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Thoughts From President Judy Holly-Storms

Well, last year was a whirlwind for Pat & I & we're well on our way into yet another hectic one. We were in Florida when 2016 rolled in. Time flew as we renewed friendships with folks we've enjoyed meeting over the years. We also spent time putting the finishing touches on our 2016 spring pre-rally, the 2016 Spartan Chassis International Chapter of FMCA (SCIC) Perry, GA post-rally as well as planning the SCIC 2016 summer post-rally.

I was extremely thankful when Gary & Wanda Smith volunteered to be co-hosts for our Perry, GA event. They did an outstanding job planning & coordinating our absolutely delicious club house meals. Gary & Wanda are extremely organized. All of their efforts looked like a "cake walk" & all of the volunteers who helped by pitching in put "icing on the cake!" Enjoying meals in the club house at Fair Haven RV Park helped keep our rally fee reasonable. It also provided us with an opportunity to socialize while enjoying our meals together since the Perry area doesn't have many private, group friendly dining options. Our attendees enjoyed dining out one night & continued what seems to have become a tradition by feasting at the Oil Lamp Restaurant. Sincere thanks go to Gary & Wanda for all of their efforts & contributions!!!

I was relieved & thankful when David & Delma Wagner stepped up & took the reins as hosts for our chapter's 2016 summer pre-rally. They did a fantastic job planning & executing our gathering in East Lyme, CT. Those of you who've not experienced visiting & staying in a large motorhome in the great northeastern part of this wonderful country of ours cannot truly appreciate what David & Delma endured. The following information will give you a slight idea of the challenges they faced. First & foremost, David & Delma reside in upstate NY & were only somewhat familiar with our pre-rally target area. Additionally, campgrounds in the northeast tend to be small & outdated. As such, it wasn't easy for them to locate & secure a venue that could accommodate the size & number of our rigs, particularly during peak season. That time of the year also made reserving group dining venues a challenge. They managed to execute a marvelous rally! As an added bonus, Delma organized evening games in the pavilion at the campground.

Everyone in attendance had a phenomenal time! Thanks a bunch David & Delma!!!

Pat & I hosted the SCIC post-rally immediately after the FMCA West Springfield, MA Convention before heading back to PA for a brief visit with family & the opportunity to attend Pat's Goddaughter's wedding.

It wasn't long before we started out on the road again. We were happy to be able to sit back & enjoy the fruits of the labor of the Newmar Kountry Klub officers & volunteers when we attended the Newmar Kountry Klub International Rally in Pueblo, CO this past fall. We took advantage of the opportunity to socialize with fellow NKK & Newmar Int'l Chapter Members without having to worry about planning, coordinating or following up on events. We even got to meet new people during our volunteer stints as golf cart shuttle operators. We had a great time! NKK Rallies are always amazing!

Our trip west included a brief stop in Moreno Valley, CA for a very enjoyable visit with Vice President Tom & Teri Chelbana. We were extremely impressed with Pete's Discount Tires participation at our wonderful 2015 Pre-Rally in Joshua Tree, CA that was hosted by Gene & Jackie LeMuir & co-hosted by Roy & Nancy Downs. Therefore, we decided to utilize the FMCA Michelin Tire Advantage Program & patronize Pete's business in San Bernadino. Our tires were seven years old. Having eight new tires on our rig put our minds at ease.

The days passed all too quickly. It was time to head to Las Vegas to enjoy some more "down time" & attend yet another rally. This rally was an "October Fest". It was hosted by Newmar International Chapter supporter & Perry, GA pre-rally sponsor National Indoor RV Centers. Co-sponsors were Spartan Motors USA, Inc. & Entegra. This was our second NIRVC gathering & they've both been impressive!

The end of 2016 was drawing near & it was time to head northeast to spend the holidays with family. It was also time to finish planning & organizing our Chapter's 2017 Chandler, AZ pre-rally & the SCIC 2017 Chandler, AZ post-rally.

Our Webmaster, Fanny Timmer, decided to exercise her creativity & "Chandlerize" our future pre-rally attendees as they registered for their RV site. She designed & gave them the opportunity to order awesome personalized, destination T shirts.

Christmas arrived & was over before we knew it. We were soon back in our coach & had an uneventful trip to FL. Before we knew it, it was time to head west. We managed to miss a weather related scare on our way by scheduling a stop in Waveland, MS. Mother Nature made the news when a tornado touched down in the New Orleans area about 50 miles west of where we were staying. Needless to say, we routinely monitored the weather as we continued our journey.

It wasn't long before we as well as 54 other attendees arrived at our Newmar Pre-Rally venue, the Wild West Ranch & RV Resort in Maricopa, AZ. Fanny printed & distributed paper versions of everyone's fun personalized T shirt designs. Our attendees were thrilled with the pictures & quick to display them on their windshields. We enjoyed delicious breakfast & dinner meals in the club house during our stay. Thanks go out to our Grill Masters Bill Timmer & co-host Tom Chelbana & our many kitchen volunteers including co-host Teri Chelbana for their help & support. Events included a ladies social, an informative men's seminar presented by Tom Chelbana & two evenings of games. Our participants also enjoyed a day long charter bus trip to Mesa, AZ. The first stop on our trip was at the Organ Stop Pizza Restaurant. Anyone visiting Mesa should be sure to schedule a visit to see the fascinating organ & appreciate music performed by an extremely talented organist. Our next stop was at the Desert Belle. We got to relax during a narrated boat cruise on Saguaro Lake & viewed native wildlife, plant species & interesting rock formations. Our third stop was at the Beaver Choice Restaurant. We enjoyed a scrumptious ethnic meal sponsored by Desert Autoplex, the Newmar

dealer in Mesa, AZ. Our folks were tuckered out by the time they returned to their rigs but stated they thoroughly enjoyed their adventure.

Due to anticipated congestion & traffic signals on our route, it wasn't feasible to caravan to the Rawhide Convention & Event Center in Chandler, AZ. We were scheduled to be the second group of the day to be parked. Our recommended departure time of no later than 7:45 am was not something everyone embraced. We subsequently met each other in Chandler on the holding lot for the convention & were quickly lead to our appropriate sites. It wasn't long before everyone was extremely thankful for our early morning time slot. Traffic got backed up not long after we were staged & parking evolved into several hour long delays for new arrivals as the day progressed.

We entered FMCA's "horse race" contest on the first evening. Our members, many of them sporting their "Chandlerized" T shirts, cheered our contender on. To the amusement of everyone in attendance, our "Rider" Danny Reid aka Marshall Dutch Newmar "astride" his steed Star proved to be a natural entertainer. As energetic as "they" were, Dutch & Star didn't win the race. Based on the cheers, laughter & applaud, "they" were the crowd favorite. We were surprised when "they" weren't presented with FMCA's Most Creative Entry award. Dutch & Star made it to the big time though! A photo of "them" was the first "horse race" entry picture shown on the large projection screen before the evening entertainment began. Many thanks are extended to Danny for his efforts & joviality! He made us laugh & gave us some very happy memories!

Fanny Timmer & her T shirt designs garnered the attention of members of the FMCA staff. She has become somewhat of an FMCA celebrity! Her creative talents actually drew the interest of FMCA associates during the 2016 International Convention held in East Springfield, MA. It was there that they learned about Fanny's desire to recall her RV adventures by designing fun, personalized destination T shirts. FMCA captured photos of Fanny & husband Bill wearing their "The coaches are coming! The coaches are coming!" New England shirts. They subsequently contacted her, scheduled & conducted an interview in Chandler. FMCA's photographer Guy also took pictures of our group as we proudly modeled our "Chandlerized" shirts. We're looking forward to reading an article about Fanny & Bill in the June FMCA magazine. Whoo Hoo Fanny! We're so very lucky to have you on our team & truly appreciate everything you do for our chapter!

Our attendees continued to share camaraderie & gathered together near their rigs & at social hours during the FMCA event. Another convention attendee was fortunate when Bonnie Scrimager found them in an unresponsive state as she left one of our socials. Bonnie rallied assistance & Newmar Chapter members Greg Samson (wife Karen) F442443, Diane Barush (husband Joe) & Suzanne Reid (husband Danny) F358996 who are health care professionals took immediate action. They were quick to determine the individual was suffering from hypoglycemia & took measures to stabilize their condition until the EMTs & her husband arrived. Great job Greg, Diane & Suzanne!!!

Many of our chapter members headed from the FMCA Convention to the SCIC Post-Rally at the Motorcoach Resort Chandler, AZ where they continued to enjoy each others company.

We took a slow trip back east while planning our Chapter's Indianapolis Pre-Rally & the SCIC Post-Rally. Our travel plans included attending the National Indoor RV Centers Customer Appreciation Rally. It was held at the Winstar Casino in Thackerville, OK. It was a fantastic event!

Our next Newmar Pre-Rally is scheduled to be held at Ceraland Park & Campground Columbus, IN beginning July 7, 2017. The FMCA International Convention will be returning to the Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis, IN July 12 through 15, 2017. Due to limited venues & timing, the SCIC Post-Rally will also be held at Ceraland Park & Campground. There's plenty to do in the area & we're

busy making plans so returning to Ceraland should not concern those of you who would like to attend both functions. Be sure to save these dates!

Thanks once again to all of you who volunteered over the past year! Your support & help has been greatly appreciated! We're always seeking "new blood" & interested seasoned members to fill our officer positions & help to plan/volunteer at our rallies. The load becomes a lot lighter and it's more fun when others pitch in to help. Please consider contacting me or one of our officers to see how you can contribute to our chapter. Thanks in advance for your consideration & continued support!

Wishing you happy trails & exciting adventures in your Newmar!

Judy Holly-Storms, President

Request From National Director Patsy Kessler

Patsy is depending on our Newmar Chapter Members to carefully review & give serious consideration to the proposal regarding the admission of towables into FMCA. Her vote will reflect the majority opinion of our members. We want to hear from as many of our members as possible before the decision is rendered & hope there'll be a good response to our poll.

Annual Meeting Minutes From Chapter Secretary Joan Stanton

Newmar International Chapter of FMCA Annual Business Meeting – February 4, 2017

The business meeting of the Newmar International Chapter of FMCA was opened at 2:07 pm by Judy Holly-Storms on February 04, 2017 at Wild West RV Park in Maricopa, Arizona. Judy called the meeting to order since a quorum was established. David Simons led us in prayer. We all rose for the National Anthem following with the Pledge of Allegiance and O' Canada.

The chapter officers were introduced : Delma Wagner: Vice President, Patsy Kessler: National Director, Joan Stanton: Secretary, Clifton Stanton: Treasurer, Judy Holly-Storm: President, Tom Chebana :Vice-Present, Fanny Timmer: Webmaster, and Dick White: Yahoo Page.

Joan Stanton, secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. Judy asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of last meeting. First motion to accept minutes made by David Simons and then seconded by Janet Mangan. The minutes approved as read.

Clifton Stanton read the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was approved as read and will be placed on file for future audit.

David Kessler, President of INTO discussed Charlie Hancock's letter regarding FMCA becoming an all inclusive RV club.

Unfinished business: Still under discussion , a payment system concerning dues.

New business: Newmar pre-rally July 7th-11th in Columbus, Indiana at Ceraland RV Park . Following the pre-rally, there will be the FMCA International Rally at the Indiana State Fairgrounds July 12-15, 2017. Officers will be elected in Indianapolis. Bill Timmer is heading the nominating committee .

Meeting was adjourned by Judy Holly-Storms at 2:59pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Stanton, Secretary

Report From Chapter Treasurer Cliff Stanton

Treasurer Report

2016

Balance as of January 1, 2016 **\$12,404.07**

Credits

Renewals & New Membership dues \$ 640.00

Perry Pre-Rally \$ 4,660.00

Aces High Pre-Rally \$ 6,173.00

Total Credits **\$ 11,473.00**

Debits

Officer's Stipends \$ (1500.00)

Perry Pre-Rally \$ (3933.62)

Aces High Pre-Rally \$ (5335.73)

Total Debits **\$ (10769.35)**

Balance as of December 31, 2016 **\$ 13,107.72**

2017 (partial)

Balance as of January 1, 2017 **\$ 13,107.72**

Credits

Renewals & New Membership dues \$ 140.00

Maricopa Pre-Rally \$ 4,179.00

Total Credits **\$ 4319.00**

Debits

Misc. \$ (211.00)

Total Debits **\$ (211.00)**

Balance as of February 28, 2017 **\$ 17,215.72**

Respectfully submitted, Cliff Stanton, Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO CONSIDER

Northwest Area Rally - June 22 through 25, 2017 Longview, WA
Newmar International Chapter of FMCA Pre-Rally - July 7 through 11, 2017 Columbus, IN
RV Basicis - July 10 through 11, 2017 Indianapolis, IN
FMCA's 96th International Convention - July 12 through 15, 2017 Indianapolis, IN
Northeast Area Rally - August 3 through 6, 2017 Syracuse, NY
Midwest Area Rally - August 9 through 12, 2017 - Amana, IA
Rocky Mountain Area Rally - September 20 through 24, 2017 - Farmington, NM
Newmar Kountry Klub International Rally - October 2 through 6, 2017 - Sedalia, MO
South Central Area Rally - October 25 - 28, 2017 Texarkana, AR
Newmar International Chapter of FMCA Pre-Rally - TBA - Georgia
FMCA's 97th International Convention - TBA - Perry, GA

**Please don't forget to renew your FMCA & Newmar
International Chapter of FMCA memberships.
Reminders are not sent out.**

Feel free to contact Joan Stanton via email at roadstan@gmail.com or by phone at **432-853-0831** if you're unsure of your chapter membership status.

The benefits of your FMCA Membership are great! A few of them are:

Tire Program - Take advantage of special pricing for Michelin or Continental tires for your RV & personal vehicle(s). FMCA Assist - Seven Corners worldwide emergency medical evacuation/repatriation & travel assistance coverage. Discounts for Roadside Assistance; RV Insurance; Mail Forwarding; Campgrounds; Rallies, Caravans & Tours; Passport America; Staples & Office Max/Office Depot; Costco Membership; Sam's Club Gift Card & UPS Shipping to name a few. They also offer Free Classified Advertising & more. **Additional benefits are in the works & will be rolled out soon!!!! GO TO fmca.com for details.**

FYI - Great news for former members who no longer have a motorhome & have not maintained their membership. They can renew as an associate member (cannot vote or hold office) & take advantage of ALL of the additional benefits FMCA has to offer!!!

FYI - Be sure to take advantage of FMCA's referral program. You'll receive a \$10.00 certificate for every person who provides your name & member number to FMCA when they join!

The following form is to be utilized for membership renewal.

**PLEASE UTILIZE THIS FORM TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OR
RENEWAL OF NEWMAR INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
OR
TO UPDATE PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Please Circle:

Application for membership Renewal Personal information update

FMCA Number _____ **Date** _____

Last Name _____ **Pilot** _____ **Copilot** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone/Home _____ **Cell** _____

Email Address _____

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newmarfmca.my-free.website**

Newmar Motor Home Model _____

Applicants must be members in good standing of FMCA & own a Newmar Motorhome to be eligible for membership in the Newmar International Chapter.

Dues are \$10.00 per calendar year, payable January 1st & may be paid in advance for multiple years. Dues not paid by March 31 will result in suspension of membership.

Please make check payable to:

**Newmar International Chapter of FMCA
and send, along with completed application to:**

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