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# EASTERN AREA OF FMCA

## Summer 2023 Newsletter

This time of year brings with it peak chapter rally activity! Eric and I have been doing our best to visit chapters.

**April** 21-23, 2023, we went to Lancaster County, PA, to The Old Mill Stream Campground to join the Capitol Chapter. The chapter, a based in Maryland chapter, welcomed three new Family members at this rally. Several members went to "Sight & Sound" Theater for the showing of Moses and everyone went to the Yoder's Restaurant & Buffet. A

competitive game of "card bingo" was played with the winners getting to select prizes handmade by Katie Taddeo.



Capitol Chapter members



Katie Taddeo and Fred Needle

The chapter is welcoming new members to join in the fun!

The following weekend had me back in Lancaster County visiting the 20th Century Wagontainers (TCW) chapter at Country Acres Campground in Gordonville, PA. This was a day visit since there were no campsites available for us. Unfortunately, "mother nature" provided a cool, rainy weekend for the group and we were all sitting outside for their business meeting in jackets, coats, and, yes, blankets! This New Jersey - based chapter is also welcoming new members and have some warmer weather rallies scheduled. Check out their web-site <https://www.tcw20cent.homestead.com>.

In **May** we headed to Cincinnati, Ohio, to FMCA HQ. We spent a week at the very nice FMCA Campground and I attended committee meetings and Executive Board meetings. If your travels take you near Cincinnati, stay at the FMCA campground on Round Bottom Rd. FMCA members can have full hook-ups for \$15 for 2 nights a month and \$30 for additional nights. You need to book in advance at [www.fmca.com/stay-fmca](http://www.fmca.com/stay-fmca) or call 800-543-3622.

Memorial Day weekend we were with our home chapter, the Penn Coachmen at the Centre County Grange Fairground.

Cooking the burgers and dogs @ the Grange





We played games: bean bag baseball, music bingo, frisbee toss and nickel nickel. We had a lot to eat, a common activity for all chapters. Gary Cipa provided a memorial service on Monday that ended with a flag folding ceremony.



**JUNE** was a busy month, starting with the Coastal Tarheels Chapter 45th anniversary! This celebration was held June 1-4 at Carroll Woods RV Campground in Tabor City, NC, which is located just north of Myrtle Beach and has a vineyard and winery called



Grapeful Sisters. Sixteen RVs were in attendance and several members came to the celebration, driving in for the day. It was a great time with members and "guests" sharing memories around the campfire, visiting winery to do tastings, playing games and of course enjoying the great food.



Some of the ladies took advantage of the local shops for some "retail therapy."



A celebration of 45 years

**JUNE 8-11** we were in Virginia at the Cozy Acres Family Campground in Powhatan. Eric and I had the opportunity to meet the Elizabeth River Going Strong (ERGS) Chapter. Brad Brown, president of the chapter, had invited us to join them at their rally. The chapter had been a Good Sam chapter and was looking into FMCA as a "Chapter home." I had the opportunity to meet with the chapter officers and answer their questions and I was invited to speak at their business meeting. At the end of the meeting, the members voted unanimously to join FMCA!

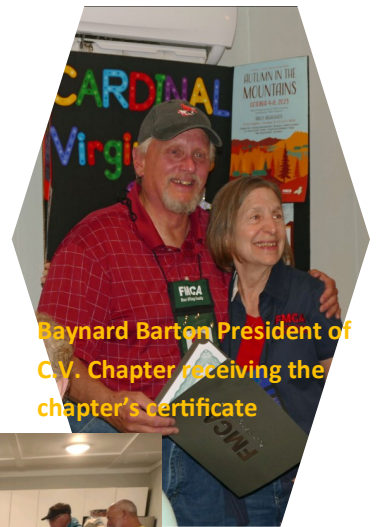


Brad Brown speaking to the ERGS members



The ERGS Farkle Queen is crowned

**JUNE** 20-23 was the 30th Anniversary celebration rally with the Cardinal Virginians. This rally was held at Misty Mountain Camp Resort at Greenwood, VA. I have to say this was one of the rainiest rallies I've been to. It rained coming and going and every day in between. This did not dampen the spirits of the Cardinal Virginians. Baynard Barton, chapter president, had handcrafted boards and the group was taught how to make a charcuterie boards. There was a lot of creativity happening with cheeses, meats, fruits etc. The boards and food looked beautiful and was yummy too. Good food and good friends made for a good time for all.



Baynard Barton President of C.V. Chapter receiving the chapter's certificate



The Cardinal Virginian Chapter on their 30th anniversary



Making our charcuterie boards

**July.** The Pocono Raceway was the site for the Penn Coachmen Open Rally July 5-7 with most attendees arriving by 7/2. This was the 3rd annual Penn Coachmen/Pocono Rally. There were 65 RVs attending. There were seminars, Nascar Ride-A-Longs, biking on the racetrack, tours of the racetrack, opportunities to explore the area plus, yes, lots of food!



Pocono Raceway rally dinner



Sue Cipa ( Penn Coachmen President and EAMA secretary) ready to ride!



Let's take a ride around the racetrack



Pocono Raceway 2023 Rally Attendees

**August** 2-6, 2023, you'll find Eric and me at Herkimer, NY, at the Northeastern Area Rally "Prism of Memo-ries." We'll head west from there and will be at Gillette, WY, by August 17 for FMCA's 107th International Convention and RV Expo. **Celebrating Sixty** should be a blast from the past! The Rally is August 23- 26, 2023

**October** brings with it the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR). You are invited to join in the fun at the State Fairgrounds of West Virginia, Lewisburg W.V. October 4-8, 2023. Updates, directions and additional information can be found on the **EAMA website, [fmca-ea.com](http://fmca-ea.com)**

**GEAR 2024** Save the date: October 23-27, 2024. Western North Carolina Agricultural Center, Fletcher, NC.

G.E.A.R. – Great Eastern Area Rally

# AUTUMN IN THE MOUNTAINS

**OCTOBER 4-8, 2023**

State Fairgrounds Of West Virginia  
Lewisburg, West Virginia

## RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

**FIVE Nights - October 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7, 2023**

**Chapter Fair • Evening Entertainment  
Seminars • Ladies' Luncheon • Ice Cream Social  
Crafts • Commercial Exhibitors • Bingo  
Bean Bag Baseball • and More!**

For more info, please visit the Eastern Area's website at [www.fmca-ea.com](http://www.fmca-ea.com)

### Great Eastern Area Rally Registration Form *Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.*

Member Number:	Last Name:	Pilot:	Co-Pilot:
Address: <i>(If this address differs from your billing address, please call)</i>		City:	State: Zip:
E-mail:	Telephone:	Cell Phone:	
RV Make:	RV License:	Length:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a GEAR Area Rally
Do You Belong to a Chapter? <input type="radio"/> Yes <i>To park together, please arrive together</i>		Chapter Name:	
1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:		2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:	
			Hold At Will Call? <input type="radio"/> Yes

	Before 9/4/23	After 9/4/23	Qty	Total
<b>RV with 50-AMP Full Hookups (2 Adults)</b>	\$ 360.00	\$ 390.00		\$
<b>RV with 30-AMP Full Hookups (2 Adults)</b>	\$ 340.00	\$ 370.00		\$
<b>RV Dry Camping with 2 Adults</b>	\$ 200.00	\$ 230.00		\$
<b>RV with 1 Adult deduct</b>	-\$ 20.00	-\$ 20.00		\$
<b>Children Under 13</b>	FREE	FREE		FREE
<b>Full Rally Passport (Each)*</b>	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		\$
<b>Ladies' Luncheon – Saturday, Oct. 7</b>	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00		\$
				<b>Total</b> \$

**Early Arrivals**

**\$40** per night. Cash or check payable upon arrival.

**Dry Camping**

Generators between 7am-11pm

**Cancellation Policy**

Refunds for this rally will be made only by emailing your request to [areallies@fmca.com](mailto:areallies@fmca.com). Cancellations made by 10/2/23 will receive a full refund minus \$25 handling fee. After 10/2/23, refunds will be handled on an individual basis.

\*Passport has no RV parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and coffee hours.

Payment Information	Volunteer Opportunities		
<p><b>Place Credit Card Registration:</b> Online: <a href="http://www.fmca.com">www.fmca.com</a> By Phone: (513) 474-3622 (800) 543-3622</p> <p><b>Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Return completed form and payment to:</b> FMCA / ATTN: Eastern Area Rally 8291 Clough Pike Cincinnati, OH 45244-2796</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td> <b>Pilot</b>  <input type="radio"/> Activity Carts  <input type="radio"/> Coffee and Donuts  <input type="radio"/> FMCA Store  <input type="radio"/> Ice Cream Social  <input type="radio"/> Information  <input type="radio"/> Parking  <input type="radio"/> Security  <input type="radio"/> Seminars  <input type="radio"/> Other                 </td> <td> <b>Co-Pilot</b>  <input type="radio"/> Activity Carts  <input type="radio"/> Coffee and Donuts  <input type="radio"/> FMCA Store  <input type="radio"/> Ice Cream Social  <input type="radio"/> Information  <input type="radio"/> Parking  <input type="radio"/> Security  <input type="radio"/> Seminars  <input type="radio"/> Other                 </td> </tr> </table>	<b>Pilot</b> <input type="radio"/> Activity Carts <input type="radio"/> Coffee and Donuts <input type="radio"/> FMCA Store <input type="radio"/> Ice Cream Social <input type="radio"/> Information <input type="radio"/> Parking <input type="radio"/> Security <input type="radio"/> Seminars <input type="radio"/> Other	<b>Co-Pilot</b> <input type="radio"/> Activity Carts <input type="radio"/> Coffee and Donuts <input type="radio"/> FMCA Store <input type="radio"/> Ice Cream Social <input type="radio"/> Information <input type="radio"/> Parking <input type="radio"/> Security <input type="radio"/> Seminars <input type="radio"/> Other
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**Disabled Parking?\***

Yes *\*State-issued handicap placard must be displayed in windshield*

**COVID-19 Notice**

An inherent risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in any public place where people gather. By attending this event you understand and assume all risk related to COVID-19 exposure. FMCA, its staff, officers, exhibitors, volunteers, members, service providers, and grounds personnel are not liable for any illness, injury, or death from COVID-19 related to your participation at this event.

**Questions about volunteering, please contact Sue Cipa (610) 334-3287 or [sbc910@ptd.net](mailto:sbc910@ptd.net)**

## **Senior Vice President**

We are halfway through the summer rally season and I hope you all have been able to attend some great rallies. Chapters are the heart of FMCA. That is where you get to know your fellow RVers; a place to make new friends and reconnect to "old" friends. A time to sit around a campfire, share stories and talk about the adventures and challenges you have experienced with your RV and a time to play some games and eat some great food!

The FMCA International Rally is in Gillette, WY, the 107<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at the Cam-plex August 23-26, 2023. If you have not made a reservation, you still have time to make your reservations. There will be seminars of all kinds, lots of vendors, and some vendors that will do some basic service to your RVs. An important activity at this rally will be the Governing Board meeting. This is when the business of FMCA takes place. Your National Director, Alternate National Director, or your chapter's temporary delegate will represent your chapter. There will be the national officer election, which is critical for the organization. National officers will lead FMCA at a challenging time.

Next, on my calendar, is the GEAR rally in Lewisburg, WV, October 4-8, 2023. There will be seminars, ice cream social, and evening entertainment on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The WV fairgrounds have plenty of full hookup sites, both 30 & 50 amp. So, make your reservation online, by mail or by calling FMCA 800-543-3622 and asking for events. There is plenty to do in the area. The Greenbrier is close by and there are plenty of antique stores and restaurants to visit. Check the Eastern Area Website at [FMCA-ea.com](http://FMCA-ea.com) for more information!

### **Safe Travels**

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P.S. Remember it's all about having fun. Hope you're having great summer and hope to see you in Lewisburg.

## **Western Region**

It has been an odd weather summer for us and the rest of the country. Taking care of family business and our-selves has been the focus for Bill and me. We have plans to finally see the Horse Shu Kru chapter in August.

We have not gone anywhere so we are really looking forward to seeing you at GEAR. I have been busy making the quilt for GEAR. It will reflect the Fall season.

Be safe and see you at GEAR!

Garnetta Mallory  
Western Regional VP of the Eastern Area.

## NORTHERN REGION

Summer is upon us; it's extremely hot and humid here in Southern Pennsylvania.

Our first outing, we were with the First State Travelers out of Delaware. We enjoyed a rally at Lums Pond. All attendees had a great time. On Friday night we left the FSTers, and we drove to Lancaster, PA, to be with the Friendly Maryland Travelers. We attended a real Amish Dinner in the basement of a local Amish family. Everyone enjoyed the food and hospitality.

We came home for a few days and headed to Goshen, Indiana, for the Ramblin' Pushers FMCA Maintenance Session. The Maintenance Session is full of seminars, air conditioning to generators and everything in between. It's like being back in school again. We have been a part of the MS session since 2008, so it's always a fun time to see old friends and meet new ones. Larry and I are charter members for this chapter, and was on the nominating committee. Larry helped again with parking, and I taught a craft class. Of course, we stayed over for repairs. And we returned home to more repairs. Geez.

In June, we camped with the Dogwood Chapter in Lancaster, PA. We enjoyed meeting the members, good food and fellowship. We went to Bird in Hand Family Restaurant for dinner and then saw Ryan and Friends. Ryan is a Christian comedian and ventriloquist.

The week of July 4<sup>th</sup> we camped with Penn Coachmen at the Pocono Raceway. We always enjoy this event. If you have never been, put it on your calendar for next year. You won't be disappointed.

We look forward to helping with the Hershey RV Show in Harrisburg, PA, September 13-17, 2023. Stop by and see us at the FMCA booth.

[We are looking forward to GEAR \(10/4-8/2023\) in Lewisburg, WV.](#)

Save the dates:

**10/4-8/2023 - GEAR in Lewisburg, WV.**

Safe travels and hope to see everyone soon.

Clarissa Sherrow F403780

Eastern Area – Northern Regional Vice President

## SOUTHERN REGION

Hopefully everyone is having a great summer, doing a lot of traveling, staying COOL and rallying with your local chapters. We have had a chance to visit a couple of chapters this summer. A visit with the Carolina Pelicans in May and with the Coastal Tarheels in June. The Coastal Tarheels was a special rally as they celebrated their 45th anniversary. That chapter has special feeling with me because they were the first chapter I visited as a new Regional Vice President. They made me feel like I had been doing that for years. Also, one of their members, Otho Tew, helped start the Carolina Pelicans. A lot of National Officers have come out of that chapter. Congratulations Coastal Tarheels; stay strong, and continue to be the great chapter you are.

That being said; all the chapters in the Southern Region are top notch chapters, active, very co-operative, and willing to do most anything asked of them. Thank you, Southern Region Chapters. November will find us visiting the Carolina Heartlanders chapter at the Raleigh Oaks campground. Looking forward to visiting with that group again.

Hopefully everyone has registered for GEAR in Lewisburg in October, which is a perfect time of the year to be in West Virginia and be part of a great AREA rally. See you in Lewisburg.

I had a chance recently to take advantage of one of our FMCA benefits. I had to put new tires on my coach recently and I went through FMCA. Did some comparison and the prices that you arrive at with the FMCA cannot be beat. Makes me proud I serve on the Membership Member Services committee. A lot of work goes into bringing you these benefits. By the way, you have three of the four members of that committee from the Eastern Area

As you travel this summer, please be careful, stay cool, visit your chapter rally and please be active in trying to recruit new members. Remember it is still "all about having fun." Have a great summer and we'll see you in Lewisburg.

Chris F Holtzman F388492

VP Southern Region EAMA

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## CENTRAL REGION

Summer greetings to all Central Region Chapters of the Eastern Area Motorcoach Association. BOY...is it hot in some areas!! Hopefully everyone has found a cool area to camp in this summer. Summer is always a great time to get together with family and friends, travel to new areas, and gather at chapter rallies. Remaining active ensures your chapter's health and contributes to the overall health of FMCA.

After spending about 7 weeks at our son's southern Missouri farm, doing a little RV reset and replenish...and spoiling our Grand-kids...Lee and I started out just before Memorial Day and headed for the cooler climes of Michigan, the Upper Peninsula, and the upper Midwest. Unfortunately, after a few years of declining health, Lee's Mom passed in early June so we turned around and headed back to Missouri for her service. Thanks to all our FMCA family for their condolences.

Next up was the Midwest Area rally in Chippewa Falls, WI. It was a great area rally with lots of neat things to do. I volunteered for Activity Carts and Lee assisted with crafts...always a great way to meet fellow FMCA members. We had fun meeting lots of new FMCA members at the Chapter Fair, and instead of a "Block Party," the Midwest Area did a "Chapter Fest" type gathering with all the chapters in one area...providing food, fun, and fellowship...and some even had Margaritas!

After Chippewa Falls we trekked across Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and down into Idaho, checking out all the National Park sites along the way and visiting a bonus son in Watford City, ND, that has a new daughter. We are currently sitting at 6800 ft outside West Yellowstone, MT, enjoying the cooler weather until it is time to head towards FMCA's national rally in Gillette, WY, in late August. All four National Officers will be elected at the Gillette rally, so it is important that your National Director, Alt National Director, or your designated Chapter Representative attend. This is an important election of National Officers that will lead FMCA thru the post-COVID era.

Hopefully you are all planning to attend GEAR 2023 this coming October 04-07 in Lewisburg WV. More to follow on GEAR planning as we get closer to those dates.

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'll see you all soon.

Vr/Andy Deal, F359977

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# EAMA HELP WANTED ALL POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

EAMA is soliciting applicants, volunteers and/or nominees for leadership positions in the organization. Elections will be held during the Great Eastern Area Rally in Lewisburg, W. Va.

We will be voting for the following positions and it would be great to have some competition for the following: SR. VP, Area VPs, Treasurer, and Secretary.

**We request that all current EAMA officers as well as chapter officers poll their members for prospective candidates and notify the nominating committee of all potential office seekers.** This is an excellent opportunity to serve the organization using your skills of: leadership, coach, counselor, finance, organization, etc. You will also have an opportunity to make improvement to enhance the overall operation of our group. I am confident the successful applicants will be rewarded with a great deal of satisfaction from their service to our membership.

Thank you all in advance for your participation and willingness to serve.

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- **8/2-5/2023** Northeast Area Rally, Herkimer County Fairgrounds, Frankfort, NY
- **8/23-26/2023** FMCA 107th International Convention; Gillette, WY
- **10/4-8/2023** GEAR Lewisburg, WV. WV State Fairgrounds. **THEME: Autumn in the Mountains.** Check the EAMA website for updates <https://www.fmca-ea.com>

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