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## President's Message

We left California on February 28th for Lake Park, Georgia for the ACC pre-rally to the FMCA Rally in Perry, Georgia. It took us six days to get there so, I was thankful to Jim and Doty Graham, Charlie and Gloria Adcock and John and Joanie Ferrell for arriving early and setting things up.

Randy and his crew from the AC Service Center were there working on the coaches. They even joined us for Mardi Gras night.

Ray and Pauline Shea enjoyed the rally so much that Ray is now our Eastern Area Director. Thank you Ray and Pauline. FMCA and ACC will be having only one rally next year. It will be a huge undertaking for Ray and we appreciate his enthusiasm.



Justin Humphries' meets with First Timers

I guess this was Justin Humphries' last rally. He joined the first-timers meeting and spoke at our membership meeting. We will all miss Justin and wish him well at Airstream.

You can read the general minutes of our membership meeting on page 5 but, the most important item on



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## ACC Pre-Rally at Amana Colonies, Iowa

ACC has planned an exciting pre-rally at the famous Amana Colonies on August 4th—8th.

In 1855, The Amana Society established the seven Amana Villages on 26,000 acres along the Iowa River. Living communally until 1932, the Amana people farmed, maintained the forests, wove textiles, built furniture, operated bakeries, meat shops and smoke houses. Sustaining that legacy, today the Amana



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## President's Message, cont.

the agenda was the inclusion of the American Revolution into our club. After the motion was made and seconded, it was voted on and passed unanimously; welcome to ACC, Revolution owners!

Please invite any Revolution owners that you see to join our chapter and tell them about the pre-rally in Amana, Iowa. We would love to see them there.

After our Mardi Gras celebration, great food, good conversation with friends, nice door prizes, and a fun wine-tasting hosted by Heritage Coach Resort and Marina, we packed up and headed to Perry for the FMCA Rally.

Perry had good weather. There were over 3000 coaches at the rally and one of the best events was the fireworks. They did a really nice job and we all enjoyed watching them.

After the rally, we visited my son in Orlando and spent a few days at the Fort Wilderness—Disney World Resort. They have large spaces, full hookups, and you can watch the Electric Parade while waiting for the fireworks to begin. It is a wonderful place, but expect to pay over \$100.00 per night for the experience.

Our next stop was Charlie and Gloria Adcock's *Rally in the Pasture*. If you want good times with good friends, great meals, cook-to-order-breakfasts, and great entertainment, sign up for this annual rally next year.

One evening while at the rally, an alarm went off. Being from California, we wondered what it could be. Well, it didn't take long to find out. A tornado was heading directly our way. We had 35 people, 5 dogs and 2 cats huddled in Charlie's storm cellar. What an experience! People might have been scared, however, nobody showed it, including the animals; everyone was calm and considerate.

We had a couple of days of rain and our coach was leaking pretty bad. Charlie

came over and asked what was going on... buckets, towels, you know the drill. He said, "get to the shop" where his polite, qualified crew worked on our roof, repaired our ripped awning, replaced the skylight because it had a hole in it, and even replaced the damaged trim on the back of the coach. Mike and I had planned on having our foggy windows replaced, but we never dreamed we would also have our leaks fixed by such a qualified, caring group of people. Thank you Charlie, for letting us stay at the shop where we were not roughing it, by the way. We had Direct TV, 50 amps, water, sewer and clean rest rooms in the waiting area... oh and WIFI too. What more could you ask for?

Look for our new website coming in June 2011. All members of American Coach Chapter of FMCA will be using a new "username and password" so check us out on Facebook (American Coach Chapter of the FMCA) and watch your email for the new major changes.

Plan on attending our next rally in Amana Colonies. Bob and Diana Gay are the Rally hosts and are working hard to prepare for the August 4th-8th pre-rally. Please register for FMCA's 86th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase, which will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin, from August 10 to 13, 2011.

A special thanks to Wendy Holloway, Vice President –Membership Chair Person-ACC – FMCA. Wendy has also assumed the temporary position of Treasurer since Elaine Bowdle resigned because of personal reasons. If anyone knows of a qualified member who would be willing to take the volunteer position of Treasurer, please let Wendy or myself know. We would be happy to explain the job description and benefits of being a member of the Board of Directors.

See you in Iowa.

Leslie Pettinger, President

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## A Message from Merritt Mosby, Past President

Welcome and congratulations, Chris Carter.

This year has started off like a cannon blast. BOOM, kaBOOM, I say! Diesel prices are almost prohibitive; Osama Bin Laden is out of business; record numbers of tornados and floods like we haven't seen since 1937. What else? Well American Coach has a new interim sales manager. Much will be written and discussed about our good friend Justin Humphries, who we wish only the best. I would like to write this column about Chris Carter and welcome him to our group.

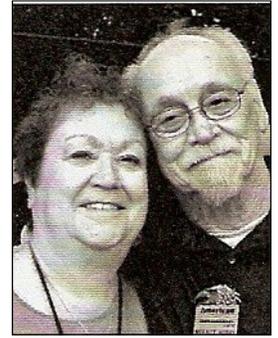
Chris has been on the rim of the circle off and on for several years now. Fleetwood/American Coach has been using Chris in many different areas the past few years. He has been kind of a yo-yo to the American Coach Clubs. Now you see him, now you don't.

I've been American Coaching since 1993 and I first met Chris in the early 2000's. He and Suzy Fletcher attended some of that era's rallies where they would do the round tables with the men's and women's groups. Then, I didn't see him for a couple of years and all of a sudden he showed up again as a National Training Manager and currently is the Product Development Manager for American Coach. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Chris was born in Salt Lake City where his father worked for Travelers Insurance and his mother was in

banking and now owns a restaurant in Sutter Creek, California. Chris grew up in northern California and received an AA degree in General Education/Science from Diablo Valley College. He intended to transfer to U. C. Berkeley but was bitten by the "business bug" and transferred to Cal-State University in Chico where he earned a BS degree in Business Administration and Marketing and graduated in the top three of his capstone business class in 1990.

Chris has been in real estate sales, managed a mortgage broker firm, was even a (shhhhh, best kept secret) bartender in a Basque restaurant. Chris joined Fleetwood in 1998. The rest is history...well not exactly. He now lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana with his wife Becky and son Chase. They will testify that Chris is a committed "workaholic". He has few hobbies and outside interests other than American Coach, although he does enjoy walks, going to local baseball games, an occasional bike ride and spending time with family. He also likes to "garden" when the weather co-operates and is proud of his home-grown tomatoes. He also mentioned "fantasy football". I don't know what that means, but you younger folks and sport buffs now know you have an ally. One of his dreams is to own an American Coach and join us in our rallies as an owner. Yea, I say! Welcome Chris Carter!



*“Welcome and congratulations, Chris Carter, interim sales manager.”*

## Nominees for ACC Positions

I am Ray Shea and I am seeking the position of Eastern Region Director of the American Coach Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association.

I am a retired Sailor, having served thirty years in the United States Navy. My early assignments were performing mechanical maintenance on submarines my later assignments included tours as Chief of the Boat (submarines) and Command Master Chief of naval aviation squadrons.

When I retired in 2003, I bought my first RV and joined the Family Motor Coach Association. I became a full timer in 2005.

In 2008 I met my wife, Pauline at a Fleetwood Discovery Rally, six months later we married. Our first RV together was a Revolution, in 2010 we bought an American Tradition.

We are enthusiastic about the RV experience, thoroughly enjoying the adventure and camaraderie. Together we have traveled over 50,000 RV miles, visiting thirty-eight states and seven provinces.

We are members of the American Coach Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, the American Coach Association (Southeast and Mac Pack chapters) and the Fleetwood Motor Home Association. Pauline and I recognize that the organizations we belong to contribute significantly to the lifestyle that we so thoroughly enjoy.

We are looking forward to serving the American Coach Chapter.

## Membership Report

There are currently 424 members in the American Coach Chapter of the FMCA.

In an attempt to increase our membership, we have sent invitations to all of the Revolution owners that belong to FMCA.

Remember, if you see a revolution owner, or an American Coach owner for that matter, ASK them if they would like to join our group. There are a lot of benefits offered by ACC and FMCA - rallies, shared knowledge, life- long friendships, in-

teresting newsletters and Fleetwood service along with support from American Coach.

We are in process of revamping our website. Please watch our new look for 2011 by the end of June. We are also going to be on **FACEBOOK**. Ray Shea, our new Eastern Director, has volunteered to get our Facebook page up and running. Thank you, Ray.

Great things are happening at ACC!

Wendy Holloway

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# General Membership Meeting

*General Membership Meeting of American Coach Chapter of FMCA Valdosta/Lake Park KOA Lake Park, Georgia March 10, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Leslie Pettinger. Those present were: President Leslie Pettinger and Western Area Director Mike Pettinger.

Charlie Adcock led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President introduced the rally host, Jim Graham, the acting secretary, Doty Graham and Charlie Adcock.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter.

Charlie Adcock gave the Treasurer's report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

Charlie Adcock gave the Membership report. There are currently 479 member coaches.

New Business:

Charlie Adcock made a motion to change the ACC bylaws to accept the Revolution as a part of the American Coach Chapter. The bylaw change would state that the Revolution or any eligible coach could be included in the American Coach Chapter. Leslie stated that Chip Aiken, the Immediate Past President, would provide the exact language to be used in the bylaws. The FMCA would then have to approve the language of the bylaw change. A motion was made and seconded to change the bylaws to include the Revolution.

Leslie briefly discussed the next ACC rally which would be at the Amana Colonies in Iowa on August 4th through 7th.

Leslie then recognized and welcomed the first timers.

Mary Corcoran, Secretary for the American Coach Association, then spoke to the group. She talked about the ACA national rally taking place in Memphis, Tenn. in May. So far, there are 162 coaches registered.

Ken Ware spoke and said he would be happy to help anyone with any computer issues or problems they may have. He also would discuss any American Coach issues or problems.

Charlie Adcock said he will give a seminar this afternoon on the problem of fogging windows.

Charlie also talked about volunteering in the ACC and ACA. There is a need for people to step up and get involved. Rallies don't just happen; people have to organize them.

Stew Macfarlane talked about the January Southeast ACA rally in Tampa, Florida. He asked everyone to put it on their calendars. In 2012, the American Coach group will have the rally to itself. In the past, other brands of coaches have been included in the rally event.

Leslie then introduced Justin Humphreys. Justin also talked about the importance of people getting involved in the clubs. He also stated that American Coach was there to help as well. He spoke about the motorhome market. There were 5,492 coaches

sold in 2010. There were 6,000 Class A diesel motorhomes sold in 2009; 9,000 in 2008; 15,000 in 2007; 16,000 in 2006 and 18,000 in 2005.

Class C motorhome sales were up five percent in 2010. In 2010, gas motorhomes outsold diesel by approximately 200 units for the first time in ten years.

American Coach has put the manufacture of the American Allegiance on hold.

The number of dealers for American coaches has dropped from 275 to 100. Currently Fleetwood is only manufacturing motor homes in Decatur, Indiana. They are building 70 motorhomes per week. American Coach currently has 1,200 employees.

Justin then talked about the Revolution. The coach has been upgraded and that is one reason it was put in the American Coach line.

He stated there are probably only 30 dealers in the US handling the American Coach line. This is mostly due to financing. However, banks are starting to loosen up and this should help.

The market is down 9% but American Coach sales are up 17%. That represents a 30% gain in market share. Revolution is up by 50% and Heritage is up by 75%.

Justin stated that the American Coach plant is going "lean." One instance he was involved in was the wood used in the back of cabinets. That department has four employees. They were working 20 hours of overtime each week per person. A study was done and a new saw was purchased for cutting the wood. It resulted in an immediate stop of the overtime. He also talked about changes in the way that they were making the full wall slides.

Justin stated that American Coach was sending a mailout regarding the inclusion of the Revolution into the American Coach line to American Coach owners.

Justin talked about the rally support that American Coach provides. Currently they provide service at eight separate rallies per year. The labor is free and parts are at cost.

Justin stated that American Coach was now owned by Allied Specialty Vehicles. This is a combination of all the companies owned by AIP, the company who purchased American Coach previously. This gives them greater buying power for parts and materials. Randall Swift is the President of Allied Specialty Vehicles.

Justin stated they still had a few American Eagles with the older style engines but they have been put with the new chassis. The new changed chassis gives 30% more storage.

Justin then thanked everyone for their contributions to the Scholarship fund. He states that Jeanine's son, a recipient of one of the scholarships, had just graduated number one in his class at the Indiana Medical School.

President Pettinger then reminded everyone there would be a meeting regarding the caravan to Perry at 4:00 on Friday.

A motion was then made and seconded to adjourn. Respectfully submitted, Doty Graham, Acting Secretary

*"There is a need for people to step up and get involved. Rallies don't just happen; people have to organize them."*



Charlie Adcock and Stu



David, Joan, Linda and Edward



Bev and Steve Martin



Randy and Service Crew



Stu, Mary LaDonna and Don Lintzenich



Doty, Joanie, Gloria and Leslie



**John, Allen, Joan and Mary**



**John, Leslie and Joanie**



**Ronnie and Mike**



**Steve, Stefi and Jim**



**Fred and Fay Williamson**



**Mary, John, Ken and Salina**



**Social Time at FMCA Rally**



**Arial View of FMCA Rally in Perry, Georgia**

## Treasurer's Report

The balance in the checking account as of May 12, 2011 is \$15,183.58

Please remember that your dues for 2011 are 90 days delinquent as of March 2011. We don't want to lose any of our members, so please check and make sure that you are paid up

for the year. The amount is only \$18.00 a year. You can save some money by paying for more than one year at a time. Two years would be \$32.00 and three years is \$42.00.

Wendy Holloway

Membership Chairperson-Treasurer

## It's Easy to Make Your Own Granola

*With the price of cereal these days, it pays to make your own granola... and it's easy. Just mix up the ingredients and bake and stir in a low oven for a few minutes. I always make the first recipe but, if you don't use butter, the Mango granola uses canola oil. Either way, I refrigerate or freeze my granola to keep it tasting fresher. And one more thing, I pay no attention to the fruits and nuts that are called for in any granola recipe; use what you love or what you have on hand.*

### **My Favorite Granola**

2 cups old-fashioned oats  
3/4 cups whole almonds, cut in half  
1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut  
1/2 cup raw cashews  
1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
1 1/2 tsp ground all-spice  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/4 cup unsalted butter  
2 Tbsp honey  
1/2 cup (packed) pitted dates, cut in half and then thirds

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Mix first seven ingredients in a large bowl. Melt butter with honey in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Pour over granola mixture and mix well. Spread out mixture on baking sheet. Bake 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add dates and mix to separate clumps. Continue to bake until granola is golden brown. Store in a cool dry place.

### **Bobby Flay's Granola**

1/4 cup canola oil  
1/4 cup agave syrup

1/4 cup clover honey  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats (not instant)  
3/4 cup slivered almonds  
1/2 cup raw sunflower seeds  
1/2 cup raw pumpkin seeds  
2 tablespoons flax seeds  
2 tablespoons wheat germ  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup diced dried sweetened mango

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.

Mix the canola oil, agave syrup, honey, cinnamon, brown sugar and vanilla extract in a small bowl until smooth. Combine the oats, almonds, sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds, flax seeds, wheat germ and salt in a large bowl. Add the wet mixture to the dry mixture and stir, making sure everything is evenly coated. Spread the mixture evenly on the prepared baking sheet; bake, stirring occasionally, until golden brown and crisp, 25 to 30 minutes.

Remove the granola from the oven and let cool slightly, then break into clumps while still warm. Let cool completely, then toss with the dried mango in a bowl. Store leftover granola in an airtight container in a cool place.



Society maintains one of Iowa's oldest farms and the state's largest private forest reserve, while continuing to offer you Amana quality goods and services at its businesses located in the Amana Colonies and online at [www.amanasociety.com](http://www.amanasociety.com).

From antiques to winemaking, there is something for everyone. It is a step back in time, when life was a little more slow paced and every family grew or produced all that they needed to survive. The seven Amana Colonies are on a twenty mile loop with businesses located along the way. The colonies are: Amana; East Amana; Homestead, an Amana Village; South Amana; High Amana; West Amana; and Middle Amana.



We will be staying at the sixty-acre Amana Colonies RV Park located one-half mile from the villages of Amana and Middle Amana. Amenities include a laundromat, Hospitality Center, full hookups, free wifi, golf course, theaters, restaurants, historic sites, and the Amana Trail.

Early arrival rally rates will apply from July 31 through August 10. The rally rate per night will be \$25.00 per coach. American Coach/ FMCA will collect payment for all nights within this time frame.



There will be further information on the registration sheet to follow, including sign up for a ladies luncheon on Saturday August 6th. We believe this pre-rally at the Amana Colonies will be fun and interesting for all those who attend. We hope to see you there.



For additional information on the Amana Colonies, please go to <http://www.amanarvpark.com/>.



## American Coach Chapter Pre-Rally

August 4th thru 8<sup>th</sup> 2011 Amana Colonies, Iowa

3890 C Street, Amana Iowa, Phone (800) 471-7616

**The registration deadline is July 22, 2011.** For those of you wishing to arrive early or depart later, the fee is \$25.00 per night. Please note on this form below (highlighted in **bold**). **If you don't indicate your early arrival date on the registration and do arrive early, you may have to move multiple times during your stay.** Refunds for cancellations after July 26, 2011 will be considered on an if possible basis.

Names of persons attending:

#1 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ #4 \_\_\_\_\_

FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_ ACC # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone (Home)

Phone (cell)

E-mail

Coach Yr.

Model

Length

Is this your first ACC rally? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you handicapped or have special needs? \_\_\_\_\_

(For handicapped parking a copy of the handicap form must be copied and sent with payment.)

would like to park next to: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be caravanning to Madison, WI for the FMCA Convention?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(You'll need to be pre-registered for the FMCA Convention to caravan.)

Caravan will depart on August 8th in the a.m. More information will follow at the caravan meeting (see the agenda at the rally).

You may also register for the pre-rally online at [www.acc-fmca.com](http://www.acc-fmca.com).

**Login, select "Rallies" and "Amana Colonies"**

Rally fee

2 people \$235 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally fee

1 person \$175 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional

Guests \$ 95 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member

Buddy coach \$235 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member-unsponsored \$335

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rally fee/ 2 people

Children under 16 are free, except for tours or golf but we need a number.

# of children \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Luncheon - \$20

Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golf will be organized on site if we have interested players.

**Additional camping rates will be \$25.00**

# of extra nights \_\_\_@25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please specify dates you will be staying before or after the rally.**

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **ACC-FMCA** and **mail to:**

**Wendy Holloway**  
**Membership Chair-Treasurer**  
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American Coach Chapter of FMCA

Amana Colonies, Iowa

American Coach Service Request

Fleetwood RV is offering to perform minor warranty repairs on your Limited, American Eagle, American Dream, American Tradition, American Allegiance, American Revolution or American Heritage motor home. Time available and the number of coaches in attendance will determine how much service work can be performed at the rally.

Please check in with the service representative scheduler upon arrival. He may need to coordinate your appearance while service is performed.

Please limit problems to two American Coach items and one Spartan item per coach (functional items only). Non-functional items and painting will not be addressed at rallies. This is a long-standing policy of the service facility. Additional items will be on a time-permitted basis.

Please explain each item in detail so we can determine whether parts are needed.

Submit this list promptly. Fleetwood must have your request at least two weeks before the rally in order to obtain parts and transport them to the rally.

Repairs will be scheduled in the order that they are received.

Add-on items will be scheduled as time permits.

When requesting chassis repairs, please note your coach type of chassis. Some chassis repairs cannot be addressed at the rally and some chassis repairs may be subject to charges to the customer.

Note: Coaches not registered, as part of the rally will not be worked upon until all rally registered coaches have been serviced.

**Here are some of the changes:**

• Parts and labor will be provided at no charge for in-warranty repairs. Labor will be provided at no charge for out of warranty repairs and owner will be notified of charges for parts.

- Because we are not equipped with required fall-protection at rallies, no Fleetwood associate will be allowed to get on top of a motor home roof at any time.
- No Fleetwood associate will be allowed to work under a unit at a rally.
- Repairs requiring lifting/jacking of motor home will not be performed at a rally.
- Certain repairs of doors or windows or windshields cannot be performed at a rally.
- Awning tension adjustments must be done by the awning manufacturer. This includes the replacement of awning fabric.

Chassis repairs must be done by the chassis manufacturer.

**As has always been our policy, the following are some other items we cannot address at rallies:**

- Paint body repairs
- Installing accessories
- Cosmetic/Appearance repairs
- Water filters and maintenance services

Please remember that not every problem can be resolved at the Rally. Should additional work be required at a shop facility, the Service Department will assist you in determining your needs and schedule.

Fax the repair request form to: 260-728-2951 or mail to the address on the request sheet.

**AMERICAN COACH CHAPTER OF FMCA - SERVICE REQUEST**

**For American Coach Service Use Only**

Group \_\_\_\_\_ Day/ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Control \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_

**Amana Colonies Pre Rally August 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2011**

*Deadline For Submittal to American Coach is: July 1, 2011*

*Please read the instructions before completing form and fill in with complete numbers where indicated*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Model/Year \_\_\_\_\_ Chassis VIN # \_\_\_\_\_

Coach serial # \_\_\_\_\_

I will arrive on the rally site on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_ PM \_\_\_

I will be going to the FMCA Madison, Wisconsin YES / NO

(We need this information for our scheduling of work.)

American Coach

1 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Spartan

1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE RALLY MASTER! SEND OR FAX TO THE FOLLOWING!**

Mail to: Fleetwood RV, 1420 W. Patterson St., Decatur, IN 46733 Or fax to: 260-728-2951

If you have any questions about repairs, please call the Service Center at 877-735-6303

## Become a Part of Something Fun!

### FAQS about ACC

**Q.** What is the difference between the ACC (American Coach Chapter of FMCA) and ACA (American Coach Association)?

**A.** All members are owners of American Coach motor homes. The ACC is a chapter of FMCA (Family Motor Coach Association) and you must be a member of FMCA. The ACC has two pre-rallies a year so they may caravan and park together at the FMCA International conventions. Members of ACA do not need to belong to FMCA and are independent from any other membership group. ACA has two national rallies a year and has eleven regional chapters.

**Q.** Can I be a member of both ACC and ACA?

**A.** Yes, most American Coach owners are members of both organizations.

**Q.** Why do I have to be a member of FMCA in order to join the ACC?

**A.** FMCA by-laws require that members of a chapter also belong to the national association.

**Q.** What are ACC's roots?

**A.** The ACC was started by ACA members that wanted to park together at FMCA events and had their first rally in Gatlinburg, TN in 1993.

**Q.** Are the officers in ACC paid?

**A.** No, they are volunteers and only out-of-pocket expenses are paid.

**Q.** Do I have to be an original owner to have the American Coach service team work on my coach at the rallies?

**A.** No, qualifying service is available to all American Coach owners attending a participating rally.

**American Coach Chapter of FMCA** consists of members that are owners of an American Coach including American Heritage, American Eagle, American Dream, American Tradition and Limited Motor Homes.

We are the only American Coach chapter of FMCA and provide our members with camaraderie with other American Coach owners. Our primary goals are to foster good relations with the American Coach manufacturing and servicing facility. We bring its management, their technicians and coach owners together.



We meet twice a year, immediately preceding each of the two international FMCA rallies. The American Coach Service Team joins us at our rallies to perform repairs on our coaches. One or more American Coach dealers also join us to display the latest coaches, hopefully sell a few, and participate in the rallies. There is a golf tournament, a tour of nearby points of interest, many cocktail hours, dinners, pizza nights and more.



**Q.** What are ACC's roots?

**A.** The ACC was started by ACA members that wanted to park together at FMCA events and had their first rally in Gatlinburg, TN in 1993.

**Q.** Are the officers in ACC paid?

**A.** No, they are volunteers and only out-of-pocket expenses are paid.

**Q.** Do I have to be an original owner to have the American Coach service team work on my coach at the rallies?

**A.** No, qualifying service is available to all American Coach owners attending a participating rally.

We print a quarterly newsletter with the upcoming rally information and highlights of our previous rallies. This newsletter is also available online. Once you are a member of ACC, you will be able to join the American Coach Yahoo group where you will find valuable information about your coach and be able to ask questions about your coach. This is a fun group of American Coach owners and you will be glad you joined us.



**New Member Application**

To be eligible for membership in the American Coach Chapter, you must first be a member in good standing of the FMCA. You can join FMCA online at [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) or call 800-543-3622. You must also own at least a one third interest in an American Coach Heritage, American Coach Eagle, American Coach Dream, American Coach Tradition, American Coach Allegiance or a Limited Motor Coach.

Have you ever been a member of ACC? Yes \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ If yes, what was your member # \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (for database) \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot's full name (for database) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For your name badge) (For your name badge)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ # Slides: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Heritage, Eagle, Dream, Tradition, Allegiance, Limited)

FMCA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ You must be a member of FMCA to join ACC.

**You can join FMCA online at [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) or call 800-543-3622  
and may also join ACC online at [www.acc-fmca.com](http://www.acc-fmca.com).**

Send the completed form and a check or money order in the amount of \$33.00 (all funds to be in US dollars) to:

American Coach Chapter of FMCA , 3590 Round Bottom Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45244-3026

**Renewal and Change of Address Form**

Check your address label. If the date has passed you are behind on your dues. ACC dues are \$18.00 for one year, \$32.00 for two years and \$42.00 for three years. You may pay your dues and make all the above changes at [www.acc-fmca.com](http://www.acc-fmca.com).

ACC member # \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA member # \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Coach / Year /Length \_\_\_\_\_

To renew your membership, change your address, phone number or e-mail address, fill out the form, enclose your check and mail to: American Coach Chapter of FMCA, 3590 Round Bottom RD., Cincinnati, OH 45244-3026

Note: All changes must be sent to FMCA also. You may also pay your dues and make all the above changes at [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) and [www.acc-fmca.com](http://www.acc-fmca.com).

## Future American Coach Rallies

### American Coach Chapter of FMCA Rallies

August 4—8, 2011—American Coach Chapter Pre-Rally, Amana, Ohio

August 10—13, 2011—FMCA's 86th Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase, Madison, Wisconsin

### American Coach Association Rallies

October 3—7, 2011—American Coach Association Western Regional Rally—Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: We are now accepting ads for the ACC newsletter. E-mail or call Jane Lihou for rates.

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