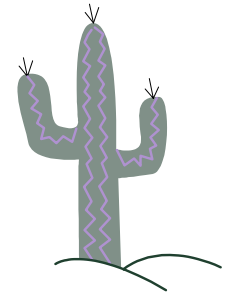


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Martha Gardner, Edi-



PRESIDENT'S FORUM

From the great town of Quartzsite Well, we had another great New Year's Rally. If you were unable to attend, you missed a good one. A

big thank you to the **Lussons, Wieters, Pitts, Denny's, Fogartys, and Eells** for all their help in organizing and putting on a great rally.

FMCA has begun a new membership recruitment program called a Dozen Does It. Any Chapter in FMCA that recruits and signs up one dozen new members will receive a very nice gift package which can be used as door prizes or gifts to members. In addition, each current member that registers a new member will receive a \$10.00 certificate that can be used for the purchase of FMCA Merchandise, to help pay for your annual dues, or for purchases at Camping World. In addition, we the Arizona Chapter, and all Chapters, will receive five free membership certificates to be used to help recruit new members not only in FMCA but also in to our Chapter. If you know of someone who is not an FMCA Member that you believe would be a candidate for one of these free membership certificates, please let me know.



Again, please consider volunteering for Albuquerque. We have been asked to supply up to 50 volunteers for Security and as of now only three couples have indicated a willingness to

help. Let's all get behind FMCA and the Albuquerque Convention, get involved, and volunteer. Volunteering is fun and rewarding. You get an opportunity meet a lot of great people and the work is not difficult. Please let me know if you are willing to help out.

A little bit about the happenings around FMCA. As most of you are aware, **Don Eversman** has resigned. As such, in the interim while looking for a replacement, FMCA has formed a Management Committee. Members of the committee are **Charlie Schrenkel, Judy Czarsty, Allen Rein, and Bobby Donald**. In addition, a search committee has been formed to find a replacement. This committee is headed up by **Ross Boyer**.

As you are probably aware, FMCA and the Governing Board have proposed a \$5.00 per year dues increase. This increase requires a mail in ballot which has been sent to all Chapter National Directors. **Susan Montgomery**, our National Director, has received the ballot. Immediately after receiving the ballot, **Martha Gardner** sent a note to the Membership asking for everyone to voice their opinion, yea or nay, on the proposal. The overwhelming response was in favor of the increase and as such the ballot was submitted from our chapter in the affirmative. As soon as we have heard the results of the ballot, we will let you know.

Don't forget, our Chapter elections will be coming up soon. If you are interested in any of the officer positions, please let **Lil Hoover** know. **Lil** is the nominating committee chairperson and is looking for candidates for several positions. It's your Chapter, please get involved.

Harry Montgomery, President

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AZ FMCA RALLIES 2009-2010

**March 11-14, 2010 – Canyon Vistas RV Park-
Gold Canyon , AZ**

**Rally Master- Don & Marilyn Hawkinson
480-671-6354**

**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**

**May 2-5, 2010 – Distant Drums RV Park
Rally Masters: Dan & Grace Fogarty 480-505-9198
and Martha Gardner 480-968-2579**

**October 7-10, 2010 - TBA
Rally Master – TBA**

**October 12-16, 2010 – Farmington, New Mexico
27th Rocky Mountain Ramble**

**November 11-14, 2010 – TBA
Rally Master: TBA**

**December 30-January 2, 2011 –
Saddle Mountain RV Park - Tonopah
Rally Master: Jim & Phyllis Denney -623-640-5159**



Publication Deadlines

Publications on 20th of:

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

Deadline for news is:

18th of the month preceding the rally



In Memory of:

**Long time former member
Walter Grande 12/09/09**



ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA SADDLE MOUNTAIN RV PARK MINUTES –December 30, 2009

A December meeting was held December 30, 2009, in Tonopah, AZ and called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President Harry Montgomery, followed by the Pledge to Allegiance. President Montgomery began the meeting stating we had a large quorum in attendance and had several important issues to discuss regarding our chapter. The main purpose being rally attendance and rally wagon master volunteers.

President Montgomery asked for volunteers for the Albuquerque, New Mexico rally in March. He is assigned security and needs fifty (50) volunteers. Early volunteers would arrive March 18, 2010 and regular volunteers would arrive March 19, 2010. He also asked for a volunteer coordinator. No one has volunteered to date.

President Montgomery asked the question; “What do we want to do to get more attendance at our rallies?” There was much discussion regarding this question.

- *Do we have to have set times of the month for rallies, i.e.; the second weekend of each month? Some of our members are in other chapters and there are conflicts with scheduling.*
- *Can we hold rallies mid-week in lieu of weekends? Some of our members are still working.*
- *Do we need to have set dates for each month's rally? If not the same time each month, people can't plan other activities.*

It was noted that the rallies are planned a year in advance and put on the calendar in the newsletter that is issued to each member on the 20th of each month.

The motion was made and seconded, that we move the rallies to the third week of each month, with the exception of the December rally, and it would not come into effect until November 2010. There was a vote on the motion and it was a tie, President Montgomery said he did not want to break the tie. A number of members suggestion he obtained from breaking the tie.

A motion was made and seconded to have a requirement that each member attend at least two (2) rallies a year. Discussion on this motion was some members are only in Arizona during rally season for one or two months and can't attend two rallies. They pay their dues and want to be members and be able to attend the New Years rally so this suggestion was discouraging. The question was called to close the discussion and seconded. This motion was opposed and not carried.

The next question asked to the membership was; “Why do we have a problem getting members to step-up and be rally masters?” Was there anticipation because they had never done it before, leery of handling funds, getting volunteers to help.

President Montgomery stated that the Arizona Chapter's rally attendance is 20 to 21% and other chapter's average 28-32%.

President Montgomery will come up with some suggestions on how to increase our participation and forward to everyone through our Newsletter. He has five (5) free memberships for 2010 so hopefully, we can recruit new members through this offer.

It was determined that our By-laws have not been updated for several years. A By-laws committee was formed and its members are: **Ed Reuse, Ray (Doc) Allen and Wayne Cernie.**

There will be an additional rally to be held May 2nd through 5th at Distant Drums RV Park hosted by Martha Gardner and Grace Fogarty.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Grace Fogarty, Secretary



BY-LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ed Ruese is chairing the By-Laws Review Committee. Please contact him at 928-649-3128 or eruese@juno.com with any comments or suggestions



VP/MEMBERSHIP

Over the holiday's we welcomed 4 new members, and had 3 more join at the New Year's rally. I enjoyed meeting the new members and am looking forward getting to know

them better.

Be sure to download the new 2010 roster along with your newsletter.

Our commercial members, are on the front page with contact information, and hope you will continue to support them as they support us.

Martha Gardner, 2nd VP Membership



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER Dec. 31, 2009

Checking

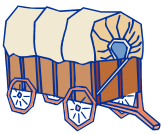
Beginning Balance 12/1.09	\$ 1221.64
Checking Deposits	\$ 435.00
Checking Withdrawals:	\$ 464.10
Dec. 31, 2009 Balance:	\$ 1192.54

Savings

Beginning Balance 10/01.09	\$ 10,512.09
Savings Deposits: (Interest)	\$ 1.33
Savings Withdrawals:	\$ 0.00
Oct. 31, 2009 Balance	\$ 10,513.4

Total \$ 11705.96

Bud Hubbard, Treasurer



WAGONMASTER REPORT

I hope you all had a great time at the New Year's Rally. Thank you, Harry & Susan and committee. We are planning to return to Shadow Mountain again for next year's celebration. Sorry that Mary and I could not join you. I don't think the Arizona Highway Patrol would have had a sense of humor with a "WIDE LOAD" sign on our coach.

The next rally, hosted by Don & Marilyn Hawkinson and Lil Hoover, is scheduled for February 9-12, 2010 at the Pinal County Fair-

grounds. Remember this a Tuesday start date. The rally details and registration form is included in this newsletter.

March rally will be at Canyon Vista RV Park, in Gold Canyon, and hosted by Don and Marilyn Hawkinson. This is a new park for us with a lot of fun things to see and do near-by.

We have added a May rally to our schedule. The dates are Sunday, May 2, 2010 to Wednesday, May 5, 2010 and will be hosted by Martha Gardner and Dan & Grace Fogarty. Let them know you are coming.

I want to start plugging the April rally now. Mary and I are expecting that ALL of you will attend. This is our annual elections rally. We will try to plan some fun activities to go along with the election. Soooo!, mark your calendar to attend this rally. The rally dates are April 8th – April 11th 2010.

Harlie Goss, 1st VP Wagon Master

WE NEED YOUR HELP

A wise person once told me, you will have a lot more fun when you take part in things. We need members to take part as Rally Masters and/or work on a committee. Both have great benefits, in that you get to know your fellow chapter members, and it is a lot of fun to help plan a rally.

The sad news is we are burning out the people who have saved the day, so we can have a rally. If we do not get people willing to be Rally Masters, there will be no rallies and no chapter. Please don't let that happen! Contact Harlie Goss at 602-882-9950 or maryharlie@hotmail.com and let him know you would be willing to be a Rally Master or work on a committee. You do not have to commit to a month, just let him know you are willing.

Thank you for your help!



SUNSHINE REPORT

Ed Brandt, continues to improve and should be back at rallies soon

Linda Allen; Has post shingles neuralgia in her face and head. She was at the New Year's rally, but had times with sever pain and had to stay in.



TONOPAH NEW YEAR'S RALLY

We were joined by 2 or 3 other chapters which gave us a final coach count of about 58 and a fun crowd. For the most part, we had clear skies and cool breezes that whispered through the park from time to time.

Some people arrived a day early, anxious to see old friends and get into the New Year's spirit.

The parking crew kept things moving along and did a fantastic job getting people parked in their assigned spot. The girls greeted and registered people as they arrived, which allowed attendees to start having fun as soon as they parked. The first night, the weather permitted us to enjoy happy hour in the warm sun, but as the sun went down, it got cool and the clubhouse looked very inviting. The pot-luck had a variety of food that would have put to shame the finest buffet in town. After dinner, we had a chapter meeting. (See chapter minutes)

There were no complaints on the 5 catered meals, and no one went away hungry.

Throughout the rally, people were engaged in tournaments, a variety of table games, pool, ping-pong and visiting. There

were lots of giggles and laughs and many started the New Year with sore sides..

Congratulations to the following tournament winners!

Winning team for Shuffle Board - Dick and Eileen Freitas.

Bocce Ball - 1st place Brad & Nancy Morton 2nd place Dick & Eileen Freitas.

Pool tournament - 1st place Al Pepera and 2nd place Jack Gragert.

Putting Tournament - Eileen Freitas and Jim Barach.

New Year's Eve we had live music with lots of good dancers tripping the light fantastic. About 8:30, the musicians took a break, and the park cooks served an array of snacks; after all, we hadn't had anything to eat for at least 3 hours.

New Year's Day, people watched the games on the big screen TV and played cards. After dinner, Harry called F numbers and handed out some really neat prizes, followed by card bingo,

All too soon, it was time to bid everyone good-bye, but before leaving, we enjoyed a continental breakfast and squeezed in some last minute visiting.

The **Montgomery's** and their committee, did a fabulous job making this Rally fun and a memorable one. Thank you for all your hard work.

Martha Gardner, Editor

Wisdom From Grandpa - -



It is hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial rates, and blamed it on the cost of living.

CLEANING FOR A REASON...

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment.



All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. **Cleaning for a Reason** will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there who care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

SNICKERS AND GIGGLES



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

FROM THE EDITORS DESK

If you received your newsletter by email and don't have it in your in box by the 21st, please email or call me and I will send you another.



Martha Gardner, Editor

THURSDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Lance Burden will entertain us on Thursday night. He lives in Eloy, attends classes at CAC and works at Best Buy in the new mall. He sang a song at the last Ramble held at the Pinal County Fairgrounds, entertained the Chapter the last time we had a Rally at the Pinal Co. Fair-



grounds, when Allgeiers were Rally Masters. He is 21 years old now, & still tries out for AZ Idol. Being a Country singer has probably held him back from winning it. He sings at the Wild Horse Casino competition on

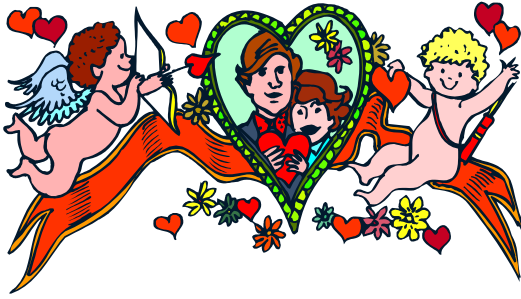
some Sat. nights. He was one of the leads in the local Christmas play in December at the historic Presbyterian Church, and has sung at most of the local events throughout the past 4 years.

Lil Hoover, Rally Master



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Peter & Lynda Adams
Michael & Barbara Evans
Thomas & Janet Hayes
John & Peggy K osel
Terry & Sydnee Miller
Daniel & Pamela Morgan
Bradley & Nancy Morton



**ARIZONA CHAPTER FMCA
Pinal County Fairgrounds (11-Mile Corner)
Casa Grande, AZ 85222
Emergency Number 1-520-723-5242**

**Rally Masters: Don & Marilyn Hawkinson 480-671-6354 and
Lil Hoover 520-431-0430**

DIRECTIONS: From I-10 Exit 194, SR 287, (Casa Grande) travel East on SR 287 to Eleven Mile Corner Road. Turn right (south) and go ¼ mile to the fairground entrance. (300 feet south of the main gate.)

**Tournaments: Beanbag, Cribbage, and Crazy Canasta - Poker Game for who ever is interested.
Check message board for times.**

Rally Scheduled Events (Subject to change)

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

8:00A Arrival & Parking
Noon Lunch on your own
2:00P – 4:00P **Registration**
4:00 P Social Hour
5:00 P Potluck
BYO drink & table service
Followed by Cards & Games

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

8:00 – 9:00 A Breakfast– **By Committee**
BYO Table Service
10:30 A Games
Noon Lunch on your own
1:00 P Games
4:00 P Social Hour
5:00 P Dinner–**By Committee** **BYO table service**

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 Con't

7:00 P Games & Fellowship

Thursday, February 11, 2010

8:00 – 9:00A Breakfast - **By Committee**
BYO table service
10:00 A Meeting
Noon Lunch on your own
1:00 P Games
4:00 P Social Hour
5:00 P Dinner – **By Committee**
BYO table service
7:00 P **Entertainment – Lance Burden**
Bio on page 6

Friday, February 12, 2010

8:30 A Continental breakfast – **By Committee**
CHECK MESSAGE BOARD FOR CHANGES

**Committee: John & Barbara Lusson, Ed & Ginny Brandt and Art & Gloria Nelson
Contact Marilyn at 480-671-6354 If you miss the deadline and wish to come**

VALENTINE RALLY

3 nights couple \$95.00 Incl. Water & electricity
3 nights single \$75/00 Incl. Water & electricity
TOTAL _____

**PINAL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
February 9-12, 2010**



DUMP AVAILABLE, - CHARGE \$4 – MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS AND PAY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE

DEADLINE February 2, 2010

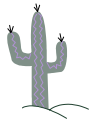
NAME _____ F# _____

GUEST NAMES _____

FIRST TIMER? _____ HANDICAPPED _____ COACH LENGTH _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Don Hawkinson

**SEND TO: Don Hawkinson
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