

FMCA 103rd Convention Gillette, WY

ACC Recap

It was great to see many of our ACC chapter come together at the 103rd FMCA National Convention in Gillette, WY this past July. We had approximately 20 coaches parked together, with a few others scattered throughout the grounds.

We started our pre-rally off with a bang celebrating the 4th of July with a good old-fashioned cookout on the grounds of CamPlex. It was a lowkey event on a Sunday evening, but we were grateful to be together. Some of our group members kept it lively by encouraging the couple of kids there to fill water balloons throughout the afternoon. After dinner, many of us had a blast gently tossing water balloons back and forth; however, it quickly turned into a momentous water balloon fight. Old and young participated and all had a grand time.





Monday, the chapter put out a great breakfast and nearly half the members enjoyed a great day of golf. That evening the chapter provided a taco bar, which was a great success. We had enough space to set up a few canopies and many tables and chairs, so we were usually undercover. Thankfully our "tent city" held as we were greeted nearly every afternoon with some sort of crazy wind or thunderstorm. Fortunately, they were brief but mighty!



Tuesday morning, the Hillemanns (David and Denise) offered to set up biscuits and homemade gravy. Once again, we had a great breakfast turnout as well. David and Denise also managed to turn some of our taco and burger leftovers into a fantastic evening spread of sloppy joes and taco dip. Consequently, we deemed them a great addition to the ACC family and managed to have them put their names into the hat to be part of the ACC board.



Although the convention doesn't officially start until Wednesday afternoon, there are some pre-convention FMCA activities on Tuesday to include all day board meetings for FMCA Chapter and Board Members, Followed by some light evening entertainment.

ACC has undoubtedly suffered from the loss of many of our Board members this year; Ray, Pauline, Bruno, and Jean have left some big shoes to fill, but we thank them for giving a great foundation to build upon. The chapter's future is reliant on continuing to attract younger members, and The ACC showcased that age doesn't matter, as we had 3 generations ranging in age from 8 to well retired. We had many informal discussions during our rally on how to best keep our chapter going, as well as a general membership meeting.

During our general membership meeting, we discussed our upcoming Tucson Rally, and opened the floor for nominations of officers, as well as asking for those who are interested in running for office in March. All of our board positions are up for election.

The board recently held a Zoom meeting where we unanimously voted to install Denise Hillemann as Western Region Director, and Larry Hornsby as Eastern Region Director to fill the spots vacated by Willie Morris, and Jean Borin.

Our next rally will be in Tucson, which will coincide with the FMCA 104th National Convention in March of 2022. We will have our Annual meeting during our pre-rally, which will be held on the grounds of the Pima County Fairgrounds, starting the Sunday prior to convention, March 20, 2022.

The following members have been nominated for and agreed to run for the following positions. If you are interested in running for any position, please contact President Jim Graham, or Vice President Chris Miskell.

Chris Miskell will be running for President,

David Hilleman for Vice President,

Charlsanne Miskell National Director,

Bob Carani for Alternate National Director

Denise Hillemann for Western Region Director, and

Larry Hornsby for Eastern Region Director.

We are actively looking for someone to run for Treasurer/Membership, Secretary, and Central Region Director.

We are finalizing our pre-rally for Tucson. Stay tuned for more information on this coming soon.