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A Chapter of Family Motor Coach Association



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Nomads,

Boy has this year flown by! Is it really September already? That means there are only two Ohio Nomads rallies left: Shipshewana, IN and New Paris, OH.

The August rally at Lively Lady was great. We had 15 RVs in attendance. Lots of game playing, barge watching, fishing, homemade ice cream and a birthday cake for Bob Gast! We held our official annual meeting, where we discussed, among other topics, next year's schedule, dues and this year's charity status. First, let me say:

- Thanks again to all our past and current office holders.
- Thank you to those who paid their dues and,
- A special thanks to the members that donated to our charity fund.

We passed around a sign-up sheet for next year's rally host volunteers and every month was taken except July. So, if you want to host a rally, let me know when and where in July. Here's what the schedule looks like right now:

- **May 14-18** – Berlin RV Park (for the Fish Fry); Hosts: Rita and Dave Price
- **June 4-9** – GLAMARAMA, Allegan MI
- **July** – Open – Please Volunteer!
- **August 6-9** – Olive Branch Campground, Oregonia, OH; Hosts: Bev Dunnington and Tony and Patty DelSorbo
- **September 4-8** – Lively Lady Campground Aberdeen, OH Hosts: Tony and Patty DelSorbo
- **October 2-6** – Place TBD Hosts: Cory & Jodie Zell with Ruth Bowman

Keep a watch on your email and the SCOPE for more details and registration information as it becomes available.

Remember we are now all on the membership recruitment committee! So, if you have friends, family or are with other campers, talk about us and sign them up.

If you haven't already, please join our Facebook group. It is named *Ohio Nomads: Members Only*. If you need help to join, you can email me at pattydels58@gmail.com.

Hope to see everyone soon.

Patty DelSorbo

Ohio Nomads President

UPCOMING RALLIES

- **SEPTEMBER 10-15: SHIPSHEWANA CAMPGROUND, SHIPSHEWANA, INDIANA**

HOSTS: DENNY & BONNIE EDGAR

- **OCTOBER 3-6: ARROWHEAD CAMPGROUND, NEW PARIS, OH**

HOSTS: JODIE AND CORY ZELL



WEBMASTER NEEDED!!

We're in search of a volunteer to take on the role of webmaster for our chapter's website. This position requires very little time commitment, with tasks that can typically be completed in just an hour a month, offering a perfect chance to **contribute to our chapter** on your own terms. It's a straightforward role, but *your efforts will help keep our online presence active and engaging*. If you have a knack for websites or just want to lend a hand in maintaining our digital footprint, this is a great way to make a direct and appreciated impact. Join us in making a positive difference with ease and flexibility!

WEBMASTER NEEDED!!

Berlin RV Park & Campground
5898 OH - 39
Millersburg, Oh 44654. 330 674-4774

Come early - stay late.

Full hookup - Bath house - Shelter

About \$54/night...\$205/4 night Pricing will probably change Jan 1st and we can't freeze 2024 pricing. Pay when you get there but please make reservations ahead of time. 15 sites saved for US...NOMADS.

MEMBER FEE...\$10/each

Events

Wednesday. Arrive

4pm...happy hour. Bring munchies

5:30pm...Burgers - please bring a side...will need a couple more grills or hot plates please.

Thursday

4pm...happy hour...more munchies to bring.

5:30pm...Dave's BBQ Chicken (I like mine plain)

Please bring sides...still need those grills

Thursday and Friday9am Pastries and fruit. Bring our own drinks...for everything

Saturday 9am...Biscuits and gravy. Bacon and sausage...still need those hot plates (grills).
Also fruit and juice.

Table ware and utensils will be provided.

Friday 5pm...Fish Fry at the Firehouse. Everyone on their own. Can car pool.

Saturday...Dinner at Amanda Raber's Amish Home..4863 CR 403 Millersburg, Oh

\$22./each. Beef and Chicken and all the fixings.

We can car pool. Please pay for this when you send in your registration fee. Then I will know how many to tell her. SHE IS SO NICE!!!!

THE SHELTER WILL BE OURS THE WHOLE TIME.

FEES TO BE SENT TO.

Dave or Rita Price. 2770#C Canterbury Circle

Port Clinton, Ohio 43452. Questions 419 680-9188 or 419 656-0860

Possibilities....

Troyer's Amish Tours. Berlin, Oh

They have a 14 person AC van that will pick us up at the campgrounds and do a 2 hour tour for \$59/each. or a three hour tour for \$79/each. It includes 2 stops for the first one...example buddy making, furniture making harness making etc. 3 stops for the 3 hour tour.

Minimum of 8 people. Next

Holmes Victorian Museum. Millersburg, Oh

About \$16/ open 1 to 4pm.

Millersburg Glass Museum same location: Millersburg Oh. 1 to 4pm...don't know cost

Things to think about and let us know. The Troyer Tour we would have to know ahead of time.

Thanks everyone...hope to hear from you and see you there.



Secretary's Report Lively Lady Campground Aberdeen OH August 9,2024 6:15pm

Present: DelSorbo, Boivin, Sluder, Edgar, Price, Toohig, Law, Gross, Zell, Dunnington, Overbeck, Wietholter, Jackson, Braden, Gast

Patti DelSorbo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Joe White. She introduced Bev Dunnington, one of our newest Ohio Nomad members.

Patti welcomed everyone and introduced the officers: Denny Edgar, Past President, Paul Boivin, Vice President, Mary Alice Gast, Secretary, Tony DelSorbo, Treasurer and Webmaster, Jodie Zell, Scope Editor, and Stan Wietholter, Roster. National Director, Bob Gast. We elected a temporary Delegate in June, Denise Watters, who attended the Convention in Redmond. Her husband, Kevin is our Area Vice President and as such, was having his trip paid by FMCA. They declined our stipend of \$400 and so we paid their Nomad dues for a year.

Patti reported 15 rigs and 33 people and a great rally. She thanked everyone for coming. She also asked for a volunteer to be our Webmaster and volunteers to sign up to host a rally for next year. She reported that anyone can view our Facebook page as it is public. The FB Ohio Nomad group page is members only and you have to join this group.

Bob Gast discussed the history of our charitable giving and encouraged all to donate to our charity, Shriner's in Cincinnati. Tony accepted several donations and added \$40 from split the pot.

Patti wants each of us to be membership liaisons, so she is not appointing one person to do that job, as requested by FMCA.

Mary Alice Gast reported that the Audit Committee (Gast, Stan Wietholter, Paul Boivin) met and reviewed the books, bank records, and treasurer's reports and found them to be in good order.

Patti adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted. Mary Alice Gast



- 1) A name change was voted on, FMCA (legal side of FMCA) now has a dba (doing business as) Family RV Association. You will start seeing the change slowly through attrition. You will still see FMCA in our current plates, clothes, and badges, as well as Family RV Association.
- 2) To simplify the titles of the National Officers the President of an Area will no longer have two titles. The Area National Vice President title has been deleted. The only title is President of the Area, and they will serve on the FMCA Executive Board and the FMC Executive Board. This eliminates confusion of having dual titles. All Area Presidents will still have all the same duties.
- 3) The Senior National Vice President title was changed to National Vice President with the elimination of the Area National Vice President title.
- 4) *"In the event of a vacancy in the office of Area President the Area Senior Vice President shall become Area President to fill the Area President's unexpired term if that person meets all other requirements to hold the position."* Previously, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Area President the national directors within that area would elect someone to fill the vacancy. This change brings the Area President vacancy procedures in line with the vacancy procedures for FMCA President and Chapter President. This change allows the area to have a continuous voice on the Executive Board and Board of Directors. This allows eliminates the employee time and associated costs in holding an election in case of a vacancy.
- 5) To speed up the change process in the bylaws: The Governing Board shall receive the proposed ByLaws amendments no less than 60 days. It used to be 120 days.
- 6) Bylaw Amendment: Reworded to include the Pathfinders ie those who are RV Curious and do not have a RV yet or still. Striking out recreational vehicle owners.
 - a. *Family RV Association shall adopt a Strategic Plan for the objective or positioning and maintaining the organization as the premiere organization that promotes family fun and fellowship for ~~recreational vehicle owners~~ ALL Family RV Association Members. The Executive board shall have the responsibility and authority to oversee, evaluate, modify, and facilitate the implementation of the strategic plan and shall recommend the modifications for the governing board approval to ensure that ... the plan continues to recognize the needs of Family RV Association and its members and stimulates the creativity of all members, volunteers and staff in achieving the mission purpose of Family RV Association.*
- 7) We eliminated the very long version of the purpose statement which was a paragraph. The new purpose statement is:
 - a. The purpose of Family RV Association is to educate, support and encourage family and social RV lifestyle and provide services to meet the needs of the RV community

Budget Related items

- 1) Family RV Association is losing membership. This is mostly due to age or selling their RVs. This has a significant impact on the budget and how much money we are bringing in.
- 2) It was recommended a fee be charged for the national office to process area rally registrations. This fee is set by the Executive Board annually at budget time. Presently it is set at \$10.00 per RV. Remember, previously the area was charged the credit card processing fee. The member now pays the credit card processing fee. Each area has the option to handle rally registrations themselves.
- 3) The magazine is going to bimonthly. It was pointed out that there was only a thousand-dollar difference between between bimonthly and quarterly. The magazine use to be a large income generator for Family RV Association. However, due to digital marketing, advertising revenue has drastically decreased. This is a problem for all magazines. Examples of digital marketing are Facebook and X (Twitter).
- 4) Chubb informed FMCA that the rates for Assist would be increasing from 67 cents per member each month to \$1.95 per member each month on 1 October 2024. FMCA has received a quote of \$1.07 per member each month from ARCA. Therefore, FMCAAssist will be provided through ARCA starting 1 October 2024.

- 5) After lengthy discussions and debate concerning keeping FMCAAssist it was decided to keep FMCAAssist. It was decided to raise the yearly dues to \$99 per year to help cover inflation and the increase cost of FMCAAssist. This breaks down to just \$8.25 per month or one Starbucks coffee.

Comments from Kevin, President Great Lakes Area and Denise, spouse

We did not vote for everything that was approved.

Where can you get friends, family, and support; plus socialize with such wonderful people for just \$8.25/month?

Where can you get the assist program that accepts everyone for just \$8.25/month? Yes, the other programs will let you fill out the applications and forms to join BUT... That does NOT mean they will ACCEPT you. We heard of people being rejected for age as well as health.

How can you have an impact on dues and benefits?

When our member numbers increase, the overhead costs per member decreases and the dues will stabilize. It will also increase advertising revenue from the magazine since the subscription base increased.

To bring Family RV Association back to the membership level it once enjoyed needs to be at the **grassroots level**. We must **ALL ACTIVELY RECRUTE!** My challenge to each one of you is to recruit at least one member a year to Family RV Association. If every Family RV Association member would recruit just one new member we would double in size. This should be every **member's goal**.

If the recruit is in your area recruit them into your chapter, or at least invite them to one of your rallies. If they are not in your area talk with them about the FUN and advantages to belonging to a chapter. Help them find a chapter.

Unfortunately, most Family RV Association members do not belong to a chapter.

My wife and I **FIRMLY BELIEVE** this helps retain members as they make new friends and learn more about RVing.

Treasurer's Message

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

At our most recent and successful rally at Lively Lady (everyone had a great time) we collected a "good chunk of change" toward our charity for this year's contribution. As you know, our fiscal/membership year runs from 1 October through 30 September. There is still time for you to contribute if you haven't already. I'm not writing the check out to our charity until after 25 September. So, if you want to contribute, please get it to me by 25 Sep.

The books are officially open and I'm accepting your OH Nomads '25 dues (\$20) at this time. Please send checks, made out to **OH Nomads**, to:

Tony DelSorbo
8131 Beechcreek Dr,
Dayton, OH 45458

Also, please note these two clarifications we made this year. No dues are due for you, if:

1. you joined the group after 1 July of this year, you are good through 30 Sep 25.
2. you no longer have a motorhome, BUT are still a member of FMCA, you are automatically an associate member. Please let me know if this is a change for you this year.

For those of you that have already paid your dues, thank you! – you're making my job really easy.

Tony DelSorbo

Ohio Nomads Treasurer



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9/6- BEVERLY DUNNINGTON
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9/23- HELEN KURTHY
9/27- BRENDA KINNET

ANNIVERSARIES

9/15- CHRIS & MEGAN GROSS
9/16- TONY & PATTY DELSORBO
9/30- DAVE & RITA PRICE





COME JOIN US



OHIO NOMADS is a chapter of FMCA, Family Motor Coach Association.

Our chapter was founded February 17, 1978. We get together May thru October to see the sights, to relax and to have fun. Our members will be only too happy to share

their experiences with you, the good, the bad and the ugly!

Most of our rallies are held somewhere in Ohio, more often than not in the vicinity of a festival or attraction. We have also camped in Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky, and

as far away as Tennessee and Missouri.

If you are currently a member of FMCA you are aware of its many benefits.

If you would like more information, call FMCA at 800-543-3622 or www.FMCA.com.

Our newsletter Scope Ohio is published seven times a year via email. A rally schedule is included in each issue.

You are welcome to join with any type of self-contained RV: Class A Motorhome, 5th-Wheel, Class B Motorhome, Travel Trailer, Class C Motorhome or Toy Hauler.

Membership is \$35.00 the first year and provides you with two chapter name tags and

an Ohio Nomads membership oval. Thereafter, membership is \$10. a year, due before the 1st of October each year.

Our Website www.ohionomads.com is at your fingertips for information and to view pictures of rallies, past and present.

Please feel free

to contact our Secretary, Mary Alice Gast, about Ohio Nomads membership or for any questions you have at [513-594-0774](tel:513-594-0774) - email at mgast@cinci.rr.com.

