The Villages RoVers An FMCA Chapter



Rovers January Newsletter

January 2021



January Meeting Cancelled



E-mail Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone and let's hope it's better than 2020. It's been a few months since we put out a news letter but not much has happened with the pandemic holding us hostage.

I hope your holidays were enjoyable and you're starting to plan your 2021 travels. Many of us want to get out and get back in our RV's and do some traveling again. With the Covid-19 vaccine arrival hopefully we will get back out on the road again. Remember we started "On The Fly" with the intension that someone who is going to get away and would like some company, can post their trip on the website. If you feel the urge to get out let us know and we will post it on the website. Most of the "On The Fly" events have been with 4-6 RV's so they are remaining small. "On The Fly" is not considered a rally and there are no structured plans or organized activities. It is an easy way to go places and maintain healthy environment with distancing.

New Meeting Date: When we start our monthly meetings, we will be meeting on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Eisenhower Rec Center in the Admiral Nimitz-King Room.

This month I would like to feature articles from FMCA and some of their outstanding benefits.

Going camping this time of year, many campgrounds are at a premium with snowbirds down for the winter.

If you go camping avoid crowed RV parks, bring items that you would use at home to disinfect your RV, and things like a picnic table and utility hook ups. Remember being prepared can minimize contact with people. Bring as much food and supplies as you can, pay for fuel at the pump, make your reservation on line or on the phone.

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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New Meeting Date

When we start our meetings again there is a new date please mark this in your calendar.

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

Classifieds

We have added items on the website that members would like to sell. Take a look you may find something you like or place an add. <u>If you have something to sell contact us on the "Contact Us" page of the Web Site.</u>

RVillage A Great Website For The RV Community

www.RVillage.com

- RVillage is a simple and a free website for the RV community, members can meet members find out about RV parks join specific RV groups.
- If you use RVIIIage there is a private group, Villages Rovers it was set up just for our Chapter.
- Endless amount of information.

- Get questions answered from RVers around North America.
- Information about Rallies everywhere.
- Join countless groups.
- Find a group and connect with other RVers who enjoy the same things. Rig type, pets, hobbies and so much more.
- **♣** Sign Up AT <u>www.RVillage.com</u>

New Product

This Is A Game Changer Hot Sticky And Sweaty In Your RV

Now You Can:

- Run Two Air Conditioners On A 30-Amp Hookup
- Run One Air Conditioner Using Only A Small Portable Generator
- Run One Air Conditioner On A 20-Amp Household Hookup
- Run An Air Conditioner Or Two Using Your Onboard Inverter System

Link to SoftStart:

https://www.softstartusa.com/?utm source=7



Our New Concept For Small Gatherings



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.
- **4** Add the website link
- **4** 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.





FMCAssist



Travel with peace of mind, knowing you are covered if the unexpected happens

What do you need to do to enroll in this program?
Absolutely nothing! As long as you are an active FMCA member, you are covered.

FMCAssist is emergency medical evacuation and repatriation coverage available to members worldwide as long as you are more than 75 miles from home. If you are a full-time RVer, you are always considered 75 miles from home. FMCAssist services are also available to members when traveling abroad. Some exclusions and limitation amounts pertain to these benefits.

UNDERSTAND THIS GREAT BENEFITS!

It is crucial that you understand what is included (and excluded) with your FMCAssist coverage. Coverage is the same whether you're a U.S. resident or Canadian resident, but some of the terminology is different.

To download FMCA Frequently Ask Question click: https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/FMCAssist_FAQs.pdf

For medical referrals, evacuation, repatriation, vehicle return or other services please call: Europ Assistance
877-352-0785 (Inside the USA)
877-350-3532 (Canada)
1-202-659-7803 (Outside USA Collect)
OPS@europassistance-usa.com

Description of Benefits click: https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/description-of-benefits-us.pdf

Once you have downloaded the FMCAssist policy print it and keep a copy in your RV so you can find it quickly if needed.





Welcome to the FMCA University!

The FMCA University library holds almost 700 RV-related articles spanning 50 categories to help take you from a beginner to a more confident and experienced RVer.

We've combined decades of RV knowledge into one convenient location so you can focus on the topics that interest you most. If you are here for a little light reading or a specific topic, the dropdown menus below will allow you to search between lifestyle and technical content.

From there you can filter your search to find specific categories and subcategories within the lifestyle and technical sections.

If you've come for a challenge, check out the <u>FMCA University Curriculum</u> and put your knowledge to the test! <u>https://www.fmca.com/about-fmca-university</u>

The curriculum is broken up into different sections, and each section may have one or more achievements that you can gain and add to your FMCA University Profile – but you have to pass the test first!

To get started on the Curriculum, click the link in the above paragraph or use the Curriculum link in the Navigation Box (note: if you are on a desktop, the Navigation box is located on the left side of your screen. If using a mobile device or tablet the Navigation Box will be located above). Once you have entered the Curriculum section of the University, scroll and select from the list of categories to begin working on an achievement. After you make your selection, the achievement window will pop up with a description and display the lessons associated with each achievement.

Once you've read the article, the final step is to take the achievement test! After you pass, an achievement icon will be added to the "Your Achievements" section of your profile.



The more tests you take and pass, the more achievements and badges you earn with different incentives and rewards along the way!

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Good Luck and Have Fun! FMCA Education Committee



Working On The Website



We are currently excepting venders to advertise on our website for your benefit. We do not sponsor, or have preferred venders. All of the revenue we raise will support our website, so our members can be better informed, and vendors can advertise and reach out to our membership. 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 is looking good. But Bob may not be able to do this forever. Our goal is to build a simple and cost effect website.

Businesses that are on board are: Coach Crafters Allegiance RV Service My RV Storage

Wildwood Tire Co.

AALL*BRITE RV Cleaning Service

Board Members:

Bernie Harchar, President/ National Director Doug Huttenstine, 1st. Vice President Danny Brown, 2nd. Vice President Cheryl Botts, Secretary / Treasurer Open, Alternate National Director

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

Rally Host Coordinator Doris Carder

Current Membership - 138 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



