-PLEX

## MULTI-EVENT FACILITIES

### GILLETTE, WYOMING

SEMINARS • EXHIBITS • RV DISPLAYS  
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS • ICE CREAM  
SOCIAL • ENTERTAINMENT • GAMES

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.*

MEMBER #		LAST NAME	
PILOT FIRST NAME		CO-PILOT FIRST NAME	
ADDRESS (Confirmation packet and credentials will be sent here.)			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
AREA CODE/HOME PHONE		AREA CODE/CELL PHONE	
EMAIL ADDRESS		<input type="radio"/> I am/we are First Time Attendee(s)	
RV MAKE & MODEL	LICENSE NUMBER	STATE	RV LENGTH    RV WIDTH WITH SLIDES EXTENDED

## CONFIRMATION & PARKING CREDENTIALS

*Parking credentials will be mailed to the mailing address provided, unless you request to have them held at Will Call for pickup.*

☐ Mail my confirmation paperwork    ☐ Hold parking credentials at Will Call

REGISTRATION FEES	FMCA MEMBER PRICE		AMOUNT
<i>See reverse side for parking descriptions, mailing procedures, parking procedures, and additional volunteer information.</i>	EARLY BIRD RECEIVED BY 5-23-18	RECEIVED AFTER 5-23-18	
Registration Fee (credit card)	\$205	\$235	
Registration Fee (check or cash discount)	\$195	\$225	
RV with 1 Person Deduct \$20	- \$20	- \$20	
Deluxe 30-Amp (electric, water, & sewer)*	+\$215	+\$215	
30-Amp with Water & Electric*	+\$195	+\$195	
30-Amp Electric Only*	+\$175	+\$175	
Deluxe 50-Amp (electric, water, & sewer)*	+\$265	+\$265	
50-Amp with Water & Electric*	+\$245	+\$245	
Each Additional Guest (complete info below)	\$25	\$25	
Payment Plan (credit card only)	HALF DUE	N/A	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			

\* Additional fees required for all deluxe, water & electric, and electric only parking.

## PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PARKING PREFERENCE

- ☐ General<sup>1</sup>  
☐ Full Generator<sup>1</sup>  
☐ No Generator  
☐ Disabled<sup>1&2</sup>  
☐ Disabled Full Generator<sup>1&2</sup>  
☐ Governing Board/ PNO/Committee<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Available for RVs with a manufacturer-installed generator. RVs with portable generators must register for electric or no generator parking.  
<sup>2</sup> A current state-issued disability placard must be visible upon arrival.

**AFTER JULY 11, 2018, REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN ON SITE.**

*The Holding Area and Will Call in Gillette will open on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at 8 a.m.*

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Make checks payable to Family Motor Coaching, Inc. in U.S. funds. All major credit cards accepted.

CARD NUMBER	
EXPIRATION DATE	CVC#

SIGNATURE REQUIRED FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

### RETURN TO:

FMCA • Events Department  
8291 Clough Pike • Cincinnati, OH 45244

## GUEST

GUEST NAME	AGE
GUEST NAME	AGE

☐ **PLEASE CONTACT US REGARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** *See reverse for options.*

## CANCELLATION POLICY

*All cancellation requests are subject to a \$20 handling fee. Refunds will be made upon written request if received before July 18, 2018. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FMCA office with the cancellation request.*

**REGISTER BY** Online [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) • Mail • Phone 800-543-3622 | 513-474-3622 • Fax 800-543-4717 | 513-474-2332

## PARKING AREA DESCRIPTIONS

**General Parking** – Use of generator permitted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Electric Parking** – Electric (30-amp and 50-amp) will be available at your parking space on the date indicated on your “Date of Entry” card. Electric will be turned off on Sun., July 22, at 9 a.m.

**Full Generator** – Generator use permitted 24 hours a day.

**No Generator** – Generator use not permitted. Space is limited.

**Disabled Parking** – For those with qualifying medical needs. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. A current state-issued disability credential must be visible upon arrival.

**Caravan Parking** – Scheduled caravans of 10 or more RVs will be parked on Mon. and Tues., July 16 and 17. Caravan leaders should call (800) 543-3622 to schedule an arrival time.

**Passport And Public Gate Car Parking** – No overnight parking on event site property. Passport and Public Gate RVs cannot be accommodated at the grounds. The Passport and Public Gate car parking lot will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., July 16 through 21, 2018.

## FMCA PAYMENT PLAN

The FMCA Payment Plan is available for those who register by credit card. This plan allows registrants to pay half of the total registration cost upon initial registration, with the balance charged at a later date. For those who elect to use the Payment Plan for the Gillette convention, the remaining balance will be charged on May 22, 2018.

## MOBILITY CART/GOLF CART INSURANCE & USE

Attendees must have valid insurance on personal mobility carts and/or golf carts. All personal mobility carts and/or golf carts must have operating headlights if used before sunrise or after sunset. The speed limit for all vehicles in the activity areas is 5 mph.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will be parked in the volunteer parking area, and electric (if purchased) will be available at your site on the day indicated on your “Date of Entry” card. If you are a volunteer and wish to park in another parking area, FMCA does not guarantee that the electricity in that lot will be available when you arrive.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

During conventions, there are numerous volunteer opportunities for attendees. Please review the list below and indicate which one(s) interests you by checking the circle(s).

### PILOT

- ☐ Activity Carts
- ☐ Coffee Hour
- ☐ FMCA Store
- ☐ Ice Cream Social
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Parking\*
- ☐ Security
- ☐ Seminars
- ☐ Trams

### CO-PILOT

- ☐ Activity Carts
- ☐ Coffee Hour
- ☐ FMCA Store
- ☐ Ice Cream Social
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Parking\*
- ☐ Security
- ☐ Seminars
- ☐ Trams

\*Requires early arrival

## MAILING AND PARKING PROCEDURES FOR ALL PARKING AREAS

All registered guests must display the parking and “Date of Entry” credentials in the motorhome or towing vehicle windshield in order to facilitate your entry onto the grounds.

FMCA will begin mailing the credentials as soon as May 30, 2018. Please provide a valid mailing address or you can choose to have your packet held at Will Call. Registrations received after July 3, 2018, will automatically be held at Will Call.

Those who chose to have their credentials held at Will Call will be emailed directions and pickup instructions in advance. Will Call hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun., July 15, through Wed., July 18, at the Holding Area designated in your arrival information.

## HOLDING AREA

The Holding Area will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun., July 15, through Wed., July 18.

## PARKING

Parking will be located at the CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities. Convention parking is considered any lot secured by FMCA. Each RV will be parked with the assistance of a parking team member, no exceptions. Parking hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All parking will be at the discretion of the parkers.

Registered family members will be assigned a parking date of Mon., Tues., or Wed., July 16, 17, or 18, 2018. Families are requested to arrive on the date stated on their “Date of Entry” card. When registering, please advise if you cannot arrive on one of the assigned parking dates.

## PARKING TOGETHER

If you would like to park with family or friends, you must register for the same type of parking and have the same “Date of Entry.” You must arrive together or wait in the Holding Area until all parties have arrived to be parked.

## CARAVANS

Groups of 10 or more RVs need to make arrangements in advance with the FMCA home office. Please have the designated caravan leader call (800) 543-3622 and ask for the Events Department to make a reservation. Contact information, the number of RVs, and the type of parking will be needed at the time of the call.

## EARLY ARRIVALS

If you arrive prior to your “Date of Entry,” dry camping will be available beginning Sun., July 15, 2018, in the Holding Area.

## TRAM SERVICE

Tram service to all parking areas will be available beginning Tues., July 17. Limited tram service will be available on Sun., July 15, and Monday, July 16, for volunteers.

## DEPARTURE

Departure is on Sun., July 22, 2018. Electric service will be disconnected at 9 a.m. Everyone is to leave the grounds by 12 p.m.