



# Eastern Area Motorhome Association



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Greetings, all Eastern Area Members!

We have just completed our "Almost Heaven West Virginia Rally" in Lewisburg WV. It was an exciting and fun event with our extraordinary volunteers who worked hard together to provide enjoyment for all our attendees. Next year we will be returning to Lewisburg for GEAR October 4th – 8th, 2023 and I hope everyone will place this on your calendars.

As we travel to Lincoln, Nebraska, for our FMCA International Convention, we are so excited to be attending a new venue that promises to have some fun-filled entertainment; new places to explore; and the opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. There are many new vendors and educational and lifestyle seminars are opportunities to learn more about this great life on the road that we all enjoy.

These past two years have gone so fast for me as we had to endure the aftermath of the COVID-19 monster, which turned our world into a tailspin. Yet we have persevered, with many leaving their comfort zone to test the waters of traveling again to visit their chapters and exploring the countryside of our great nations to discover what's around the next bend. Although the fuel prices have escalated to unbearable heights, many have still ventured out to enjoy fellowship with friends and families, while making new friends.

During my term, I implemented a new Eastern Area website with the amazing talents of our FMCA IT department and discovered two very knowledgeable and talented volunteers to assist in uploading pictures, newsletters, and changes, plus monitoring. I rallied to implement the New Member Report, so that our Eastern Area Officers can send a welcome letter and informational spreadsheet of our chapters. This allows new members to choose chapters that they can visit and join. This shows them that people on the local level care enough to invite them to our events. Also, I discovered that the Area Newsletters were being sent to chapter members only. This meant that the non-chapter members received no information on what is happening on the local level. I requested the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to review, and it was passed on to the committee level, which was then sent to the Executive Board. It passed unanimously; now all members who live in the geographical areas will receive the newsletters.

As I pass the "golden baton" to our new Eastern Area Vice President, Phyllis Britz, I have no doubt that she will do an amazing job! I know that our dedicated area officers, chapter officers, members, and GEAR volunteers will continue to support all our Eastern Area members. Although we have moved to Florida, my heart is still in the Eastern Area. I will still attend chapter rallies, GEAR, and will help you with your needs.

Traveling across the country as National Secretary for four years and as Eastern Area Vice President for two years, I attended all conventions and area rallies along with many chapter rallies, and I have shared the many attributes of our Eastern Area. You are the best. I thank you all for what you mean to me.



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## Phyllis Britz, Newly Elected Eastern Area Vice President- July 2022

In April, I visited my home chapter, Penn Coachmen, at Pine Hills Campground in Kutztown. It was good to attend a rally and to see “old friends” again. Four new member units joined, and I did the first timer meeting.

My next visit was to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Wagontrainers (TCW) who had their rally at Country Acres Campground in Lancaster. They held their annual business meeting with new President Matt Hoelzel presiding. The Chapter presented Charlotte Lawyer with a plaque recognizing her contributions to the Chapter. Charlotte and husband Dennis were rally masters and were headed north to Alaska from the rally.



Allegheny Mountain chapter was visited in May in Shelocta, Pa. at Sharps Campground. The group decided to keep their rally schedule regardless of the high cost of fuel. A business meeting was held and members were encouraged to attend GEAR. Aleta Himes, Chapter Secretary, had a PowerPoint presentation ready for the chapter fair at GEAR. Unfortunately, the motorhome needed repairs which prevented the Himes from attending.

### Allegheny Mountain Chapter enjoying the evening



EEP group at the campground and restaurant

The Executive East Pioneers (EEP) was the next chapter visit June 9-12, 2022, at Shelocta, Pa at Sharps Campground. Unknown to me, this was the final rally for the chapter. Due to a loss of members and health issues, the remaining chapter members decided to dissolve the Chapter. It was sad to have this chapter dissolve after just celebrating their 45th anniversary last year. The group celebrated the Chapter by having a Farewell dinner at a local Italian restaurant.



May 16-20, 2022 I was invited to attend FMCA meetings in Cincinnati as a candidate for Eastern AVP. It was my first time at the FMCA campground at Roundbottom. If you haven't taken advantage of the campground, you should. There is a small lake at the campground that has a paved pathway around it, which is a nice walk. Gaye Young, Dennis Du-charme and I took advantage of our time together to work on GEAR.



**Cincinnati, Oh—Roundbottom Campground**

Gaye's hard work, along with her team of volunteers, paid off and GEAR was a great success. Lots of seminars, Historic Walking Tour, fun games, super entertainment and so much more. After 3 years of not having GEAR, many of us were ready to get back together and reconnect. I did a seminar on Recruiting new members for FMCA and Chapters and



**Group photo walking tour-GEAR**



**Historic walk in Lewisburg-GEAR**



**Men's technical Roundtable discussion-GEAR**



**Coastal Tarheels get together-GEAR**



Chapter Fair-GEAR



Frustrated Maestros doing Christmas in July-GEAR



Ladies Luncheon-GEAR



FMCA Benefits Seminar-GEAR

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- **10/14-16/2022** The Penn Coachmen 500 Open Invitation, Pocono Raceway  
(penncoachmen.org)
- **3/15-18/2023** FMCA 106th International Convention; Perry Georgia
- **8/23-26/2023** FMCA 107th International Convention; Gillette, Wyoming
- **10/4-8/2023** GEAR Lewisburg WV. WV State Fairgrounds.

