



**November Meeting**  
**December 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm**  
**E-mail Newsletter**

*Our November meeting was a success as far as attendance, the room was almost filled to capacity. We are looking for another rec center for monthly meetings and SIG meetings.*

*In this newsletter we are discussing a national problem and one way that our planned trips can be ruined. We often invest in our motorhomes to make them look like a second home or improve the suspensions. Think about your catalytic converter and what happens if it's stolen. Catalytic converter theft is on the rise nationwide and what does it take to get one replaced? What happens to your planned trip?*

*If you feel the urge to get out let us know and we will post it on the website in the "On The Fly". "On The Fly" is not considered a rally and there are no structured plans or organized activities. They have been*

*working out pretty good, members are meeting members. It is an easy way to go places and maintain a healthy environment with social distancing.*

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

-  *SEA – Lakeland Rally At Sun-N-Fun*
-  *Camp Margaritaville RV Resort & Cabana Cabins*

*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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## **Monthly Meeting Date**

**We are starting our meetings again and there is a new date-  
Please mark this in your calendar.**

**Villages Rovers Monthly Meeting**

**When: 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday of the month**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

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

## **Guest Speaker At The December Meeting**

**Beth Wylie**

**Camp Margaritaville RV Resort**



**New Members**

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



## Catalytic Converter Thefts

Often, we spend money on our RVs to make it look better or add suspension parts for a better ride, but one thing we never think about and can ruin a planned trip is the loss of your catalytic converter. And it's a national problem.

With Catalytic converter theft on the rise nationwide. Thieves can steal this antipollution device in a matter of minutes and sell it to scrap metal dealers for several hundred dollars for the precious metals it contains. What is heart breaking is going to the RV storage center to pick up your motorhome and find out your catalytic converter was stolen.

Class C and Class A gas RVs are often hit by thieves because it's easy to slide under the vehicle, it takes less than a minute to cut the connecting pipes using a battery-operated saw. In this day and age thieves are bold and have no respect for others.

What can you do to protect your catalytic converter? Investing in a cable locking device is an inexpensive way to protect the catalytic converter, they are easy to install, not overly expensive and less than replacing a catalytic converter. The internet is filled with such devices to protect the catalytic converter, which is part of the exhaust system that runs along the bottom of your vehicle. A few of the popular devices:

- A steel shield that fits over the catalytic converter, requiring time and extra tools to remove.
- Cages made of rebar or other high-strength steel that's difficult to cut.
- Stainless steel cables welded from the catalytic converter to the car's frame.
- NAPA CatClamp Catalytic Converter Lock (see below)

NAPA CatClamp Catalytic Converter Lock CCS175300

[https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/DisplayMessage?ws\\_popup=true&ws\\_suite=true](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/DisplayMessage?ws_popup=true&ws_suite=true)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTCCBy8EBYJc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wl9pzwh5PIE>

***Think about protecting you motor home it's a big investment and what would happen if your catalytic converter is stolen just before a trip?***





## 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>





**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.*



## ***Coming Soon 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.*

*We are in the process of starting classes and small rallies 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 - **Open!!***

*Tampa Super Show - Closed*

*The Cajun Rally Is - Closed*

These Rallies can be duplicated by any members wishing to get involved. We also have a large selection of rally information for members to look over and start one.

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](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:**  
**John and Mary Allen**  
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**E-Mail: [fouroureye@gmail.com](mailto:fouroureye@gmail.com)**



**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!**



*Check It Out on the Villages RoVers Web Site*



## **Camp Margaritaville RV Resort**

**March 2022**

**Camp Margaritaville RV Resort / Cabana Club Resort**

**361 Denton Ave**

**Auburndale, FL 33823**

**863.455.7335**

**Check-in March 10**

**Check-out March 13**

**Back-In RV Sites \$278.21**

**Pull Through RV Sites \$315.50\*\***

\*\* Premium Pull Through RV Sites may also be available at additional cost – call Margaritaville for details

***For More Information Contact***

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OR

***Karen Walz Cell 954-610-7139***

***Email [KarenWalz13@gmail.com](mailto:KarenWalz13@gmail.com)***



**NOTE:**

**Deadline to register is 12/24/2021 or while supplies last.**

**Includes:**

- **3 Nights of Camping**
- **Full Hook Ups, Cable, and Internet**
- **2 Nights of Entertainment –**
  - **Friday and Saturday evening entertainers to be provided by**
  - **Camp Margaritaville RV Resort (Previous examples include DJ/Live Band)**

Come and embrace the atmosphere of **Camp Margaritaville's** tiki bar, firepits, resort pools, entertainment stage, putting course, playground, dog parks (Bark-Aritaville), and arcade or plan a day hiking, biking, or sightseeing.

**Another Great Adventure From:**



***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 or Email Bernie Harchar at [Bharchar@aol.com](mailto:Bharchar@aol.com) or cell 440-724-2137.*





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*Every picture is worth 1000 words let's share them!!*  
*St. John River Rally - November*



*Send Us Your Camping Pictures!!*



# Roadside Assistance



<https://www.fmca.com/index.php/fmca-rv-roadside-assistance.html>

## FMCA Roadside Assistance Program

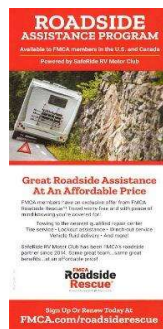
FMCA's Roadside Rescue®, powered by SafeRide RV Motor Club, will be there when you need it. SafeRide RV provides fully equipped services and valuable benefits to FMCA Members. You can even extend your coverage to additional family members living in your household and add additional passenger vehicles.

### Benefits Include:

- Towing to the nearest qualified repair center
- Fuel delivery
- Lockout service
- Tire change
- Battery boost
- Tech assistance
- And more!

Curious how FMCA Roadside Rescue® stacks up against other RV roadside assistance programs?

Once you review this program you will see FMCA Roadside Rescue® doesn't skimp on coverage!



### Sample Policy:

[https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/roadside/roadside\\_policy\\_blank.pdf](https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/roadside/roadside_policy_blank.pdf)



## Working On The Website

*It is hard to find members who want to put time into the website, one reason it takes time, another reason, it is not easy unless you have the experience. Our web master Bob Holzmann is currently making improvements and the website and it is looking good. But Bob may not be able to do this forever. Our goal is to build a simple and cost effect website. If you have some experience, please contact Bernie Harchar.*

### Board Members:

Bernie Harchar, President/National Director  
Doug Huttenstine, 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President  
Danny Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President  
Judy MacEvoy, Secretary  
Ted Kowalczyk, Treasurer  
John Allen, Alternate National Director &  
Rally Host Coordinator

Contact Information Available On The  
Website - [www.VillagesRovers.org](http://www.VillagesRovers.org)

Current Membership - 96 RV Owners  
New Members Since July – 44

*Hope To See You Soon!! Be Safe  
December 15, 2021  
6:00 pm*

