

Dear AlfaSeeYas Chapter members:

Oct 8, 2024

I wanted to send you an update to cover several recent announcements and activities, prior to our sending out the next Chapter newsletter.

Regarding several significant changes within the FMCA:

- You should have received an email Sept 6, 2024 from FMCA with the subject “A Message From the FMCA Executive Board.” It covered several items from the Governing Board meeting held during the Aug 14, 2024 Convention. It included the name change for FMCA, several changes to the types of membership, the continuation of FMCAssist and benefits of FMCA membership. Attached below is our Chapter’s National Director Marvin Berry’s summary of the Governing Board meeting. Note that there was considerable discussion of the financial position of FMCA, and the reluctant but necessary need to raise FMCA dues in order to keep the great FMCAssist as a part of the membership.
- You should have received an email Sep 23, 2024 from FMCA President Gary Milner, announcing his resignation as President, due to health reasons. This is very unfortunate, as he has worked hard to support FMCA. Per FMCA bylaws, FMCA Vice President Paul Mitchell has become the new FMCA President. We know Paul from him having headed up the FMCA INTO region in the past, and wish him well.
- You should have received an email Oct 1, 2024 from FMCA with the subject “Membership Update.” In it, FMCA announced the increase in dues necessary, effective Oct 2, 2024, and a multi-year discount program. As stated, we do believe that FMCA continues to be the leading resource, advocate, and support network for RV owners, and provides great value to its members.

In the most recent AlfaSeeYas chapter newsletter, I talked about the upcoming Western Area Rally to be held Jan 9-13, 2025 in Indio, CA. Several of us are planning on attending – it is always a great time, with hundreds of RVs in attendance, numerous vendors and many very helpful seminars. You may have received the announcement with a registration form, if not, it is available on the FMCA web site. As in the past, we are planning on meeting up on Jan 7 in the Indio area, to go in to the Rally the morning of Jan 8 (or you could meet us as we go in on the 8th). This is one day early, as it helps avoid the crowds, and is free to us when we volunteer to help at the Rally. In the past, we have volunteered to help monitor seminars, but I have recently found out that they won’t be using monitors this year, so we are volunteering to help out by selling day passes some times during the Rally. There should be a number of volunteers, so I doubt this will be much of a workload. If you are planning to go to the Rally, please let me know ASAP (Rscott@antelecom.net) with a copy to Ron Pearson (Ronpearson14@yahoo.com) and Linda Pearson (Lindapearson1720@gmail.com) – since I won’t have email for the next several weeks. We’d love for you to join us, as it is a fun Rally!

Hopefully you all received the “Save the Date” announcement for the Alfa Annual Owners Rally to be held in April 2025 in Hemet, CA. We encourage everyone to mark their calendars, and let others know too – it is especially helpful to newer Alfa owners (of which there are many!), as well as those of us who have owned them for a while and are still learning more about them! Note that non-Alfa owners are invited too.

Thanks so much for continuing to be FMCA and AlfaSeeYas Chapter members!

Randy Scott

VP/Acting President, AlfaSeeYas Chapter FMCA

NOTES FROM THE GOVENING BORD MEETING IN REDMOND, OREGON AUGUST 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Gary Milner at 9:00am

Meeting opened with an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The national anthems of Canada and the United States were sang.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were waived.

The treasurers report was read as follows:

Revenue	\$5,571,207
Expenses	\$6,173,960
Operating loss	\$601,753
Change of net assets	\$3,898

The revenue includes pulling from our investments to meet our financial obligations.

Additional comments and discussion following the treasures report were:

President Gary Milner advised us that several cost cutting items were being considered to keep FMCA from going broke.

1. Cancel FMCA assist.
2. Cancel the FMCA magazine.
3. Cancel future conventions.

The overall financial picture at the current rate with major changes were very bleak.

There were seven proposals to be voted on. All seven passed.

Most of the proposal changes were wording changes to shorten and clarify the purpose of the bylaws and some were title changes of officers.

Proposals of note:

1. Area vice presidents will now be known as Area Presidents.
2. The National Senior Vice President's new title will Vice President.
3. If a chapter has no President the area vice president can take his or her place. In the event a chapter has no president or vice president to step up the chapter will be dissolved after 120 days and the members will assigned to another chapter. (note 84% of the FMCA members do not belong to any chapter.)

FMCA has been losing approximately 6000 members per year for several years and is projected to lose at least many next year. A follow-up was made of those leaving the results were about 60% aged out and the other 40% left because they saw no benefit for staying.

New Business:

Name change: Our new name is Family RV Association.
It was determined to be more inclusive of all RVing types.

After what seemed like hours of discussion about how to keep FMCA afloat and keep FMCA assist, The Magazine and conventions, it was voted on that our annual dues will be raised to \$99 a year from the current \$50 a year. This increase will this us to keep FMCAssist, the magazine, and have two international conventions each year.

The increased dues should give FMCA a net profit of about \$644,914 for the 2025 budget.

Respectfully submitted by,

Marvin Berry