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# Eastern Area Motorhome Association



Winter 2014

**JOHN REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT**

GEAR 2014 held in Asheville, NC, in September was another successful rally. Everyone seemed to have a great time. We are now looking forward to GEAR 2015, "Twilight in the Blue Ridge Mountains." It will be held at the same facility, the Western North Carolina Fairgrounds, October 15-18, 2015.

At GEAR 2014 we had 70 vendors, 65 display coaches, and 365 family coaches. We already have vendors calling to see about registering for next year. Some of the display coach dealers committed to attending next year before they left the rally this year. Jayne and I along with Rally Masters Bill and Garnetta Mallory are working on next year's rally.

The following officers were elected at the EAMA meeting: Bill Mallory, Senior VP; Garnetta Mallory, Secretary; Berkley Alexander, Treasurer; Tom Hoffmeier, Northern Area VP; Jerry Cohen, Central Area VP; Chris Holtzman, Southern Area VP; and Dennis Ducharme, Western Area VP. I want to welcome them all onboard. A big thanks to Tom Garcia and Gaye Young, our outgoing officers, for the time and service they provided to the Eastern Area. Also, thanks to all the volunteers. Without them we could not put on a GEAR Rally. You are all the greatest and we do appreciate all you do.

In October we traveled to Cincinnati to the FMCA Headquarters for the Fall Executive Board Meeting. We are pleased to announce that FMCA now offers a Roadside Assistance program that our members can purchase for \$99 a year. There is an article in the December issue explaining this program.

It is now cold in Pennsylvania and the ground is white with snow. Most homes are decorated for Christmas. Jayne and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Soon we will be headed to Florida to meet up with those of you who are already there.

## Eastern Area Motorhome Association Officers

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**John Reynolds, F171042**



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Please put us on your mailing list so we can get a copy of your rally information, especially those who are celebrating special ones. Let us know if there is a certain rally you would like us to attend and we will do our best to put it on our schedule. So for now, safe travels and we hope to see you down the road. Remember it is "all about having fun."

If you wish to contact me, my phone numbers are: 570-279-0756, 570-220-1731 (cells) and home phone is 570-435-5146. E mail: jreynolds@fmca.com.

### **GAYE YOUNG, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Greetings!

Another successful year has been accomplished! And, thanks to all of you, it has been a blast!! Our Eastern Area has the most talented folks who not only give of their time but also of their many talents. As my time as your Eastern Area Senior Vice President comes to a close, I thank you for the memories. To those of you who have danced the Chicken Dance, the Conga Line, or the Hokey Pokey with me at the block parties during Chapter Fairs; who have raced with me during the Kentucky Derby Horse Race, the Car Race, or the Boat Race (don't forget "Tina Turner" performing for you!); who have pranced along the parade route dressed up in costumes strutting your chapter stuff; who have put your happy feet in your dancing shoes and jumped out on the floor for line dancing; who have played the crazy games I made up for you for Chapter Fairs; and for those of you who enjoyed being our cheerleaders on the sidelines, thank you for sharing in my fun times as you bring so much joy to my life. From Memphis to Asheville, it has been a blast!!

So I say to you, keep having those fun times, live each moment with gusto, and especially share the excitement with potential new members. Teach them to jump out of their comfort zone and join you in making memories with our special family and your incredible chapters.

I appreciate your chapters welcoming Jerry and I as we have visited you. You have taken us into your chapter families and embraced us with your friendliness. You are family to us!

As we enter into 2015, new Eastern Area officers are there to assist your chapters with whatever needs you have. Don't hesitate to call on them. Give them the same warm hug and love as you have shown me. A new adventure awaits me, as I will finally be old enough to retire and travel like all of you!!

**Have fun wherever you roam!**

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## **JERRY COHEN, CENTRAL REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year. Millie and I arrived in Florida at the end of December and will return to the Eastern Area in March. We hope to see some of you at the Southeast Area Rally in Sarasota, Florida. Please stop by and see us if you are there. We also will be at the Tampa RV Show and look forward to seeing you there. Start planning now for the GEAR Rally in Asheville, NC, October 15-18, 2015. Everyone had a great time last year and I'm sure this year will be even better.

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## **TOM HOFFMEIER, NORTHERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

First, A Very Merry Christmas to everyone,

This past Sept. 9-14, we were at the Hershey RV Show helping to man the FMCA booth along with John & Jayne Reynolds, Jane Roush from the Great Lakes Area, and Bill & Garnetta Mallory from the Eastern Area's Western Region. Also helping in the booth were members of the Tiffin Travelers and members from the Penn Coachmen chapter. There was a good turnout with new members joining and old members renewing for multiple years.

Sept. 19-28 we were at GEAR in Asheville, NC, chairing the trams. I also was able to visit with the Frustrated Maestros chapter. Charlie & Roxie were kind enough to let me interrupt their practice to talk about the FMC Assist program and the Michelin Tire program. When the Maestros play, everyone around gets younger.

I visited the Coaches For Christ chapter where we had a good question-and-answer session on FMC Assist and the tire program. Fr. Al had used the tire program and explained the process to all.

Since then we took our motorhome to Florida and then came home to await the arrival of a new grandchild. She is beautiful. So, on that note I will close.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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**BILL MALLORY, WESTERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT  
GARNETTA MALLORY, SECRETARY**

I am writing this in the midst of the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving and Christmas have always been special times of the year for me. Growing up on a farm made them even more special. There was always something going on: preparing tobacco for market (our main source of income for the year), my grandmother baking not one but several fruit cakes, making more than 30 pounds of homemade candy, preparing for school and church plays, Dad and I going into the fields to cut a real Christmas tree, and so much more.

What does all this have to do with EAMA and FMCA? Holidays are all about family, getting together and celebrating the season, making joyful noises, and reflection. Garnetta and I find we do the same thing when we get together with our FMCA family. We do not see each other as often as we would like, but when we do get together, we start where we left off and have some really fun times.

It was a difficult decision to commit to our new roles with EAMA. Garnetta being secretary has one of the most difficult jobs. The secretary of any organization is in a position to make or break that organization. When I was a 4-H Agent, the secretary of any group I worked with was my key to getting what I wished. The same in my office. My co-workers just couldn't understand how my work got completed so quickly, while theirs lay in the to-do box for weeks. Ha! I felt it was for me to know and them to figure out.

When I was made aware of Gaye's aspirations to share her talents on a different level for FMCA, I felt maybe I was being given a second chance to complete something I had started but didn't finish. John Reynolds and I have had a special bond for a number of years. I had lots of questions, concerns, and doubts about the potential of being Senior Vice President for EAMA. John made it very clear that Garnetta and I were to be the 2015 rally masters. We were co-rally masters with Wilt and Barbara Greenwood, so we knew the amount of time that was involved. After much thought and "reflection" on how much FMCA and EAMA had been part of our lives for 15 years, we made the decision to commit to the challenges associated with the position.

We know we have a wonderful support team of volunteers, many of you we consider close friends. Our volunteer experiences are numerous; ice cream chair, facility chair, rally masters, serving on the board as Western Regional Vice President for EAMA, national youth committee and Garnetta currently serving on the national Policy and Procedure Committee.

Our theme this year is "Twilight in the Blue Ridge Mountains." Our rally site offers a treasure chest of ideas for fun things to incorporate into a rally. Gaye and Jerry have shared some of the ideas they were considering for the coming year. Tom and Helen Hoffmeier worked with Garnetta and me on the theme before we left the Ag Center. Rumor is that during the rally there may be a raid by the revenueurs on the moonshiners at our rally. We will be working with the Frustrated Maestros on some special music native to the area, maybe a historic seminar related to the surroundings and much more.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING A GREAT NEW YEAR  
WITH OUR FMCA FAMILY.**

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