

The Villages RoVers

An FMCA Chapter



Rovers January Newsletter

2022



January Meeting

January 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm
E-mail Newsletter



Our December meeting was another success as far as attendance, the room was almost filled to capacity and it seems we have out grown our location. We will be moving to Everglades Rec Center in February, information on page 3. Our Special Interest Group (SIG) will start this month at Everglades Rec Center.

Our 2021-year ended with some exciting events and our rallies in the second half of the year went on and the On The Fly events also did well.

Since September we had two rallies with a total of 18 rigs and two On The Fly's with a total of 12 rigs. Coming up in 2022 so far in the first 3 1/2 months we have four rallies schedule with a total of 69 rigs already signed up.

There are open rallies to look for on our web site:

SEA – Lakeland Rally At Sun-N-Fun – Sign Up Today!

Not all of the newsletter will be exclusive stories. We will place some interesting articles from the RV world and FMCA.



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January Meeting Date

Villages Rovers Monthly Meeting

When: 3rd. Wednesday of the month

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Eisenhower Rec Center in the Admiral Nimitz-King Room

New Location Starting February 2022



New Members

Join us at our monthly meetings, we are always looking for new friends.

Send Us Your Favorite

CAMPFIRE RECIPES



We Will Publish Them In The Newsletter

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Villages RoVers

Monthly Meeting Date and Location Change

3rd. Thursday Of The Month

Effective February 17, 2022

In The Grand Canyon Room

Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting

2nd. Wednesday Of The Month

Starting - January 12, 2022

Glacier Room

More Information Will Be Emailed To All Members



Everglades Recreation Center

5497 Marsh Bend Trail

The Villages 34785

352-674-8434



Join The Villages RoVers



Joining the RoVers is easy. Complete the form below and then come to the next meeting and go to the membership table to sign the application and pay the appropriate dues. Either cash or check are acceptable forms of payment. The fee to join is \$20.00. Just remember the RoVers is an FMCA Chapter, so you must be a member of FMCA prior to joining the club. As a Villager, you may attend our monthly meetings as a guest but must possess a qualifying RV and be a member of FMCA to join.

Click On The Link For Our Application Form
<https://www.villagesrovers.org/join-the-rovers.html>

Villages RoVers meetings are held at Eisenhower Rec Center Nimitz-King Room. The fee is \$20.00 and checks should be made out to Villages RoVers. You may bring your check and completed application to our meeting.

Villages Rovers Name Tags

Order your Official Villages RoVers name tag. Name tag orders can be downloaded from our web site under the HOME tab. Just fill it out and bring your order form with a check or cash. See John or Mary at the name tag table.

Your Name & Type Of RV



Did You Know You Can Order Villages RoVers License Plates?

Click On The Link For The Name Tag Form
<https://www.villagesrovers.org/village-rovers-name-tags.html>





Boondockers Corner

Second Article - January 2022

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Greeting RoVers!

In this second article, I want to focus on defining Boondocking, Free Style & Dry Camping. Is there a difference? Not really.. Some of us have Self Contained Rigs ie: nothing external is needed to camp.

We follow this pattern on our trips: 1-2 days boondocking then 1 night @ a campground. In the last article there was discussion about capacities; Did you check yours?

SUGGESTIONS:

Daily WATER use: 1-2 gallons per person, Shower day, plan on 8 gal (Mary & I use between 4-6 gal) it takes practice but in time, using conservation methods, pre-moisten body towels for a quick shower, cups to portion water to brush your teeth you-can- do it!

WASTE water, your camper is designed to hold 105-110% of your Fresh water tank, so don't worry about it, unless you bring extra water into your system.

BATTERIES and of course LP Gas. Your RV lights run off 12 volts. Some rigs have a couple 110v lights. If your Rig does not have a battery your light comes from a flashlight or from your tow vehicle. In most cases an overnight stay will be fine unless you have a large electrical drain like a fan, furnace or CPAP machine.

The FMCA web site has a wealth of experience and information, take a look.

<https://community.fmca.com/forum/122-boondocking/>

This knowledge is essential in planning a trip where you will boondock a few days between campgrounds. FMCA provides areas at each National Convention for this type of camping - the Generator Area. That's right, Generator. This is where the term "Dry Camping" comes from. You are relying on your Camper to be Self-Contained nothing IN nothing OUT. All it takes for FH (Full Hookups) is to push the Generator button.

In our upcoming 6000-mile trip, all of us will Boondock many days. In our 60 day trip 15-20 will be no- hookups. We will stay at rest stops, Harvest Hosts and a few off the beaten path sites near the Very Large Array Telescope in NM. The sky is crystal clear through the Milky Way and the quiet is deafening...

I have told this story, while remote boondocking on fire road 525 south of Sedona, AZ, most mornings just before sun up a pack of Coyotes came near our camper. The cubs were jumping and playing, then the Alpha walked in.. Dead quiet.. Everything stopped, such a great experience in the morning twilight that repeated during our 4 days there. The West is where 40000 - 60000 RVs descend upon a little town called Quartzite, AZ/ Most folks Camp in the desert boondocking. Plan a January trip here, we will join you.

Next time... On the Road Internet Connections, a little about Electrical, How the Systems work.

Beauty boondocking site: Yosemite, NP <https://youtu.be/q109q9xOOoU>

Safe travels, Let's

Boondockers Corner by: John Allen



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Starting January 12, 2022 9:30 am. SIG (Special Interest Groups)

As an FMCA Chapter we have a commitment to educate our members on how to enjoy safe and happy RVing. We will be selecting different categories monthly and also post them on our web site.

January SIG Meeting – our first SIG meeting will be a roundtable discussion on what types of classes our members be looking for such as:

Rallies, maintenance of RV's, RV parks in Florida and anything that will be of interest.

We are in the process of starting classes for the following:

- + New To RVing members – This program will be geared to members who would like to attend a structured SIG meeting and then a local rally within fifty to 100 miles.*
- + A SIG get together for new and not so new to the Villages RoVers Chapter, this program will be structured on how an FMCA chapter works, what is expected, how FMCA regional and international rallies work, and the ability to attend other Chapter rallies and events.*
- + Rally Hosts – What does it take to be a Rally Host? This event will help our members understand how to plan for an exciting and enjoyable time with other RoVer members. It's easier than most members think.*
- + Roadside assistance, extended warranties, tire monitor systems, battery maintenance, solar panels, generator use and maintenance, air conditioning maintenance, water systems, awnings, furnaces, to name a few.*
- + Our goal will be to have SIG meetings every month on different topics, if you have an interest or would like to have a SIG with special topics you are concerned about let us know, you will probably find out others have the same interest.*



Upcoming Rallies



Sign Up With The Rovers On Our Web Site



SEA Lakeland Rally **Open!!*

Camp Margaritaville RV Resort

& Cabana Cabins - Closed - Full

Tampa Super Show - Closed - Full

The Cajun Rally Is - Closed - Full

These Rallies can be duplicated by any member wishing to get involved. We also have a large selection of rally information for members.

Below Are Additional Rallies Sign Up Soon

Another Great Adventure From:





FMCA Southeast Area Rally

Sign Up Is Still Open!!!

"Luau in Lakeland"



The SEA Rally is located in Lakeland Florida at Sun 'n Fun Campus. The dates are February 9-12, 2022. We will be going as a group and we must have the same parking credentials to meet in the holding area to be parked together. The registration for our group will be - RV with 1-2 adults / electric cost of \$345.00. There is also a Romeo & Juliet luncheon at a cost of \$15.00. If this will be your first time and you have questions, we will be reviewing this at the September meeting, or you can contact Bernie Harchar.

Registration Link:

<https://www.seafmca.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/22SEARallyRegistrationSOLDOUT-4.pdf>

All attendees must agree to FMCA's Event Waiver and Release of Liability For Exposure To Covid-19

When you send in the registration for "Luau in Lakeland" please add the waiver with your registration.

Covid-19 Release Link:

<https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/FMCA Chapter And Area Covid Waiver 2022.pdf>



Still Time To Sign Up!!



FMCA'S 104th International Convention & RV Expo



TUCSON'S "SUNSETS + SAGUAROS"



Looking to get your 2022 travel season off to a sweet start? Then join thousands of RVers for FMCA's 104th International Convention & RV Expo. You'll discover activities throughout the four-day event that will have you grinning from ear to ear.

March 23-26, 2021
Pima County Fairgrounds, Tucson, Arizona

For More Information Contact:
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This Event Is Not A Rally It Is "On The Fly" and let John and Mary Allen Know, They will Arrange A Staging Time So Members Can Park Together.

Registration For Tucson International Convention:



<https://www.fmca.com/fmca-tucson-2022-learn-more>



More Information Coming Soon!





Our New Concept For Small Gatherings.

It's Fun And Easy

On The Fly Is The Fastest Growing Activity With The RoVers It's Easy & Fun



Are you heading out on a planned or spur of the moment RV trip? Ever thought it would be fun to do a journey with another rig? "On the Fly" is a feature available to club members who may enjoy the company of another member rig. Submit the details of your journey along with your contact info and others may be interested joining you whether it is an overnight stop off or a longer trek.

All a member has to do is go to the website on the front page and look for "On The Fly" click the link and fill out the information. Once you submit the information it will be posted on the website so any other member can join you. This is not a rally but a way to go somewhere and maybe another member is thinking of getting away.

Example: Fill out the "On The Fly".

- + Tell us where you are going add the dates and how long you will be staying. It will be posted on the website.*
- + Add the website link*
- + Finally add a comment about the location*

Now, you are going away and one, two or three members may be joining you for some fellowship.

Member's RV Adventures

We would like to dedicate this section for our members to tell us about their RV adventures and places they have traveled. Sharing your adventures will encourage others to seek new adventures. With your support we would like to add one or two travel adventures in our newsletter.

You can contact us on the web site at the "Contact Us" link on our home page

<https://www.villagesrovers.org/contact-us.html>

or Email Bernie Harchar at Bharchar@aol.com or cell 440-724-2137.



*Every picture is worth 1000 words let's share them!!
2021 Rallies & On The Fly's*



Send Us Your Camping Pictures!!

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John Allen, Alternate National Director &
Rally Coordinator

Contact Information Available On The
Website - www.VillagesRovers.org

Current Membership - 90 RV Owners
New Members Since July – 49

*Hope To See You Soon!! Be Safe
January 19, 2022
6:00 pm*

