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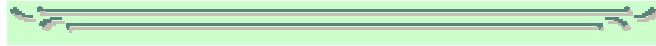
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### *A Message from President Bob Clipfell*



Greetings. Wishing all a wonderful New Year to you and yours. We are in the desert just hanging out; we have no plans just figuring it out as we go. The desert isn't always the warmest place to be in the winter but it sure beats the north country. As I write this, Quartzsite Gathering is just finishing up and we had a great time as always. Several members had asked if there was any way we could get together besides a pre rally before an FMCA convention. It was Ted Hindes our past president who had suggested Quartzsite, AZ. because many of us do go there. Well let me tell you, several of us did hook up and had a great time. We were out at mile marker 99 south of Quartzsite where the Kountry Klub has always met. It proved to be an excellent spot because many of us are in both clubs and we blended quite well. I hesitate to call it an event making it sound like a pre rally where everything is catered etc. and spoiling the whole thing. Just being in the desert with friends, no campgrounds, visiting, going for walks, cooking meals together or going out for a bite; you can't get much better than that. I have asked Ted if he would submit an article on our gathering in the desert so I will let him tell the rest of the story.

Speaking of pre rallies, Pat Genell, Judy Holly Storm, Dori and I will be hosting the next pre rally. It will be held at the Tipton County Fairgrounds which is located on the south edge of Tipton City Limits, about 40 miles north of Indianapolis. Tipton is a very small town, but not to worry within 15 miles there is a lot of shopping. We wanted it to be a little different and I believe it will be. It is not a traditional RV Park, but is very RV Friendly and they have many hook ups. What's really nice is the Fairgrounds will be ours for the week. Bring your bikes it is an easy ride to town and the park is only a few blocks from us. Golfers you will be pleased to know that a great golf course is only a couple of blocks from us; you might be tempted to play every day. You are also able to come in early, just note it on your forms or see us when you arrive. We are told there will be a horse show the weekend before our pre rally, come, watch and enjoy the flavor of the country. We are expecting a good turn out so get your registration forms in as soon as you can. Well I guess I will leave it there the following letter explains the pre rally in detail.

Have a good winter, travel safe, wishing you all the best.

Submitted by Bob Clipfell, President

**A Message from National Director Patsy Kessler****National Director's Report**

Happy New Year!

All FMCA members are aware of the gradually worsening balance sheet of FMCA. Much of this has been caused by the lessening strength of the RV industry as a whole, the loss of members without rapid replacement, and the optimism that better economic times would return more quickly.

There have been many meetings of the Executive Board of FMCA to discuss various ideas to improve the financial condition of FMCA, while continuing to be the excellent organization that it is. Much of the discussion centered upon saving money without eroding the quality of FMCA. Most of the suggestions will await approval by the Board of Directors at the Indianapolis Convention.

Many of these suggestions may not even be noticed by the average member. There will be cost cutting in the area of early arrival staff and volunteers. The budget for convention entertainment will be lowered, while efforts are made to keep the same quality that convention attendees have enjoyed.

It was announced that Hutchinson, Kansas, would be the site for the 2013 Convention, but from the information that I received, it appears that Gillette, WY, might be a more economical site. That also will be discussed in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted by Patsy Kessler, National Director

**UPCOMING**  
**FMCA NEWMAR INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER**  
**PRE-RALLY**

We would like to invite all of you to "Back Home in the Country". We are planning an old fashioned back to basics rally for you in Tipton, Indiana. The Tipton Fairgrounds will be the location of the pre-rally August 21 - 24, 2012. We hope many of you will be able to attend. Tipton is a small community located about 40 miles north of Indianapolis. We spend many weeks here during the year while visiting our daughter and her family. The people here are among the friendliest and most helpful we have come across while living this lifestyle.

We want you to come relax and let us treat you to some down home hospitality. We will have a catered breakfast each morning, no one needs to get the coffee going, just show up and eat. Our caterer will serve you scrambled eggs every day with pancakes and sausage; breakfast sandwiches; or biscuits and sausage gravy on rotating days. There will be fruit and oatmeal available each day as well as coffee and juice of course. On the day we caravan to the Convention, we will have a continental breakfast so you can take it with you if you desire.

When you arrive, we will have grills going with brats, burgers and all the fixings available for your afternoon meal. All meals other than breakfast will require you to bring your own beverage of choice; everything else will be provided for you. We will prepare three evening meals, one being a Rib Eye Steak, Baked Potato and Salad. Two other great meals are planned but you need to show up to find out. You will be on your own for lunch which will give you time to explore the area, play golf or just chill. We have some surprises along the way so we don't want to spill all the beans, you just need to be here and have fun with us.

There are many interesting places in the area to explore; we will have all the information so you will be able to pick and choose what you would like to do. You can be busy or just sit back and relax, the choice will be yours. Golfers, there is an 18 hole course right around the corner so bring your clubs. Bring your bicycles too, this is a small town and you can ride into town if you care to. The Dairy Queen is my personal favorite at just a little over a mile.

The Fairground is ours for the week. We will have electric and water available and there is a dump station on the grounds. There are approximately 40 - 50amp hookups, and as many 30amp also, we will need to be creative in our parking, but we will take care of all that for you.

If you wish to come in a few days early, just let us know. There will even be a Horse Show Saturday and Sunday for entertainment. Just keep in mind; we may put you to work.

Please bring extra water hoses if you can, as water is not available at each site, we can link hoses together to make sure everyone has water. In the event that we run out of 50amp services, the fairgrounds will allow us to use cheaters, so if you have one bring it also.

Submitted by Bob & Dori Clipfell, Rally Hosts

***We're looking forward to seeing you in Tipton!!!!***



Photos submitted by Bob Clipfell

**TIPTON, IN PRE-RALLY REGISTRATION FORM**

**Tuesday, August 21, '12 - Friday, August 24, '12**

(Caravan to Convention on Saturday August 25.)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Co-pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address or Email for return confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 person per Rig =\$ 196; 1 person per Rig = \$128; Extra person= \$68

Rally fees include: 4 nights camping, 3 hot catered breakfasts, 1 continental breakfast, and 4 evening meals.

*NOTE: Please advise Hosts if you plan on arriving early so they will be available to greet you.*

Phone them at 317-908-4260 (Bob) or 317-908-4861 (Dori)

***Make all Checks payable to Newmar Int'l Chapter of FMCA.***

*Send Registration form with check to:*

***Bob & Dori Clipfell  
411 Walnut St., #8983  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043***

***Checks must be received by July 15, 2012.***

Please bring extra water hoses and a waste water drain cap with hose fitting if you have them available.

**Directions to Fairgrounds**

From US HWY 31 go east on US HWY 28 for 4.75 miles to downtown Tipton. Turn south on US HWY 19 for 1 mile. Fairgrounds are on the right, just past the Hospital. We will be expecting you for lunch.

Questions Email: [twoclips04@yahoo.com](mailto:twoclips04@yahoo.com) or call 317-908-4260 or 317-908-4861

**A Message from Treasurer Donna Whiston**

**DUES:** Dues are \$10.00 annually (January through December), payable January 1, or earlier.

**NO STATEMENTS ARE SENT.** If you have not paid please do so. If you are not sure please ask. If there are any changes in the requested information please let us know. (Example: email address, mailing address etc.)

Please send to:

NEWMAR INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF FMCA  
c/o Donna Whiston, Treasurer  
1057 Jewel PL NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87123

(Circle) Application for membership      Renewal      Personal information update

FMCA  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Copilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/  
Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter by Email? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Newmar Motor Home  
Model \_\_\_\_\_

**To qualify for membership in the Newmar International Chapter of FMCA, you must own a Newmar Motor Home, and be a member of FMCA.**

### **A Message from Yahoo Administrator & Web Master Dick White**

Just a reminder that active dues paid member of the Newmar International Chapter of FMCA can join our Yahoo forum. The forum is a member's only forum and is only as helpful as you want it to be. You can use it to see who is nearby. You can pass on information on campgrounds, roads, and rest stops. If you wanted you can also post pictures of get togethers. You can also upload and post spreadsheets/files of interest to members. We can also post polls, related to rving, that you might feel would be helpful. To put it as simply as possible it is only as good or helpful as you want it be.

If you are not a member you can go to the board at:

[http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Newmar\\_Owners\\_FMCA\\_Chapter/](http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Newmar_Owners_FMCA_Chapter/) and ask to join. We need your name, e mail address, FMCA membership number. The number allows us to confirm that you are an active and valid member. You can also e mail me with a request. [dick-peg@hotmail.com](mailto:dick-peg@hotmail.com)

If you are a member check your information on the web site for accuracy. This way you won't miss any information or messages posted.

Please join and post.

Submitted by Dick White, Yahoo Administrator & Web Master

### **A Message from Immediate Past President Ted Hindes**

#### **Quartzsite Mini Rally Report**

We arrived here in Quartzsite on January 18. Chapter President Bob & Dori Clipfell arrived ahead of us as did Donna & Frank Whiston, also chapter officers and the Motsenbockers who are charter members of our chapter. Many other chapter members were here. I am sorry but I did not take attendance so at the risk of missing someone I will not try to name you all.

The largest number of our chapter membership was parked with the Newmar Kountry Klub group out south of town below and a little west of mile marker 99 so we decided to join them at their location. Our chapter members were warmly welcomed by the NKK group of which most of us are also members. There were about fifty rigs in total with around fifteen of these being members of the FMCA NEWMAR Chapter. The gathering was informal without preplanned activities. Our chapter had a luncheon on Friday. We invited the NKK folks that were not chapter members to join us at Silly Al's Pizza for lunch and had a total of 32 folks attend. In the same afternoon the group had a huge social hour with about 60 people having a great time in the nice weather just setting around and getting caught up on what each other had done and since they last were together and as always meeting lots of new friends. A potluck and barbeque was planned for Saturday afternoon but had to be cancelled due to high winds. I include a few pictures of the Quartzsite mini-rally for January 2012.

Bob Clipfell, our chapter president asked me if I would plan and publicize a gathering in Quartzsite again next year since this mini rally was such a success. Ruth Ann and I will do so since we try to get here every winter god willing. We hope to have Lots of Chapter members join us if you are in the area. **Watch the Chapter YAHOO Group next winter for details.**

Submitted by Ted Hindes, Immediate Past President

**PHOTOS OF NEWMAR OWNERS WHO GATHERED DURING THE MINI RALLY  
IN QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA**



Photos submitted by Ted Hines

**Thank You from Ruth Ann and Ted Hines**

Ruth Ann and I want to thank all of our Newmar family for the kind words we received from you upon Ruth Ann's mother Marion's passing in December. You all were very comforting. Marion lived in our home and traveled in our coach for almost seven years. She attended NEWMAR Chapter events with us since we joined the chapter in Perry, GA in 2007. Ruth Ann says that she wishes that her mother had realized how much her presence at pre-rallies had been enjoyed by our Newmar family during these four years she attended pre-rallies with us. Ruth Ann and I are back on the road again but it is different with just the two of us.

FYI – The following scheduled rally is not affiliated with FMCA or the Newmar International Chapter but might be of interest to some of our Members.

**COME HOME RALLY- sponsored by Cummins**

**August 31-September 6, 2012**

**Ceraland, Columbus, IN**

We have been asked by Cummins to publicize their upcoming “Come Home Rally” for owners of motor homes with Cummins engines. Many plans have already been made including breakfasts, dinners, entertainment, tours, and many other activities. Motor home parking will be arranged at the Ceraland Park, a huge facility with RV hook-ups, pavilions, pools, and other sports facilities. This rally will take place directly after the FMCA Convention in Indianapolis. The rally fee has not been established yet, but more information can be found at the website, <http://homerally.ceraland.org>

Submitted by Patsy Kessler