

## Rovers April Newsletter

April 2020

# E-mail Newsletter During This Critical Time

old Another month and we are still on the stay at home requirement, it will end. Early on, our conversations centered on the hope that we could be getting back to "normal" relatively quickly, but we now realize that this will take longer than expected, if we ever can return to our old "normal". Now more than ever I am reminded that the most successful organizations are made up of caring, committed, collaborative, and innovative individuals and I couldn't be prouder of our Leadership team. Over the past month we have communicated with one another to get things ready for the future. Our team and the volunteers who offered their assistance from the survey in March are starting to prepare rallies and future rallies. We are working on simple

ways for our membership to have plug and play rallies and events.

If you are staying at home then I'm sure many of you are really looking forward to a trip somewhere just to get out of the house. Spring is here and summer is near. If you have some down time (staying at home) we would like you to help with the rush to travel after this pandemic, or if you are bored please give us a couple of hours.

We are a member driven organization with a number of members who want to reach out to others.

What we put in is what we get, so let's all help a little to our success.

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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#### Classifieds

Next week we will be adding items on the website that members would like to sell. Start Looking the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>. for some great deals. If you have something to sell contact us on the "Contact Us" page of the Web Site.





### **Rallies**



Our Team is working on rallies, we have done some of the research and the list keeps growing if you would like to give a little time or more we have a plan that runs months out. Some of these rallies may not have dates due to the current pandemic, but the place, the activities and the fun will always be there. As I said last month: A) Where are we today, B) Where do we want to be tomorrow and C) How do we get there. We found where we are today, we know where we what to be tomorrow, now that's progress, but how do we get there, with your help! A simple reminder you joined this chapter to meet and make new friendships and travel with our members.

## The List Keeps Growing!

Possible Rallies: If You Are Interest In Hosting Or Co-Hosting the Information Is On File

Suwannee Roots Revival October 15 -18, 2021 Pensacola - Blue Angels Rocket Launch Big Cypress National Park Cedar Key Florida Caverns St. Augustine - KOA or Stagecoach RV Park Lay On The Beach At Beverly Campground Indian River RV Park / Kennedy Space Center Grassy Key RV Resort - Florida Keys Just Do Nothing Rally **Destination Rally:** Albuquerque Balloon Fest Rally – October 2021

#### **Coming Soon!**

>Great Outdoors RV Resort & Golf >Tampa Super January 2021 >FMCA 102th International Rally – March 2021

#### **Possible Events:**

Meeting AT A Park For Lunch Or Snacks Gathering At A RV Storage Center or Campground – Maintenance Talks

For information contact Doris Carder and become part of her team.

### Have a Problem Or Question About RV'ing?

Family Motor Coach Association offers virtual RV classes, exclusively to its members through FMCA University, an online hub of RVing resources. Members can log into FMCA University 24/7 — anytime,

anywhere.

- Access decades of know-how all in one convenient location
- Trust your source Content provided by industry - leading RV experts
- Search for topics that interest you
- Learn at your convenience

- Read articles and take quizzes to test your RVing knowledge
- Earn badges and rewards as you learn new skills
- Have fun and feel more confident about operating your RV



# Virtual Rally The New Norm

For the past two months I have been working on what will be another change in our RV life style. Virtual Rallies are coming and I have been fortunate to work with a national RV repair center and designer of most of the RV suspension and Steering enhancements. SuperSteer and Henderson's Line-Up is designing a Virtual Rally platform which will be part of the new normal. There are a few other RV organizations starting to change the way we do things. This will not replace the traditional physical rallies which we all enjoy. With some rallies hundreds of miles or more away, the ability to attend can be difficult and costly for the registration, fuel and other expenses. Most nationwide rallies average 3-4 days, so to make the trip worthwhile you need to add additional visits to the trip, and you can't set the date. With the Virtual Rally launching soon

the Villages Rovers Chapter has been invited to participate in the soft opening along with a Grand Design RV Club on the west coast. The amount of members may be limited due to it being the first launching attempt. The date will be announced by e-mail and the sign up will be on a first come basis. Prior to the virtual rally there will be an informational video on how to connect, it will not be difficult. There will be national vendors giving virtual seminars, and just like any RV seminar there will be a live question and answer time.

After working on this project it seems that virtual rallies will be popping up a lot, and some rallies that you would like to have gone to in the past but was expensive and far away will really be affordable.

Please watch your e-mails in the next two weeks. It's coming soon!

# Easy, Quick & Good Grilled Lemon Chicken

#### *Ingredients*

- 1/2 c lemon juice
- 1/4 c and 2 tbsp olive oil
- 11/2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 3 large cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 3 Tbsp red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

### Preparation

Use a gallon a zip lock bag, mix the lemon juice, olive oil, Dijon mustard, garlic, red bell pepper, salt, and pepper. Set aside 1/4 cup of the mixture to use for basting. Place chicken in the bag, and marinate at least 40 minutes or longer in the refrigerator or cooler. When the coals or grill is hot and ready, drain and discard marinade from the bag. Lightly coat the grill grate with cooking oil or non-stick vegetable spray. Place chicken on the grill. Cook about 6 to 8 minutes on each side, until juices run clear, basting occasionally with the reserved marinade. Remove serve with your favorite vegetables. It's a winner!!





St. Augustine Rally Photo by Hernan Gutierrez





Tampa Super Show Photo by Don Lavallee

### Have some RoVers pictures send them to us! FMCA Tire Program

Travel season is coming if you need tires FMCA offers a National Fleet Pricing Program

Step 1: Get the specifications for the tires you need to have replaced. At this point, the program covers only motorhome tires. Step 2. Use the specifications to find out which Continental tire is a match. You can do this by calling Continental (704-583-8889) or the FMCA national office (800-543-3622), or by using the pricing tool at FMCA.com. This tool is extremely helpful and will give you pricing for every single tire that matches your search. Use the Tire Savings Calculator to get available tire pricing in the size you need. Step 3. Find a local Continental dealer who can do the install, and set up an appointment. In the Villages Wildwood Tire accepts this program.

Also let the dealer know which tire you are looking for. That way, you can be sure the dealer will have the tires in stock and ready for your appointment. You can find a list of dealers at www.continentaltruck.com/truck. From that page, select Dealer Locator in the top right corner.

Step 4. When you go to the dealer, show them your FMCA membership card.

You will pay the dealer directly for the tires and installation. Keep in mind that Continental quotes only the tire price and federal taxes.

#### **Board Members:**

Bernie Harchar, President/ National Director Doug Huttenstine, 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President Danny Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President Cheryl Botts, Secretary / Treasurer Fred Holland, Alternate National Director

**Contact Information Available On The Website** 

**Rally Host Coordinator Doris Carder** 

Current Membership - 134 RV Owners Web Master Bob Holzmann & Chuck Wyrick Please be patient we are working to update and improve our website.

### Hope To See You Soon!! Be Safe

