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# Eastern Area Motorhome Association



Spring 2015

## JOHN REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT

April has finally arrived, and I hope that this is the end of the below 0 temperatures and snow in the East. Hopefully there will be a slow melt of the mountain snow so there will be no spring flooding. Jayne and I have spent the winter months in Florida. It was not the warmest but much better than up North.

I've just left the 91<sup>st</sup> Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase in Pomona, CA. This was my first time at this facility and I was impressed with this site.

We spent a day this winter visiting the Tampa RV Super Show and another one visiting the Southeast Area Rally.

The GEAR 2015 registration form is completed, and you are able to sign up at FMCA.com. There has been a lot of interest already from both family members and vendors. There are a number of vendors registered.

Otho Tew has done a great job in getting our entertainment. Thursday night is Roman Entertainment, Friday is Travis Ledoyt and Show, and Saturday is the Dawn Day Show. The Maestros have something planned for Wednesday night but not sure of what yet.

We are planning to leave for home shortly after Easter. In early May it is off to Cincinnati for the Executive Board Meetings.

I have e-mailed the chapters that are having anniversaries this year and have not heard back from some of them. If your chapter has picked a time for its celebration, please let us know so we can possibly make arrangements to attend. If you would like a chapter visit from us, please let us know and we will try to arrange a visit.

The 92<sup>nd</sup> Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase is in Madison, WI, the end of July. The elections are being held at this convention so it is very important that your National Director or representative attends.

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Next year's GEAR is going to be held in Lewisburg, West Virginia, October 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Pencil this in your calendar.

We want to thank all of our committee chairs and co-chairs for all the hard work they are doing. We are so lucky to have so many reliable chairs and co-chairs.

So for now, safe travels and we hope to see you down the road. Remember it is "all about having fun."

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**WILLIAM MALLORY, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
GARNETTA MALLORY, SECRETARY**

Garnetta and I hope you have survived the winter. Those of you who were brave enough to stay up North are to be commended. We have not had the best of weather here in Central Florida. But it is improving.

As some of you know, Garnetta and I are involved with the Softball Program in our park, Holiday Travel Resort. This has been a very busy week. We have been hosting an area Womens' Softball Tournament, 16 teams, 25-plus games over a five-day period. The tournament has involved over 100 volunteers, lots and lots of planning, and teamwork. We have had a great week. Things have gone very smoothly. There have been many positive comments from players and fans from lots of the other parks.

If you are still reading this, you are asking why is Bill going on and on about this tournament. I share these comments with GEAR in my thoughts. GEAR involves over 200 volunteers, lots of planning, lots of teamwork, and hours of preparation. Garnetta and I have met with John twice this winter-great visits with Jayne, Tom, and Helen. We made a quick trip to SEA where we ran into lots of EAMA friends. Like softball in winter, we are getting excited about GEAR and it is over seven months away.

There will not be a planning meeting in April. John and I have all the confidence in the world in our volunteers. We know the facilities and we all know our jobs. We felt it was a good way to save some money and time for all of us. So we will be in touch by e-mail, phone calls, and all those other electronic gadgets. If you have ideas, suggestions, comments pertaining to this year's GEAR, don't wait on us; we are only an electronic gadget away.

Safe travels; looking forward to seeing "you all."

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## JERRY COHEN, CENTRAL REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Well, the cold months of winter are over and most members are looking forward to getting their units ready for hitting the road for 2015. Find a chapter to visit and visit twice to meet new members and form new friendships.

Now is the time to plan and make reservations for GEAR. Just in case you forgot to record the dates, they are October 14-October 18, 2015, in Asheville, North Carolina. If you would like to volunteer to drive the handicap carts or the tram carts, you can arrive two days early. This is a great deal so **call Jerry Cohen (757-641-1804) before you register** so I can add your name to the volunteer list. At last year's GEAR, I met some FMCA members who had attended their first Great Eastern Area Rally and remarked they enjoyed themselves and would return for the 2015 rally. Sign up early for electric service as it does sell out early.

Safe travels,

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## CHRIS HOLTZMAN, SOUTHERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

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 have received schedules from only two chapters so far. I am looking forward to meeting and camping with the Foothills Travelers in August at Franklin, NC. Thanks to Bob and Ellen Bell for their cooperation in getting me all the information needed to make these plans. I really need rally information 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**

I hope everyone has had a good winter. Spring is here now, and it is time to think about this year's travel. Time to do all the safety checks on your RV and make those small changes you have been thinking of to make your RV just right for you.

We spent a day at the SEA Rally at Sarasota in February. We saw many of our Eastern Area friends there and enjoyed catching up on current activities and visiting the vendor booths. I have also been spending time with Bill Mallory and John Reynolds discussing ideas for this year's GEAR.

Two of the chapters in my Region have anniversaries this year: First State Travelers have a 10-year anniversary, and Allegheny Mountain will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> in the Fall. Congratulations to both. I am hoping to visit these and several more of the chapters in my Region this summer that I didn't get to visit last year.

Safe travels to all and keep having fun.

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## **DENNIS DUCHARME, WESTERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

Hello to all the Western Region chapters! Spring is here and so is the beginning of our chapter rallies and all the adventures, fellowship and good times we have at our Rallies. I am new as your Western Regional Vice President. My wife, Betty, and I look forward to meeting with each chapter during this next year. Please send me your 2015 Rally Schedule so I can make plans to visit with you all. My e-mail address is DDuch21603@aol.com. If I can be of help in any way please call me (Dennis Ducharme) at 859-338-3548 (cell phone).

Last year we had a great rally in Asheville, NC. I feel confident that all the attendees had a good time at the ice cream social; attending the nightly entertainment, seminars, and craft classes; and going through the vendor booths and show coaches. Please mark your calendars for October 14-18, 2015. I know you will have a good time and make new friends while you are at the rally.

Happy trails,

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