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EASTERN AREA OF FMCA

Fall Newsletter 2022

Happy Autumn!

Summer is now in the rearview mirror and autumn is in full swing. It has been a busy time, a time of transition and change.

My first big change occurred in August at FMCA's "Golden Getaway" in Lincoln, Nebraska. The 105th FMCA International Convention ran from August 24 through the 27. Although the attendance was smaller than hoped, the event was full of activities, entertainment and FUN. The Eastern Area was well represented at the Governing Board Meeting and we had a nice

for our Area gathering.

Saturday was the Annual Membership meeting where FMCA's Area Vice President's were sworn in. In a matter of minutes, I found myself receiving the surround plate from Gaye Young and the transfer of leadership for the Eastern Area.



I had been told that I had "big shoes to fill," and I believe that's true. Gaye worked tirelessly to make improvements for EAMA. Lincoln, NE, was a blast, but I was on information over-load and think I'll be in this state for awhile.



Gaye & Jerry Young transferring the plate

I was home from Lincoln for a week when I found myself in Hershey, PA. My first challenge as AVP was staffing the FMCA booth at the Hershey RV show. I reached out to a great group of folks to work the show. Eric and I and Sue and Gary Cipa had

worked the show last year with Gaye Young at the helm. This year we added Maryann Dario and Harry McNair (First State Travelers); Clarissa and Larry Sherrow (First State Travelers /Penn Coachmen); and Steve and Gil Raye, Michael and Mary



Joan & Boots Malin winners @ gathering



Wayne and Jean Mower at the Chapter Fair



Hershey RV Show FMCA Booth



Hershey RV Show recruiting new members

Ravert, and John and Kathy Troiani (Penn Coachmen). Alex Murphy, from FMCA Member Services, was there and provided much appreciated support. This team recruited **188 new members for FMCA**, signed up many renewals, and tried to connect new members to chapters.

After the Hershey show, it was back to catching up on multiple projects. One project was following up on the "President's and Chapter Officers Roundtable Discussion", held at GEAR in Lewisburg, this July. I started Zoom workshops with chapter presidents to give more time to address issues facing chapters. One of the goals the group identified was improving communication at all levels. Our newsletter is one tool to get information out. Also, during our immediate past president's term, Gaye



Fun at the Pocono Raceway

Young had implemented a new Eastern Area website. This website provides a platform for chapters to showcase themselves by posting newsletters and sharing pictures. Visit at fmca-ea.com)



Waiting to race!

October 12-16, 2022, was the Penn Coachmen 500 Rally at the Pocono Raceway. This was an "open" rally, so there were folks from other chapters joining us. The weather was great except for one day of rain. 75 RVs came for the fun, Bean-Bag Baseball, Ladder Golf, Cornhole, Raceway Bingo, Movie Night, and great food. As one of the Rally Masters and the Hospitality Hostess, I was kept busy. 25 people attended the First Timer Meeting and 10 new family units joined Penn Coachmen at the rally. Penn Coachmen will be returning to the Pocono Raceway next year for a rally, but will be there for the 4th of July week so the Chapter members can go to GEAR.



Work is underway for GEAR 2023. We have a theme, **Autumn in the Mountains!**



The Holidays are just ahead. Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

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- **3/15-18/2023** FMCA 106th International Convention; Perry, GA
- **8/23-26/2023** FMCA 107th International Convention; Gillette, WY
- **10/4-8/2023** GEAR Lewisburg, WV. WV State Fairgrounds.

Senior VP Article

I hope everyone had a good time at the GEAR rally at Lewisburg, WV, in July; I did. It was good to get together after three years of not having a rally because of COVID-19. I enjoyed reuniting with old friends and meeting new friends.

As we say goodbye to Gaye Young, who was our AVP the past two years, we welcome Phyllis Britz, our new Eastern Area Vice President. We all need to support and help Phyllis make the Eastern Area the best Area in FMCA. Phyllis took office in August at the International Rally in Lincoln, NE .

By the time you read this newsletter, most of the chapters will have had their last rally for the season. I hope you all have a great holiday season with your chapter and family. Please remember to get your 2023 rally schedule made as soon as you can and submit to FMCA so it can be published in the *Family RVing* magazine. The information on upcoming rallies needs to be provided at least three months in advance.

I hope you all have a good Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season.

Dennis Ducharme

Senior Vice President

Western Regional Fall Newsletter

Hello from the Western Regional VP! I hope this newsletter finds all of you rested and ready for the fall and winter. I know that Bill and I are looking forward to getting together with friends and family. We had a busy summer and we are looking forward to seeing our FMCA family.

In April, I joined the Happy Tennessee Travelers for their 20th anniversary. Congratulations to them! It was a fantastic and fun weekend. June was spent visiting with the Kentucky Horse Shu Kru Chapter.

July was spent in Lewisburg, WV. Everyone had a great time at GEAR (Great Eastern Area Rally). It was good to meet with the family of FMCA. We renewed old friendships and started new ones. Lewisburg is a great venue for rallies.

I'd like to visit the other chapters in Kentucky and Tennessee. I also look forward to visiting with the GMC Dixielanders chapter. So Chapter presidents and secretaries please send me your rally schedules as soon as possible!

Take care and be safe.

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EASTERN AREA NEWSLETTER FALL / WINTER
SOUTHERN REGION

Wow! A lot has happened since our last newsletter. Chapters are meeting, having great rallies, and GEAR in Lewisburg was a big success. Congratulations to our new AVP, Phyllis Britz. She has hit the ground running with Zoom meetings, telephone calls, and is already working on next years' GEAR rally. Thanks again to Gaye Young for the job she did for EAMA, and we look forward to seeing Gaye at some local rallies.

The Eastern Area looks really strong by placing its members on National Committees. We have members on Membership/Benefits, Finance, and maybe others that I'm not aware of. When you are asked to work on a National Committee, please accept. It is a real pleasure to see the work being done as part of the FMCA. Good work, guys keep it up.

I attended the Carolina Pelicans rally at the Palmetto Cove in Cleveland, SC, in September, with the Foothill Travelers following in the same place the following week. I could not attend the Foothills rally but it, too, was well attended. The Dixie Traveliers were scheduled to rally in Longs, SC, but that rally was canceled. We will visit them in December.

The search for new places to have GEAR rallies never ends. Jim Giffin and I will join Phyllis in Tryon, SC, and Ashville, SC, to visit places of interest. If any members have a venue you think would be suitable for a GEAR rally, please let us know.

As you have your chapter meetings, elect new officers, and set rally dates, please forward that information to me so I can make my schedule to possibly visit. Thank you for that information. Include email and phone numbers, please.

If your chapter has any news that you want to get in the newsletter, please forward to me and I will include it the publication. Thanks.

As we approach the holidays, be careful and enjoy them with your families and loved ones. Remember IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN.

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EAMA CENTRAL REGION

Hello Central Region chapters of the Eastern Area Motorcoach Association. Fall is upon us, the weather is cooler, and the camping is much more enjoyable. It's a great time to get out and have chapter rallies. Being active in your chapter ensures its health and contributes to the overall health of FMCA.

This has been our first year of full-time traveling, and after spending April and May at our son's 40-acre farm outside West Plains Missouri, Lee and I traveled to Maine in June to visit our grandson, and then tracked back to Lewisburg, WV, for GEAR 2022, in mid-July. We had a great time at GEAR and really appreciate all the volunteers we had helping to make GEAR great. Hopefully you are all planning to attend GEAR 2023, October 4-7 in Lewisburg, WV. After GEAR 2022, we traveled up into the Dakotas, checking out the national park sites, and then made our way to FMCA's August 2022 International Convention in Lincoln, NE. FMCA's Governing Board met on August 24, and the results of that meeting have been published. Your National Director or designated chapter representative should have that information to discuss with your chapter. I will also be available to discuss the Governing Board results during upcoming chapter visits.

I enjoy receiving and reading your chapter newsletters and, if feasible, Lee and I will visit one of your chapter rallies before the end of the year. Please keep the newsletters coming, and I will contact each chapter president individually to confirm the rally and plan our attendance. If I can be of any assistance with an FMCA issue, please let me know. Take care, travel safe, and we will see you all soon.

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