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SI's ready for the  
Bean Bag Toss  
at the Lincoln Convention

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It seems like just yesterday that I was writing my Oct 2021 column. It was a tough year indeed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone that endured Hurricane Ian. Our SI Members in Florida had it the worst with the high winds and flooding and a wee bit the same here in Coastal Virginia...

Well in the last issue I went on again about conducting our SI Annual meeting to be held during the FMCA105th International Convention & RV Expo August 24-27 2022 at the Lancaster Event Center-Lincoln Nebraska...Once again it did not happen because of a lack of a 15 minimum quorum. SO we will try again at the Perry GA rally March 17, 2023...In fact David Robb mentioned he had to borrow some married folks for help with the fun/games. NOW that is a first time...

Some update on the Office Depot discount card that is on the flip side of your SI Membership Card... The honeymoon is OVER with the deep printing discount of near 80%. On page 24 of our family RVing Oct. issue is the information you need to get set up for the new discount I have researched this and the details are included with this issue of your Scuttlebutt...DISCLAIMER... I have not tested this NEW System yet but I will when I have printing done to mail out some SB issues which now cost almost \$2.00 per issue...

I also have been going on about our SI Web page for a year....To make a long story short...we are now just around the corner to going back on-line and it will still be a work in progress, BUT it will be a Membership driven web site...NO LOCKOUTS as before. So I am excited about that and I will test it on OUR SI Facebook system...

You should have received the flyer on the New Year Rally at Bushnell Florida and also this information here in this SB issue... Please respond soon so we have the information on food and activities.

October is that Month when we renew our Single Membership annual dues for the year 2023. Included on the last page of this issue is a renewal application so PLEASE fill it out and forward to our Treasurer, Carol Klenow. We can't do it without you....

That's all. Folks,

**John McPherson**

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# Treasurer's Report

From your Treasurer

Aug 31—Sept 30, 2022

<b>Beginning Cash</b>			<b>\$5,421.16</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>-\$100.00</b>	
<b>Net Increase/Decrease</b>			<b>-\$25.00</b>
<b>Cash on Hand</b>			
<b>Cash in Bank</b>			<b>\$5,396.16</b>
<b>Total Cash</b>			<b>\$5,396.16</b>

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# From your Executive Vice President

July 29, 2022

I've been super busy settling out of normal living to go full timing, been less than a month and enjoying it. Still lots to do, looking forward to seeing Singles at Lincoln, when I signed up for I needed electric, Singles usually boondock, any one who signed for electric give me a call, we can still get together for happy hour and etc., I'm new at this and am open for suggestions.

*Dave Robb*

August 27, 2022

The convention is about over and was a good time. The card bingo was attended by 229, including us volunteers. Margie Rodgers called, and we had lots of prizes to give out. The bean bag toss "cornhole" had 40 players and third place team was kids. Good to have younger people playing the water balloon toss. Would have been better if my voice was louder but I think most got wet which felt good on a sunny, 90s day. When not doing games, the concerts were great as were seminars and booths. Did I say happy hour? Margie Rodgers, Nan Oliver, William Brailsford and Ann Kristal were super in making things go smoothly and a great time. Thanks a million. I probably won't be in Perry but won't miss the 107<sup>th</sup> in Gillette in 2023. *Dave Robb*



## **REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

On Wednesday, August 24, Ann Kristal represented Singles International and I, Margie Rodgers, represented SE Happy People, at the Governing Board meeting that took place at the FMCA International Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. There was a quorum of National Directors and Alternate National Directors for the meeting to proceed.

There were two proposals on the agenda. The first proposal was regarding the title of National Area Vice President. This proposal was sent back to committee as there was a question regarding wordage so no action was taken on this proposal.

The second proposal was essentially deleting the position of Alternate National Director as a requirement for a chapter. Previously, a chapter needed to have 6 positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director) to be in compliance with FMCA guidelines. With the passage of this proposal, which was after much discussion, chapters only need 5 positions to be in compliance. A chapter can still have an Alternate National Director but it is not a requirement. Also, the position of Secretary and Treasurer can be combined into one position, though a vote by the chapter is required for that to take place. This proposal was brought forth because so many chapters are unable to get the required number of officer positions filled. SE Happy People was in that position.

In other business, the budget was approved as presented. The dues were not raised, staying the same at \$50. Tucson, Arizona was approved for the Spring 2024 International Convention. Discussion was held on several budget items and passed. There was much discussion regarding the future of FMCA, ways and options to encourage people to join FMCA. Discussion was held on why there are no summer conventions so more families could participate. The major problem was that any venue considered had other activities already on their agenda and could not accommodate FMCA. Discussion was also on the locations for International Conventions. There was much discussion on other items on the agenda and were passed (sorry, too many to mention).

Goodyear Tire and Tech Connect were approved as companies offering special pricing for FMCA members.

The lack of companies to service RVs, trailers and fifth wheels at the International Convention was brought up. Now, they will be allowed to be available for the members to take advantage of their services without requiring them to have a vendor booth. I took advantage of Roadmaster to have my tow bar serviced at no charge.

I think I've covered the main items on the agenda. I am sure the information is available if anyone is interested in knowing every detail of the Governing Board meeting.

*Margie Rodgers*

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

There were 652 RVs, trailers, and fifth wheels that attended the International Convention. This was the first time in Lincoln, Nebraska, I personally thought the location was very nice. There were over 150 sites with electric; in fact, there were less than 20 coaches, etc., in the generator section (where both Ann and I were located.) It was easy to navigate between seminars, vendors and other activities. Stores (Walmart) were close by and it is easy to get from the interstate highway.

The staff at the Lancaster Event Center was great about helping get issues resolved. One problem was that some had no electric. Generators were brought in so the situation could be fixed. The card bingo game that Singles International put on had 229 people in attendance. We had extra prizes given to us by Demco, which were appreciated. Demco also provided prizes (insulated mugs) for the Bean Bag Toss and the Water Balloon toss, which turned into a water balloon fight! The weather was hot but everyone seemed to get along o.k. There was an area set aside for a dog park and that was very much taken advantage of.

The evening entertainment was very good. I missed the first and last nights but others who attended said the entertainment was great. The second night of entertainment had a local guy, Rusty Rierson, who played without stopping once, during his show, and even went over the allotted time as everyone was enjoying his show.

There were not a lot vendors, several of which were not RV related. I have noticed, thought, that this is a problem for any type of rally, whether area or international. There were no big name companies like in past years (Camping World, Pilot Flying J, Roadmaster, to mention a few), though Blue Ox did have a booth and a service area. There were many seminars but I only managed to attend a few by Adventure Caravans, which was a major sponsor of the convention.

At the final business meeting on Saturday, there was a drawing at the end with 10 people getting \$250. I was one of the lucky winners. It came in handy as I had some extra expenses (broken door handle, chassis battery). I enjoyed my time in Lincoln Nebraska and would enjoy returning if FMCA has an International Convention there in the future.

*Margie Rodgers*

*President*

*SE Happy People*

*Just a reminder that membership dues for both Singles International and Southeast Happy People are now due. Ann Kristal, SE Happy People treasurer, is on an extended trip and will not be back in the area until early November. I suggest that you wait a few weeks before sending her your dues to allow her to get back into her routine. **For Singles International dues please see the last page of this newsletter.***



## **SI NEW YEAR'S RALLY**

**WHEN:** December 29, 2022 – January 2, 2023

**WHERE:** Red Oaks RV Resort  
5551 SW 18<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
Bushnell, FL 33513  
(352) 793-2117

**Parking:** \$30.00/night

**Park Reservation:** Deadline November 15, 2022-  
pay park and get your spot reserved. I only have so  
many spots reserved so call ASAP.

**Rally Fee:** Pay 1<sup>st</sup> day of rally. Will be determined then.

**New Year's Party:** Information later when park  
has their final plans made. BYOB

When you call the office to get your parking spot, please call the Wagon Master, Carol Klenow (810) 287-1486 after and give me your reserved parking number and day you will arrive.

1. There are full hookups at your site which includes electric, sewer and water.
2. If you need to come early or stay later, management will give you the rally rate 2 days before and/or 2 days after. You must request this on your own.
3. We will provide breakfast every day and dinner. Lunch is on your own.
4. I would like to have a volunteer to take pictures and another volunteer(s) for games.

Rose Marie Ladue – Chairperson  
Carol Klenow – Wagon Master & Treasurer (810) 287-1486

# RALLY EVENTS

**Rocky Mountain Area Rally—October 25—29, 2022**

Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, Arizona  
(Registration is open)

**Singles International Chapter New Year's Rally—Dec 29, 2022-Jan 2, 2023**

Red Oaks RV Resort, Bushnell, Florida  
(Register now —see Page 7)

**Western Area Rally—January 11—15, 2023**

Indio, California  
(Registration is open)

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

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter—PERRY, GEORGIA  
(Registration is open)

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

Albany, Oregon  
(Registration not yet open)

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

Greenville, Ohio  
(Registration not yet open)

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

Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin  
(Registration not yet open)

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

Herkimer, New York  
(Registration not yet open)

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

Gillette, Wyoming  
(Registration not yet open)



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  - Technology
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  - Furniture
  - Facilities
  - Coffee and water
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# 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

#### **Mail to: Singles International, Treasurer**

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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 <http://www.fmca-si.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.

Jm 10/2/21