

# The Villages RoVers

An FMCA Chapter



## Rovers July Newsletter

July 2020

"On The Fly"

### E-mail Newsletter

***How much longer can you hold out with the Rv just sitting in the storage facility. Even with some restriction lifted are you comfortable traveling? We are really lucky owning an RV and we have a travel advantage. How can we camp during the coronavirus pandemic? We have been cooped-up in our homes and were forced to stop traveling in March you can turn to nature for equal parts of hope and escape. The long-awaited opportunity to breathe fresh air and park our RV under some trees can provide a familiar grounding, a temporary reprieve from the uncertainty the deadly virus has brought upon us.***

***With summer activities it seems that outdoors over indoors may be safer providing you're not in a crowd. If you go camping avoid crowded 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.***

***The pandemic hit, making the outdoor maze even more relevant. People want to relax, enjoy and hope things are getting better. So, if you do travel, being outdoors it doesn't mean you can forget about spreading or contracting COVID-19 it is just giving you a different setting outside of your home.***

***As of mid-June, campgrounds and RV parks were allowed to reopen as long as they comply with detailed state guidelines and receive permission from public health officials in their county. Every campground will have a set of rules designed to keep safe and healthy.***

***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**

***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. If you have something to sell contact us on the "Contact Us" page of the Web Site.***





## Working On Rallies



*Are you able to give a few hours a month to research some locations that would be appealing to our Chapter. We are not saying that you need to be a Rally Host, we just want ideas. As I have said before: 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 mostly sitting at home, we know where we want to be tomorrow on the road, 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! Check The Website!

#### Possible Rallies:

*If You Are Interest In Hosting Or Co-Hosting the Information Is On File*

*Suwannee Roots Revival October 15 -18, 2021*

*Stephen Foster State Park*

*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.*

## RVillage A Great Website For The RV Community

[www.RVillage.com](http://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 RVillage 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 – [www.RVillage.com](http://www.RVillage.com)



## ***A New Concept For The Rovers***



*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: We filled out the "On The Fly" last week. We are going to The Glades RV Resort the dates we booked are from Friday July 24, 2020 for a week. It was posted on the website and now there is one, maybe two members going. The Glades is a quiet RV Resort in Moorhaven, Fl. This town has less than 2,000 residents and the closet business is 14 mile out of town. They have a restaurant/grill on the grounds. This resort is located on the Caloosahatchee River just 14 miles west of Lake Okeechobee, the resort is approximately 500 acres and has 360 spacious sites to accommodate any size RV or boat. So, if this interests you come on down. Tell them you're from The Villages.*

*Now, if you are going away and would like a member to join you, just submit it.*

*Submit information to webmaster by going to the "On The Fly" page.*

*Thank You, Suzanne & Doug Huttenstine for this great idea!!!*



## The Future Of *FMCAssist*

*This great FMCA benefit that is provided in our annual dues has come under fire. FMCA has lost revenue in the past year due to the coronavirus virus pandemic. The Tucson convention in March and the summer convention in August 2020. On top of the revenue stream being cut from canceled conventions Seven Corners the insurance provider increased the annual premium seventy percent. What is also disturbing is that Seven Corners has quoted similar programs for less than our current cost. The Finance FMCA Committee presented a balance budget that eliminated the FMCAssist program, the Area Vice Presidents rejected the proposed budget and want the FMCAssist included. The one thing that the Executive Board did not do was to figure what will it take to pass a balanced budget. The annual cost of the FMCAssist is \$930,000. And Seven Corners paid out \$250,000. Most members of FMCA are over the age of 60 and it's hard to attract new members who are younger with the \$85.00 annual premium. Jon Walker our National President has request to drop the FMCAssist and have a balanced budget. If this happens the annual dues would be reduced to \$50.00 annually. If this benefit is dropped, I believe members can buy travel protection on their own.*

*Please email if you have an opinion about FMCAssist.*



## **New Changes Coming To 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@yahoo.com**

**Allegiance RV Service**

**My RV Storage**

**Wildwood Tire Co.**

**AALL\*BRITE RV Cleaning Service**



**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  
Open Position, Alternate National Director

Rally Host Coordinator Doris Carder

Current Membership - 136 RV Owners  
Web Master Bob Holzmann & Chuck Wyrick  
Please be patient we are working to update and improve our website.

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

*Hope To See You Soon!! Be Safe*

