

## **Annual Meeting of the Eastern Area Motorhome Association of FMCA**

Saturday, October 7, 2023: Lewisburg, WV

Phyllis Britz (President) in the Chair

### **Roll Call:**

Sue Cipa, Secretary took roll call and delivered meeting packets. Twenty-two delegates were registered as present and therefore a quorum was determined.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Britz, President at 9:47 am.

**Invocation:** Bill Mallory

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Andy Deal, Central Regional V.P.

**Secretary's Report:** Sue Cipa read the minutes of July 16, 2022. No changes were made. Chirs Holtzman motioned to accept the minutes as read, Dennis Ducharme second. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Berkley Alexander stated the report was handed out and submitted for review. No questions were asked. Phyllis stated the report would go to file.

**President's Report:** Phyllis stated her report was handed out and is on file. (Copy attached).

**Senior Vice President:** Dennis Ducharme, spoke about his report. It was handed out to the group. His report is on file.

**Regional V.P. Reports:** All reports were talked about and were all accepted for file. (copies are attached)

**Central Regional V.P.:** Andy Deal,  
**Northern Regional V.P.:** Clarissa Sherrow  
**Southern Regional V.P.:** Chris Holtzman  
**Western Regional V.P.:** Garnetta Mallory

**Audit Report:** Wilt Greenwood. 2023 Report is on file. They will do audits via calendar year. Audit was done in Perry, GA. No discrepancies were reported. His report was accepted and went to file.

**Nominating Committee:** Leon Whitt, Chairman with slate of Officers  
2024 Slate of Officers



President:	Phyllis Britz
Sr. V.P.:	Dave Fowler
Secretary:	Sue Cipa
Treasurer:	Berkley Alexander
Southern V.P.:	Chris Holtzman
Central V.P.:	Lynn Nelson
Northern V.P.:	Clarissa Sherrow
Western V.P.:	Garnetta Mallory

There were no withdrawals or no additional nominations from the floor.

Motion to close the nominations and accept the 2024 Slate of Officers, no discussion was made.

Motioned: Bruce Taylor  
Seconded: Bill Mallory

Phyllis read the oath, which all the officers repeated. Lynn Nelson was not present during the election.

Phyllis thanked Dennis Ducharme and Andy Deal for all their hard work and dedication to EAMA. They will both be retiring from their positions.

**Unfinished Business:** None stated.

**New Business:**

- **Chapter Anniversaries:**

Chapters who had anniversaries in 2023

Kentuckiana Travelers  
Cardinal Virginians  
Coastal Tarheels  
Carolina Heartlanders  
Rolling Red Hatters  
GMC Dixielanders  
Coaches for Christ

Chapters who will celebrate an anniversary in 2024.

Carolina Pelicans  
Foothill Travelers  
Tennessee Travelers  
Tiffin Travelers  
Dixie Travelers  
Capitol  
Bay Travelers  
Penn Coachmen

- **Budget for 2024:** Berkley is working on that.

- **GEAR 2023 Participant Evaluation**

Phyllis asked how we can get input on our rally? To reach out to participants. We want feedback. Tim Keppler will work on some type of survey.

- **GEAR 2024**

Fletcher, NC (Asheville)  
October 23-27  
W. NC AG Center

Phyllis wants to have a planning meeting down there sometime in April or May in 2024. She wants the chairs and co. chairs to attend.

Mark Glover suggested that we add a questionnaire to the goodie bags next year.

Bill Mallory said he was at Asheville before and that there are some challenges there. There is so much to see and visit in the area also. He said the golf cart vendor is in the area and we should be able to save some money there. NC is not a red state so we should be able to get "show coaches" there too.

- **GEAR 2025:**

Jim Giffin and Dave Fowler visited a site in Myrtle Beach. It has some good features, but only had one large building. They also want people to make their own reservations. Brad Brown mentioned that their old Good Sams group did a rally at Meadow Event Park in Ashland, VA and it worked well.

- **Rally Site Committee:** It was suggested that we have a "Rally Site Committee", and Dave Fowler, Jim Giffin, Chris Holtzman & Bill Mallory will make up this committee for 2024 and will continue to look for locations that might work for GEAR.

- **Nominating Committee for 2024**

Nominations: Leon Whitt, Bill Mallory, Dennis Ducharme

Motion was made to elect this committee by Marvin Ballard and seconded by Bruce Taylor. No opposed.

- **Audit Committee for 2024**

Jim Giffin, Wilt Greenwood & Ed Herbert



- **Bylaws Committee:** Garnetta Mallory was willing to work on these.
- **AED's:** Phyllis was asked about loaning/renting our EAMA AED. It was suggested that we share the AED's with INTO. We could take turns in getting the machines refurbished. (approximately \$600 each time). Gary Cipa recommended that we get a waterproof bag to carry the machines in the carts. He carried one in his golf cart in a plastic bag this year.

A motion was made by Wilt Greenwood and seconded by Dave Fowler to share our AED's with INTO. Details will be worked out.

- Phyllis stated that our ZOOM meetings will resume in November. She thought it was a good way to keep everyone informed.
- Barb Smith, National Treasurer, updated the group on the future of FMCA and their finances.

**Adjournment:** Dennis Ducharme motioned we end our meeting. It was seconded by Leon Whitt.

Submitted by: Sue Cipa, EAMA Secretary, F431859

## EAMA President's Report 2023.

- October/November 2022 visited potential sites for GEAR 2024. WNC Agriculture Center in Fletcher NC was visited, and a contract was signed for October 23-27, 2024.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> I attended FMCA's 106<sup>th</sup> International Convention and RV Expo in Perry Georgia. This Rally provided an opportunity to welcome The Friendly Maryland Travels chapter to the Eastern Area as they received their banner at the Eastern Area gathering. I also had the opportunity to assist Mary and Mark Glover with the formation of a new chapter, The Cumberland Travelers.
- Chapter visits this year: Capitol Chapter, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Wagontrainers, Coastal Tarheels ( 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Elizabeth River Going Strong (a former Good Sam chapter joining the FMCA family), Cardinal Virginian ( 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), and Penn Coachmen (home chapter) for a couple rallies including Penn Coachmen open Rally at the Pocono Raceway held in July. They changed the date for this rally so they can go to GEAR and volunteer!
- May 15-19 attended FMCA committee and Executive Board meetings in Cincinnati.
- Have reached out to chapters that were having some difficulties. Finding chapter members willing to be chapter officers is a common issue.
- August 3-6 attended The Northeast Area Rally in Herkimer NY. Participated in their chapter fair with an EAMA display. Promoted GEAR and did a seminar on recruiting.
- Attended FMCA's 107<sup>th</sup> International Convention and RV Expo "Celebrating Sixty" in August. Although the Eastern Area had a distance to get there, we had over 80%-chapter representation for the Governing Board Meeting and the Eastern Area's Cumberland Travelers won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the parade! I participated in the Chapter Fair for EAMA and promoted GEAR. Visited vendors seeking their support for GEAR.
- Coordinated staffing and participated in the Hershey RV Show in September. This group was able to recruit 130 new FMCA members, signed up 16 Pathfinders and did several FMCA renewals.
- An outcome from last year's Presidents Roundtable Discussion at GEAR, monthly EAMA workshops were held. These zoom meetings gave an opportunity for the exchange of information, and planning.
- I have been working with the EAMA webmaster, Tim Keppler, to make the website more user friendly and informative.
- GEAR 2023 work has been on going with many helping hands.
- Challenges for EAMA:
  - to maintain and strengthen the Chapters we have, while finding opportunities to add new chapters.
  - Encourage our members to be leaders, whether at the Chapter or Area level.
  - Work at improving communication at all levels and improving the EAMA website.
  - Increase our membership through recruiting for FMCA and Chapters. New members equal new ideas, energy, and friends!

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Britz, F423634



## October 7, 2023

### Sr. Vice Presidents Annual Report

2023 started with a bang! Our monthly Eastern Area zoom meetings helped the Presidents of the chapters a lot. We discussed emails, recruitment of chapter membership and chapter certification. We had many discussions on the upcoming GEAR rally as well as where we can possibly hold GEAR rallies in the future.

In March we had the International Convention in Perry, GA. We had a large attendance from the Eastern Area. At our Eastern Area Gathering in Perry, Phyllis introduced all the National Officers and talked about the new chapters in the area and GEAR.

Chris Holtzman and I are the Membership and Benefits committee. Ed Herbert and I talked to the vendors who were at Perry to invite them to join us at GEAR.

The GEAR rally was the main topic of our zoom meetings after the International rally in Perry. Ed and I sent out emails to campgrounds that are listed in the FMCA Family RVing magazine, to ask for welcome bag contributions. I hope everyone enjoys the GEAR rally this year.

I will not have a report for next year, Dave Fowler is taking over my position, I wish him the best and will give him my total support.

Sr. V.P.

Dennis Ducharme

# **Annual Meeting of the Eastern Area Motorhome Association of FMCA**

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Gaye Young (President) in the Chair

## **President Gaye Young introduced guests:**

Rett Porter-National President and wife Claire  
Barbara Smith-National Treasurer and husband Ed  
Connie Pool-Past President  
Ken Lewis-Great Lakes Area VP and wife Linda  
Pat Voyna-Southeast Area VP and husband Marvin

## **Roll Call:**

Secretary took a roll call and delivered meeting packets.  
Twenty-eight delegates were registered as present and therefore a quorum was determined.

Gaye Young called the meeting to order

**INVOCATION:** Leon Whitt

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Dennis Ducharme, Sr. V.P.

**ACKNOWLEDGE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Connie Pool

**SECRETARY REPORT:** (On file) Motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Leon Whitt. No corrections to the minutes were made, accepted for file.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Berkley Alexander stated report was handed out and submitted it for review. No questions were asked. Gaye accepted report for file.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Gaye Young read her report (copy attached)

**SENIOR V.P. REPORT:** Dennis Ducharme read his report (copy attached)

**REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:** On file (copies attached)

Southern Regional VP: Chris Holtzman  
Central Regional VP: Andy Deal  
Northern Regional VP: Phyllis Britz  
Western Regional VP: Garnetta Mallory

Reports were accepted for file.



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Committee consists of Wilt Greenwood (Chairman), John Reynolds and Jim Giffin

Wilt Greenwood read report and it was accepted for file.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee consists of Leon Whitt, Marge Mazzone and Jayne Reynolds.

Leon Whitt read report.

Northern Regional VP position is open. Leon asked for any nominations from the floor. No nominations were presented. This unfilled position will be discussed and a result will need to be decided. Position will go vacant.

The current executive board members are in the middle of their two-year term. The Northern VP position is the only one available.

No votes needed.

Gaye thanked Phyllis for taking on her new position and she will be sworn in at the Lincoln, Nebraska convention.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business to discuss

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 2022 Chapter Anniversaries

- Happy Tennessee Travelers: 20 years
- Frustrated Maestros Eastern Sharps & Flats: 25 years

### GEAR 2023

This will be held in Lewisburg, WV, October 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.



Nominating Committee: Volunteers for 2023: Leon Whitt, Bill Mallory, and David Fowler. By unanimous vote, the committee was accepted. Gaye thanked them for volunteering.

Audit Committee: Volunteers for 2023: Ed Herbert, Wilt Greenwood, and Jim Giffin. Gaye thanked them for volunteering.

PRESIDENT RETT PORTER spoke to the group.

Gaye Young adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Sue Cipa, EAMA Secretary 2022

Elected as Central Region VP in Dec 2021, with the term being 2022-2023. My term is up as of GEAR 2023.

Verified with the Eastern Area VP those FMCA chapters located and active in the EAMA Central Region of Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland

Contacted the Chapter Presidents for the following Central Region chapters to discuss any FMCA issues and to gather a current chapter newsletter:

Colonial Virginians  
Cardinal Virginians  
Dogwood  
Bay Travelers  
Dixie Traveliers

Added the WV Mountaineers as an active Central Region Chapter in 2023.

Visited the Dogwood and Colonial Virginians chapters for their Dec 2022/Christmas rallies, presented current FMCA National and FMCA Eastern Area information.

Attended the March 2023 FMCA Perry GA national rally as a security volunteer, and to support the Eastern Area VP for Chapter Fair and Chapter Block parties.

Attended the June 2023 FMCA Mid-West Area rally in Chippawa Falls, WI as an Activity Cart volunteer, and to support the Chapter Fair and Chapter Block Party.

Attended the August 2023 FMCA Gillette, WY national rally as Activity Cart Co-chair, and as a Governing Board representative. Also supported the Chapter Fair and Chapter Fest.

Attended the September 2023 FMCA South Central/6 State Rally as a Trams/Activity Cart LT. Also supported the Chapter Fair.

Assigned as the Activity Carts Chair for GEAR 2023, 04-08 Oct 23 in Lewisburg WV. Coordinated with GEAR Volunteer Coordinator to gather volunteers. Established GEAR activity carts schedule and interacted with assigned volunteers to fill required cart shifts. Kicked off GEAR with 95% of Activity Cart shifts filled. Agreed to host 6 first timer families with a gathering at my coach.

Certified in Adult CPR, First Aid and AED operation by the American Red Cross at GEAR 2022

Plan to attend the March 2024 FMCA Tucson AZ and August 2024 FMCA Redmond OR rallies as an Activity Cart LT, and support my follow on West Tiffin Voyagers chapter in the Rocky Mountain Area.

Chapter visits planned: None

Respectfully submitted,

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2021-2023 EAMA Central Region VP  
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## ANNUAL REPORT SOUTHERN REGION EAMA 2023

Annual reports almost always bring to light things that have gone very well and things that did not go so well. I believe overall in the Southern region things went very well. All the chapters had good rallies that were well attended. We had chapters celebrate forty and forty- five years of continuous service. Next year we have several chapters that will reach that twenty-year milestone. Nancy and myself had the privilege of attending several of these rallies.

Our new AVP Phyliss Britz hit the ground running and has done a super job of getting the Eastern Area proud to be part of the FMCA and it shows. We have a new chapter in the Southern Region. Welcome to the Carolina Drifters and its leader Gary Lyons.

In the coming weeks we will all gather in Lewisburg WV for the annual GEAR Rally. A lot of work and effort has been made putting this rally together and it should be a lot of fun and informative. Next year we travel to Ashville, NC for the GEAR Rally. It has been a few years since we have been there. It is a beautiful location in the mountains of North Carolina.

At the present time the Southern Region consists of 12 active chapters in North and South Carolina. I have been very fortunate to have the privilege to work with these fine members.

In the coming weeks we will be celebrating the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please enjoy this time with your families and thank a veteran for the peace and safety we enjoy.

Have a great Gear rally and remember "It's all about having fun."

Chris F Holtzman F388492

VP Southern Region EAMA

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Hello Fellow Rver's:

As the camping season is coming to an end for some of us will prepare for the closing of our Rv's while others will be traveling south for the winter.

Larry and I have had the pleasure of visiting several chapters in our area. We started off with the First State Travelers out of Delaware. We enjoyed an Amish dinner with the Friendly Maryland Travelers in Lancaster, PA. We were able to camp with Penn Coachmen in the Poconos at the racetrack.

We spent time with the Dogwood Chapter and also attended the Ramblin Pushers chapter 419 in Goshen, IN.

We volunteered at the Hershey RV Show recruiting new FMCA members.

Our only regrets are we were not able to make all the chapter campouts in the Northern region due to mechanical and medical issues this year. We are hoping to have a better year in 2024.

We hope everyone has a great time at GEAR.

Safe travels and hope to see you soon.

Clarissa Sherrow

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Eastern Area

Northern Area VP



EAMA  
Western Region

I want to start by saying thank you to the chapters in the Western Region.

One, for compassion and understanding that the past 20 months I needed to care for my terminally ill sister. Rosemary died in March of pancreatic cancer and I miss her every day.

Two, for being one of the greatest regions of the Eastern Area.

I was able to visit the Tennessee Travelers last year, for a very special anniversary. It was a wonderful experience. I also met with the Kentuckiana chapter. Bill and I also visited with the Ky Horse Shu Kru this summer.

I look forward to getting your rally schedules and meeting with your chapter this coming year. Please email them to [g34748mallory@gmail.com](mailto:g34748mallory@gmail.com).

Garnetta Mallory  
Western Regional VP