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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Time is rolling along and it is time to talk about the 106<sup>th</sup> International Convention & RV Expo March 15-18 2023 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds at Perry GA, also billed as Lucky 13 Convention. It happens during Saint Patrick's Day and we might just see a Leprechaun RV parked near the Singles?

It is not news that the Singles usually coordinate the Fun/Games at the FMCA National Conventions so we are again responsible for the Card Bingo and Bean Bag Toss, but sadly with fewer Singles this year. **A new event that Singles will host is a Sock Hop to be held in the McGill Marketplace building after the Block Parties on Thursday night.**

A few additional fun events are added this year, ladder ball, trivia, whisker games, and a NEW Great Hat-A-Tude Contest. The Family Activities Committee will be responsible for the Kickball Tournery and the youth scavenger hunt.

We used to have a Pre-Rally back in the good old days over near the cemetery but NOW we do not have enough to stage it so, we just meet up at the FMCA Staging area on Sunday March 12 and caravan over early Monday for Chapter parking. I hope that we can have our usual parking at R/ RR a combo dry/electric area. Some members park with other groups but hopefully we can collect for HH. WE have a table for the Chapter Fair on Tuesday Afternoon and a Block Party spot for Thursday Evening and a parade this year. I am still hopeful to be able to hold our annual SI Business Meeting but the numbers are disappointing at this time I only have 9 SI Members attending. Need 15. IF you are now signing up for the convention PLEASE let me know so I can prepare. Don't forget to sign up for Fun/Games for special tagging....

Maybe you remember that I have been trying to form a New FMCA Chapter I call "Car Lovers Chapter" (CLC). I have gotten FMCA to sponsor a booth at the Annual Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA Convention/ Trade Show , Feb 9-11-2023 in Williamsburg VA., so Ethel and I will be selling FMCA Memberships and when they sign up I will talk about CLC .

I hope that you have checked out our NEW Webpage at SI-FMCA and that you are a current SI Face Page Member. I try to keep it current with news and events and have listed the January 2023 issue of the INTO Newsletter where they detail their dual rallies at the Calgary Stampede in July 2023.

FOLKS THIS IS SERIOUS. When our Editor Mr. Bob Mills volunteered YEARS ago to help us out he told ME it was on a temporary basis until we found a full time editor. He has reminded me several times of our arrangement and we have posted our request several times.

Unfortunately ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END...WE have had a SB out to our membership since 1984 and I think it is a valuable service to our SI Membership so we need a volunteer NOW to step up and help this SI Chapter. I cannot do it all myself.

I have mailed out the 2023 SI Membership Cards to all SI Members listed on our current roster.

Super-Bowl is just around the corner, and I remember so many parties we had when at Brooksville FL. I don't remember the teams now but I do remember the great times we shared.

*John McPherson*



Welcome new member: Tony Hicks F508698, Leesburg, FL

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From your Treasurer

Dec 1, 2022 —Jan 31, 2023

<i>Beginning Cash</i>			\$5,433.06
<i>Income</i>	\$133.00	\$0.00	
<i>Expenses</i>		-\$61.40	
<i>Net Increase/Decrease</i>			\$71.60
<i>Cash on Hand</i>			
<i>Cash in Bank</i>			\$5,504.66
<i>Total Cash</i>			\$5,504.66

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South Central Area VP

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/240021600745273>

## From your Executive Vice President

I have been busy at the Escapees campground in Casa Grande, AZ. I didn't go to the Western Area Rally in California or to Quartzsite, but I will go to the Great Lakes Area Rally in Ohio, the Midwest Area Rally in Wisconsin, the International Convention in Wyoming and the South Central Area Rally in Oklahoma. There are a few FMCA Singles International members here so we have some happy hours. I am enjoying winters in Arizona and summers in the northern areas. Full Timing is a good life.

*Dave Robb*

## Western Area Rally News

The SI's got together for a pre-rally at the Spotlight 29 Casino in Coachella, California. Carol Hinkley, Carole Tibbets, and myself (Carol Preimesberger) started the rally and Paul Drinkwater and James Forsyth joined a few days later. We enjoyed happy hours, meals and gambling at the casino. Some of us won, others lost but we all had a good time. I needed to go into the fairgrounds early for the Frustrated Maestros, but the others all caravanned into the, Indio California, fairgrounds on Tuesday for the Western Area Rally.

Wednesday was Bingo with a coverall of \$250.00. Thursday was the parade with the theme of "In The Land of Oz". Bob McComb, Nan Oliver, Cathy Adamston and Debbie Christ joined us for the day and stayed for the parade. There were so many Dorothys and Totos and I was amazed at the *Tin Men*, *Lions* and *Scarecrows* trying to find the *Emerald City*. There were even floats with the *yellow brick road* before them and after them. We enjoyed two Ice Cream Socials, a dog show and the evening entertainment was awesome. On Sunday we met at the Spotlight Casino once again and travelled together to Quartzsite. On Wednesday, the SI's were joined by the Escapees Solos and over 80 singles enjoyed daily breakfast and 4 dinners including a full Chinese dinner to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We went to the desert bar, enjoyed pizza at Silly Al's, enjoyed the big tent and had a 4 piece band for a dance in the desert. The following Wednesday we said good byes and agreed to see each other the following year. So much fun, so little time. We hope to see more SI's next year.

*Carol Preimesberger*

**If your SI dues are not yet paid for 2023 use the form on the last page, and hurry, to make sure that you continue to receive our communications. If you are not paid up this may be the last issue that you receive.**



## A FUN OPPORTUNITY

This communication tool, called Scuttlebutt, has been in existence for many years and has changed a lot over the years.

Perhaps, now is time for another change.

**The fun with this task is putting your own stamp on it.**

If you have any interest why not give it a try.

It does not have to look like this issue.

It could be shorter.

It could use different software and it could appear on a different schedule, or perhaps, no schedule at all.

Could it look more like a blog?

**Now is your chance.**

Step up and offer to give it a try.

It is not really very time consuming.

Contact our President or our Bulletin Editor

### Editorial

I have really enjoyed producing a bimonthly Scuttlebutt newsletter since October 2019. However personal and family responsibilities make it difficult for me to continue.

After I took over the task I brought in a few changes, one of which was a photo on the cover page and moving the president's message to the second page. I did retain some features that I thought were important like the Officers on page 3 and the Rally Events page.

Perhaps now is the time for a new editor to make more changes and to modernize this communications tool.

I was editor of another chapter's newsletter several years ago until it was replaced by an electronic newsletter, somewhat resembling a blog. This new communications tool does not have a fixed or regular issue date. It is published whenever there is news or whenever the president or the board want to promote an event or a theme. It is usually only a few pages long. It is offered to members and to anyone who is interested in news from the chapter. All that is needed is to sign up on the chapter web site. The web site also makes it possible for the editor to send an issue only to chapter members if it contains information that dictates this.

When someone steps up to take over this fun task, for Singles International, I will be available to help with the transition.

Sincerely, Bob Mills F273086

# RALLY EVENTS

**FMCA's 106<sup>th</sup> International Convention & RV Expo—March 15—18, 2023**

**Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter—PERRY, GEORGIA**

**(Registration is open-see pages 7 & 8)**

**Northwest Area Rally—June 07—11, 2023**

**Albany, Oregon**

**(Registration is open)**

**Great Lakes Area Rally—June 07—11, 2023**

**Greenville, Ohio**

**(Registration is open)**

**Midwest Area Rally—June 13—16, 2023**

**Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin**

**(Registration is open)**

**International Area Rally—July 06—11, 2023 and July 12 —17, 2023**

**Calgary, Alberta, Canada**

**(Registration is open)**

**Registration is not yet open for the following rallies**

**Northeast Area Rally—August 03—05, 2023**

**Herkimer, New York**

**FMCA's 107<sup>th</sup> International Convention & RV Expo—August 23—26, 2023**

**Gillette, Wyoming**

**South Central Area Rally—September 13—16, 2023**

**Shawnee, Oklahoma**

**Eastern Area Rally—October 04—08, 2023**

**Lewisburg, West Virginia**

**Rocky Mountain Area Rally—October 24—28, 2023**

**Tucson, Arizona**

# FMCA'S 106TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

MARCH 15-18, 2023

GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS & AGRICENTER

PERRY, GEORGIA

SEMINARS • INDOOR EXHIBITS  
RV DISPLAYS • GAMES  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL • ENTERTAINMENT

## I/WE OWN A:

Motorhome  Trailer  Fifth-Wheel

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

See reverse for details and options.

## BECOME A MENTOR

I would like to be a mentor

## REGISTRATION FEES

See reverse side for parking descriptions, mailing procedures, parking procedures, and additional volunteer information.

	EARLY BIRD RECEIVED BY 1-18-23	RECEIVED AFTER 1-18-23	AMOUNT DUE
<b>SELECT ONE</b> Registration + Non-Electric Camping <sup>1,2</sup>	\$250	\$270	
Registration + 30-Amp Electric <sup>2</sup>	\$445	\$465	
Registration + 50-Amp Electric <sup>2</sup>	\$565	\$585	
Registration + 30-Amp Full Hookup <sup>2,3</sup>	<del>\$550</del>	<del>\$570</del>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Registration + 50-Amp Full Hookup <sup>2,3</sup>	<del>\$700</del>	<del>\$720</del>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
RV with 1 Person – Deduct \$20	-\$ 20	-\$ 20	
Each Additional Guest (complete info above)	\$ 20	\$ 20	
Passport – 2 People (no overnight parking)	\$185	\$205	
Passport – 1 Person (no overnight parking)	\$165	\$185	
Ladies' Luncheon – Thursday, 3/16, 11:30 a.m.	\$ 15	\$ 15	
Magic Mile Walk/Run – Friday, 3/17, 8 a.m. <sup>4</sup>	\$ 10	\$ 10	
Payment Plan <sup>5</sup> (credit card only)	HALF DUE	N/A	

<sup>1</sup> 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Generator, No Generator, Full Generator | <sup>2</sup> Includes registration and camping for pilot and copilot | <sup>3</sup> Limited availability | <sup>4</sup> Proceeds to chosen activity charity | <sup>5</sup> See reverse for details

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

MEMBER # PILOT FIRST NAME PILOT LAST NAME

CO-PILOT FIRST NAME CO-PILOT LAST NAME

ADDRESS (Confirmation packet and credentials will be sent here.)

CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE

AREA CODE/HOME PHONE

AREA CODE/CELL PHONE

## EMAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED)\*

RV MANUFACTURER RV LENGTH

I am/we are First Time Attendee(s) 3-13-23 Arrival

## GUESTS

Immediate family and those under 18 years old are free. Those 18 and older who are not immediate family are \$20 each.

GUEST NAME AGE

GUEST NAME AGE

## \*EMAIL ADDRESS

You agree to allow FMCA to contact you at this email address with convention-related communications.

## CONFIRMATION & PARKING CREDENTIALS

Parking credentials will be mailed to the mailing address provided, unless you ask to have them held at Will Call.

Hold credentials at Will Call

## PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PARKING PREFERENCE

See reverse for descriptions

- General (Generators 6AM-11PM)
- Electric
- Full Generator
- No Generator
- External Generator (6AM-11PM)
- External Full Generator
- Disabled Parking Needed<sup>‡</sup>

<sup>‡</sup> A current state-issued disability placard must be visible upon arrival.

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

To pay by credit card, please call 800-543-3622. All major credit cards accepted. Make checks and money orders payable to Family Motor Coaching, Inc. in U.S. funds.

## AFTER MARCH 7, 2023, REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN ON SITE.

The Welcome Area and Will Call in Perry will open on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 8 a.m.

## COVID-19 NOTICE

An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event you understand and assume all risk related to COVID-19 exposure. FMCA, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

## RETURN FORM TO

FMCA / Events Dept.  
8291 Clough Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

## PARKING AREA DESCRIPTIONS

**General Parking** – Use of factory-installed generator permitted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Electric Parking** – Electric (30-amp or 50-amp) will be available at your parking space when you arrive.

**Full Generator** – Factory-installed generator use permitted 24 hours a day.

**No Generator** – Generator use not permitted. Limited.

**External Generator** – Use of a portable generator placed outside of the RV permitted from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**External Full Generator** – Use of a portable generator placed outside of the RV permitted 24 hours a day.

**Disabled Parking** – The dedicated Disabled Lot will include 30-amp and 50-amp. Those who register for other types of service will be parked as close as possible to the activity areas.

**Passport And Public Gate Car Parking** – No overnight parking on event site property. Passport and Public Gate RVs cannot be accommodated at the grounds. The Passport and Public Gate car parking lot will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., March 14 through 18, 2023.

## FMCA PAYMENT PLAN

The FMCA Payment Plan is available for those who register by credit card. This plan allows registrants to pay half of the total registration cost upon initial registration, with the balance charged at a later date. For the Perry convention, the remaining balance will be charged on January 16, 2023.

## MOBILITY CART/GOLF CART INSURANCE & USE

Attendees must have valid insurance on personal mobility carts and/or golf carts. All golf carts must have operating headlights if used before sunrise or after sunset. The speed limit for all vehicles in the activity areas is 5 mph.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will be parked in the volunteer parking area, and electric (if purchased) will be available at your site on the day indicated on your "Date of Entry" card. If you are a volunteer and wish to park in another parking area, FMCA does not guarantee that the electricity in that lot will be available on the date you arrive.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are numerous volunteer opportunities for attendees. Please indicate which interests you by filling in the circle(s). Early arrival is required for most volunteer opportunities. For more information visit [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com). **Select one.**

### Pilot

- Parking<sup>1</sup>
- Welcome<sup>2</sup>
- Activity Carts<sup>3</sup>
- Frustrated Maestros<sup>3</sup>
- Security<sup>3</sup>
- Trams<sup>3</sup>
- Coffee<sup>4</sup>
- FMCA Store<sup>4</sup>
- Information<sup>4</sup>
- Seminars<sup>4</sup>

### Co-Pilot

- Parking<sup>1</sup>
- Welcome<sup>2</sup>
- Activity Carts<sup>3</sup>
- Frustrated Maestros<sup>3</sup>
- Security<sup>3</sup>
- Trams<sup>3</sup>
- Coffee<sup>4</sup>
- FMCA Store<sup>4</sup>
- Information<sup>4</sup>
- Seminars<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Requires March 9 Arrival

<sup>2</sup> Requires March 10 Arrival

<sup>3</sup> Requires March 12 Arrival

<sup>4</sup> Requires March 13 Arrival

## MAILING AND PARKING PROCEDURES FOR ALL PARKING AREAS

**All registered guests must display the parking and "Date of Entry" credentials in the motorhome or towing vehicle windshield in order to facilitate your entry onto the grounds.**

FMCA will begin mailing the credentials as soon as January 25, 2023. Please provide a valid mailing address or you can choose to have your packet held at Will Call. Registrations received after February 24, 2023, will automatically be held at Will Call.

Those who choose to have their credentials held at Will Call will be emailed directions, pickup instructions, and a Will Call placard to be printed and affixed to the windshield. Will Call hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 12, through Wednesday, March 15, in the Welcome Area.

## WELCOME AREA

**The Welcome Area will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 12, through Wednesday, March 15.**

## PARKING

Parking will be located at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Each RV will be parked with the assistance of a parking team member, no exceptions. Parking hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All parking will be at the discretion of the parkers.

Registered family members will be assigned a parking date of Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, March 13, 14, or 15, 2023. Families are requested to arrive on the date stated on their "Date of Entry" card. When registering, please advise if you cannot arrive on one of the assigned parking dates.

## PARKING TOGETHER

If you would like to park with family or friends, you must register for the same type of parking and have the same "Date of Entry." You must arrive together or wait in the Welcome Area until all parties have arrived to be parked.

## CARAVANS

Groups of 10 or more RVs wishing to park together must register as a caravan with FMCA's Events Department by February 10, 2023. Please have the designated caravan leader call (800) 543-3622 and ask for the Events Department to make the reservation. Contact information, the number of RVs, and the type of parking will be needed at the time of the call. To park together, RVs in the caravan must register for the same type of parking.

## EARLY ARRIVALS

If you arrive prior to your "Date of Entry," dry camping will be available in the Welcome Area starting Sunday, March 12, at no charge. If you arrive early and would like to be parked in your final parking site (during scheduled parking hours), you will pay an additional \$40 per night (payable on-site; cash or check).

## TRAM SERVICE

Tram service to all parking areas will be available beginning Tuesday, March 14. Limited tram service will be available on Sunday, March 12, and Monday, March 13, for volunteers.

## DEPARTURE

Departure is on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Electric service will be disconnected at 9 a.m. Everyone is to leave the grounds by noon.

## DISCLAIMER

FMCA reserves the right to cancel or postpone any event promoted by FMCA without cause or warning. Should FMCA be forced to cancel an International Convention & RV Expo along with any associated activities, attendees will receive, at the sole discretion of FMCA, a refund or letter of credit for the registration and service(s) being affected by the registration. Equivalent utilities/services at a future event may not be available at a particular venue, so the closest option will be provided.



# Singles International

Chapter of FMCA/INTO Chapter

## Membership Application/Renewal Form/Information Update

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM WHEN RENEWING MEMBERSHIP**

Membership: New  Renewal  Update  Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Welcome Aboard New Member!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email Address

**(Required)**: \_\_\_\_\_

IF referred by a SI Supporter Member \_\_\_\_\_ (name of member)

#### **Dues are not prorated**

**Initial Membership:** \$10.00 plus \$13.00 for badge Total \$23.00

**Renewals:** \$10.00

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**Renewals are Due Oct. 1-please fill out this form for ALL renewals  
Checks/Cash payable in U.S. funds only**

**Make Check Payable to:  
Singles International as a Chapter of FMCA**

Badge Information:

As you want it on your badge: Name \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Ship Badge to: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

BI-MONTHLY SCUTTLEBUTT (NEWSLETTER) WILL BE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. YOU CAN ALWAYS REVIEW THEM ON OUR WEBSITE AT <https://www.si-fmca.com>

I WOULD \_\_\_\_ or WOULD NOT \_\_\_\_ like my information to be listed on the roster available only to Singles International members.

You must maintain your membership in FMCA in order to be a member of Single International.