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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This will be the last SI Scuttlebutt Publication by our Editor Bob Mills who volunteered back in 2019 to be our editor on a very temporary basis. Bob is that gentleman who would step up to keep our SI Chapter going. Bob told me he just had to turn it over to another SI Member as he said in an editorial in our February issue. It has been my pleasure and enjoyment to work with Bob these many months and I am looking forward to working with our NEW SI Scuttlebutt Editor, Cindy Norge who is also our new Webmaster.SI-FMCA.



One of the activities that the Singles Chapter accepted is to host the Fun/Games for FMCA at their two annual conventions. I had volunteered to be the Captain again for Perry Ga in March 2023. At the last minute I was tested for Covid 19 so I had to cancel. I asked our Secretary, Bobbie Harden if she would volunteer to be Captain and she did for the Fun/Games, Chapter Fair and the usual daily happy hours.

An interesting note was that Margie Rodgers was part of the advanced parking crew and when she arrived on Friday she had Covid 19. She had gone out and purchased the candy and door prizes for card bingo and then was quarantined to her motorhome...That sucks...

Bobbie will have a rendering of the Perry event in this issue. Bobbie was tasked with turning over the TREASURER BOOKS that she received from Carol Klenow who was going to give them to me at Perry so Bobbie mailed them to ME...So I now possess the check book and old records from Singles....So the alarm is sounded for a NEW Treasurer: PLEASE VOLUNTEER.....

I think it was in 2018 that I introduced to Singles International the recruiting program that I called BONUS BUCKS. My intention was to award Single members who actually recruit NEW Single members. It was featured in our SI Brochure and on the SI Membership application for recruiting members to sign to be awarded a \$10.00 BONUS BUCK that could be used toward payment on SI Activities. When I received the box of material from our treasurer, I had the opportunity to review the results of our BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM for the VERY FIRST TIME YEA.....There were 33 Certificates awarded with the vast majority from the western area. 10 certificates were cashed in to pay SI Dues... So you be the judge if you think the BONUS BUCKS was a successful recruiting program...Going forward it will be even better.

There will be some changes on page three. OFFICERS..David Robb will drop out as Midwest Area VP and will be our National Director and will represent the Singles at FMCA Gillette WY in August. Voting for NEW FMCA OFFICERS so an important meeting, TREASURER POSITION OPEN.

Thank you...You know WHAT you have to DO.....

John McPherson

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Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2023

Beginning Cash			\$5,504.66
Income	\$123.00		
Expenses		-\$13.00	
Net Increase/Decrease			\$110.00
Cash on Hand			
Cash in Bank			\$5,614.66
Total Cash			\$5,614.66

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Barbara Brann F338566
Erie, PA

REPORT ON PERRY CONVENTION—MARCH 2023

Card Bingo was played on Tuesday evening, the night before the convention opened.

As usual, we had 528+/- folks playing. Linda Kendall was the caller, did a great job keeping the games moving since we had a certain time frame allotted. We managed to play 12 games before running out of candy, gift cards and FMCA bonus bucks. Also helping was Ned Boston, Marie Witherington, Karen Grimstaff and the folks looking after the kids games (Chris and his wife) as well as two young teens.

The **Chapter Fair** was not very successful, not having all the items that are usually displayed. I printed some applications and a few pages of the Newsletter to give some idea about what the chapter has to offer. We had some folks picking up forms to take to relatives who they thought might be interested. There was an abundance of first time attendees, but mostly couples. Those folks who did stop by for themselves, picked up the info and said that they would give it further consideration.

28 teams participated in the **Corn Hole** games on Thursday morning. Marie Witherington took care of prepping the board for the teams. Chris, his wife and her two teenage girls were very helpful with the rules and keeping the games on schedule. Rose Marie Ladue stopped by several times to help if needed, but with her schedule with the Maestros, she really didn't have time to spare. Ned and one other SI who had previously called bingo also came by to help but were not needed. The winners were also posted in the daily newsletter.

I had to spend a lot of time waiting for service at my rig since I had problems with my jacks, my tow bar and my fridge.

Roberta (Bobbi) Harden

Bits n Pieces

In the last issue of Scuttlebutt we indicated that the **Northeast Area Rally** would be held in August in Herkimer New York. Actually, it will be held at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds which is in Frankfort, New York. Hope to see you there.

The **Midwest Area Rally** has reached full capacity. If you had hoped to attend and are disappointed that you did not register earlier, contact Alice Jacobs at 715-350-1676 to find out about the waiting list.

THANK YOU

Thank you Carol for many years as SI Treasurer.
It was really appreciated.
We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Attention SI Members

Now we need a new Treasurer

If you have been following the Treasurer's Reports in bi-monthly Scuttlebutt you will have noticed that there is not a lot of activity in the SI finances.

If you have any accounting skills it would be an easy task and it would greatly help Singles International chapter. If you have been enjoying meeting up with other singles at FMCA rallies, now is the time to give back, without requiring a heavy commitment of time.

Think about it.

Contact our SI president, John McPherson at macirishone@gmail.com or by phone at 757-880-9347

Editorial

It has been a fun ride, producing **Scuttlebutt** for almost 4 years. I really enjoyed it as John, our president, let me do it my way. However, family health issues are proving to be time consuming and I have decided to step back from my volunteer activities. Please help out our **new editor** by sending a brief account of any rally that you attend, even if you are not the person in charge of SI activities. The deadline for the next issue is **May 30th** until further notice.

Bob M.

RALLY EVENTS

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— see page 9)

Midwest Area Rally—June 13—16, 2023

Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
(This rally has reached registration limit—see page 4)

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

Calgary, Alberta, Canada
(Registration is open)

Northeast Area Rally—August 03—05, 2023

Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, New York
(Registration is open)

FMCA's 107th International Convention & RV Expo—August 23—26, 2023

Gillette, Wyoming
(Registration is open—see pages 7-8)

South Central Area Rally—September 13—16, 2023

Shawnee, Oklahoma
(Registration is open)

Eastern Area Rally—October 04—08, 2023

Lewisburg, West Virginia
(Registration is not yet open)

Rocky Mountain Area Rally—October 24—28, 2023

Tucson, Arizona
This rally has been cancelled

FMCA'S 107TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO

AUGUST 23-26, 2023

CAM-PLEX
MULTI-EVENT FACILITIES

GILLETTE, WYOMING

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 6-21-23	RECEIVED AFTER 6-21-23	AMOUNT DUE
SELECT ONE			
Registration + Non-Electric Camping ^{1,2}	\$250	\$270	
Registration + 30-Amp Electric & Water ²	\$455	\$475	
Registration + 50-Amp Electric & Water ²	\$575	\$595	
Registration + 30-Amp Full Hookup ^{2,3}	\$550	\$570	
Registration + 50-Amp Full Hookup ^{2,3}	\$700	\$720	
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, 8/24, 11:30 a.m.	\$ 15	\$ 15	
Magic Mile Walk/Run – Friday, 8/25, 8 a.m. ⁴	\$ 10	\$ 10	
Credit Card Payment Plan ⁵ (credit card only)	HALF DUE	N/A	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			

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

CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds for this convention will be made only upon written request by emailing (cancel@fmca.com). Cancellations made by June 21, 2023, will receive a full refund minus \$25 handling fee. Cancellations made after June 21, 2023, but before August 23, 2023, will receive a full refund minus \$50 handling fee. Absolutely no refunds August 23, 2023, and after. Badges and confirmation materials must be returned to the FMCA home office before any refund is issued.

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 a Chapter member.

CHAPTER NAME

I am/we are First Time Attendee(s) **8-21-23 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

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 ‡

Governing Board/PNO/Committee

‡ 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 AUGUST 15, 2023, REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN ON SITE.

The Welcome Area and Will Call in Gillette will open on Sunday, August 20, 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 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

MORE DETAILS ON THE REVERSE SIDE

REGISTER BY Online www.fmca.com • Mail • Phone 800-543-3622 | 513-474-3622

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., August 22 through 26, 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 Gillette convention, the remaining balance will be charged on June 20, 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. **Select one.**

Pilot

- Parking¹
- Welcome²
- Activity Carts³
- Frustrated Maestros³
- Security³
- Trams³
- Coffee⁴
- FMCA Store⁴
- Information⁴
- Seminars⁴

Co-Pilot

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¹ Requires August 17 Arrival

² Requires August 18 Arrival

³ Requires August 20 Arrival

⁴ Requires August 21 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 June 28, 2023. Please provide a valid mailing address or you can choose to have your packet held at Will Call. Registrations received after August 6, 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, August 20, through Wednesday, August 23, in the Welcome Area.

WELCOME AREA

The Welcome Area will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, August 20, through Wednesday, August 23.

PARKING

Parking will be located at CAM-PLEX Multi-Event Facilities. 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, August 21, 22 or 23, 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 July 21, 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.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Arrival August 21, 2023 for an August 22, 2023, orientation. No additional fee.

EARLY ARRIVALS

If you arrive prior to your "Date of Entry," dry camping will be available in the Welcome Area starting Saturday, August 19, 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).

DEPARTURE

Departure is on Sunday, August 27, 2023. 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.



JUNE 7-11, 2023

Darke County Fairground · Greenville, Ohio

4 NIGHTS OF CAMPING (June 7, 8, 9, & 10)

with additional fee for 30-amp and 50-amp full-hookup or 30-amp and 50-amp with electric and water



3 Nights of Entertainment • Saturday Breakfast • Picnic Lunch • Coffee Hour
Ice Cream Social • Chapter Activities • Games • Card Bingo • Ladies' Luncheon (additional fee)
National Museum of The Air Force Tour & Transportation – Thursday, June 8 (additional fee)
Golf Outing (additional fee) • Seminars • Book Exchange • Vendors • Sunday Morning Prayer Service
Each Attendee Receives Vendor Bucks and Volunteers Receive Additional Vendor Bucks

Golf Outing: Please e-mail Dane Bailey at thesinginauctioneer@gmail.com if interested.



Great Lakes Area Rally Registration Form *Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.*

Member Number:		Last Name:		Pilot First Name:		Co-Pilot First Name:	
Address (If this address differs from your billing address, please call 800-543-3622):				City:		State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:	
E-mail:			Cell Phone:			<input type="radio"/> First Time at a GLAMARAMA Event	
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:			2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:			Hold at Will Call? <input type="radio"/> Yes	
What chapter do you belong to?					Would you like to park with your chapter? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		

Registration Category	Price	Qty	Total	Early Arrival – June 5 & 6
Registration + Dry Camping	\$ 250		\$	\$40 Per Night Cash Only Payable upon arrival
RV with 1 Person Deduct \$25	\$ 225		\$	
Each Additional Guest (complete info above)	FREE	FREE	FREE	
30-Amp Electric (additional fee required)	+\$ 50		\$	Disabled Parking?*
30-Amp Full-Hookup (additional fee required)	+\$ 100		\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes *State-issued authorization must be visible upon arrival to qualify.
50-Amp Electric (additional fee required)	+\$ 75		\$	Cancellation Policy Refunds for this rally will be made only upon written request (arearallies@fmca.com). Cancellations made by May 31, 2023, will receive a full refund minus \$25 handling fee. Cancellations after May 31, 2023, will be handled on an individual basis.
50-Amp Electric Full-Hookup (additional fee required)	+\$ 125		\$	
Passport – 2 People (no overnight parking)	+\$ 150		\$	
Ladies' Luncheon (additional fee required)	\$ 15		\$	
Air Force Museum Tour (additional fee required)	\$ 25		\$	
Payment Information			Total	\$

Prices include meals, exhibits, ice cream social, and entertainment. Extras: Ladies' Luncheon, Air Force Museum Tour and Golf Outing.
Place Credit Card Registrations:
Online: www.fmca.com
By Phone: (800) 543-3622 • (513) 474-3622

Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.

Return completed form and payment to:
Great Lakes Area c/o FMCA;
8291 Clough Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45244

Volunteer Opportunities

Pilot	Co-Pilot
<input type="radio"/> Activity Carts	<input type="radio"/> Activity Carts
<input type="radio"/> FMCA Store	<input type="radio"/> FMCA Store
<input type="radio"/> Food Service	<input type="radio"/> Food Service
<input type="radio"/> Information	<input type="radio"/> Information
<input type="radio"/> Parking	<input type="radio"/> Parking
<input type="radio"/> Security	<input type="radio"/> Security
<input type="radio"/> Seminars	<input type="radio"/> Seminars

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For the most current rally info go to www.greatlakesarea.com