

ON THE ROAD AGAIN.....



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LET'S BUILD TOGETHER Bill McLaughlin, President

Greetings,

FMCA has an exciting and promising new procedure to announce. They have implemented a chapter "search" and information request feature on the FMCA web site. Each month, FMCA will send an e-mail to non-chapter members who have joined the association within the past six months. The e-mail will direct them to www.fmca.com/chapter/search. The new member can then search for a chapter of interest. When our chapter is selected, the new member will complete a short online form with their contact information; a copy will be sent to us for follow-up. This should prove to be a good recruiting tool.

This is important as we have a very busy build schedule for 2008, and I want to make sure everyone has the new contact information. There has been a change in the phone number for contacting the RV Desk to sign up for our builds. The new number is (229) 410-7534. The 800-number remains the same (800) 422-4828; however, the extension has changed to 7534.

I hope to see you all in Pomona, Calif. in February for the FMCA Convention. Below are changes for your review that need to be made to our Chapter Bylaws so that they are in keeping with FMCA's Bylaws and will be voted upon there along with the election of officers. See page 4 of this newsletter for our nominating committee's report. Although a candidate has been declared for each office, chapter members in good standing may submit their names for any of the chapter offices. If you have an interest in working with the chapter as an officer, please contact any of the nominating committee, give them a brief resume and the position for which you wish to be considered.

We have many things planned for next year. Review the schedule of builds in this newsletter and make your plans early to participate in a build. Get involved: the work is enjoyable, the friendships made are wonderful, and the rewards are out of this world.

Bill McL

The Bylaw changes affect ARTICLE III – MEMBERS and ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS and define specific terms regarding membership. Changes are printed in bold italics with the action to be taken in parentheses. Sections not listed are not changed, except the letter designation of the subsequent sections of ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS, SECTION 3.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

1. ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the Chapter, a person must ***own at least one-third (1/3) of an FMCA-approved Coach, (Remove this part)*** be in good standing with FMCA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter.

Membership in this Chapter shall not be denied any person because of race, sex, religion, color, marital or family status, age, nationality, or disability.

2. ***(Add) The term "Family Unit" is defined as a person; his or her spouse, or partner; dependents of each, regardless of age; non-dependent grandchildren and great-grandchildren aged 18 and under.***

3. ***(Add) The term "Membership" is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a qualifying Motor Coach who share a membership number.***

4. DEFINITION: The term "member" ***(change) is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitutes a membership as defined by FMCA in the FMCA Constitution and Bylaws. Voting rights of each member are defined in ARTICLE VI – Chapter meetings, Section E. of chapter Bylaws.***

5. ***(Add) The term "Qualifying Motor Coach", is defined as a self-propelled, completely self-contained vehicle that contains all the conveniences of a home, including cooking, sleeping, and permanent sanitary facilities, and in which the driver's area is directly accessible in a walking position from the living quarters. The terms motor coach and motorhome may be used interchangeably.***

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

3. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:

A. (Add) A member must own a qualifying Motor Coach (motorhome) or at least 1/3 interest in a qualifying Motor Coach (motorhome) in order to hold office in this chapter.

2008 BUILD SCHEDULE



JOHN LEE, VP BUILD COORDINATOR

OCALA, Fla. February 10-22, 2008; Following the Southeastern Rally in Brooksville, Fla. SIGN-UPS OPEN Nov. 13, 2007 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are John and Carol Covert.

Wait List only is available.

DADE CITY, Fla. February 10-22, 2008; Following the Southeastern Rally in Brooksville, Fla. SIGN-UPS OPEN Nov. 13, 2007 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders AND builders are needed!

POMONA, Calif. March 2-14, 2008; Following the FMCA convention in Pomona, Calif. SIGN-UPS OPEN Dec. 4, 2007 10 a.m. ET. Only 2 or 3 coaches requested for "Punch List" work. Team Leader needed!

SAN FERNANDO/ SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, Calif. March 2-14, 2008; Following the FMCA Convention in Pomona, Calif. SIGN-UPS OPEN Dec. 4, 2007 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are Lynn and Deann Harrington.

DOWAGIAC, Mich. May 25-June 7, 2008; Following the GLASS Rally in Berrien Springs, Mich. SIGN-UPS OPEN Feb. 26, 2008 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are Dave and Sue Salter.

MADISON, Wis. June 15-27, 2008; Following the INTO Rally in Oshkosh, Wis. SIGN-UPS OPEN March 11, 2008 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are Fred and Ronda O'Donnell.

MANKATO, Minn. JULY 20-AUG. 1, 2008; After the FMCA Convention in St. Paul, Minn. SIGN-UPS OPEN Apr. 22, 2008 10 a.m. ET. Team Leaders are needed.



***SIGN-UP PROCEDURE --- PLEASE NOTE NEW EXT 7534 FOR RV DESK:**

All Chapter build sign-ups are done by calling the HFHI RV coordinator (the RV info desk) toll free at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 7534, after 10 a.m. ET on or after the *SIGN-UPS OPEN* date listed for the build. E-mail and voice mail requests will not be acknowledged; you must speak with someone in the RV office.

Note: There may or may not be a team leader in place when you sign up for a build. If there is one assigned by the SIGN-UP date but not listed, just ask the RV desk or you may check with me, John, by phone at (256) 366-0754 or by e-mail at skp45322@hotmail.com.

TEAM LEADERS are needed prior to builds. Volunteer to be a team leader for future or listed builds by contacting me, John Lee, Chapter build coordinator, by phone at (256) 366-0754 or by e-mail at skp45322@hotmail.com.



NOTE: The above procedures will be true through the February FMCA Convention when someone else will take over this responsibility. I have served this position for 2 terms.

Good building and safe travels! John



Check Web site . . .
fmca-hfh.com to
view photos and
read about recent
builds.

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE - WHAT DO YOU DO?

All changes to personal information, addresses, e-mails, etc., should be sent to the secretary at lynndeann@hughes.net or by snail mail to our Chapter address at 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

National Director's Report

With her election as FMCA President, Connie Pool began her term by appointing new members to the many committees that formulate directions for FMCA. I was fortunate to be appointed to the new Marketing Strategy Committee, lead by Tom Ainsley, Vice-President for the Western Area. The committee is responsible for developing a plan that will, among other things, enhance recruiting, member retention and the FMCA image.



Following committee meetings on November 8-9 in Cincinnati, I attended the Executive Board meetings of November 16-17, 2007. At the meeting, the Executive Board received reports from all committees who had met over the previous 2 weeks and reviewed future plans. The Board reviewed the committee recommendations and developed recommendations for approval or disapproval. The proposals and board recommendations will be presented at the Governing Board meeting in St. Paul, Minn., in July, 2008.

The most significant action taken by the Executive Board was the approval of background checks for all volunteers and hired employees working with the Youth Program. This action follows a recommendation by the Risk Management Committee and, considering the number of incidents involving pedophiles and children in the news in recent years, the action was prudent and the responsible thing to do. While the implementing procedures are still being developed, they will be in place by the FMCA International Convention at Pomona. Rest assured that FMCA will pay all cost incurred by volunteers in obtaining the background checks.

Since the Governing Board meeting in Redmond this past August when the budget challenges were announced, rumors have been circulating that the leaders of FMCA have been reducing member benefits to save money. While there have been budget cuts and more will most likely follow, cuts have been directed at the staff, the area vice-presidents, and the nationally elected officers. The Executive Board considers member benefits as extremely important and not to be touched. An attempt to introduce a charge for the presently free mail-forwarding service was quickly defeated by the Executive Board. While the proposed charge would have been well-below charges imposed by other mail-forwarding services, the Executive Board felt that all member benefits must be protected.

As we near the end of a year in which fuel prices have had a significant impact on our travels and our checkbooks, we must find new ways to encourage our members to participate in our chapter builds. Unlike other chapters in FMCA who routinely schedule rallies to attract new members and renew old friendships, we come together for a build. We need to find new ways to serve those in need of decent housing and to bring our members together more often.

Fred O'Donnell

Treasurer's Report from Deann Harrington \$

WELLS FARGO CHECKING:

Balance 7/30/07 \$ 6,885.19
 Income \$ 665.00
 Expenses 207.62
 Balance 11/13/07 \$ 7,342.57

AMERICUS – Project Code 1108012
 Building fund: 7/30/07 = \$32,157.52



CHAPTER DUES

Dues are \$15/year or \$25 / 2 years
 and expire on 12/31/2007

Make check payable to:

FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity®

Mail to:

FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity
 3590 Round Bottom Road
 Cincinnati, OH, 45244

Attn: Deann Harrington #239447



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED !!!!

If your F-number appears in this listing at the right, your dues expire 12/31/2007. PLEASE send your dues in early. It will be a great help to your new treasurer, who will take office in February at Pomona convention.

F-numbers of members whose dues are due before 12/31/07!

F004046	F176926	F220745	F263637	F316499
F039402	F178240	F221351	F264001	F316627
F046722D	F179253	F227354	F265232	F322691
F072824	F182419	F228747	F265706	F325921
F076454	F184694	F229443	F266461	F326905
F089982	F184735	F230456	F267896	F327852
F095058	F188025	F230605	F268058	F328507
F095327D	F192953	F230946	F269355	F331121
F097637	F193308	F231898	F270018	F332275
F098169	F194792	F232132	F271372	F332511
F117019	F195450	F23514	F273937	F334697
F127093	F198619	F239027	F276849	F342356
F135857	F200217	F242464	F281417	F345895
F140950	F202121	F245876	F281912	F347919
F145574	F202184	F246187	F283373	F351291
F148614	F202724	F246430	F284524	F357767
F154606	F206567	F249573	F287704	F364423
F154714	F207023	F249712	F288315	F365204
F155946	F209781	F252419	F305078	F371251
F157253	F214017	F253010	F305108	F372608
F164355	F214445	F256039	F305487	F376019
F168303	F215195	F258402	F307637	F385350
F169404	F215677	F260893	F308851	F386299
F170245	F219032	F260984	F314940	L012913
F172901	F220497	F263030	F316492	L110294

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

We are pleased to report that we have at least one volunteer for each office. Elections will be held at the Pomona FMCA Convention, during the chapter meeting in February 2008. **Remember that nominations are still open and you may volunteer by contacting a member of the committee or with a nomination from the floor at the meeting.** Members: Lynn Harrington, lynndeann@hughes.net; LaVerne Cabell, edlac@fone.net or Carol Lee, skp45322@hotmail.com

Current Candidates are:

President: Bill McLaughlin Bill is the incumbent, having served for 2 years.

1st VP- Build Coordinator: Deann Harrington Deann has served as Treasurer for 4 years and Secretary for 2 years.

2nd VP – Communications: Marion Braum Marion is the incumbent, having served for 2 years and doing a nice job editing our chapter newsletter.

3rd VP – Membership: Dave Salter Dave currently holds office in another chapter but is willing to resign to serve the HFH Chapter if elected.

Secretary: Sue Salter Sue also holds office in another chapter and will resign to serve the HFH Chapter, if elected.

Treasurer: Sue Salter See above.

National Director: Fred O'Donnell Fred is the incumbent having served the past 2 years.

National Director: Jewel Hebert Jewel is a charter member of HFH Chapter and has held office before, her most recent as 2nd VP – Communications

Alternate National Director: Roberta Wehr Roberta is a newer member of the chapter who has participated on several builds. She is now willing to step up and volunteer as an officer.

All candidates but one have led builds for the chapter and all have participated in many chapter activities. Hope to see all of you in Pomona for the elections.

The Nominating Committee

NEW PROJECT CODE--- DONATION INFORMATION

FMCA Chapter members can support the Habitat for Humanity mission of eliminating poverty housing worldwide by mailing their donation to:

HFHI	Make checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity
RV Care-A-Vanners/FMCA	International. For your contribution to be
PO Box 369	credited to FMCA, PLEASE place " Project Code
Americus, GA 31709	1108012 " on the check's memo line.

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Save postage for both the Chapter and yourself if your mail is forwarded. Remember it'll be your responsibility to keep us informed of your current e-mail address.

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