



Central Oregon

Chapter of
*Family Motor Coach
Association (FMCA)*



Did you know???? Our newest members Terri and Keith Odems have a FMCA membership number (and plate)...**F88557D**. What does this all mean, other than they have a fairly low number? OK, for starters, it was issued in 1987 and the "D" at the end indicates that Terri is the daughter of a previous FMCA member with that number. So, you can leave your number (and motorhome) to your children and they can inherit your FMCA number....if they keep paying their dues.

Pretty Cool!

FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR - Jerry Andres

Hi Rim Rock Roamers:

As the 2017 Roamer Rally schedule comes to a close, we are left with the memories of some very successful gatherings with great food and fun. Jinny and I enjoyed getting together with you all. As National Director, I need to remind you again that FMCA is conducting a membership vote. The current FMCA magazine includes a ballot and the by-law changes that were approved for a membership vote at the National FMCA Rally in Indiana. The vote involves a major change for FMCA. Your participation will be appreciated.

Jinny and I have some interesting places planned to visit in the off season. We will be leaving late September for Missouri to the Newmar International Rally. From there we will hopefully be taking a Cajun tour of Louisiana. We are not sure at this time how "Harvey" has impacted that trip. I hope this finds all Roamers doing well.

Safe travels,

Jerry

FROM OUR WAGONMASTER - Marion Pratt

Hi everyone,

The last Rally of the year is scheduled for September 20-25 at the Crater Lake RV Park in Prospect. The rally was timed to coincide with the Prospect Hotel's "Music in the Mountains" annual bluegrass fest. Five and possibly six rigs have planned to attend. If you'd like to join us, feel free to make a reservation for yourself at the park, say you're with the Roamers, and let me know you're coming. We are hoping the smoke will have died down by then.

Marion

Meet new Roamers - Keith and Terri Odoms of Redmond, OR

I am still working full time and may I use this for an excuse not replying back to you sooner? Our youngest son (sounds like a young boy but he is 45) and I work together, self-employed installing flooring. I just started a few years ago, 1973. I often think I should retire and go play. Well, I enjoy installing flooring. The business name is Odoms Flooring & Const. Inc. and we install carpet, vinyl, different types of wood flooring, also ceramic tile. When we experience a slowdown, and we've seen it a few times, we will install about anything that has a few dollars offered with it, i.e. cabinets, painting, insulation, sheetrock and ya, wash windows too. But it has to be real slow before I get into the window washing.

Terri and I started RV'n several years ago when we sold our house and all the 'junk'. This was when we had that economic crunch around '82. We bought a 24' Eldorado travel trailer and pulled it with a Chevy Van. We loaded our three young children (2, 7, and 12 then) in the van and headed to Oklahoma. We took contracts carpeting shopping malls in and around Oklahoma and Texas. Feeling like the Eldorado was getting a little crowded, we moved up in the world and traded for a 32' Bunk Model Fleetwood trailer. Oklahoma was nice but dodging tornados, jumping over the snakes, tarantulas, and other strange critters, plus missing the NW (home) we hooked-up and moved to Bend in '86.

Here in Bend we rented apartments for a while. Missing the good life, we bought a 40' Elkhart Fifth-wheel. We thought we moved into the 'big-leagues' with this 40'er with a slide out. A few Central Oregon winters living in a frozen RV, we 'jumped-ship' and bought a house. The buyer was really happy getting the Elkhart RV but not as happy as us.

I am surprised Terri stayed with me 51 years after moving her and our three children into RV's starting with that 24' travel trailer. Ya, we have three boys and one daughter. But our oldest boy went to be with The Lord '79. Our two younger boys and daughter are married and supplying us with 8 grand-children ranging in age 3 to 27. Well, it does not stop here; we have 6 great-grandchildren as well.

Why did we join the Roamers? My Father-n-law gave us this 1991 Gulf Stream Friendship Motorhome (38 feet). Guess he got bored with it.....Well... I thought it would be fun to join the Roamers.

No Wagonmaster for 2018 ☹️ ☹️

So what do we do now? President elect Dave Coleman has put out several requests for someone to step up - so far nothing. Do we sit at home and think about all the fun we could be having and places we could see as a group or can we come up with something that will work? IDEA!!

Jan and Rich & Debbie and myself have come up with a possible schedule:

May 19 & 20, 2018

Rhododendron Festival – Florence, OR or
Old Stone Village in McMinnville

June 15 – 21, 2018 (Approximate)

Pre- Rally at Winchester Bay RV Resort in Winchester Bay, OR - 21 Miles North of the NW Area Rally. Some of us may need to go to North Bend a few days early, but this is a MUST SEE RV resort!

June 21 – 24, 2018

FMCA NW Area Rally at the Mill Casino – North Bend, OR

July 20 – 24, 2018

Leavenworth WA Summer Theater - three different plays in different venues. LOTS of other things to do as well. (Trying to do this BEFORE fire season!)

August 15 – 19, 2018 (Approximate)

Junction City, OR for the Scandinavian Festival

September 14 – 18, 2018 (Approximate)

Oktoberfest in Mt. Angel. Stay at Silver Spur RV in Silverton. or
Netarts Bay

So what do you think? **This year IT IS REALLY UP TO YOU!!** We tried adding in a few new things, but there are plenty of options. **PLEASE LET US KNOW** what you want to do. A form for listing your rally preferences for 2018 is attached to this e-mail. Please return it by November 1, 2017 to Peter Ribble at ribble1251@gmail.com. Results will be tallied and the most popular locations will be chosen / booked / scheduled for 2018.



This is your Chapter. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO??

**** A friend sent this to me ****

For all of you with any money left be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG BUCKS! Watch for these mergers in 2017:

3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood

FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS and become: FedUP

And finally.....Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: Poupon Pants

Nine IMPORTANT facts to remember as we grow older:

- # 9 Death is the number one killer in the world
- # 8 Life is sexually transmitted
- # 7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die
- # 6 Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky panky and they can't tell them apart (If you see a gleam in his eyes make him a sandwich)
- # 5 Give a person a fish and you feed him/her for a day (Teach a person to use the Internet and he/she won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years)
- # 4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday. Lying in the hospital, dying of nothing
- # 3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism
- # 2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. (Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal)
- # 1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

HAVE A GREAT DAY!



THINK HAPPY
THOUGHTS AND
GOOD THINGS
WILL HAPPEN

FROM OUR PRESIDENT ELECT – Dave Coleman

I would just add my two cents to Jerrys and ask everyone to vote as to the FMCA proposals. Lynn and I are going to the Club rally at Prospect as the air has mostly cleared. That will be our last trip for the year. We are contemplating trying both Southern California and the Phoenix area for a month each in March and April. We are going to the Dominican Republic for two weeks in February. We are going somewhere in Florida for a week prior to the Dominican Republic trip, but as we were going to the Keys (which at last report are mostly gone) so we don't know for sure where we will go.

We hope everyone has a great winter and we will see everyone in the spring.

Dave

Your Vote is IMPORTANT

You are encouraged to VOTE with the ballot included in the current issue of Family Motor Coaching. Each member coach is and entitled to vote YES or NO to proposed changes in the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution. Deadline for submission of your vote is November 30 2017. This is an important question and vote related to the future direction and emphasis of our Family Motor Coach Association. Please take the time to read the proposed changes and VOTE! (Remember the old adage, "Unless you vote, don't gripe about the outcome of the election!")



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