

Villages RoVers

An FMCA Chapter



Rovers Newsletter

2022

October Newsletter

E-mail Newsletter

Well, it's that time of the year some of you may be back to The Villages and some may still be traveling but our Villages RoVers meetings are in full swing.

Don't forget our meetings are on the 3rd. Thursday of the month at the Everglades Rec Center at our normal time 6:00 pm. (doors open about 5:45) The meeting will be in the Grand Cayan room.

Our big event coming is the FMCA 106th Convention in Perry GA. And a few more great Rallies.

There are a few of "On The Fly" with the outings and hopefully in the weeks to come they will start up again. It's simple, if someone is going to get away and would like some company, they 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 4-8 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. If you have an interest in a rally or an "On The Fly" let us know and we can put something together for you.

Our October SIG Meeting is coming along and we have a variety of vendors coming. You can find more information in the SIG section of the newsletter. All members are encouraged to come and meet the local vendors. If you are looking for RV Services you can meet and talk to a vendor one on one.

There are elections coming up in November for President, Vice President and National Director. Only members who have a 2023 sticker are eligible to vote. More information on page 6.

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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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues



Villages RoVers 2023 Renewal Time & Time Is Running Out!!

Members can start paying their 2023 Villages Rovers dues by filling out the form in the link below and sending your check and self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Judy MacEvoy
17684 SE 81st. Wynstone Ave.
The Villages, FL 32162

Dues can be sent in anytime before October 1, 2023 to retain your current membership. The Villages Rovers must have the membership completed by this date to meet FMCA's Chapter guidelines. Complete this form send it to Judy MacEvoy with a self addressed envelope to receive your 2023 membership sticker, to place on the back of you Villages ID card.

Many members have an interest to meet other members with the same type of RV. If you are interested, please fill out the optional box in the membership form and we share this information with members only.

Dues Are Only processed by mail, not at the meetings

To pay your 2023 RoVers dues just open the link below print the form and fill out your new 2023 membership form. Checks only and you must mail your check to Judy MacEvoy.

Link To Membership Application



https://www.villagesrovers.org/uploads/1/0/1/5/10156032/join_the_rovers_application_form_2023.pdf



Villages Rovers Monthly Membership Meetings

The 3rd Thursday of the month 6:15 PM

Doors Open

At 5:45PM

Everglades Recreation Center

5497 Marsh Bend Trail

in the

Grand Canyon Room



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. There has To Some Of You That Are
good Cooks, Share Your Recipe's More To Come...*





October SIG Meeting
SIG (Special Interest Groups)
The Second Wednesday of the Month 9:00 am.
At Everglades Rec Center
5497 Marsh Bend Trail

Our October SIG meeting is coming and we have invited local RV vendors to attend our SIG meeting. This is the perfect time to find out the following:

- What services they do
 - ◆ Chassis & suspension
 - ◆ Electrical
 - ◆ Roof
 - ◆ Floors
 - ◆ Tow Bars
 - ◆ Tires
 - ◆ Window & Doors
 - ◆ Upholstery Repairs
 - ◆ Buying Or Selling
 - ◆ RV Inspections
 - ◆ RV Driving & Operating
- What is their hourly rate
- What is the time frame for repairs
- Do they honor extended warranties
- Do they keep an inventory of parts & supplies

This is your time to figure out what vendors fit your type of RV and the extent of their services. They are willing to talk to you one on one. They are competing for your business. This SIG will take the guess work out of which vendors to use because they are all under one roof for one day.

The vendors may be offering special discounts for services, there may be gift certificates for service.

There will be drawings for Rovers at the SIG.

We are not supporting or recommending any of the vendors, this is just an invitation of area RV Services.

Along with the vendors we will spend time to answer questions about FMCA benefits as an informal round table discussion so you can visit vendors and stop in the other room for FMCA benefits or other questions



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.

Future SIG Sessions

- ✚ 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. By Bernie Harchar*
- ✚ FMCA Chapters - A 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 is 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.

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>





Elections For Villages Rovers Board of Directors

Election time is right around the corner for three positions that will be opening up.

President
Vice President
National Director

Doug Huttenstine, Bob Holtzman and Jim Mattern are your committee members to take any nominations for these positions. Please feel free to address your nomination to anyone of them. You can also submit your nomination at the RoVers website under Contact Us.

We will need your nomination by the end October. Elections will be at the November meeting. You will need to be present to vote and everyone will receive a ballot at that time. Only members who have paid their 2023 dues are eligible to vote. Any questions, please let us know.

Best regards,
FMCA RoVers Election Nomination Committee

Jim Mattern- golfdaddyjim@yahoo.com
Bob Holtzman- bk.woodman@gmail.com
Doug Huttenstine- dough645@gmail.com



Upcoming Rallies



Sign Up With The Rovers On Our Web Site



*Help Us Get Some Rallies Be A TEAM Player.
It's Easy
You Can Do It!*

Our past 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



RoVers In PERRY

*FMCA's 106th International Convention & RV Expo
Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, Perry, GA*



March 15-18, 2023

Early Arrival March 13, 2023

You Can Register By Calling FMCA At:

513-474-3622

Ask For Perry Registration

**Join The Villages RoVers At The 106th FMCA Convention In
Perry GA.**

*Our Goal For This Event/Rally Is To Have Every RoVer Attend.
Currently There Are Over 40 Rigs Going*

Your Host: Karen & Charlie Walz

&

Jim & Stacy Mattern

Plus Some Other Great Members Helping Out

**After You Register With FMCA Go To The Rovers Link Below and
Register With The Rovers**

**[https://www.villagesrovers.org/fmca-106th-international-
convention-rally-mar-2023.html](https://www.villagesrovers.org/fmca-106th-international-convention-rally-mar-2023.html)**



Looking For Some Great Adventures From Our Members:





2023 Tampa Super Show January 17 – 23, 2023

For More Information Contact: **Bernie Harchar**

Cell 440-724-2137 - E-Mail BHarchar@aol.com

Includes:

- ✚ **5 Nights of Camping**
- ✚ **30-amp Electric Hook Up**
- ✚ **Coffee & Donuts Each Morning**
- ✚ **3 Nights of Entertainment - To Be Announced**
- ✚ **Free Unlimited Admission To The RV Super Show**
- ✚ **You're Camping At The RV Show!!!**

✚ **Cost \$280.**

**Online registration with credit card will be activated Monday, October 10, 2022
after 12 noon via:**

<http://www.frvta.org/show/florida-rv-supershow/>

Once you register with the Florida RV Trade Association (frvta), then register on the RoVer's web site. There are two registrations one with frvta and the RoVers.

This is an open rally you can invite friends that you RV with, we only request that they sign up with the Rover and also and pay the \$25.00 RoVer registration.



Almost Full There a Few Openings Left



Cajun Rally

April 13 to 17, 2023

*RoVers Are Signing Up For The First Session
Watch Which Session You Sign Up For*

Cost Per Couple: \$600.

Cost per Extra Person: \$225.

Cost For Single Person: \$375.

When You Sign Up You Can Come A Day Early Or Stay an Extra Day \$28. Per Day

Members Are Signing Up!!!

Good Old Cajun Hospitality

Registration Open

Go To:

SIGN UP NOW

SIGN UP NOW

<http://www.cajunrvrally.com/>

Go To The Cajun Web Site For More Information!

The Cajun Rally Is Limited To 70 RV's And The List Is Filling Up

Registration Covers:

Reserved Site 5 Nights

Parking On Cement

50 Amp, Water & Sewer

Martin Accordion Factory Tour

Meals Each Night

Crawfish Farm to Table

Discounts At Local Attractions

Local Live Entertainment

EVERY NIGHT!!!!

Contact Bernie Harchar For More Information

Bharchar@aol.com

**10 Rovers Signed Up For The 2022 Cajun Rally And Had A GREAT
Time**





Camp Margaritaville RV Resort

Date: May 2023 **TBD**



Camp Margaritaville RV Resort / Cabana Club Resort

361 Denton Ave
Auburndale, FL 33823
863.455.7335

Check-in **TBD**



Check-out **TBD**

Back-In RV Sites \$**TBD**

Pull Through RV Sites \$**TBD**

** Premium Pull Through RV Sites may also be available at additional cost – call Margaritaville for details



For More Information Watch The Web Site



Host: Bob & Carol Beishir

Includes:

- **TBD Nights of Camping**
- **Full Hook Ups, Cable, and Internet**
- **TBD 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 In The Near Future:



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.

<https://www.villagesrovers.org>

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 or cell 440-724-2137.



**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.

Look at what's going on now!



“On The Fly”

Grand Oaks RV Resort



November 17 to 21, 2022

Name: Edward Febinger

Email: febingered@gmail.com

Phone Number: 201-747-7795

We are going to: Grand Oaks RV Resort

- Happy Hour?
- Outside Movie?
- Nice Sunsets?

The Bistro At Grand Oaks: The Bistro at the Grand Oaks offers a wide selection of tasty, American-style cuisine on their lunch menu.

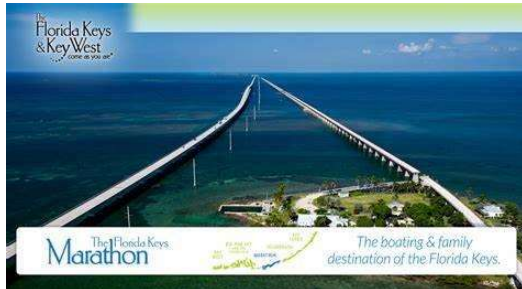
Comments:

Horse competition
Bike riding
golf cart friendly
pool hot tub.



“On The Fly”

The Great Florida Circle Tour Sarasota, Everglades, Key West



January 6th to 23rd, 2023

Name: John & Mary Allen
Ed & Diane Febinger

Email: John- fouroureye@gmail.com And Ed - febingered@gmail.com

Phone Number: 573-979-5242

**We are going to
The Great Florida Circle Tour, Sarasota, Everglades, Key West**

Greetings RoVers - The Great Florida Circle Tour

WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER THIS LIMITED ON the FLY Trip, unfortunately it will conflict with the Tampa RV Show/Rally BUT it offers an alternative for those of us who have been to Tampa many times.

Details of the destinations are attached, you must print this out. ALL Campground contact information is in the attached trip. There are many campgrounds within a couple miles of each other should you not be able to reserve at the listed campgrounds - HURRY !

COPY AND PASTE - IN YOUR BROWSER

<https://tripwizard.rvlife.com/app/visit/QjZPKzJ0ZEJqdTdaQXFPeHJ6dExDZz09>

CLICK ON TRIP TO VIEW CAMPGROUND DETAILS

This will be an informal, destination only trip. We may however go-together to sites and activities or share a meal along the way. Many opportunities for gathering.



PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP AS OF Sunday Sept 8th there are 8 sites remaining at the first stop BUT these campgrounds have a few too.... Red Oaks, Blueberry Hill.

SUMMARY OF DESTINATIONS AND SITES TO SEE

1ST STOP Jan 6-8

Dade Battleground - 3 nights Bushnell 1800s Seminole Battle reenactment

2nd Stop

Sarasota Beaches, Ringling Bros Winter Camp, Edison & Ford Museums

3rd Stop Jan 8-11

Ft Myers Beach, Sanibel Island

4th Stop Jan 11-14

Everglades National Park Airboat Rides, Gators

5th Stop Jan 14-17

Marathon Key - Gateway to Key West too many to list.

Last Stop Jan 17-21

Lake Okeechobee

We hope you can come to Some Part or ALL these exciting Camping Destinations.

Your Hosts:

John & Mary Allen Along With Ed & Diane Febinger

PLEASE NOTE: The totals for this trip are based on the Following information.

\$4.50 per gallon at 8mpg. Diesel

\$20 misl per day

\$50 average per day camping

\$22 per day eating out.

Let's GO Camping!





Date: Check-In March 11 -N- Check-Out on March 12

Name

Jim & Stacy Mattern

Email

golfdaddyjim@yahoo.com

Phone Number

313-510-8239

We are going to:

Fair Harbor RV Park & Campground, Perry Georgia

515 Marshallville Rd.

Perry, GA 31069



Comments:

Anyone who is volunteering to work the LUCKY 13 Rally interested in driving to Perry Georgia the day before? Come join us.

Nightly cost is \$47. For reservations, please call the campground directly (478-721-0224) as their website was not showing availability when we called, but they still had several spots remaining as of this afternoon!!

Fair Harbor RV <https://fairharborrvpark.com/>









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

Board Members:

Bernie Harchar, President/National Director
 Doug Huttenstine, 1st. Vice President
 Danny Brown, 2nd. Vice President
 Judy MacEvoy, Secretary
 Ted Kowalczyk, Treasurer
 John Allen, Alternate National Director & Rally Coordinator

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

Current Membership - 126 RV Owners
New Members & Growing

Hope To See You Soon!! Be Safe

