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Eastern Area Motorhome Association



Summer 2015

JOHN REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that it is the end of June and that 2015 is almost half over. Where does the time go? Jayne and I spent over a week in Cincinnati at the Executive Board Meetings in May. I am pleased to announce that we will be presenting a balanced budget to the Governing Board in Madison, WI.

While in Cincinnati, Jayne and I went to Lewisburg, West Virginia, to visit the Fairgrounds with Bill and Garnetta Mallory (Eastern Area Senior Vice President and Secretary). While there we visited with the CEO of the fairgrounds. This is the site of the 2016 and 2017 GEAR Rally. They greeted us with open arms and had most of the information that we needed in hand for us. They are ready and willing to do anything they can to make our Rally a success. For the first time we will be able to offer not only 30-amp electric but a choice of 50-amp full hookups and 30-amp full hookups, as well as dry camping.

During the first week of June we went to Goshen, Indiana, to the Great Lakes Area Rally. Jane Roush, the Great Lakes Area National Vice President, had a terrific Rally, and, as always, we had a wonderful time.

GEAR 2015 in Asheville is off to a good start. As of June 8th we had about 100 family coaches registered and 15 vendors. This is a good start to the Rally, having 4 months to go.

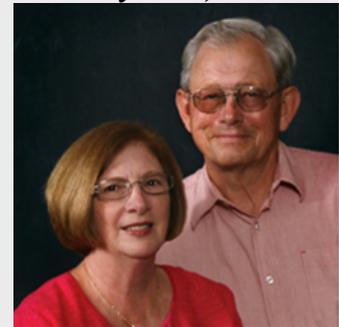
In September the Eastern Area will be manning the booth at the Hershey RV show. Anyone planning on attending the show or who lives nearby and would like to help please let me know by mid-July. You can reach me at JReynolds@FMCA.com.

The site of the summer convention is Madison, WI. This is just less than 2 months away. This year is an election year. Our President, Senior Vice President and Treasurer are running unopposed. There are two candidates running for Secretary. Read the resumes of the candidates in the June issue of your FMCA magazine and let your delegate know which one you support. If your director or alternate is unable to attend, there is still time to

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elect a temporary delegate and send their name to FMCA. Their names must be in by July 8, 2015. At this time we only have about half of our chapters represented.

We have heard from many of our chapters and are planning as many visits as possible. We still have a few open weekends, so if you would like us to visit, please send me your rally schedule and we will try to fit a visit in.

Wishing you safe travels and we hope to see you in Madison and at GEAR 2015. Remember, "it is all about having fun."

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**WILLIAM MALLORY, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
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GLAMARAMA, what a name for a rally. When you break it down, it makes sense-Great Lakes Area Motorhome Association etc. Garnetta and I have been promising Jane Roush, National Vice President for Great Lakes FMCA, we would visit for past two years. We finally made it. The Rally was held June 3-7. Jane and her over 200 volunteers put on a great rally. Goshen, Indiana, is in the heart of Amish country. Only in the U.S.A., where a group of people who do not own motorized vehicles are living and working in the largest area of motorhome factories and accessories in the United States.

Garnetta and I visited with volunteers, attended a number of great events, shopped with vendors (Blue Ox got a lot of our money), made new contacts that have resource potential for GEAR and had a great time. The weather was beautiful. The setting was the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds, a pristine facility that worked well for the rally.

We visited the RV/MH Hall of Fame museum. We were fascinated how far the industry has advanced.

Remember "Twilight in the Blue Ridge Mountains," Asheville, NC, October 14-18, 2015. This is one of the most beautiful times of the year in the area.

GEAR volunteers are hard at work to give everyone a great rally. As I write this article, we have 59 coaches (119 people) pre-registered. We are looking forward to seeing you in North Carolina.

Safe travels until the next time we meet.

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We kicked off our Southern Region New Year with a co-rally of two Chapters, the Carolina Pelicans and the Coastal Tarheels. What a treat. We had 32 coaches attending at the Cypress Camping Resort. What a great group of campers, making for a fun weekend. We enjoyed meeting with Otho Tew and Gaye Young, along with new and old members from the Tarheels, and the new president of the Tarheels, Larry Howard. We received a lot of new ideas for the coming year. The Carolina Pelicans had a fine group attending and received two new members during this event. I really think this is a great way to get to know other chapters: to joint rally. The Carolina Pelicans extend an invitation to any chapter that would like to join us. We will furnish a rally schedule on request, or check the FMCA magazine.

I have been in touch with every chapter through Christmas cards, e-mails and personal messages, but I have received schedules from only two chapters so far. I am looking forward to meeting and camping with the Foothill Travelers in August at Franklin, N.C. Thanks to Bob and Ellen Bell for their cooperation in getting me all the info needed to make these plans. I really need rally info from all chapters so that I can plan my schedule around you. I would love to visit as many chapters as possible.

We are sorry to lose The Palmetto Ramblers chapter. We received word that this chapter was dissolved. This year is all about THE CHAPTERS, and having fun. Keep us in touch with your activities and we will share.

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TOM HOFFMEIER, NORTHERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

As Spring arrived I contacted my regional chapters for their Rally Schedules through email and phone calls. During this time I also requested the chapter presidents to communicate with their members about volunteering at GEAR.

April 11th we went to Elk Neck State Park to celebrate the First State Travelers' 10th anniversary. They had 20 members present. We spent some time discussing several benefits of FMCA. Their chapter president, Jim Hunter, revealed he had to get several tires for his motorhome and was pleased with the savings he received through the Michelin Tire Program. Then we went to the Pier One restaurant in Northeast, MD, where we had a wonderful dinner with a celebration cake and then I presented them with their 10-year certificate. We had a great time.

April 18th we visited Flory's Campground in Lancaster County where the Capitol Chapter and Coaches for Christ Chapter were having a joint rally. Had a great visit. Discussed some of the benefits of FMCA and the upcoming GEAR rally. Some members voiced concerns with the small number of vendors that exhibit at GEAR and that many people go to see what new products are available for motorhoming. On a positive note, they expressed how much they enjoy the entertainment provided at GEAR. We were invited to join them for a great chicken barbeque, and as usual they had a special cake, made by one of the member's daughters. It looked like spring flowers but was all edible. They sold 50/50 tickets and had my wife, Helen, draw for the winner. The winning ticket was mine and, no, it was not rigged!

Coming up in June we will be at Gettysburg with the Allegheny Mountain Chapter. I know it will be great, as they know how to enjoy themselves and always have fun at their rallies. In July we are looking forward to attending FMCA's Family Reunion in Madison, WI.

That's all for now. Safe travels and keep having fun!

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