

May 24, 2024

Dear Governing Board members,

Summer is almost here as we prepare for FMCA's 109th International Convention and RV Expo, "**Adventure Peaks**" Presented By Beaver Coach Sales. The convention is scheduled for August 14 through 17, 2024, at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond, Oregon. To register, use the form included, visit www.fmca.com/fmca-redmond-2024-learn-more, or call our Events Department at (800) 543-3622.

The annual FMCA Governing Board meeting will take place on August 14 in Redmond. The **Governing Board meeting material** is expected to be mailed in early to mid-July. Chapter Secretaries received a roll call sheet for this meeting requesting verification of their chapter voting representatives. National Directors will be mailed a copy of the Governing Board booklet. *Please bring it with you to the meeting.* If you are a voting delegate for this meeting and will be traveling during this timeframe, please notify the national office that you will not be at your address of record to receive this packet, so other arrangements can be made. If you are not a delegate for this meeting but you are a Chapter Alternate National Director or Chapter President and would like a meeting booklet mailed to you, please contact the Chapter Services Department at the national office. The meeting booklet will be available to view online. Visit the Governance site at www.fmca.com/governing-board-governance-fmca. Please contact chapters@fmca.com regarding any of these meeting details.

The **FMCA Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Program** is one of the more popular benefits FMCA offers. The policy allows members to enjoy peace of mind while traveling. The best part of the benefit is that it is included with membership dues. Because of the popularity of the benefit, utilization has been high over the last two years, which has driven up the premium. The policy is due to be renewed on October 1, 2024. FMCA has been given a quote that is nearly double the current premium, which equates to an increase of around \$400,000. The current dues level does not support this massive increase. During the meeting in Redmond, the Governing Board will have to decide whether to raise dues to keep the benefit, or to not include it in dues and instead offer a discounted policy for members to purchase. This will be a big decision for the association.



Credit cards give members a convenient payment option. Due to rising popularity, this has become the preferred method of payment. ACH (Automated Clearing House) payments will be added very soon as well. With 66,000 member families, FMCA processes a high volume of credit card transactions, which results in an annual expense of \$250,000. This is something that FMCA will not be able to continue to absorb. The Executive Board voted recently to implement a 3.5% convenience fee on all credit card and ACH transactions. If members pay by check or cash, the fee will not be incurred. This change will go into effect soon.

FMCA is once again offering hands-on **RV Driving and RV Backing** classes in conjunction with the RV Driving School, August 7-12, 2024, just prior to the Redmond convention. If you are interested in participating in either or both classes, please contact the Events Department.

There are still spaces left for the **Chapter Fair in Redmond, Oregon**. *The deadline to register your chapter and sign up for a table is July 15, 2024.* Contact the Chapter Services team to reserve your spot: (513) 474-3622, or (800) 543-3622; or email chapters@fmca.com. Because tables and chairs must be ordered in advance, we cannot take on-site registrations. Tables are limited. *Please register now.* The Chapter Fair will take place on Tuesday, August 13. See the enclosed flier. There will also be a **"Mountain Magic" Parade** leading to the "Evening Summit" **Chapterfest** on Friday, August 16, 2024.

Now's your chance to put together a basket for the **Driven To Care Silent Auction** in Redmond. Money collected for the auction items will be donated to Hospice of Redmond – Camp Sunrise, a grief camp for kids and teens. Basket examples could be a specific food unique to your chapter's scope, such as Cincinnati-style chili; a spa package; handcrafted items, etc. Additional information to follow.

The **results** of the biannual elections conducted for the Area Vice President position in the Eastern, Great Lakes, International, Northwest, and Western areas are included in this mailing. These officers will serve on the Executive Board for a two-year term and take office during the Annual Membership Meeting in Redmond, Oregon, on August 17.

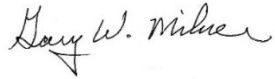
The **minutes** from the Executive Board and Board of Directors meetings held on March 16, 2024, and the Board of Directors meeting held April 30, 2024, are incorporated with this mailing.

Great news! The dates and locations of chapter rallies and other FMCA events are back in *Family RVing* magazine beginning with the July/August issue. Be sure to check which of these events fit into your travel plans; I hope several of them will.



This mailing, as well as previous Governing Board mailings, can be found on the Governance website, <http://governance.fmca.com>.

Safe travels! Glenda and I look forward to seeing you at the next FMCA event. Remember, "It's all about having fun!"



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