



# SeeYa Connection

Newsletter for our FMCA Chapter

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## President's Message

~ By Ray Zimmermann ~ [rayzman89@gmail.com](mailto:rayzman89@gmail.com)

I hope your summer has been a pleasant one and that your fall is off to a good start. Unfortunately, for many people around the country, this year has been one that they would like to forget. The devastating hurricanes in the South and the widespread fires in the Northwest have made this a summer unlike any I can remember. As I write this, terrible fires continue to cause loss of life and devastation of property in Northern California. I sincerely hope that you have all stayed safe and out of harm's way.

In our last newsletter, I provided an update on the proposal to change the FMCA governing documents to allow owners of towable RV's to join the Association, which has been limited to motor home owners since its founding in 1963. As mentioned, the next step was to be a vote at the Governing Board meeting at the Indianapolis convention in July. In a survey which we took earlier this year, our chapter members overwhelmingly supported the change to allow towables. Based on this response, our National Director, Larry York, cast our chapter vote in favor of the proposal at the meeting. As noted in Larry's report, which appears

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elsewhere in this issue, 84% of the chapters voted in favor, so the proposal now goes to a vote of the entire FMCA membership.

I urge all members to vote on this important decision that will affect the future of your Association. A ballot, along with the changes to the governing documents, is being published in the September, October, and November issues of *Family Motor Coaching* magazine. You can also download a ballot from the home page of [fmca.com](http://fmca.com).

Please note that all ballots must be received by November 30, 2017.

I know that there are a lot of emotions and uncertainty on both sides of this issue. Supporters say that FMCA must adapt to the realities of an aging membership, declining numbers and an industry landscape that sees towable sales greatly outnumbering motor home sales. The only way to stay viable is to open up to new members. Opponents contend that allowing towables will remove the one thing that makes FMCA unique among RV associations, towable owners are not likely to join in significant numbers and diluting the focus on motor homes will cause existing members to flee. Under this scenario, the Association could be worse off than before. I honestly don't know, and I don't think anybody does. Time will tell. I encourage all of you to vote the way you think best.

I recommend you read Larry's full report to get up to date on all the happenings at the Governing Board meeting, including the election of a new national president, senior vice president, and treasurer. On behalf of the chapter, I thank Larry for attending the July convention and meeting.

Since it is never too early to think about future travel plans, note that it was announced that next year's summer convention will be held in Gillette, Wyoming July 18-21, 2018. Registration is now open for the winter convention at Perry, Georgia from March 15-18, 2018.

As I reported in the letter I sent to all of you earlier this month, the chapter will forego its usual January pre-rally in Palm Desert, California in conjunction with the FMCA Western Area Rally and instead meet at Tucson, Arizona with a pre-rally prior to the FMCA International (INTO) Area Rally. *Please note that our annual chapter business meeting will be held at the pre-rally.* The dates for the pre-rally are February 1-5 (four nights). On February 5<sup>th</sup>, those who wish will move over to the Area rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds, which will also last four nights and end on the morning of February 5. (Members and guests who so wish may attend the pre-rally without going to the rally, and vice-versa.)

The schedule for the *pre-rally* is still being finalized and registration forms will be e-mailed/mailed around the first of November. Registration for the INTO Area rally is open (by mail only). I encourage you to register as soon as possible using the registration form that you will find on page 18 of this newsletter.

While the Western Area always puts on a good rally, I think our members are ready for something different. Also, the park that we have long used for the pre-rally has not provided the same level of service that we have received in the past. We look forward to attending the INTO rally, since our chapter is part of that area. Tucson is a great place to be in February, with lots to see

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and do around the city and in southern Arizona. And of course, those who so wish can still attend the Western Area Rally at Indio in early January. Follow that with a week at Quartzsite for the big RV show later in the month and then work your way to Tucson for our pre-rally starting February 1. Your mid-winter travel plans are all set!

~ Ray

**Great Fry Bread and Patriotic Elk**

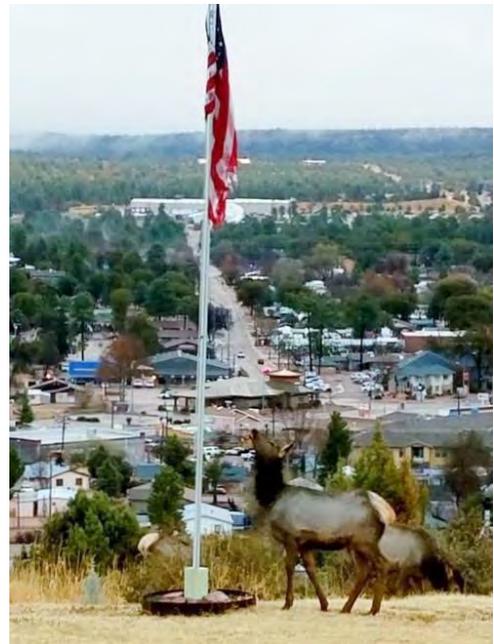
The small town of Payson, Arizona is about 90 miles northeast of Phoenix and we often pass through there on our travels. If on a weekend, we always stop at Jeri's



Fry Bread truck at the casino parking lot. They claim to have the best Indian fry bread in the world and will get no argument from me. When Lori and I stopped there

last month, we had the pleasure of

meeting Jeri herself along with her husband JJ DeCola. Jeri started her business 16 years ago and now sells her fry bread mix around the world. We heard some amazing stories about Jeri growing up on the Tonto Apache reservation (of which she is now the tribal chairman). JJ, a Korean War veteran, told us a story of a photo he recently took of an elk seeming to salute the flag in their yard overlooking Payson. He said he saw the elk early one morning and couldn't believe how long it stayed in that pose, allowing him time to go back into the house for his camera. The photo has sort of gone viral and will soon be available on T-shirts, posters, etc. Really an interesting couple. Stop and say hello (and have some delicious fry bread) the next time you go through Payson.



~ Ray

## 2017 FMCA Indianapolis Convention and Governing Board Meeting

By Larry York

The 2017 Governing Board Meeting was held on July 12, during the 2017 FMCA International Convention at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana.

For the morning session, there was a quorum of 73% of the Chapter National Directors, Alternates, or designated representatives. The afternoon session had a quorum of 71%. (51 % is need for a quorum).

During the National Treasurer's report, it was noted that new membership numbers in June 2017 increased by 1150 which was the largest single month increase in the history of FMCA.

Chris Smith, FMCA Executive Director, spent most of his presentation addressing the fallout of the failed planned rollout of an unlimited MiFi data plan for FMCA members. Negotiations, agreements, procedures, and marketing plans were in place to rollout the new benefit in June of this year; however, it was cancelled at the last minute due to a legal issue. FMCA will continue to explore an alternative.

Under the Constitution and Bylaws Committee report, three proposals to amend the Bylaws were presented (shaded portions denote added language):

1. A proposal to amend Article IX - Executive Board to read: "(4) Any voting FMCA member, other than a member who is employed by or holds a management interest in an RV-related association or company, is eligible for election to the Executive Board. **Members who share a member number may not serve concurrent (simultaneous) terms on the Executive Board.** A national officer may not hold a chapter office, area office (except Area Vice President), or a second national position simultaneously. A voting member may not accept a nomination for more than one national office simultaneously and must be eligible to serve the complete term of the office for which they are accepting."

This proposal was defeated.

2. A proposal to amend Article III - Membership to read: "(2) Membership shall be open to any family unit or individual regardless of race, **sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, religion, color, marital or family status, age, nationality, disability, or political beliefs.** ~~age, gender, national origin, religion, martial status, or disability.~~ "

This proposal was defeated.

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3. A proposal that affects all FMCA governing documents which essentially replaces what is now considered a qualifying motor coach that a person must own to become a member of FMCA from "a self-propelled, completely self-contained vehicle that contains all the conveniences of a home, including cooking, sleeping, and permanent sanitary facilities, and in which the driver's area is directly accessible in a walking position from the living quarters" to a "recreational vehicle". A motion was made and approved that temporarily suspended the rules and allowed an agenda item under New Business to be placed on the floor before addressing this proposal. That agenda item being the development of an acceptable definition of a "recreational vehicle". A motion was presented that defined a recreational vehicle to be "a self-contained wheeled vehicle that includes permanent cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities". An amendment was presented that added "...excluding truck campers, watercraft, aircraft, off-road vehicles, or pop-up type camping trailers". That amendment was defeated. The original motion was then approved. A motion was then presented to replace the "qualifying motor coach" language with "recreational vehicle" as now defined. That motion was approved by 84% of those in attendance. These actions will set in motion steps to present a proposed change to the FMCA Constitution that must be approved by the membership. A ballot will be in the September 2017 issue of the FMCA "Family Motor Coaching" magazine and other notices will be put out through other media such as the FMCA web page, etc. If the membership approves this change, the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, etc. will be modified accordingly. If they do not approve this change, no further associated actions will be taken. The newly elected Executive Board members are prepared to support the direction the members select.

Under the Policy and Procedure Committee report, these proposed changes to the Policies and Procedures were presented:

1. P&P 1016 Awards Nomination Guidelines Criteria. The proposal removes the Governing Board from the nomination and approval process (potential one-year delay) so that awards can be presented in a timelier manner. The proposal was approved.

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## Painting and Residing of Your Alfa Coach

by Dale M. Prichard

With the RV market ever changing and Susan and I recently passing near the Wakarusa, Indiana area, I believed it was time again to revisit the facilities that have the ability to perform a residing on our Alfa's. The information I am about to give is my own opinion based on my observations and discussions with current Alfa owners having reskins and custom paint jobs.

The facilities I visited: Paul's RV Service & Interiors, located in Wakarusa, Indiana and New Debut, formerly M.C. Miller, also in Wakarusa.

**Paul's RV Service & Interior's** is owned and operated by Paul Conley. Paul was the original manager of Precision Painting & Renovation facility located in Bremen, Indiana. (Note: Precision no longer does re-siding.) In 2016, Paul was given the opportunity to open his own business. The facility has hookups for 4 RVs outside with electric. The facility can house 10 full size diesel pushers inside during renovations. When Paul left Precision Painting, many of his former employees followed him. So, in this respect, Paul retains the same quality team.

Paul currently has a reciprocal agreement with Mike's Custom Painting in Bremen, whereby they exchange services for their customers. Recommendation for Paul's RV can be read at this link: [www.irv2.com/forums/f274/pauls-rv-service-309284.html](http://www.irv2.com/forums/f274/pauls-rv-service-309284.html). Paul has also created a Facebook page which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/paulsrvservice>.

In discussing Alfa motorhomes with Paul, he stated that he would still consider performing reskinning for Alfa owners. Paul's only work is RV renovation. He does not plan on expanding his business into new RV's. His current appointments are currently scheduled 3 to 4 months out and the length of time it takes to do a job is based on the work ordered as well as scheduling into the paint shop. In my opinion be aware that timing will be a factor in doing a complete re-skin as the RV industry is booming and communication throughout the process is very important.

**New Debut:** Currently I do not have much on the new company, except to mention that PJ Miller and New Debut have come to a mutual agreement to terminate their relationship. Megan Miller is still associated with New Debut along with a business partner, Scott Tuttle. The company website can be found at [www.mcmillercustoms.com](http://www.mcmillercustoms.com).

Concerning the departure of P.J. Miller from New Debut, I can only state that the work expected from New Debut should still be of the highest standard. P.J. Miller may re-enter

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the renovation market in the future and if so will share his business model with us at that time. My observation of the New Debut facility, even though I did not tour the facility this year: I noticed the employee parking lot filled with vehicles, both employees and new campers. We were informed in 2016 that their new business model included offering services to the many RV manufacturers in the area. This business approach provides an inspection and warranty repair on the many campers now being produced, both prior to and after delivery. In my opinion, this new business model appears to be the core of their business.

In addition, to my observation, I have had lengthy ongoing discussion with two Alfa owners currently employing New Debut for reskin/repaint jobs. The biggest concern remains timely communication of work progress and lack of return calls, emails or texts. Discussions as to what stage of the process the coach is in or if issues/problems/delays occur do not appear to be conveyed to the owners on an ongoing basis. Please understand, these are not my words, but close friends who are currently working with New Debut. The lack of communication has caused additional costs, re-work of the coach, and additional time out of the coach.

My recommendation to anyone considering a reskin/paint of their Alfa exterior is to discuss your needs/expectations with all the facilities. Prepare a written document of what your expectations are and determine the work required. I would recommend you consider length of time to do the job, cost of the job, expected delivery date and communication expectations during the process. Susan adds that you may want to be made aware of any outside sources/subcontractors who will be involved in various aspects of your job.

Through your investigation of the various facilities, find one you feel most comfortable, working with and make the best decision as to whom should tackle your coach reskin/repaint and will be ready to move forward. Document the terms you agreed to.

I am writing this as an observer. However, Susan and I embarked on the re-skinning and repainting process of our 2003 Alfa in 2012 and I am very familiar with many of the Indiana players since then. Everything I wrote here is my opinion and in no way indicates that quality work is compromised at any facility. I can personally tell you, that the intent of the principals is to do whatever it takes to make you happy. My intent in sharing my observations with our Alfa members is to keep you informed to enable you to make good decisions as you might move forward.

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If we were to consider a reskin/repaint of our 2008 at this time, I would seek out Alfa owners who are currently in or have recently completed the process, in the LAST YEAR. I would ask for their opinions as to what worked and what did not and what improvements could be made on the part of their renovator facility of choice. I might then wait a year to let the dust settle on the many changes taking place in the industry or use this time to determine who my choice of service provider would best fit our needs.

If anyone would like additional information, you can email me ([gatorcq@gmail.com](mailto:gatorcq@gmail.com)) or call me (480-495-4646).

**Editor's note:** We recently received the following communication from PJ Miller:

This is PJ Miller I am proud to announce that MCIRV is now scheduling residing and interior mods as well as full paints to all rv owners. We are keeping things small and focusing on quality as well as personal attention. We have been in a partnership with Mike's Custom Painting for many years and still trust the paint will be to the highest quality. We currently occupy a 10-acre facility that is fenced and a building that holds around six full size motorhomes.

Full reside start \$12,000.

Full paint five color \$14,995

Let us make a work of art for you.

MCIRV: PJ Miller

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**Help Wanted: Newsletter Editor**

The AlfaSeeYas Chapter is still in need of a permanent editor for this newsletter, the *SeeYa Connection*. We need someone familiar with Word, Publisher or similar software. We will help you get started, provide content, help with distribution, etc. If interested contact Ray Zimmermann, [rayzman89@gmail.com](mailto:rayzman89@gmail.com) or 360-789-6628.



A warm welcome to our newest AlfaSeeYas members. To paraphrase, Sonny Gillespie, Past President of our FMCA association the International Area Organization (aka INTO):

*"The most important member of the AlfaSeeYas is the newest member"*

**Thanks so much for joining us !**

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(Checks payable to AlfaSeeYas)

You can find your dues expiration date on the e-mail that forwarded this newsletter (or snail mail label)

### AlfaSeeYas Chapter

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Tempe, AZ 85283

**Membership is \$10 per year. Multiple year renewals are encouraged at \$10 per year.**

**If you use an on-line bill payer, make sure your bank has the correct address.**

## Alfa Repair Facilities

Leisure Coachworks (formerly Alfateers), Fontana, CA (909) 428-6775 website: [www.leisurecw.com](http://www.leisurecw.com)

Follow Leisure Coachworks on Twitter & like Us on Facebook

Blue Sky Mobile RV Repair (RVDA Certified Master Technician) Tucson, AZ (502) 668-4038

Email: [blueskyrv@gmail.com](mailto:blueskyrv@gmail.com)

Bob's Diesel Service, 340 W 32<sup>nd</sup> St., PMB #150, Yuma, AZ (928)941-6462

Bretz RV, Missoula, MT (406) 541-4800 website: [www.bretzrv.com](http://www.bretzrv.com)

California RV Specialists, 110 S Cherokee Lane Ste B, Lodi, CA (209)263-7040

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## Useful Internet Sites for Alfa Owners

**Our Chapter Website AlfaSeeYas.com** [www.alfaseeyas.com](http://www.alfaseeyas.com)

You'll find lots of great information, including Rally info, Chapter documents, membership and dues information, past issues of the Newsletter, Tips and Tricks, a photo album and much more.

**Family Motor Coach Association:** [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com)

**Yahoo Message Boards** - these are Internet forums where Alfa owners ask questions and exchange information about our coaches. To read the messages, and post your own, you will need to "join" the group (click the blue button that says "Join This Group").

AlfaSeeYas: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/alfaseeya/>

SeeYa DP: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SeeYaDP/>

SeeYa Travels: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/SeeYaTravels/>

**Facebook Groups:**

Alfa Owners: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alfaowners/>

Alfa Motorcoach Tech Site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Alfatechsite/>

**RVillage:**

FMCA: <https://www.rvillage.com/group/830/family-motor-coach-association>

Alfa Owners: <https://www.rvillage.com/group/1681/alfa-owners>

## Rallies ~~ the most FUN you can have in your Alfa ~~

If you would like to suggest a local rally, please contact our President Ray Zimmermann. A group of AlfaSeeYas can get together very easily for a few days during the week, or over a weekend. **NEED HELP PLANNING A RALLY ?** We have several documents to help those interested in planning a pre, post or other rally for our members. You can contact Ray and ask for any or all of the documents. They include: Rules of Thumb for Estimating Costs and Planning a Pre or Post Rally in Brief.

## Upcoming FMCA Rallies

For FMCA Rallies - Members can sign up by calling:

FMCA Reservations (800) 543-3622 or using the FMCA website: [www.FMCA.com](http://www.FMCA.com)

### **October 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 South Central Area Rally**

Four States Fairgrounds, Texarkana, Texas

### **January 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Western Area Rally**

Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival, Indio, California

### **February 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 International Area Rally**

Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, Arizona

(Registration by mail only - see form at end of this newsletter)

### **February 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Southeast Area Rally**

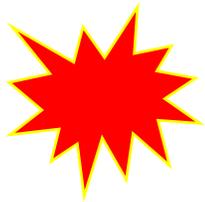
Sun 'n Fun Expo Campus, Lakeland, Florida

### **March 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 FMCA 97<sup>th</sup> International Convention**

Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, Perry, Georgia

**RALLY CALENDAR ~~ UPCOMING ALFA CHAPTER OUTINGS**

**2018 ALFA OWNERS CLUB RALLY**



April 10<sup>th</sup> till 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Golden Village Palms RV Resort, Hemet, California  
Rally Masters: Jim & Vonnie Beard  
Co-Rally Masters: Craig & Nancy McDowell  
(See info sheet on page 19)



**SUN SEEKERS CHAPTER OUTINGS ([www.alfa-sunseekers.com](http://www.alfa-sunseekers.com))**

May 2018: Westfir/Oakridge, Oregon

Registrations and information on outings can be obtained by contacting [President@Alfa-Sunseekers.com](mailto:President@Alfa-Sunseekers.com).

**SOUTH LOAFERS CHAPTER OUTINGS ([alfasouthloafers.com](http://alfasouthloafers.com))**

January 24<sup>th</sup> til 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Black Rock RV Village, 46751 US-60, Salome (Brenda) AZ  
Wagon Masters: Bill & Joan Weaver and Marvin & Pat Berry

**LONE STARS CHAPTER OUTINGS ([www.alfalonestars.net](http://www.alfalonestars.net))**

November 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2017

Location: Concan, Texas  
Wagon Masters: Allen and Carol Thomas  
Co-Hosts: Winston and Catherine O'Neal

**UPCOMING ALFA CHAPTER OUTINGS (CONTINUED)**

**ROAD RUNNERS CHAPTER OUTINGS ([alfaroadrunners.net](http://alfaroadrunners.net))**

**January 19<sup>th</sup> til 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Location: Quartzsite, AZ

Wagon Masters: Dwight & Sharon Tisdale and Dale & Susan Prichard

**MAVERICKS CHAPTER OUTINGS ([www.mavericksrvclub.com](http://www.mavericksrvclub.com))**

**October 30<sup>th</sup>-November 6<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Location: Pismo Coast Village, Pismo Beach, California

Wagon Master: Steve Falcone

**Monthly Alfa Owners Breakfast - Mesa, Arizona**

Alfa owners will again be meeting for breakfast on the second Saturday of each month starting December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 8:30 am. Location is the Golden Corral at 1868 N. Power Road (southwest corner of Power and McKellips). For more information, contact John Filipczak, [johntsr641@gmail.com](mailto:johntsr641@gmail.com) or 612-965-5762.

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**Points to Ponder**

An excellent thing about traveling in your RV is that you know who slept in your bed the night before. And the night before that. You don't know that in a hotel and, really, you may not want to know.

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2. P&P 1017 Membership Fees and Dues. The proposal changes initial year membership dues for Commercial Member Suppliers and revises Commercial Member category descriptor abbreviations in line with the current internal automated systems. This proposal was returned to the P&P Committee to ask the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to present a corresponding change to the Bylaws, and then resubmit the proposed P&P change.
3. P&P 1018 FMCA Emblems, Assignment of. This proposal was intended to allow different materials for use in making the emblems such as "cling-ons", plastic, lexan, etc. The proposed change as presented was: "Individual(s) in the Full membership category are entitled to a set of ~~numbered (membership number) emblems to be issued by FMCA for display on their motor coach.~~ FMCA emblems. (The type of emblems may consist of different materials.)" Exception was taken to the striking of the words "numbered (membership number) emblems to be issued by FMCA...". The proposal was withdrawn.
4. P&P 2005 Executive Board Nominations and Elections. This proposal was withdrawn due to the disapproval of By Laws Proposal 1.
5. P&P 3010 Chapter and Associate Chapter Membership. This proposal was withdrawn due to the disapproval of Bylaws Proposal 2.

Of interest in the Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee Report was that in 2012, the Federal Government mandated, as part of the Highway Funding Authorization Bill, that each State's toll collection facilities must implement "technologies or business practices that provide for the interoperability of electronic toll collection programs." Meaning that different toll collection agencies (E-ZPass, SunPass, etc) must be able talk to each other. Since each State has been responsible for their own collection technology, they have struggled to comply. In spite of the October 2016 deadline, a National electronic toll collection system has not been established. Work continues to implement the mandate.

In the Membership/Member Services Report, I noted the following recommendations

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that were sent to the Executive Board (I do not know what action the Executive Board took):

1. To provide each area national vice president an inventory list of FMCA merchandise so that each area association can order chapter prize packages, at wholesale cost, to distribute to their chapters, with the total amount spent being left up to each area. A request for funding for chapter prizes will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for future budget consideration.
2. To approve the revised format of the Chapter President's Handbook, and to amend P&P #3018, Chapter President's Responsibilities, to eliminate the responsibility of handing down the handbook to each succeeding president.
3. To eliminate the \$50 additional fee for non-member convention registration. In addition, the non-member attendee will be offered a complimentary one-year FMCA membership.
4. To recommend approval of the Tadd Jenkins Chevrolet proposal offering special FMCA pricing on select vehicles for members.
5. It was the consensus of the committee to clarify that member volunteers who are compensated at RV shows (camping, mileage, per diem) will not receive the \$10 coupons, but will receive referral credit for each new member they enroll during the show. A member volunteer who is not compensated at RV shows will receive the \$10 coupons and referral credit for each new member they enroll during the show.

The following actions taken by the Executive Board and Board of Directors from August 2016 through July 2017 requiring Governing Board approval were:

1. Upon recommendation of the Executive Board, the Governing Board may annually bestow one Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer's Award to someone who has earned the gratitude of FMCA by some exceptionally worthy or beneficial service to FMCA or to family motor coach owners in general. The Executive Board recommends that the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer's Award be awarded to Genny Jennings, L26. "Genny has had FMCA in her heart and soul since the very beginning. A member since October of 1963, she was a pioneer in the early days

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and paved the way for many of FMCA's plans and policies. Genny is the true embodiment of what "Family" means to Family Motor Coach Association. She and her late husband, Howard, have always referred to FMCA as family. She has been to too many conventions to mention and volunteered many times to ensure everyone had a good time. She still proudly wears her jacket adorned with a hash mark for each of the past conventions she's attended. Genny was a frequent contributor to the early issues of Family Motor Coaching magazine and held many national positions, helping to shape FMCA into what it is today. She started serving on FMCA's Executive Board in 1967. She was the National Secretary 1967-1970; National Vice President 1974-1975; National 4th Vice President 1975-1976; National 5th Vice President 1976-1977. Genny took a break as an FMCA officer, then came back as FMCA's Great Lakes Area Vice President from 1982-1986. She also served on several committees: Membership/Member Services, Nominating Committee, FMCA Review Council, and the Historical Committee. Genny Jennings is a wonderful lady who will forever live in FMCA's heart and soul. We are grateful to her for the time she has committed to FMCA, and very lucky to have her as one of our most treasured members."

2. To hold FMCA's winter 2019 convention in Pomona, California, instead of Chandler or Tucson, Arizona, pending successful negotiations. It was noted that Chandler did not currently have the facilities and support needed to accommodate a FMCA Convention, and Tucson fairgrounds facilities are not sufficient; therefore, these venues are not being considered at this time. After considerable discussion about the past experience with Pomona management, and the "east vs west venue" issue, a motion was made and approved to direct the Convention Committee and the Executive Board pick a site that that will that will draw the most potential attendees and accommodate the expected convention attendee count.
3. To consider Rock Springs, Wyoming, as another possible location to hold FMCA's summer 2020 convention, as an alternative to Redmond, Oregon. This proposal was withdrawn mainly to the elevation issue for people with respiratory illnesses.

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## New Business

1. The Financial Committee's proposed FMCA's FY 2018 budget (without a membership dues increase) of \$8.129M in income and \$8.122M in expense was presented and approved resulting in an operating gain of \$6557.
2. A motion was made and approved that the Policy and Procedures Committee and Constitutional and Bylaws Committee be directed to review the Chapter Bylaw format to state and clarify conformity to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policy and Procedures as to what is mandatory, recommended, and permissible deviation.
3. A motion was made and approved directing the Policy and Procedures Committee revise P&P 3011B Chapter Bylaws Format (Article III Members, Paragraph 1. Eligibility, Subparagraph B) to reflect the current language in Article III Membership, Paragraph (2) of the Bylaws.

## Elections. Nominees were presented for the following offices:

1. National President Jon Walker, F268778. Elected by acclamation.
2. National Senior Vice President Rett Porter, F369084 and Elwood (Jack) Mayberry (floor nomination). Rett Porter won 185 to 87.
3. National Secretary Gaye Young, F284657. Elected by acclamation.
4. National Treasurer John Reynolds, F171042, and Frank Taber, F350335. John Reynolds won 139 to 135.
5. Of note was an interesting change that Charlie Adcock did at this Convention. On Tuesday, in addition to the normal "Roberts Rules of Order" briefing and the Candidates Forum, he held a workshop to allow unencumbered discussion on the three Bylaw proposals. In doing so, everyone there got a chance to say what was on their mind and to lay out all the issues. This approach significantly streamlined the conduct of the Governing Board meeting the next day. Yes, there were several directors/delegates that were not there because it was billed as a workshop, but the bottom-line was that it was well worth it.

17th International Area Rally



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FEBRUARY

5-9, 2018

PIMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS Tucson, Arizona

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

4 Nights Camping (Departure Date: February 9, 2018)  
 30 or 50 Amp • Display Coaches • Seminars • 3 Nights Entertainment  
 Ice Cream Social • Hot Dog Bash • Breakfast • Crafts • Bingo • Craft Fair  
 Roundtables presented by National Officers • Ladies Luncheon (optional)

**EARLY ARRIVALS WELCOME: Feb. 1-4 • \$30/Night (Collected On Arrival)**  
 Limited 50 & 30 amp, water, & sewer sites. Sign up now before full hookups are sold out.

INTO Area Rally Registration Form

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

Member Number:	Last Name:	Pilot:	Co-Pilot:
Address (If this address differs from your billing address, please call):		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:	Telephone:	Cell Phone:	
Coach Make:	Coach License:	Coach Length:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at an INTO Rally
Are you parking with a chapter? <input type="radio"/> Yes Chapter Name:		If you are not parking with a group, do you need Handicap Parking? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:	

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL	WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?
Coach with 2 Adults – Dry Camping	\$260		\$	<input type="radio"/> Yes, I would like to volunteer. <input type="radio"/> No, I would not like to volunteer. Volunteer opportunities in Parking, FMCA Booth, Registration/Info. For information contact Volunteer Coordinator: Sherry Targum, <a href="mailto:rsberry6@gmail.com">rsberry6@gmail.com</a>
Coach with 2 Adults – 30 AMP & Water Only	\$270		\$	
2 Adults – 30 AMP, Water, & Sewer	\$280		\$	
2 Adults – 50 AMP, Water, & Sewer	\$300		\$	
Coach with 1 Adult (subtract)	-\$ 20		\$	<b>PAYMENT INFORMATION</b> Make Checks Payable in US Funds to: INTO Rally Mail Checks To: Carol Klenow INTO Treasurer 3916 N. Potsdam Avenue PMB 2969 Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Each Additional Guest	+\$40		\$	
Children 12 & Under	FREE		\$	
Non-FMCA Member (Add)	\$ 10		\$	
Optional – Ladies' Luncheon	\$ 15		\$	
Passport for 1 Adult	\$ 90		\$	
Passport for 2 Adults	\$ 160		\$	
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	<b>Total</b>		\$	<b>CANCELLATION POLICY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refunds will be made if written request is received by 1/01/2018.</li> <li>• Refund requests received after 1/01/2018 will be handled on an individual basis.</li> <li>• A \$25 cancellation fee applies to all situations.</li> </ul>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RALLY MASTER  
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# 2018 Alfa Owner Club Rally (AOC)

## Location

Golden Village Palms RV  
Resort 3600 W. Florida Ave.  
Hemet, CA 92545  
Office (951) 925-4123 Opt #2  
[www.GoldenVillagePalms.com](http://www.GoldenVillagePalms.com)

## AOC Rally Dates

April 10 and departing morning of April 16, 2018

## Chapter Pre-AOC Rally Dates

April 5 to April 9, 2018

<p><u>Wagon Master</u> Jim &amp; Vonnie Beard Jim Cell # (714) 319-5729 Vonnie Cell # (714) 336-9252 <a href="mailto:Jimbeard1401@gmail.com">Jimbeard1401@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><u>Co-Wagon Master</u> Craig &amp; Nancy McDowell (281) 635-2797 <a href="mailto:craig12412@gmail.com">craig12412@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:nancy12412@gmail.com">nancy12412@gmail.com</a></p>
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\$44.00 per Night, Rate applicable for 2 days before Pre-AOC Rally and 2 days after AOC Rally. Early arrival and late departures shall make their arrangements directly with RV Resort.

### On-Site Facilities and Amenities Includes:

Full Hookup at Each Site (Water, Sewer, 50 Amp Electric, Cable TV, WiFi Internet), Billiards Room, Banquet / Large Ballroom with Full Kitchen and Raised Stage, Craft Room, Hobby Room, Fitness Center, Laundry Room, Putting Green and Golf Center, Indoor Shuffleboard Pavilion, Pickleball & Volleyball Courts, Propane Service, Pools and Spa, Pick up Trash at Your Site.

### Off-Site Amenities Include:

Winery & Vineyards, Countless Restaurants for All Taste, Golf Courses, Major Store in Walking Distance, Casino, Pet Services.

### AlfaSeeYas Jacket and Hat Order Form

**AlfaSeeYas Jacket:**

Size (circle one): XS S M L XL 2XL.....Price\*: \$35 ea

3XL 4XL 5XL 6XL.....Price\*: \$40 ea

Color (circle one): Royal Blue Black

First Name (please type or print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

**AlfaSeeYas Hat:**

Color (circle one): Royal Blue Black Price\*: \$10 ea

TOTAL FOR ALL ITEMS: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: prices are plus postage. Postage cost is approximately \$14.00 per order, but will vary depending on size of order. Please contact Randy Scott via email or phone with order info to get actual postage cost to add to order total.

TOTAL – INCLUDING POSTAGE \_\_\_\_\_

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member email and/or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach form to email, or send via US Mail to:

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