



Central Oregon

Chapter of *Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA)*

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Newsletter

From our National Director – Jerry Andres

Hi Rim Rock Roamers:

For those who stayed up north this winter, I don't have to tell you that it has not been fun. I have finally got Jinny convinced that we need to spend more time down south. All it takes is one winter like this one and things are going to change next year.

We are looking forward to the Rally schedule that Marion Pratt has put together. Wow, she has done a great job as our wagon master. Jinny and I can't wait to hook up with our Roamer friends again this year. We are suffering from cabin fever right now.

Jinny and I took a trip across country this past fall. A few highlights which made this trip a bucket list experience. We attended the **Newmar** International Rally in Pueblo, Colorado on our first stop. While in Colorado, we went to the top of Pikes Peak, visited the US Olympic training facilities and made a stop at the Air Force Academy. We enjoyed networking with other **Newmar** owners. Leaving Colorado on our way to Ohio to visit Jinny's brother and sister, we stopped the first day after traveling 140 miles to check on things at a rest stop. I discovered a scream coming from the engine compartment of our tow vehicle. There we discovered a young cat which had apparently hitched a ride from Colorado without our knowledge. Well our next stop was to a Walmart to get cat supplies. We now have a new member of the Andres family, "Grit". Grit gets along great with Libby so we are happy with the outcome. In Ohio we had a visit with Jinny's brother and sister which I had not seen in several years. From Ohio, we traveled to northern New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and finally to the Atlantic coast in Maine. This was our first trip to the northeast. We did all the things that you do up there, ate lobster, had Vermont maple syrup and visited Kennebunkport. After the northeast we stopped at Niagara Falls on the way home. We stopped in Illinois to visit my brother and friends. We attended a Northern Illinois football game. And from there, we took our time and came back to Oregon. This trip covered about 6,900 miles. Traveling across this beautiful country really makes you realize how blessed we are to call this our home.

Well that about covers all our news for now. We are looking forward to the Roamer rallies again this year. See you soon.

Newest member profiles coming in future newsletter !

Welcome to

Vivien Webster / Gary Duff - Redmond

Phyllis Fitch / Bob Hatherill - Prineville

Lisa Blos-Johnson / Eddie Broadwell - Vernonia

From our Wagonmaster

Hi Roamers,

It looks like spring may be creeping up on us. And time to start planning for our summer adventures. Below is the schedule of our rallies for this year.

Besides the RV park names, rally dates and a phone number, I've included deadlines for scheduling. I'll send out reminders regularly, and start listing things to do in each location. These parks were each chosen because of the fun things to do nearby.

Included will be directions and any other instructions to make attending each rally as easy as possible.

Once you've called into the parks, and scheduled into the slots we have set aside for Roamers, please let me know:

- 1) that you have done so, and
- 2) if you've scheduled yourself in for more days than the rally is scheduled for.

That way I can keep track of our numbers, will be better able to identify the events we can participate in.

So...on the next page is the list of our rallies for 2017. Below is my email address and phone number. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Also, if you know of any fun things to do in the vicinities we'll be visiting, let me know that, too! Don't want to miss anything.

So! Let's get together and make this a fun summer, renewing old friendships and making new ones. This is a great group of people!

Best regards to everyone!

Marion Pratt, Wagonmaster

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Happy Spring!



2017 Rim Rock Roamers Rallies

(Please post for future reference!)

May 21-25

Hee Hee Ilahee in Salem (503-463-6641)

Call in to reserve your spot **before April 21.**



June 22-25

FMCA NW Area Rally at Cowlitz County Fairgrounds in Longview

Reservations to be made with FMCA directly. There is a registration form on the FMCA website. Please let me know if you're coming, and when you want to head in to park, so we can plan parking arrangements.

Many of us will be heading into the parking area early because we are volunteering for one or more aspects of this fun event. I will be helping coordinate the assembly of rigs so we can go in together. A place will be identified, and a time for assembly when we get closer to the date.

July 16-23

Port of Newport – South Beach Marina and RV Park (541-867-3321)

Please reserve **no later than June 1.**

August 16-20

Casey's in Westfir (541-782-1906)

Please reserve **no later than June 16.**

September 20-25

Crater Lake RV Park in Prospect (541-560-3399)

Please reserve **no later than August 1.**



ALWAYS having a
great time together

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From Our President...AKA - "The Skipper"- Warner Butler

Another great newsletter from Peter. Many thanks to him. Kathy and I will be attending a planning meeting for the FMCA NW Rally at Cowlitz, WA fairgrounds April 11th - 13th. Jinny and Jerry Andres (FMCA National Director) will join us. The FMCA NW Rally will be held 22nd-25th June, 2017. Marion has it on the RRR schedule. And speaking of Marion, she has a nice line up of rallies for 2017.

Warner

From the Newsletter Editor

Now that winter is FINALLY loosening its grip on all of us, it is time to look forward to our summer RV rally season. Lots of choices and lots of fun are on the way! We hope you all get out and enjoy the RV lifestyle with your friends from the Rim Rock Roamers. As usual, we are welcoming a few new members and saying "good bye" to some old time members. Seems like that is what life deals us sometimes! Enjoy it while you can....tomorrow is not a promise.

As a separate e-mail, I am distributing information received regarding resolutions and the future direction of FMCA. Jerry & Jinny, Warner & Kathy have asked that this be sent to all of our members. A bit of history and process....FMCA is driven by a Governing Board, made up of a National Director from each of the 400 plus member chapters. (Jerry Andres is ours) International Conventions are held every year, with elections for national officers occurring every few years. Business of the FMCA, including: budget, resolutions and bylaws changes are also conducted at these annual meetings. 2017's meeting will be held July 12 - 15 in Indianapolis, IN.

Over the past 5 years, membership in FMCA has been declining, dues have increased and FMCA has borrowed from its reserves to fund programs of benefit to the membership. You can observe these numbers in the "Exhibits" portion of the informational e-mail from President Adcock. There is much more information and background in the materials that will be provided. I urge everyone to review the materials and let your ideas and concerns be known to Jerry, our National Director.

We exist as a Chapter of FMCA to be involved in our collective future direction as an organization, but more importantly to support our (and other) Chapter members as life deals out both challenges and joy. PLEASE reach out to those whom you are close to provide encouragement, support and understanding. You just might brighten someone's day and reaffirm the friendships that have developed through membership in the FMCA and Rim Rock Roamers.

Peter

FROM OUR TREASURER - JINNY ANDRES

With all the fun stuff mentioned in this newsletter, someone always has to throw in a little curve. I just want to remind the membership that your annual dues to the Rim Rock Roamers, are due on May 1, these dues are separate and different than your dues paid to FMCA. For the new members that joined during or after our September rally in 2016 your first years dues were included in the membership fee. For all others the dues still remain \$10 per membership per year.



Thanks in advance, *Jinny*



From our Secretary -Kathy Butler

If you are attending the FMCA Northwest Area Rally, consider volunteering at the event. I have offered our assistance to help with welcoming/greeting attendees as they make their way onto the rally grounds. Also assisting distributing the 'Welcome' bags before the rally begins. Many members have already advised me that they will help. Both of these volunteer opportunities occur prior to the rally. Please contact me if interested.

Secondly, If you have a creative mind and would like to develop an eye catching, engaging, and exciting chapter display...step right up! The goal is to entice prospective members to join our happy group at the chapter faire. The Rally theme this year is 'Blast from the Past...' the possibilities are endless.....

Kathy Butler

From our Vice-President Dave Coleman

Lynn and I are going to miss several of the beginning Roamers rallies as we are headed for Europe via Florida at the end of April. We won't be back from our cruises until the end of June. We have registered for all the Rallies we will be home for and are looking forward to seeing everyone soon. (Have a GREAT TIME!)..*Editor*

Dave & Lynn Coleman

