

American Coach Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association Newsletter November 2019

First some good news! The American Coach Factory Service Center team which travels all year long providing emergency services to attendees of national RV rallies will be at our American Coach Chapter pre-rallies in 2020. American Coach owners attending these events qualify for on-site rally service. The details have not been finalized. When further information is available it will be posted on the ACC web site (www.acc-fmca.com) and the American Coach Owner's web site. www.americancoach.com/owners/service-maintenance/request-rally-service

Rolling Rally to Tucson Our immediate past president, Jim Graham has put a lot of effort into a rolling rally westward. The rolling rally starts in New Orleans and we will arrive in Tucson a couple of days before our pre-rally. There are two documents in the "Rallies" section of our web site, one with our schedule and another far more detailed itinerary provided by Jim Graham. If you are interested in taking part in this, please let us know.

Next stop Tucson! Registration is now available online for March 2020's FMCA's 101st International Convention in Tucson, AZ. Our chapter will hold our pre-rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds, the same location as the convention. We will arrive at the fairgrounds on the morning of Monday, March 23rd and we will stay on the same site throughout the convention which starts March 26 and runs through March 29. The FMCA will not charge us for the extra days. It does not matter what your preference for electricity or water/sewer is, we will have a designated location for our gatherings. A copy of our registration and agenda is posted on our web site (www.acc-fmca.com). The separate registration posted on our web site is to cover the cost of catering for the pre-rally.

March 23 – 26, 2020	Chapter pre-rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds
March 26 – 29, 2020	FMCA's 101 st International Convention Pima County Fairgrounds

What happened to our Syracuse Convention? We received the following announcement from the FMCA. *"FMCA's Executive Board has voted to withdraw from contract negotiations to stage the association's 102nd International Convention & RV Expo at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, July 29 through August 1, 2020.*

After many months of waiting to receive a contract for signature, the Executive Board determined that the time had come for FMCA to look for another location to stage this event. FMCA officials are currently busy vetting other sites for the association's 2020 summer convention and hope to have an announcement about a selected location in the coming weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause members."

Our Eastern Coordinator, Jean Borin and her husband Bruno are to be commended for planning ahead! I know that most of us want to make plans a year or so in advance and Jean & Bruno have been working on Syracuse since July when they were informed that destination was a certainty. Their plans include a rolling rally starting in Gettysburg and making two stops in New York. There was a lot of immediate interest in this rolling event and within a few days of our last newsletter Jean quickly found herself negotiating for additional sites in the Gettysburg and Marathon, New York campgrounds. Following the FMCA announcement that we are not going to Syracuse Jean polled the families that had expressed an interest in the rolling rally and found that almost all of them had already made their reservations. The response was overwhelming to continue with our rolling rally plans even though the Syracuse convention was cancelled. Jean has added another stop in upstate New York, and we are looking forward to the adventure! The schedule for these events is:

- July 21- 24, 2020 First stop on the rolling rally, Artillery Ridge Campground, Gettysburg, PA Three nights in the campground closest to downtown Gettysburg!
<https://www.artilleryridge.com/> Just call the campground to reserve your site and tell them you are with ACC-FMCA! There will be no charge from ACC as all we are planning is daily socials. There is a lot do in Gettysburg and we will be close to Hershey.
- July 24 – 26, 2020 Second stop on the rolling rally, Country Hills Campground, Marathon, NY
www.countryhillscampground.com **This is a small campground and our Eastern Director will be our point of contact. Please let Jean know if you want to make this stop. Payment will be made prior to arrival. Jean’s email address is easterndirector@acc-fmca.com .**
- July 26 – 30, 2020 The new third stop on the rolling rally, Southwoods RV Resort, Byron, NY.
<https://www.southwoodsvresort.com/> . Call the campground and make your reservation. Jean has put together a list of things to do in the area –
<https://www.acc-fmca.com/wp-content/uploads/accdocs/POI%20Upstate%20New%20York.pdf>

When and where will FMCA’s Summer 2020 convention be held? We are very disappointed that the Syracuse convention was cancelled! As previously stated, a lot of us had already made plans and we are going to do our best to support the folks that have made plans for Gettysburg and New York. I have made several calls to the FMCA requesting Convention information regarding the 2020 summer convention and the location and date has not been made, I just hope there is not a time conflict with the Gettysburg and New York rally that is planned! Our chapter will support the FMCA Summer Convention, we will not rearrange the Gettysburg, New York schedules.

Pauline and I feel fortunate to be a part of this chapter and we hope to see you at a future rally!

Ray Shea

FMCA Structure

The FMCA has nearly 400 chapters divided into ten areas, nine geographical plus the International Area which focuses on an interest rather than geography. Our Chapter has members in 32 states and two provinces and belongs in the International Area! The International Area Organization has a very informative web site and I encourage you to check it out at <http://fmcainto.com/> .

FMCA’s Tentative Long-Term Convention Schedule

For your planning purposes, the following is a tentative list where the FMCA International Conventions are planned to be in the next several years. This list was approved during the recent convention in Minot.

March 26 – 29, 2020 Tucson, AZ	Summer 2020 TBD
Winter 2021 Perry, Georgia	Summer 2021 Gillette, Wyoming
Winter 2022 Tucson, Arizona	Summer 2022 Lincoln NE or Sedalia, MO
Winter 2023 Perry, Georgia	Summer 2023 Lincoln NE or Sedalia, MO
Summer 2024 Gillette, WY	Summer 2027 Gillette, WY

Welcome to our newest members!

Arthur & Kathy Garcia, Riverside, CA
Raymond & Connie Henagan, Hockley, TX
Erling & Sue Pohls, Buellton, CA

Dennis & Julie Grimes, Hereford, AZ
Gene & Rosalie Owens, Wildomar, CA
Mike & Jing Tenbush, Savannah, TX

If you have any questions or concerns, please bring it to our attention! Our web site lists email addresses for our officers.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tucson!