

ACC Newsletter, April 2018

Upcoming Gillette Plans-

from our Central Area Director:

1. We will hold the ACC pre-rally right at the Cam-Plex center where the FMCA convention will be held. We have reserved 30 spaces and are encouraging that you sign up for the Convention. Once you sign up, you must then add either the 50A or 30A service to your reservation. The FMCA rally fee itself is \$225 (or \$205 if you register before May 23).
2. Then you must add the electric, water and sewer fee of \$265 (50A) or \$215 (30A). Credit card is acceptable when calling in. The dates of the FMCA Convention are July 18-21. We plan on arriving July 14 for our pre-rally.
3. Next, you must call FMCA at 800-543-3622 or 513-474-3622 and make sure you tell them you are with American Coach Chapter and are registering for the rally and pre-rally starting on the 14th of July (call-in registration only for this rally).

This method of registration is a first for FMCA and the Chapter "call-in" is the only way to register. If they question you, tell them to contact Doug Uhlenbrock. You must register for either the "30A or 50A, with water and sewer" to be parked with the group. (We have heard that the 50A spots are going fast so, if you want 50A, please call ASAP. We will be in these spots throughout the FMCA Rally at no additional charge.)

4. We will not be charging an ACC rally fee for this event. Maybe we will do a pass-the-hat type of collection to cover costs of anything we share. We have done the potlucks before and people do seem to enjoy those. We will also have access to a meeting room for our events. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas about the pre-rally events you would like to have, please let us know.

5. Also, please let me know when you register. We have reserved a specific number of sites and I need to be able to keep up with them. My email address is dotygraham@mchsi.com.

--- Please note: We will be receiving special credentials for entry into the lot assigned to us. Entry will only be on the 14th unless you call and let me know that your arrival is delayed, so I can try to get your new arrival date approved. Early arrivals are not be available at this time, I am working to hopefully change that.

Safe travels and we hope to see you in Gillette.

Jim & Doty Graham

ACC celebrates 25th Anniversary!

While we were at our pre-rally in Perry, FMCA President Jon Walker, Immediate past president Charlie Adcock and INTO President David Kessler stopped by to award our chapter with a recognition certificate and \$100. If you did not make it to Perry for our celebration don't worry, I am positive that the celebration will continue in Gillette this summer!

Highlights of our recent Perry pre-rally-

We had a very successful pre-rally at the Fair Harbor RV Park just across the interstate from the Georgia Fairgrounds, this is a great campground with large sites and a meeting room that met all of our needs! There were twenty coaches in attendance. Plans are already in the works to return to Fair Harbor before the next Perry Convention for our pre-rally. The minutes from our annual meeting and our updated by-laws are posted on the web site. www.acc-fmca-com

Chapter elections and thank you...

Our Chapter held elections during the recent pre-rally, the newly elected officials are:

President – Raymond Shea

Vice President – Michael Strunk

Treasurer/Membership – Pauline Shea

Secretary – Linda Coleman

Eastern Director – Bruno Borin

Central Director – Doty Graham

Western Director – Willie Morris

National Director – Sharon Maurina

Alt. National Director – Steve Coleman

A huge ACC “Thank you” goes out to Jim & Doty Graham! Jim has served as president of the ACC twice for a total of seven years. Jim saw the chapter through some rough times and we should all be very grateful! Thanks also go out to Loren Maurina for his service as Treasurer and Membership chair.

We are very fortunate to have Sharon Maurina stay on as our National Director and Steve & Linda Coleman stay on as Alternate National director and Secretary. Steve & Linda have been board members for six years!

We welcome to the board Bruno Borin who has taken on the responsibilities of Eastern Director. Bruno's was a first timer at Perry and before we left he was already at work, planning our next rally at Fair Harbor!

Welcome to ACC's newest members!

Carl & Barbara Bullock, Newtown, PA, Larry & Mary Ellen Hornsby, Iron City, GA, Terry & Belinda Moorefield, Sioux Falls, SD, Gary & Frances Nicholson, Arcadia, FL, Ruben & Terry Rivera, Clermont, FL, Russell & Debra Seefried, Davie, FL and Tim & Barbara Sauve from Durham, NC.

ACC Bylaw change:

Our Chapter now welcomes emeritus members:

Emeritus members shall be those persons who have been prior American Coach owners and past members of ACC, previously owning an eligible motor coach. Emeritus members shall not be entitled to vote or hold office in the Association but shall be entitled to participate in all other activities, rallies and meetings of the ACC. Emeritus members must also be members in good standing of FMCA.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Gillette!

Ray Shea,

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