



**November Meeting**  
**November 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm**  
**E-mail Newsletter**

*We look forward to seeing you at our November meeting. We have been busy this past month and things are picking up.*

*We have two new Board members Judy MacEvoy our new Secretary and Ted Kowalczyk our new Treasurer.*

*Remember we started "On The Fly" with the intention that someone who is going to get away and would like some company, can post their trip on the website. Please go to the "On The Fly" section of our website and view all of the upcoming "On The Fly" outings, there easy and no real planning. 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 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 November Meeting*

***Frank Lancione***

***Presentation On A 10,000 Mile RV Trip***

***During The Pandemic***

***Three Months A Trip Of A Lifetime***

## **Villages RoVers Membership**

Due to the pandemic this past year your membership was extended and no dues were collected for the 2021 year. We hope the next year will bring more activities, rallies and get togethers.

Membership is closed on Eventbrite on October 31, 2021.



# Join the RoVers

## 2022 Membership Application

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.

PRIMARY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Email

SECONDARY NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Email

FMCA Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Rig: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_  
(A, B, C, 5th, TT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone 1 Secondary Phone 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Line 1

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

**Future Member,**

**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. John and Mary Allen have designed one and are taking orders. Please contact them on our website or email John at [fouroureye@gmail.com](mailto:fouroureye@gmail.com). Your name and type of RV.

Your Name & Type Of RV



*You will be able to pick up your name tags at the monthly meeting.*  
**Did You Know You Can Order Villages RoVers License Plates?**  
*Just Ask John & Mary*

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## *New Members*

*Join us at our monthly meetings, we are always looking for new friends. The best way to go to our events is to meet our FMCA family*

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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 "How To Place an add" page of the Web Site.*





## **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.***

### *Video Section On The Web Site*

*Our membership is consistent with FMCA and based on RV rig owners. Have you checked out the web site lately we added some new videos and as always the rallies are posted. Did you know there is a section to suggest topics?*

**Villages RoVers**  
*An FMCA Chapter*



### *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.



**Still Time To Sign Up!!**

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**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**

**Phone: 573-979-5242**

**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 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***

***Jim Mattern Cell 313-510-8239***

***E-Mail [golfdaddyjim@yahoo.com](mailto:golfdaddyjim@yahoo.com)***

**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:**





## Boondockers Corner

First Article - November 2021

John Allen, fourourey@gmail.com

**Greetings All**, Lets have some fun with Wild-Camping... I have committed to 1 year 3 Articles in the Chapters Newsletter-for now. I will treat this as a Blog - offering News, Tidbits of what we have done or things I have seen. I am not an expert, but have done several weeks off-the-grid. I will include references on good information via links to websites AND the FMCA website. **Why learn to Boondock?** Well, Emergency situations for one. Repairs or unexpected delay to your destination as well as saving money - **YOU CAN DO IT. A GREAT 1st few times Boondocking - Harvest Hosts! TRY IT..** There is a wealth of information in print and on the web: just type in a question in the search box and you will get several answers... If you have questions, you can always ask by email or at our monthly meeting the third Wednesday of the Month.



### Breaking News

That's right Harvest Hosts is in the process of acquiring Boondockers Welcome. I remember belonging to BDW a few years ago and it was \$25 a year. As these mergers continue throughout the RV industry its nice to know that old memberships are being honored - wish I had stayed a member because now it cost \$50 a year. Right now you can get a HH membership for 15% (ABOUT \$85) off. Just a year ago through FMCA the cost was \$60 a year. I know cuda, woulda, shoulda...  
Point here if you want this life-style there are many choices, just try one out.

BEAUTY SITE OF THIS ISSUE: Yosemite, NP  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g109q9xOOoU>

### Know your Rig

*Is it setup for Boondocking?*

*What are your tank capacities for fresh and waste water?*

*What is your battery capable of?*

*Upcoming topics:*

*RV Electrical*

*Inverter/Battery/Solar*

*RV Plumbing*

*U-Tubers with Good information:*

*RV Geeks*

*Sam Potatohead*



## *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.*

### *Our First Member's Adventure*

#### *2021 RV Trip to Gillette, Wyoming*

*By Pat Harchar*

*The purpose of this trip was 2-fold: attend the FMCA National Convention in Gillette, Wyoming which was being held at Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facility on July 7-10, 2021 and the second reason was to utilize Harvest Host as much as possible along the way.*

*Of course, it goes without saying that on a trip of this magnitude we took every opportunity to connect with family and old friends.*

*We belong to 2 other FMCA Chapters and were very glad to have met up with the Wisconsin Badgers group to travel with them from Wisconsin to Wyoming.*

*We had attended a few National Conventions before but they were always in Perry, Georgia. We had a fairly good idea what to expect at the Wyoming Rally and this rally did not disappoint. Well, actually having only 1 new RV on display was a disappointment to some but that being said, the rest of the convention was great. The purpose of this convention was to elect new national board members so meetings were always a part of most days for Bernie. We stayed for 6 days and while Bernie was attending meetings, Pat was free to roam. Mornings started off with free donuts and coffee followed by wondering over to where the vendors had their displays. Pat purchased a much needed and wanted kitchen gadget that she just couldn't live without and picked up brochures on RV campgrounds and RV related topics. Classes were held and Pat attended one on genealogy, RV apps (will include a list of their favorites, below), and even one on comparing RV insurances. These classes were held daily and sign up is not usually needed. The glass fusion class and the ladies' luncheon are two examples when you need to sign up beforehand. A book signing by a local author was interesting. During our week we ventured into town to frequent the local establishments. Met interesting people all along the way and made some new friends.*

*Cont'd*



*The second part of our 2-fold purpose for this trip was to experiment using Harvest Host. This type of camping we hadn't had much experience with so we thought we'd try it and see if we liked it. It is billed as being 'free camping' soooooo who doesn't like free?*

*All in all, we stayed at about 7 Harvest Host locations including: a Peach Orchard in Georgia; an Amish Museum in Indiana; the RV/MH Museum in Elkhart, Indiana; a brewery in Colorado; a camp ground in Colorado; and a winery in New Mexico. We also stayed at the FMCA Office (campground) in Cincinnati, Ohio. After having experienced a small sample of what Harvest Host had to offer, we have come up with a few conclusions: staying at a harvest host is a lovely and different way to see new areas you may not have initially included in your planned trip, they may be free to stay overnight but I can attest to the fact that it wasn't a 'cheap' stay, and not all stays are equal. With one exception, our experience with using Harvest Host was wonderful. The one exception was not Harvest Host's fault by any means. We came away from that experience with a new love of Peach ice cream, a new understanding of the evolution of the Amish way of life, realizing we found an area we could live if we ever decided to move, and how to spell charcuterie.*

**LIST OF RECOMMENDED APPs related to RVing: (\* indicates the apps we particularly like)**

*\*NPS  
\*iExit  
Historical Markers  
Nose ID  
\*Trip Wizard*

*\*Where Am I  
Overnight RV Parking  
Key Ring  
Gas Buddy  
Roadside America  
Dyrt Pro*



***Every picture is worth 1000 words let's share them!!  
Pensacola Blue Angels Rally!***







*It Was A Chilly Rally*  
*Send Us Your Camping Pictures!!*



# FMCA – Family RV Digital Magazine November 2021

Digital Link:

<https://familyrvingmag.advanced-pub.com/?issueID=108&pageID=1>

## New With FMCA!

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**FMCA  
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As a valued member of FMCA, we are offering YOU an opportunity to purchase a personalized brick for just \$50!

Your purchased brick will be placed either in the gated entrance of the FMCA dog park or used to create a walkway from the FMCA campground to Lake Barber in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Limited Time Offer! Order Today at [www.shopfmca.com](http://www.shopfmca.com)



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“Buy A Brick”

## The Reliable Atlas From FMCA

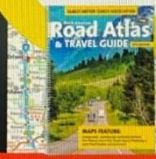


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- Numerous local commercial centers, campgrounds and other campgrounds
- Includes FMCA member campgrounds with phone numbers and addresses
- Pick-up and drop-off, direct transportation directory lists of Family RVing
- Road Signs & Road-Find Locations
- Local Travel Center Locations
- Weekend & Beer's Club Locations
- National Parks, National Monuments, and State Parks are marked with distinctive symbols
- Complete identification, phone numbers that are adjacent to inter-state highway exits
- Greater Detail On Country State Locations
- Member City Maps
- Tourist, Contact Information



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# 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)





# **FMCAssist**



*As I talk to many of our Members, I ask them if they know what FMCAssist is and many are not familiar with the benefits.*

*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](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.*







## 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.*

### 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 - 89 RV Owners  
New Members Since July – 38 RV Owners  
Web Master Bob Holzmann  
Please be patient we are working to update and improve  
our website.

*Hope To See You Soon!! Be Safe  
November 17, 2021  
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