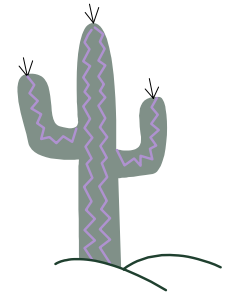


# ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA

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Martha Gardner, Editor



## PRESIDENT'S FORUM

Well, summer is almost over and we will soon begin our annual gatherings and Rallies. The first of such will be a Pre-Rally in Farmington, NM at this year's Rocky Mountain Motorcoach Association Ramble for all who wish to attend. For those who will be attending, whether as a volunteer or not, Susan and I look forward to seeing you there. We will have a great time with all the activities planned for the Arizona Chapter and the activities within the RMMA Ramble. It will be a very busy and enjoyable week in Farmington. If you are interested, **Ray Allen** is hosting a caravan to Farmington from Gallup, NM. **Ray** is planning on arriving around noon on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and will meet everyone in the holding area at the Fairgrounds. . If you are arriving from a different direction, and wish to join up and park with the rest of the Chapter Members, please plan on arriving at approximately the same time. I would also suggest that you let Ray know that you plan on meeting with the caravan in the holding area so that he can make the necessary arrangements and await your arrival. I will be arriving in Farmington around the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, so I will be able to help everyone get settled when you get there. If you need any help or if you have any concerns or questions, please let me know, and I will do my very best to help.

Our next Rally will be in Yuma, AZ the second weekend of November. **Susan** and I will be hosting this rally and as we get closer, we will send everyone all of the rally information, costs, etc. We certainly hope that all of you will be able to, and plan to attend. Susan and I will be hosting the New Year's Rally again this year. We plan not only matching last New Year's rally, but hopefully will have additional fun and activities this year.

**Susan** and I traveled extensively over the summer. Our travels took us to Richmond Virginia where we attended the GEAR (Eastern Area) Rally. Then on to DC, Reading, PA, the Finger Lakes area of NY, Buffalo, onto Ohio where we attended three different rallies in addition to the National Convention, then to Oshkosh, WI for the Experimental Aircraft Association fly in. From there, we went to Kansas, and Colorado. Quite a trip and a lot of great places to visit. This summer I decided to run for Senior VP in the RMMA and hope most of you that are attending the Ramble will lend me your support. In addition, I have been elected to the National Nominating Committee and also appointed to the Long Range Development Committee. Think I maybe need to start saying no one of these days?

Last but not least, it is with great pride that the Arizona Chapter has volunteered for the Ramble this year. I must also take a moment to give kudos to **Grace Fogarty** for agreeing to head up and arrange a Chapter skit for the third annual Chapter Talent night at the Ramble. Let's all attend on Saturday evening and give our support to **Grace** and the Arizona Chapter performers. Hopefully, they will win a prize for the Chapter. Make us proud **Grace**, as I am sure you will.

Harry Montgomery, President

## FARMINGTON PRE-RALLY

For volunteers and early arrivals, I have scheduled a room in Farmington for a pre-rally dinner on Sunday evening the 11<sup>th</sup> of October

In addition, we have a room scheduled for Thursday evening the 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM for all members. It will be a fun time together for Happy Hour with some heavy hors d'oeuvres

Harry Montgomery, President

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## AZ FMCA RALLIES 2009-2010

**\*\*October 10, pre-rally in Farmington, NM**

**October 13-17 Rocky Mountain Ramble  
Farmington, New Mexico**

**November 12-15, 2009 - Yuma Fairgrounds  
Rally Master – TBA**

**December 30, 2009 – January 2, 2010  
Saddle Mountain RV Resort, Tonopah, AZ  
Rally Master: Harry & Susan Montgomery  
623-341-3218**

**\*\*February 9-12, 2010 Pinal County Fairgrounds  
Rally Master – Don & Marilyn Hawkinson  
480-671-6354**

**\*\*NOTE: TUES-FRI**

**March 11-14, 2010 – Canyon Vistas RV Park-  
Gold Canyon , AZ  
Rally Master- Don & Marilyn Hawkinson  
480-671-6354**

**March 22-25, 2010 83<sup>rd</sup> International Convention  
Albuquerque, NM**

**April 8-11, 2010 – Augies Quail Trail RV Park  
Rally Master – Harlie & Mary Goss, 602-882-9950**

## Publication Deadlines



**Publications on 20<sup>th</sup> of:**

**January, February, March,  
April, September, October,  
November**

**Deadline for news is:**

**18<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the rally**

## In Memory



**Duane Pindell.....5/1/09**

**Herb Schiller.....5/6/09**

*Former member* **Earl Allgeier .....5/16/09**

**Bud Harp.....9/12/09**



**AZFMCA** members and anyone else interested in going to Farmington for “The 2009 Rocky Mountain Ramble” in Farmington, New Mexico.

The volunteers from the Arizona Chapter are scheduled to arrive in Farmington on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Harry Montgomery is setting up a pre-rally for all interested including members who have chosen not to or are unable to volunteer. The pre-rally will start on October 10<sup>th</sup>, two days early and park in the space that we would normally occupy even though we are arriving early. The cost for the pre-rally will be \$20.00 per coach per night. Those wishing to attend the early arrival will be gathering at the Red Rock State Park east of Gallup, NM on the 9<sup>th</sup>, stay overnight at the Park, then caravan into Farmington on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

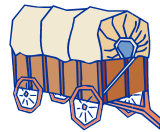
Red Rock State Park, NM is located 10.1 mile east of Gallup, NM on I-40 and on the North side of the Highway.

I have been able to make our reservations for the night of October 9, 2009, at Red Rock State Park Gallup, NM. She has reserved the west campgrounds (38 spaces) for us. Stop at the museum and register with Beverly. The fees are as follows: Water + electric 30 or 50 amp \$20.00 per night. Electricity only \$15.00 per night Dry camping \$10.00 per night. There are restrooms, showers and two dump stations available

We will leave Gallup between 8 and 9 am and travel to Farmington, NM estimated driving time at 55 mile/hour is 3 hrs. That should put us into Farmington at noon.

Please contact Ray Allen 928-300-1118 or [raya@commspeed.net](mailto:raya@commspeed.net) if you wish to join the caravan.

**Ray Allen. Caravan Leader**



## WAGONMASTER REPORT

The 2009-2010 rally season is about to kick off. Our first gathering is scheduled in conjunction with the 2009 Rocky Mountain Area Ramble in Farmington, New Mexico. The first Arizona Chapter Rally will be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds to be hosted by Harry and Susan Montgomery. The dates for this rally are Thursday, November 12th to Sunday, November 15th. Hope everyone has had a safe and fun summer.

**Harlie Goss, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Wagon Master**



## VP/MEMBERSHIP

Hope everyone had a great summer and ready to get into the swing of our fall rallies.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Farmington and starting our 2010 season in November.

It is membership renewal time, and for your convenience I have enclosed a renewal application on the back page.

**Martha Gardner, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER August 31, 2009

### Checking

Beginning Balance 4/1/09	\$1900.11
Checking Deposits	\$ 99.49
Checking Withdrawals:	\$1091.91
<b>August 31, 2009 Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 907.69</b>

### Savings

Beginning Balance 4/1/09	\$10,501.62
Savings Deposits: (Interest)	\$ 6.56
Savings Withdrawals:	\$ 0.00
<b>August 31, 2009 Balance</b>	<b>\$10,508.18</b>

**Total \$11415.87**  
**Bud Hubbard, Treasurer**



## WEBMASTER'S CORNER

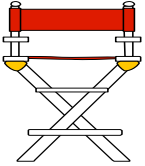
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<http://www.rvtravel.com/RVroad/man-mohome394.shtml>

Here is a link for everyone

[http://rvtravel.com/RV\\_Doctor\\_160/](http://rvtravel.com/RV_Doctor_160/)

Gene Redman, Webmaster



## NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The annual meeting of the National Directors was held on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. The meeting was 13 hours long with only a lunch break. I want to give you a brief synopsis of the meeting.

There were 421 voting members at the convention, which was 84% of the total possible voting members.

The National Executive Board presented a budget that included many cuts in operating expenses and various and sundry benefits of the board and the membership. Included in the proposed cuts were such things as a 50% reduction in Executive Board travel expenses, staff reductions, elimination of the 401K contribution for employees, cuts in travel per-diem, elimination of Medex, elimination of the Road Atlas, 50% reduction in Governing Board refunds, etc. Included in the Budget, as presented, were several proposed revenue enhancements. Included were increases in early registration for the National Conventions by \$15.00 bringing the total to \$145.00 vs. the current \$130.00. The Executive Board also recommended an increase in mail forwarding charges from the current \$5.00 to \$10.00 to make this item self sustaining. Even with all of the proposed cuts and increased revenue items, the budget, as presented, still contained a deficit of around \$300,000.00

The Governing Board then made several motions (including those below) which restored some of the above as follows:

***It was moved that FMCA fund MEDEX for 2010 as per the two year***

***contract signed last year. The motion passed.***

***It was moved that the full amount of Government Board reimbursement of \$130.00 be returned and that snacks and Governing Board spouse lunches be eliminated. The motion Passed***

As a result of the above actions by the Governing Board, the FMCA 2010 Budget deficit now stands at approximately \$800,000.00

A total of 11 proposed By Law changes/Updates were presented by the By Laws Committee which were mostly administrative corrections. However there were two that I feel need to be addressed;

***1. It was proposed and approved that FMCA establish An Associate Chapter designation. This Chapter can be formed with as few as 7 members and will not have Governing Board representation. If the Associate Chapter grows to at least 15 Members, they can apply to become a certified Chapter and have voting rights. This proposed change was approved.***

***2. A new Article was proposed (Interactive Electronic Communication). As written, this new Article caused a lot of concern with the Governing Board. As such, it was moved and passed that this Article be sent back to committee for further review.***

Under new business, the Governing Board moved that the Board be reimbursed the new early registration fee of \$145.00 vs the current \$130.00. This motion Passed

It was proposed that a committee of 5 FMCA members be formed to explore options with regard to future MEDEX or MEDEX similar contracts. Such committee shall not include more than 2 Executive Board members and such committee shall present its findings to the Executive Board in the November 09 meeting and be brought to the Governing Board meeting in

Redmond, Oregon in August 2010. This motion passed.

It was moved that FMCA increase the annual dues by \$5.00. This motion passed. However, the FMCA By-Laws require that any dues increase must be presented in writing to the Governing Board 120 days in advance of any increase and contain a mail in ballot for approval. This will now be done. As such, it will probably take a minimum of 150 to 160 days before any dues increase can be implemented

The final FMCA Budget as approved now stands with a deficit of \$794,072.

I will bring all the paperwork from the Convention to our next rally.

Susan Montgomery, Arizona Chapter National Director

## SNICKERS AND GIGGLES



After a hardy rainstorm filled all the potholes in the streets and alleys, a young mother watched her two little boys playing in the puddle through her kitchen window.

The older of the two, a five-year-old lad, grabbed his sibling by the back of his head and shoved his face into the water hole.

As the boy recovered and stood laughing and dripping, the mother runs to the yard in a panic.

'Why on earth did you do that to your little brother?!' she asks as she shook the older boy in anger.

'We were just playing 'church' mommy, ' he said. 'And I was just baptizing him....in the name of the Father, the Son and in...the hole he goes.



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'

The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

## CELL PHONE NUMBERS GO PUBLIC

REMEMBER: Cell Phone Numbers Go Public this month, and being released to telemarketing companies. You will start to receive sales calls and YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone:1-888-382-1222 . It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time, and blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

*Thank you, Ginny for forwarding the above article.*

## SUNSHINE REPORT



**Nancy Loos** is waiting for a new transplant; She has no immune system and low platelets. She would love to hear from you.

**Bill Rauschmier** fell this summer, and had surgery to repair his shattered wrist, that will take at least 8 weeks to mend.

**Len Pig** is still having problems with his hips, and getting around with a cane and walker.

**Joan Pigg**, walked into a metal strip hanging from the ceiling while visiting a friend who was remodeling her house from top to bottom. Since then she has been having headaches and numbness. If new medicine doesn't work, she will have an MRI



## Welcome New Members

**David & Larena Lloyd**



# Red Hat Luncheon

Greetings!!

I hope your summer is going well, and I hope many of you are planning to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Rock Mountain Ramble in Farmington, New Mexico on October 13 - 17. I know many of you are waiting for information concerning the Red Hats luncheon at the Ramble. We have fun entertainment planned along with door prizes and just meeting old friends and making new ones! Please pass this on to everyone you know who might be interested in attending.

**Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 Time: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Place: San Juan Country Club, 5775 Country Club Drive, Farmington, NM**

**Directions to the Country Club will be given to you at Farmington**

**Deadline for reservation: September 30, 2009 - call or email if your reservation form won't reach me by 9/30.**

**The cost of the luncheon is listed below and includes tax and gratuity.** The luncheon will be Chicken Caesar Salad and dessert (Chef's choice). Send the form along with your check as soon as possible. If Red Hatters need to pay dues for 2009, please add \$10.00. Dues for 2010 may also be included or be paid at the luncheon. If you have any questions, let me know!!

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN RED HATS LUNCHEON REGISTRATION**

*Deadline for registration: September 30, 2009. No refunds after October 5, 2009*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
Make check payable to: Rocky Mountain Red Hats

Lunch: Chicken Caesar Salad and Chef's Choice for Dessert

Please check the appropriate line.  
\_\_\_\_\$12.00 for members    \_\_\_\_\$17.00 for guests    \_\_\_\_\$10.00 for 2009 Dues

**Mail to: Glenda Rein, 131 Shiloh Drive, Canon City, CO 81212**



# ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA

2009 RAMBLE  
FARMINGTON, NM

Saturday, October 10

**Arrival and Parking – Approximately 12:00 PM**

**Meet in the Holding Area with the Caravan from Gallup**

**4:30 Happy Hour**

Sunday, October 11

**7:30 – 8:30 Volunteer Coffee & Donuts Room D**

**4:00 Arizona Chapter Thank You – Subs, Pizza, Soft Drinks**

**Room D – National & RMMA Officers Invited**

Monday, October 12

**7:30 – 8:30 Volunteer Coffee & Donuts Room D**

**On your own – Check out Farmington, Casino, etc**

**4:30 Happy Hour – in Coach Area**

Tuesday, October 13

**7:30 – 8:30 Volunteer Coffee & Donuts Room D**

**9:00 Tram Driver Orientation - Room C**

**2:00 Seminar Orientation – Room C**

**4:30 Happy Hour – in Coach Area**

**6:00 Volunteer Dinner**

Wednesday, October 14

**7:30 – 8:30 Volunteer Coffee & Donuts Room D**

**3:00 – 4:00 Chapter Fair**

**4:30 Happy Hour – in Coach Area**

Thursday, October 15

**7:30 – 8:30 Volunteer Coffee & Donuts Room D**

**4:00 – 5:00 Happy hour with Heavy Hors devourers – Room D**

Friday, October 16

**7:30 – 9:00 Breakfast**

Saturday, October 17

**7:30 – 9:00 Breakfast**

**9:30 Get the Arizona Chapter Team in the Beanbag  
Baseball Games – Form a Team and have fun.**

**ENJOY ALL OF THE RAMBLE ACTIVITIES.**

# Arizona Chapter FMCA 2009-2010 Rally Season

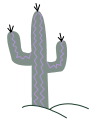
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Rally Master</b>
<b>October 11, 2009</b> 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Pre-rally get together	San Juan County Fairgrounds, McGee Park Farmington New Mexico	Harry & Susan Montgomery Region 3 VP 623-341-6602 hsmonty@gmail.com
<b>October 13-17, 2009</b> Harvest Ho'Down 26 <sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain Ramble	San Juan County Fairgrounds, McGee Park Farmington New Mexico	Harry Montgomery, Region 3 VP 623-341-6602 hsmonty@gmail.com
<b>November 12-15, 2009</b>	Yuma Fairgrounds Yuma, AZ	Harry Montgomery, Region 3 VP 623-341-6602 hsmonty@gmail.com
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<b>February 9-12, 2010</b> ***NOTE TUES-FRI***	Pinal County Fairgrounds Casa Grande, AZ	Don & Marilyn Hawkinson 480-671-6354 hawker7725@yahoo.com
<b>March 18-21, 2010?</b>	Canyon Vistas Gold Canyon, AZ	Don & Marilyn Hawkinson 480-671-6354 hawker7725@yahoo.com
<b>April 8-11, 2010</b>	Augies Quail Trail RV Park Gila Bend, AZ	Harlie & Mary Goss, 602-882-9950 maryharlie@hotmail.com



**Arizona Chapter  
 Rally**

Mark your calendars  
 and plan to join us for  
 a fun filled season.





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(Sept. 1, 2009) -- The prototype of a new motorhome just for men debuted this week at a Dusseldorf, Germany RV show. The "Man Cave on Wheels" includes what its designers believe is the ideal rig for a guy -- like a poker table and two large-screen TVs. The kitchen is man-style with no fancy gadgets, just a two-burner stove, microwave and barbecue.



A centerpiece of the RV is the living room complete with large bar and spirits dispenser. A pull-out sitting room suite and a roof patio provide for outdoor comfort.

The website Gizmo.com described the RV's entertainment system:  
"All your entertainment needs are catered for, from poker on the round table to the electronic dartboard and foosball table. Or how about a bit of dancing under the disco mirror ball to the high-powered music system or the built-in radio? That is, if you're not engrossed in a movie or sport on one of the two plasma screens. Nothing on satellite TV? Then connect the Nintendo Wii. After working up a sweat, sit back with a beer or a cocktail at the bar while relaxing on the special cowhide bar stools."

On the ceiling, clear skylights reveal the roof-top sundeck. And if the two big screen TVs are not big enough, there's a large projection screen attached to the rear of the RV.

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