

AlfaSeeYas

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Dear AlfaSeeYas Member

I wanted to update you on various happenings concerning your chapter and FMCA.

Palm Desert Pre-Rally/Western Area Rally. Just a reminder that the registration form for the January pre-rally at Palm Desert, CA were e-mailed out on October 4-5. Let me know if you need a copy. Registration deadline is December 10th but earlier sign up is encouraged. We have reserved a set number of sites and they will be filled on a first-come basis.

FMCA International Convention – Chandler, AZ, March 7-10. FMCA is holding their winter convention in Arizona for the first time in 2017. The venue will be the Rawhide Western Town at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, off I-10 on the south side of the Phoenix area. When I asked for expressions of interest in my letter a couple months ago, I didn't receive much response, so I think we'll dispense with a formal chapter event in conjunction with this convention. Lori and I will be there, and I know a couple of other chapter members are planning to go as well. If you are planning to attend, please let me know and we will arrange a get-together at some point during the week. There is always plenty to do on-site at these conventions, plus there is a lot going on in the surrounding area as well, so it won't be a problem keeping busy. You can register at www.fmca.com/conventions-64/chandler-2017.html.

Post-Convention and Phoenix NASCAR Race. The FMCA convention ends on Saturday, March 11th. The next weekend will be the NASCAR race at Phoenix International Raceway (PIR), on the west side of town. Some of us are planning to attend, and will probably arrive on Thursday, March 16th, for four nights of dry camping at the track. (You can arrive as early as Monday, March 13th if you wish.) If you would like to go with us as a group, or even if you plan to go on your own, let me know. If you need a place to stay between Chandler and PIR, let me know that as well. March is a very busy time for RV parks in the Phoenix area, what with spring training baseball, NASCAR, and the snowbirds still in town. but I will try to arrange something if anyone wants to join us.

Fontana, CA NASCAR Race. Registration has closed for the Fontana race March 23-26 with 23 rigs signed up. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

International (INTO) Area Rally in Branson, MO, May 2017. Next year's INTO rally will be held May 1-5 at the Treasure Lake Resort in Branson. There are only 100 sites available, so you are encouraged to sign up early if you want to go. The cost is \$490, somewhat higher than usual for an area rally, but this one is different. In addition to full, 50-amp hookups at a highly rated RV park, the fee includes **six** Branson shows. You can pay half when you register (if using a credit card), and will be charged the balance on February 1st. Lori and I are planning to attend. If anyone else is planning to go, please let me know so we can get together at the rally. We won't

plan to caravan in as a group, since some may wish to arrive early - - you can arrive up to two days early at \$30 per night. You can register on-line at www.fmca.com/chapters/area-rallies.html.

Proposed change to FMCA's Article of Incorporation. You may have noticed that the October issue of the FMCA magazine contained a ballot which asks members to vote on a proposed change to the Association's Articles of Incorporation. This proposal has prompted a lot of questions, and FMCA now has an explanation on their website, in a Q and A format. You have to log in to your on-line FMCA account, and then you can find a link to the article on their home page. If you don't have an on-line log-in, it is easy to create one.

Are your dues due? Please keep your AlfaSeeYas dues current. When you receive your AlfaSeeYas Connection newsletter, the forwarding e-mail will show your expiration date. By paying attention to this and keeping your membership current, it will save us the trouble of having to contact you separately. And also remember - - you must remain and active member of FMCA in order to be a member of our chapter.

Western Area Rally Theme Contest. The FMCA Western Area has a contest each year to select the theme for the next year's rally and parade. They have asked for entries for the 2018 rally. The 2017 theme is "Beach Party," and you can see all the past themes on their website at http://wafmca.com/?page_id=116. The chapter that submits the winning theme will receive \$100. Send me your ideas by December 1st and I will forward on to the Western Area.

Sincerely

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