

The Villages RoVers

An FMCA Chapter



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E-mail Newsletter For Villages RoVers

If this sounds redundant it may be, not much has happened since last month. Many of you are probably going a little stir crazy with this pandemic and it appears that June has been a record month for new covid-19 cases. Florida does not appear to be the state to be in but it looks like The Villages is safer than most areas providing you practice social distancing and wear a protective face mask. Common sense is the safest way to avoid the Coronavirus.

Check out our website. We are making changes. The website will soon have local vendors who are looking to support our website and place an advertisement on the website. This does not mean that we are sponsoring them or endorsing them. The advantage is by advertising they pay a small fee and that fee will support the website, we get a better,

more informational website, the vendors get to promote their services.

Again we are lucky to own an RV if you have to travel it is safer than most other ways, no hotel room, no restaurants, and no public restrooms on the highway. Would you feel safe traveling in your RV? Campground registration is online at most facilities, fuel is safe to buy, shopping may be okay and if you do not feel comfortable you can have groceries delivered to your campsite at many places. .

As we asked last month we are still looking for members to help research future rallies and events. 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

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



“Welcome To Working On Rallies”

Greetings fellow RoVers! Doris Carder here and I'll be writing a monthly informational article and review of RV stay locations as a part of our newsletter. If you would like to provide a review you can contact me dcarderrovers@gmail.com or call 702-860-4055) and I'll be happy to interview you and write the article or you can submit your own review to Bernie Harchar (bernieharchar@aol.com) Submissions please by the second Friday of each month). If you have pictures of the location you've taken, all the better! We can include those!

This month we'll look at:

Port St Lucie Village RV Park (www.pslvillage.com)

3600 SE Mariposa Ave, Port St. Lucie, FL 34942 (772) 337-0333



Rates: \$41.00-\$57.00 depending on time of year. Discounts for AAA, Good Sam, Military Personnel w/ID, Groups of 5 sites or more.

Cancellation policy: Two-week notice from arrival, full refund minus \$25.00 cancellation fee. Less than two weeks no refund.

My Stay Rating (out of 5) 4.5

The Scoop - Roughly 176 miles from TV via the Florida Turnpike. A very clean, landscaped, well-kept location. Pet friendly. Full hook-up (50/30). Free Wifi, (cable avail for long term stay via COMCAST). All back-in sites. Large, level, 18x55ft concrete pads. Slide-out and satellite tv friendly. Picnic table at each site. Roads are in good condition, no navigation hazards with the exception of larger rigs (40ft+) might have to wiggle a bit to get parked. Did I mention clean? This place was spotless! Tom and Stacy and their crew work really hard to keep everything in order so everyone has a great time!

Amenities include a nice-sized (seasonally heated) pool and rec center with Tiki Hut, bean bag toss, horseshoes, nature trail, 2 laundries, and showers.

Check out “Attractions” on their webpage, so much to do so close! We golfed at “The Saints of Port St Lucie” (municipal) and it was a great day on a lovely course that had something for everyone!

Groceries and restaurants are close but not walkable. Sams Club is less than 2 miles away. Plenty of RV friendly gas stations to choose from nearby.

The only down side for us was also the upside of being located in town and close to everything. If you miss the entrance (we did) getting turned around isn't easy. The in-town location also means a LOT of traffic noise (illegal street racing) outside the park. We were parked on the street side, there are lakeside lots which would have been quieter but we didn't think about it until bedtime.

Would I stay again? Absolutely! Would also be a nice location for a small (5-10 rigs) rally.



So there we have it! Let me know any other info you might find helpful in future reviews (dcarderovers@gmail.com)

By Doris Carder



Working On Rallies



Last month we asked for some help with our team 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 want 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.



WOW This Rally Offers A Lot Private Seating At The Show!!!!





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

*Pensacola - Blue Angels **Sign Up Open**
Rocket Launch*

Big Cypress National Park

*St. Patty's Day in Savannah **Sign up Open**
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

- ✚ 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

Remember You Can Join RVillage And We Have A Private Chat Group For Villages Rovers Only



RVillage Sponsored A Virtual Webinar For Ford Chassis Owners

Not sure how many went to this free webinar but if you own a Ford Chassis you missed some great information and how to improve and experience a safer ride. There will be more webinars coming.



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FMCA RV Roadside Assistance to the Rescue!

Calling for Roadside Assistance can be a troubling experience, but having the right information at your fingertips can help minimize the anxiety and ensure you obtain the help you need. Follow these simple pointers from FMCA to help make a bad situation a little better. The following is not intended to be a comprehensive list, but rather a good starting point to assist and ease the stress if roadside assistance is needed. 5 Things to Know If Your RV Breaks Down Know Your RV Your roadside assistance situation is unique, and it's important proper personnel and equipment are dispatched. Make a list of the following info and keep in a handy place inside your RV:

- RV make & model
- Length and Height (from the ground to the highest fixed point)
- Total weight of RV, as well as individual axle weights
- Distance between front bumper & center of steering axle (motorhome only)
- Type of suspension
- Location of generator



FMCA RV Roadside Assistance to the Rescue cont.

Know Your Service Provider When you call your roadside assistance provider, the representative who answers does not know the specifics of your situation. Give as much detail as possible and make sure you:

- Speak clearly & concisely when referencing your list
 - To ensure accuracy, ask the representative to repeat the information back to you
 - Get the name of the representative and give them your cell number in case you are disconnected
 - Ask to have the service company contact you before dispatching to make sure the right personnel and equipment is being sent
- Know Your Situation** Whether on an interstate or turnpike, country road or downtown street, it's very important to know and understand your location so you can accurately describe it to your roadside assistance provider. To the best of your ability, be sure you can:
- Provide the name of the road, what direction your heading, and the nearest mile marker or landmark
 - Describe your RV's orientation to the road and the situation surrounding it – i.e. one tire on the shoulder and the other in the grass, squeezed up to a concrete barrier, on a busy road with construction, etc.
 - If you are stuck, just how badly are you stuck, and what has you stuck – mud, snow, grass, ice, etc.
 - Tell the service provider how many are in your group (large groups may require additional transportation)

For more information go to: <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-rv-roadside-assistance>

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Current Membership – 135 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

Hope To See You Soon!! Be Safe

