



## *Rovers Newsletter*

2022

### **February Newsletter** **February 17, 2022 at 5:45 pm** **E-mail Newsletter**

*Our February meeting was another success as far as attendance, we had 11 new rigs owners with 20 members. We have moved to Everglades Rec Center, information on page 3. Our Special Interest Group (SIG) will start in March and we have several group sessions scheduled, more to come and the SIG we will also meet at Everglades Rec Center.*

*The last two rallies Tampa Super Show and FMCA SEA rally in Lakeland FL. turned out to be fantastic 22 rig signed up for Tampa and 30 rigs went to Lakeland. 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.*

*The next two months, March and April, we have two Rallies with 19 going to*

*Margaritaville and 10 going to the Cajun Rally scheduled with a total of 29 rigs scheduled and signed up. The Margaritaville Rally has a wait list. If you were planning on going and need to cancel, PLEASE contact Jim Mattern and he can transfer reservations so another member can attend, do not contact the RV Resort.*

*Currently there are no new Rallies scheduled, so if you have an interest let us know and we can put some together for you.*

*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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Welcome

*New Members*

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



*Send Us Your Favorite  
CAMPFIRE RECIPES*



*We Are Exploring A SIG Group For Members To Share Camping And Traveling Recipes. More To Come...*



*Notice*

*We Have Moved*

*Notice*

*Villages RoVers  
Monthly Meeting Date and Location Has  
Changed*

*3<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday Of The Month  
In The Grand Canyon Room*

*Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup>. 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  
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## 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>

### NEED TO CHANGE THE FORM

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>



# Villages RoVers

An FMCA Chapter



## Starting March 9, 2022 9:30 am. SIG (Special Interest Groups)

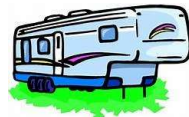
*As an FMCA Chapter we have a commitment to educate our members on how to enjoy safe and happy RVing. We will be selecting different categories monthly and also post them on our web site.*

*March 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:*

- + MARCH - New To RVing – 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.*
- + MARCH - Buying & Selling RV's. What to look for when buying an RV. Inspections, Insurance Extended Warranties are just a few things to look for when buying an RV.*
- + MARCH - Rally Hosting – What does it take to be a Rally Host (Wagon Master)? 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.*
- + FMCA Benefits - 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.*
- + 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.*
- + 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



*Camp Margaritaville RV Resort  
& Cabana Cabins - Full W/Wait List  
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'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>





## Where's Wheezy



***Are you ready to get out of that chair and just go? Who isn't?? You need to look no farther than your own backyard, Florida that is. This time of year Florida is teeming with events, shows, and fairs. Pack up that RV, call some friends and go "On the Fly" or plan a small rally!***

***Here are just a few in the near future you might have never heard of, or have been anxious to try. Remember with the Covid situation, some might have restrictions or have been cancelled, check out the websites for more information.***

### **[Florida State Fair](#), Tampa, Feb. 10-21, 2022**

It boasts "the largest midway in the USA," but its core purpose, celebrated for more than 100 years, is to showcase Florida's agriculture and its history.

### **[Everglades Seafood Festival](#), Everglades City, Feb. 11-13, 2022**

This free event in Florida's Stone Crab Capitol packs 'em in for fresh seafood, country music, carnival rides, crafts booths. An estimated 50,000 people attend each year in this small town (population 500) for the three-day event.

### **[South Florida Garlic Fest](#), Wellington, Feb. 12-13, 2022**

A big event with food and top musical performers, it started as a fundraiser for several non-profits. The festival outgrew Delray Beach and moved to Wellington Green.

### **[9th Annual Scottish Highland Festival](#), Mount Dora, Feb. 19-20, 2022**

This gated event with a \$10 admission ticket features Scottish bands and musicians all the weekend at Donnelly Park, and an afternoon of Highland Games in Gilbert Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **[The Battle of Olustee Civil War Re-Enactment](#), Sanderson, Feb. 18-20, 2022**

Florida's largest Civil War battle is re-enacted, with gun smoke, booming cannons and cavalry.

### **[Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival](#), Cortez, Feb. 19-20, 2022**

Cortez started as a fishing village, and it still has a working waterfront and fishing boats. The festival offers music, nautical arts and crafts, children's activities, environmental exhibits and lots of fresh seafood.

### **[Coconut Grove Arts Festival](#), Coconut Grove, Miami, Feb. 19-20, 2022**

A huge fair (covering many blocks with 350+ exhibitors) and a beautiful waterfront setting make this one of the most popular art festivals in Florida. As a result, it attracts top entertainers, food vendors and artists. Held annually on Presidents Day Weekend.





**[ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival](#), Jupiter, Feb. 19-20, 2022**

A top juried festival with 300 artists, Artigras is celebrating 37 years of family fun this year.

**[Naples National Art Festival](#), Naples, Feb. 19-20, 2022**

Ranked among the top art festivals in the state, the event takes place in scenic Cambier Park and along 8th Street South in downtown Naples.

**[Swamp Cabbage Festival](#), La Belle. Feb. 26-27, 2022**

For 50+ years, this authentic Florida town east of Fort Myers has been celebrating swamp cabbage in a down-home festival and parade. A unique highlight: Armadillo races.

**[Florida Strawberry Festival](#), Plant City, March 3-13, 2022**

Like a state fair, the Strawberry Festival has agricultural displays, livestock shows, arts and crafts, local food and a huge carnival midway. But its entertainment line-up is what's extraordinary year after year.

**[Grant Seafood Festival](#), Grant-Sebastian, March 5-6, 2022**

The Grant Seafood Festival is put on by volunteers and has been held every year since 1966 in this sprawling riverside community between Melbourne and Sebastian.

**[Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Festival](#), Fort Myers Beach, March 12-13, 2022**

There are still working fishing boats in this town pulling in shrimp from the Gulf and that's the reason Fort Myers Beach has held its shrimp festival for 50 years

**[Bike Week](#), Daytona Beach, March 4-13, 2022**

**[Marathon Seafood Festival](#), Marathon, March 12-13, 2022**

The Key's most popular seafood fest is the "original" in Marathon.



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**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.*

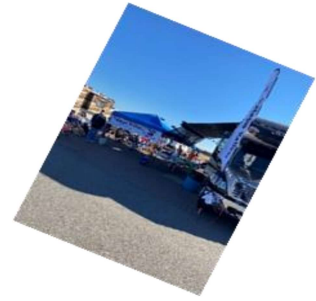
**Member's RV Adventures**

*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](mailto:Bharchar@aol.com) or cell 440-724-2137.*



*Every picture is worth 1000 words let's share them!!  
2022 Rallies & On The Fly's*



*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)

#### Board Members:

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

Current Membership - 113 RV Owners  
New Members

*Hope To See You Soon!! Be Safe*

