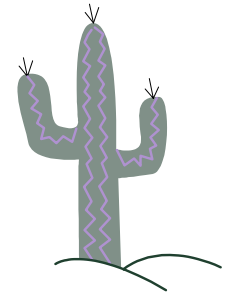


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Martha Gardner, Editor



PRESIDENT'S FORUM

Well, we have just completed another Rocky Mountain Ramble in Farmington, NM. Thanks to all of the Arizona Chapter members that volunteered at the Ramble. For those unable to attend, you missed a great Pre Rally and a great Ramble. A great time was had by all. I would also like to send a special thanks to those members that performed in the Chapter Talent night representing our Chapter. They did a great job and put on a very nice skit. Unfortunately, they did not win, but the competition was really strong and all of the Chapters (6 in all) participating did a fantastic job. Let's start planning for next year's Chapter Talent night and I am sure that we, the Arizona Chapter can and will win. It was great fun.

In this news letter is the registration for the Yuma rally. It is my understanding that many of our members have conflicts this year and will not be able to attend the rally. If you plan on attending, please get your registration form to Susan and I ASAP. If we do not get sufficient attendance, I am afraid we will have to cancel the rally.

Harry Montgomery, President

We will soon be working on putting the next season together. We continue to have some difficulty in getting volunteers to host our rallies. Please let either Harry or I know of your apprehensions so that we can address those concerns. How can we make it simpler? We have published the Chapter's guidelines for Rally Masters. That document can be found on the Arizona Chapter's web site at <http://www.azfmca.org/images/RallyMaster.pdf>.

Harlie Goss



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER September 29, 2009

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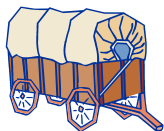
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Checking Deposits	\$ 15.00
Checking Withdrawals:	\$ 34.89
Sept 29, 2009 Balance:	\$ 887.80

Savings

Beginning Balance 9/01/09	\$10,508.18
Savings Deposits: (Interest)	\$.00
Savings Withdrawals:	\$ 0.00
Sept. 29, 2009 Balance	\$10,508.18

Total \$11,395.98

Bud Hubbard, Treasurer



WAGONMASTER REPORT

Hello from southern California. We are slowly working our way back to Arizona. I hope all of you had a great summer. By now, the first gathering of the chapter will have met at the Rocky Mountain Area Rally in Farmington, NM. The 2009-2010 Arizona Chapter rally season has been set.

2010 RALLY CALENDAR CORRECTION

Don't know whose number I put on the 2010 Rally Calendar, but it isn't Harry & Susan's. Please change Harry & Susan's contact number to 480-419-8705. Thanks!

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AZ FMCA RALLIES 2009-2010

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

Co Rally Master: Lil Hoover

March 22-25, 2010 83rd 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 20th of:

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

Deadline for news is:

18th of the month preceding the rally



Don't let the Goblins get ya!

FARMINGTON RAMBLE

OUR GANG



The start of 10 fun-filled days with friends began October 6, when I left Mesa with **Dan & Grace Fogarty**. Our job was making signs, and boy did we ever make signs. The last sign we made was Friday evening. The first evening, we joined the RMMA Officers at the casino for Prime Rib. The next morning, we unpacked sign boxes and while **Grace** did the inventory, I made additional signs for people to pick up that afternoon. Three days later, several members who had come from the north were waiting to rendezvous with **Ray Allen** and his caravan –and were we ever glad to see them. **Harry & Susan Montgomery** did a great job hosting the Chapter volunteer appreciation dinner, with “make your own subs,” soft drinks and water. At the Chapter volunteer dinner, **Harry** introduced a number of FMCA National and RMMA past and present Officers, including the new FMCA President, **Charlie Schrenkel**, who is a real neat person. Your roving reporter was there for dinner, without pad and pencil for notes, and like everyone else, her memory ain’t what it used to be. Tuesday, October 13, there was a volunteer dinner for all the RMMA volunteers. I believe I heard a count of 365 total volunteers. Later that evening **Grace Fogarty** was a big winner at the card bingo. The IRS is looking for her, so I won’t say how much she won - except BIG! 25 chapter members enjoyed an excellent meal at Si Seniors Mexican restaurant. The service was good and much to our surprise they served the food in about 10-15 minutes. Next time you are in Farmington, put that on your must stop and do list. **Susan Montgomery** was in charge of setting up the Chapter Fair, from which we gleaned **Danny & Mary Cunningham** as new members, and joined us for heavy hors d’oeuvres on the 15th. **Don & Marilyn Hawkinson** were kept busy overseeing the seminar volunteers. At the seminar meeting volunteers were able to volunteer for seminars of interest to them. **Jim Crimmins** was on the first place golf team. **Harry** had made a horse race game that was a hoot. Be on

the look out for it at one of our rallies. **Ruth Smith** put a chapter team together for Beanbag Baseball. They were pitted against the officers – the score was close in favor of the officers. In between having fun and their appointed jobs the skit people were able to get together to practice the chapter skit. Six chapters participated in the Saturday night skit contest. Our players **Grace Fogarty, Art & Gloria Nelson, Dewey & Paulette David, Jim & Phyllis Denny and Bob Smith** did a great job singing a Ramble version of “She’ll Be Coming Around the Mountain,” and telling jokes. They told us how bad the economy was, and **Dewey** told us his body qualified for cash for clunkers. Seems like things didn’t work like they used to, and he was making funny sounds. From the expressions on the faces of the other players, I think I know what they were! They may not have won first place, but they are a winner in my book. Saturday night **Ruth Smith** was one of the big winners of the nightly 50/50 drawing.

It was a fun time and we are looking forward to next year’s Ramble and having another great time working and playing together.



RAMBLE OVERVIEW

The weather provided us with sunny skies that got up in the mid 60’s to 70’s during the day and down in the mid 30’s to 40’s at night. They had the greatest parking crew, who greeted people with smiles and jokes, and after all was said and done ended up parking 568 coaches. The tram drivers did a great job moving all these people to the various activities. They had a record number of first timers with 204 in attendance. Several of our members were among them. Attendees enjoyed shopping at the 72 vendors who displayed an assorted variety of wares. A combination of vendors and outside people presented 68 informative and interesting seminars. Our seminar people did a fantastic job juggling all the seminars. The Farmington Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsored a scavenger hunt that took people to interesting locations both before and during the Ramble. The winner, won a beautiful Pendleton blanket that would have looked great at my house. . Those who

went four-wheeling had a great time.. The two nights of professional entertainment were great. Tickets to the Rex Allen Jr. show was opened up to the folks in Farmington and surrounding areas; and moved to the coliseum to accommodate the crowd. You should have seen the grand entrance the classic cars made.. People enjoyed looking at the cars and reminiscing, so think they are going to have that again next year.

Very well received and a first at the Ramble was United Blood Services. They had such an overwhelming response the first day that they had to bring in more technicians. Total blood donated by our Ramblers was 51 pints. Another first was an organization that makes easy on and off clothing for our wounded warriors who have lost limbs. Ramblers donated \$1300 dollars and donated clothes to made into easy off and on; others made transport bags and bedrail organizers for our boys who lost limbs. Thanks to the good hearts of attendees, the Farmington Food Bank had 1000 pounds of food to add to their inventory when we left. I don't know about you, but the community spirit of our FMCA members make me very proud to be a part of this organization.

Make plans to attend next year's Ramble, which will surely be even bigger and better. The theme is "*Swing time in the Rockies.*"

Martha Gardner, Editor

VP/MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to our new members **Bo and Christi Adams, Danny & Mary Cunningham, Jim & Bonnie Wasson, and Nancy Rogers & Vic Hannig.** We look forward to meeting and camping with you..

If you receive your newsletter by mail, please check the numbers above your name. If it says 09 your dues are due. If you receive your newsletter by email, your copy with indicate your dues are due.

Martha Gardner, 2nd VP Membership



A PHONE NUMBER EVERYONE NEEDS!

Just leave it up to Google to come up with something like this!

Here's a number worth putting in your cell phone, or your

home phone speed dial:

1-800-goog411 or 1-800-466-4411.

This is an awesome service from Google, and it's free -- great when you are on the road. Don't waste your money on information calls and don't waste your time manually dialing the number.

I am driving along in my car, I need to call the golf course, and I don't know the number. I hit the speed dial for information that I have programmed (1-800-goog411).

The voice at the other end says, "Say the name of the business and the City and State."

I say, "Firewheel Golf Course, Garland , Texas."

He says, "Connecting," and Firewheel answers the phone. How great is that? This is nationwide and it is absolutely free! Works on cell and landline phones.

Ginny Brandt, keeping us informed

SNICKERS AND GIGGLES



I just had a call from a Charity asking me to donate some of my clothes to the starving people throughout the world. I told them No Way! Anybody who fits into my clothes isn't starving!



Welcome New Members

Paul (Bo) & Christi Adams
Danny & Mary Cunningham
Nancy Rogers & Vic Hannig
Jim & Bonnie Wasson



Yuma 2009

Rally

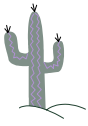


Yuma County Fairgrounds
Yuma, AZ
November 12th - 15th

Thursday November 12th	
Arrival & Parking	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Happy Hour	4:00 PM
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres	5:00 PM
Friday November 13th	
Pot Luck Breakfast (Bring something to Share) (Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, etc.)	8:00 AM
Lunch - On your own	
Activity Suggestions	
Algodones - Bring your Passport	
Yuma valley Railway - 2 Hour ride along the Colorado River	
Happy Hour	4:00 PM
Dinner - Pizza Party Salad & Ice Cream	5:00 PM
Game - Left Right Center Dice Game - Bring 9 Dimes & 9 Quarters	7:00 PM
Saturday November 14th	
Breakfast by Committee	8:00 AM
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Biscuits	
Lunch - On Your Own	
Activity Suggestions	
Swap Meets	
Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Park	
Happy Hour - Bring Light Snacks	4:00 PM
Dinner - Pot Luck	5:00 PM
Card Bingo - Bring 6 Dimes & 4 Quarters	7:00 PM
Sunday November 15th	
Donuts and Rolls	8:00 AM
Safe Travel	

Committee - Montgomery's, Crimmins, Hancocks

Parking @ \$12.00 per Night	# Nights _____	Total Parking _____
Rally Fee	Double Occupancy	\$36.00
	Single Occupancy	\$18.00
	Total	_____
Name _____	F# _____	Coach _____
Send Registration & Checks to	Harry Montgomery 8730 E. Remuda Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85255	Registration Deadline November 2nd 2009



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Yuma Fairgrounds

