

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

President's letter

This is an exciting time for the American Coach Chapter! Our sold-out Perry pre-rally started with 28 coaches at Fair Harbor RV Park and we grew from there. Eastern coordinator Bruno Borin and his wife Jean did a terrific job hosting the pre-rally. We had breakfast daily, cook-outs, and a catered dinner. There was entertainment, very informative social hours, bonfires, and a challenging team trivia contest. The ladies had a great luncheon in historic downtown Perry and a social event at the campground. Bruno led a motorhome technical seminar that was very educational. The American Coach service team provided complimentary service and the DeGerald Aquahot team made house calls at Fair Harbor. There was always something to do!

When the pre-rally was over the fun carried right over to the fairgrounds! We had a great site for terrific social hours and the FMCA gave us additional space for a chapter "Block Party" that was a tremendous success!

We have welcomed twenty member coaches in the last two months!

Our registrations for the Minot Magic pre-rally are exceeding expectations! Our Central and Western area coordinators are working on the next two upcoming FMCA conventions and all of us are looking forward to the convention in Minot where the FMCA board finalizes the location of future conventions.

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

Ray Shea

Registration is available for FMCA's 100th International Convention in Minot, ND in August 2019. Visit www.fmca.com to register. FMCA conventions are popular events and it has been several years since the FMCA had a convention in Minot.

Register now for the August American Coach Chapter pre-rally at Minot. Registration is exceeding expectations and we only have four sites remaining! Register on line at our web site www.acc-fmca.com You may also download the mail in registration form.

Report from the Perry Rally Coordinator A big THANK YOU to all who attended! The success of the events can only be measured by the smiles, laughter and camaraderie we all shared in Perry. The willingness of numerous individuals to chip in and assist during the pre-rally and at the fairgrounds is greatly appreciated. What a wonderful thing it was to see our ACC members invite American Coach owners scattered throughout the fairgrounds to attend our "Block Party". What a successful event it was with our chapter members welcoming and encouraging our guests to join our chapter! I invite all members to volunteer to help organize future events and assist with activities that take place during our rallies. You will find that it is a rewarding experience. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at our future rallies. Jean and I feel privileged to be a part of this organization.

Update on the Summer 2019 Pre-Rally and Convention in Minot, North Dakota. The American Coach Chapter will have our pre-rally from August 9th until August 12th at the Roughrider Campground <http://roughridercampground.com/> conveniently located in Minot, ND. Our Central Director Doty Graham has been at work on this rally for several months and I am sure that we will have a great time. Hey, all you Minot-bound travelers. I would like to play a game in Minot, and I am asking you to bring a high school graduation picture and/or baby picture. We will try to identify each

other from them. It should be a hoot! I also would like to have a game day/night/whenever so bring your favorite Games to play. Let's have some fun! If you have questions or concerns regarding this event, please contact Doty centraldirector@acc-fmca.com.

Annual meeting and elections were held at Perry

Our annual meeting including the treasurer and membership reports and elections were held during our pre-rally at Perry, GA. The minutes of the meeting and the reports are available on our web site.

Chapter election results:

The following officers were elected for a two-year term.

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| President – Raymond Shea | Vice President - Bruno Borin |
| Treasurer – Pauline Shea | Secretary – Linda Coleman |
| National Director – Steve Coleman | Alternate National Director – Jim Graham |
| Eastern Director – Jean Borin | Central Director – Doty Graham |
| Western Director – Willie & Marilyn Morris | |

Thanks goes out to Sharon Maurina for her service as National Director and Michael Strunk for his service as Vice President!

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 few years. Keep in mind the following future proposed sites are pending successful negotiations and approval by the National Directors. The sites will be voted on at the business meeting in Minot.

Winter 2020 Tucson, Arizona-Pima County Fairgrounds
Summer 2020 Syracuse, NY
Winter 2021 Perry, Georgia
Summer 2021 Gillette, Wyoming, or St. Paul, Minnesota
Winter 2022 Tucson, Arizona
Summer 2022 Rock Springs, Wyoming
Winter 2023 Perry, Georgia
Summer 2023 Sedalia, Missouri, or Gillette, Wyoming
Summer 2024 Syracuse, New York

Welcome to our newest members!

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| Ray & Mary Bazemore, Ocala, FL | Jack & Joanie Brier, Cape Coral, FL, |
| Charles & Yvonne Brim, Wellborn, FL, | Roger & Judy Davis, Owens Cross Roads, AL, |
| Grover & Mary Ann Felch, Callahan, FL, | John Gerfen & Patricia Conley, Port St. Lucie, FL. |
| John Gray & Elizabeth Lloyd, Fort Myers Beach, FL, | Bob & Carol Ide, Cape Coral, FL |
| Ken & Yvonne Jackson, Destin, FL | Bob & Vicki Lynn Jones, The Woodlands, TX |
| Jack Knight, Roscoe, IL | Ed & Susan Lightfoot, Brunswick, GA |
| David MacNeil & Gail Collinge, Sioux Falls, SD | Scott & Cindy Nall, Kissimmee, FL |
| Hall & Mary Overall, Sarasota, FL | Steven & Patricia Schang, Pensacola, FL |
| Albert & Emma Secrest, Shalimar, FL | Brett & Sandy Sloan, Hawthorne, FL |
| Dave & Judi Turner, Fernandina Beach, FL | |

Welcome back!

Vince & Tracey LaMonica, Boswell, PA

Looking forward to seeing you in Minot!