



Romers E-Newsletter

At our Chico Rally we had 16 Rigs/30 attendees, including new members Rozalyn Devincenzi, David Lee & Kate Pryor. We also has a special guest, Julie Burger our FMCA Western Area Vice President. Thank you to our Rally Masters/Hosts Ralph & Doris Davis and Juan Marquez and Debbie Holt for another wonderful, memorable event.

Attendees were treated to delicious home cooked dinners and breakfasts prepared by Rally Host and Master Chef, Doris Davis, with the help of her sou chef, Debbie Holt. One night featured Chicken Marsala with rice, veggies and ice creme sundaes. Another night was grilled tri tip (thanks to our grilling team), asperagus and scalloped potatoes. The Romers Bar was back, thanks to the help of Bar Manager Juan Marquez and those who took turns as bartenders, Susan Lewis led us in several fun card bingo games with many winners.



The hit of the rally was attending the Sierra Nevada Octoberfest on Friday night. Our tickets included a glass beer stein, beverage and a German-themed buffet dinner. Everyone enjoyed listening to the bands and watching the crowd do the Chicken Dance and attempting to bid on some of the ceramic items that helped fund the arts program and the local college.



Oh Yes!! Chicken Marsala and Viognier Wine

On Saturday the group visited the Abbey of New Clairvaux, the first Cistercian Monastery in the Americas, whose mission is prayer. We were fortunate to have Father Luis & his side kick Bill, take time to give us a tour. The Chapel, which featured artifacts from the original Monastery from the 12th century and a tasting of some of their fabulous wine. The Abby's Trappist Monks grow their own grapes, tend the soil and make their own wine to help support their mission. Many of us helped them in their efforts, and your newsletter editor's favorite wine was their Viognier, which she is still enjoying. A special treat was a bottle of their Viognier for each table for dinner that evening.



Did someone say we eat well at our Romers Rallies!?



Some of the grilling team: Dave, Juan, Mike and Ralph

On Sunday we had our Membership Meeting and the main topics were the recruitment of new members and how to encourage members to step up and host a rally.





President's Report

Romers have survived another year, albeit barely!
First, FMCA/WMHA cancelled last January's Indio
At the last minute, Dottie got reservations for Emerald Desert. Also, having been unable (while VP) to recruit a Spring Rally Host, Jim & Joanne McPheters stepped up to host a rally at Casa Grande, AZ, last March.
At Casa Grande Maureen Bouma volunteered to take over membership from our long serving Membership/Webmaster Pat Coleman, who has sold his coach,
I also want to thank another Past President, Duncan Holt, for serving as Treasurer for '23-'24. However, Duncan has expressed the need to step aside, necessitating another internal recruitment effort.
Happily, Maureen Bouma, has volunteered to serve as interim Treasurer for 2025 & stand for election for the next 2 year term. Dues notices & reminders have been sent out. If your renewal check is "in the mail" please let Maureen know right away, so a current roster can be completed. Maureen & I are meeting this week to sign on as bank signatories & to convey all our banking records. Thanks so much, Duncan!
That re-introduced as opportunity for someone to serve as Romers Membership officer, to relieve Maureen of those duties. Fortunately, one of our newest members, KATE PRYOR, has volunteered to serve as Romers Membership Officer, an appointment I was very happy to confirm at the Chico Rally. Concurrently, Susan Lewis, our Membership Recruitment Coordinator is pursuing ways to capitalize on membership opportunities presented through FMCA, as well as at FMCA Rally Chapter Fairs & Block Parties.
Also, at this time, I need to report Pat Coleman's resignation as Web Master, effective 12-31-24. Thank you Pat for your loyal service to the Club, for so many years. Now, we need to knuckle down & find a new Web Master!
Finally, for those who have been enjoying rallies hosted by others, it is time to step up & host/co-host a rally, or consider your reason for belonging.

Vice President's Report



Our recent Fall Rally at AlmondTree RV Park was a great success! A big thanks to our Rally Hosts, Doris & Ralph Davis and Debbie Holt & Juan Narquez. The meals were all prepared by Doris and Debbie with the assistance from Ralph and Juan. This required many hours of prep time, trips to the market and little sleep. In addition, Ralph and Juan hosted the Romers Bar for our traditional happy hours. David Lee, as a new member, was drafted to be one of our bartenders for an evening. Please refer to page 1 for more info regarding Chico.

Our next Rally will be the Western Area FMCA Rally in Indio, CA., January 9th to 12th. Please refer to the Romers website for the Romers Rally Registration Form which should be completed by December 1st. Hopefully everyone has already sent in the separate Registration to FMCA. We are hoping for a good attendance to help us with recruitment of new members. PLEASE REGISTER.

For our Spring 2025 Rally, I have tentatively made arrangements with Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet, CA. The dates will be May 1st to May 5th. This will allow us to attend a performance of the Ramona Outdoor Play. (Julie, our Western Area FMCA representative told us in Chico, that this is a "must see" event). However, we need Rally Hosts to volunteer to coordinate this Rally, otherwise we will be forced to cancel. Please contact me regarding this event at:

E-mail: cowmanato2@gmail.com or 951-520-7663.

For our Fall 2025 Rally, Tony Sauer and Kathleen Thompson have volunteered to host in Grass Valley, CA. tentative dates are 9-16-25 to 9-21-25.

In summary, as our President, John Van Doren has noted it is time for more members to step up and Host and/or Co-Host a Rally. Despite my numerous e-mail blasts and phone calls, asking for volunteers, the response has been lacking. Our Club depends on participation by the entire membership rather than a very few. So please contact me to host a future Rally.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!



David Lee and Kate Pryor



Roz Devincenzi



Julie Burger
FMCA Western Area
Vice President

ROMERS NEWEST MEMBERS

What a pleasure it was to welcome new members, David, Kate and Roz. They were such fun! We hope they enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed them.

Additionally, we were honored to have Julie our FMCA Western Area representative at this event, encouraging us to attend the FMCA Western Area Rally in Indio, January 9 to 12, 2025. Our club has committed to help.



Thank you Julie for joining us in Chico





Larry Johnson

National FMCA Directors Report

FMCA President Gary Milner was diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. Gary submitted his letter of resignation as FMCA President. Vice President, Paul Mitchell will assume his position. Gary says to remember that "It's all about having fun!" We all wish Gary and his wife Glenda the best during this trying time. Please see Susan Lewis' report as she attended the FMCA governing board meeting in Redmond, Oregon last August.

Upcoming FMCA rallies:

Jan 9 - 12, 2025 Western Area Rally, Indio, CA
March 12 - 15, 2025 110th Int. Conv., Perry, GA
June 18 - 22, 2025 NW Area Rally, Albany, OR
July 16 - 19, 2025 111th Int. Conv., Gillette, WY

Update to FMCA Assist Program

There is a new group insurance program underwritten by Arch Insurance Co., effective October 1, 2024. FMCAssist will be rebranded as "Medical & Travel Assist".

If you have a claim before October 1, 2024, call Chubb at: 877-352-0785, Inside the USA, 202-659-7803, Outside USA, collect & 877-350-3532 in Canada

If you have a claim for an incident after October 1, 2024, call Arch Insurance at: **844-289-3442**

Be sure to have your FMCA number when you call and keep the new Arch number in your phone.

California Air Resources Board (CARB)

CARB implemented a Clean Truck Check (CTC), During 2024 you need to provide information to show you have a MH for personal use & pay a \$30 fee to CTC. Then you will get monthly updates on your status. Beginning Jan. 2025 you must have emissions compliance testing done once annually, prior to DMV registration. DMV employees seem unaware of the program & may not be able to provide the needed information. DMV gets hold orders from CARB. Penalties can be \$10,000 per vehicle day. I have been told there will be seminars at the Indio Rally.

Alternate Nat'l FMCA Directors Report



Susan Lewis

The FMCA Governing Board meeting was held this year in Redmond, OR on August 14th. As the Alternate National Director, I attended as the representative for the Romers RV Club Chapter. 211 delegates attended which is 75% of our total chapters.

The National Treasurer, Barbara Smith, gave a lengthy report using charts & graphs. She stated that we have reached the point where we can no longer rely on our investments to supplement our losses. Her recommendations were to drop FMCAssist, cancel next years Rallies in Perry, GA & Gillette, WY & drop the printing of the Family RVing magazine. After a lengthy and, at times, contentious discussion, it was voted to keep the scheduled Rallies, print the magazine 6 times a year, keep FMCAssist & to raise the dues to \$99 per year.

In order to keep cost down, we have gone with a different company for the FMCAssist. It will now be known as "Medical and Travel Assist" under Arch Insurance and will offer an extended range of coverage. Please go to the FMCA website under membership benefits to see all the insurance benefits available. If you need to file a claim, call **844-289-3442**.

It was also voted to change our name from FamilyMotor CoachAssoc. to FamilyRVAssociation. This change was made to better reflect our membership which now includes towables and 5th wheels

Finally, on a sad note, the National President, Gary Milner, has resigned due to being diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. Vice President, Paul Mitchell, has moved into the President's position.

If you have any questions about the meeting or the voting, please contact me at: **Gizmo4wine@Yahoo.com**



Sunshine & Showers

We are still keeping thoughts for Pat Klempner, our Sunshine & Showers Lady, who fell on black ice last December and broke her elbow, requiring surgery and much physical therapy.

We have had several sadness in our club these past months:

We send our condolences to Rick Nelson on the passing of his father, who shared several outing with us.

Also, we were sad to hear that Jo Ann Curtis lost her son.

Additionally, condolences to Scott, Jim & Joanne McPheters for the loss of Carol McPheters.

In June, Steve Hobbs received our get well and best wishes

On a happier note, we were able to see Debbie Holt and Juan Marquez' new (to them) Tiffin Allegro and Sharon and Gary Cowan's new (to them) Fleetwood Discovery.



Also, **THANK YOU** Kate for taking on the task of Romers new Membership Chair... much appreciated.

Our Vice President, Gary is working on a Spring Event, at Golden Village Palms RV Resort in Hemet, He is attempting to include attending the Ramona Outdoor Play. Ramona is an orphaned half-native American & half Scottish who falls in love with Alessandro. What he needs is a Rally Master/Host; who will it be?
He has tentatively scheduled May 1 to May 5, 2025



**SAVE
THIS
DATE
(FOR NOW)**



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beer wasn't the only entertainment at the Octoberfest... There was a glass blowing demonstration



Who says golf isn't fun. These guys didn't even blink that we were in their space! but they did get a chuckle or two



John really did work really hard, but scooter needed a nap buddy



All 30+ of us had a great time in Chico. It was sure hot, but the company was fabulous, the food was tremendous & the extra cirricular activities were such fun.





ROMERS INDIO RALLY

Riverside County Fair Grounds, Indio, Ca.

Western Area FMCA Rally
Rally Dates January 6-12, 2025

We will meet in the holding area at 1:00PM January 6th and line up (according to numbered placards to be mailed to you) and be taken to our parking area in the Brown Lot at 1:30PM. We will have electricity* but you need to come in with full water/propane/fuel and empty holding tanks. You must register for the WMHA RALLY online at WAFMCA.COM by November 1, 2024 and sign up for "Coach with Electric" (*30A for \$175 or 50A for \$295).

We will be parked as a group with most Romers couples volunteering to drive the express golf carts. It's not a requirement to drive, but it is strongly recommended and a great experience, as you get to meet a lot of interesting people from all over the country. The ladies love to drive too! This is a different type of Romer Rally and is more of a caravan/destination, similar to a FMCA convention pre-rally. Looking forward to having a great time with you in Indio!

Name: _____ Volunteer Driver: Yes ___ No ___

Name: _____ Volunteer Driver: Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ Email: _____

Coach Length: _____ No. Slides: _____ First Romer Rally: Yes ___ No ___

F.M.C.A. # _____ and if guest, Romer Sponsor Name: _____

Preferred bar beverage(s) _____

| Rally Fees: | | | |
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| Food cost per person: | | | |
| Number of people | ___ X | \$120.00 | \$ _____ |
| Parking /coach - volunteer | | \$30.00 | \$ _____ |
| Covers Mon (Tue-Wed free) | | | |
| Parking/coach non-volunteer | | \$90.00 | \$ _____ |
| Covers Mon, Tue, Wed | | | |
| Total Amount Submitted | | | \$ _____ |

Make checks payable and mail to:
 Gary Cowan
 1924 Pamela St
 Corona, CA 92679

Application Deadline:
December 1, 2024

Rally Masters:

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Directions: I-10 to Monroe, south 3 miles to Ave 48, left ½ mile to Arabia St,

Arabian



Nights

34th Annual Western Area Rally

January 9-12, 2025

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival • Indio, California

Highlights: 4 Nights of Camping • 3 Nights of Entertainment • 2 Ice Cream Socials • Parade
Ladies' Luncheon • 1st Time Attendee Orientation* • Bingo • Pet Extravaganza • Commercial Exhibits
New/Used Display RVs • Chapter Fair • Seminars & Crafts • Coffee & Goodies Served Each Morning

General Information: Early Arrival Area opens Sunday, Jan. 5 (Fee Payable On-site)

Exhibit Hours: Display RVs Open Thur., 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. /
ALL Commercial Exhibits Open Fri. – Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Private Golf Cart Rental Available: Call Elec Cart Sales for reservations, Mary Resada 562-244-1001

Directions: I-10 to Monroe. Monroe south 3 miles to 48th. Left 1/2 mile to Arabia Street.
Left on Arabia to the arrival area on the right. Arrive with waste tanks empty and water tank full.

*Orientation will be Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

Western Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

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| Member Number: | Last Name: | Pilot: | Co-Pilot: |
| Address: | | City: | State/Province: Zip/Postal Code: |
| E-mail: | | Telephone: | Cell Phone: |
| RV Make: | RV License: | RV Length: | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time at a Western Area Rally |
| 1. Guest/Child's Name/Age: | | 2. Guest/Child's Name/Age: | |
| | | Disabled Parking? (see below) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

| Registration Category | Pre-Reg ¹ | On-Site | Qty. | Total |
|--|----------------------|---------|------|---------|
| RV with 2 Adults – Dry Camping | \$ 250 | \$ 260 | | \$ |
| RV with 1 Adult – Dry Camping | \$ 230 | \$ 240 | | \$ |
| Additional Fee for 30-Amp Electric | \$ 175 | \$ 185 | | \$ |
| Additional Fee for 50-Amp Electric | \$ 295 | \$ 305 | | \$ |
| RV with 2 Adults – 24-Hour Generator | \$ 250 | \$ 260 | | \$ |
| Each Additional Occupant | \$ 20 | \$ 30 | | \$ |
| Passport for 1 Adult ² | \$ 80 | \$ 90 | | \$ |
| Children Under 13 | FREE | FREE | | FREE |
| Ladies' Luncheon | \$ 18 | \$ 18 | | \$ |
| Day Passes Avail. Thurs., Fri., & Sat. \$10/day/person | On-Site | On-Site | – | On-Site |

- **Electric Parking** – 30 amps or 50 amps
- **Generator Hours** – 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- **Disabled Parking** – Reserved for those with proof of qualifying medical needs. State-issued placard must be visible.
- **Early-Arrival Fee** – \$30 per night payable on-site, cash or check only

Payment Information
We Accept Check, Mo, or Zelle
Phone: (559) 240-6038
 Go to www.indiorvrally.com for detailed payment information.

Would you like to Volunteer?
 Yes. If interested, please contact Carole Hazeltine at (916) 838-7200 or dickhazeltine@yahoo.com

Cancellation Policy
 Refunds will be made only upon written request (jpollingrany70@gmail.com) and badges and confirmation materials are returned to WMHA before any refund is issued. Cancellations made by December 8, 2024, will receive a full refund minus a \$25 handling fee. Cancellations made after December 8, 2024, but before January 8, 2025, will receive a full refund minus a \$50 handling fee. No refunds for electric after December 8, 2024. Absolutely no refunds after January 8, 2025.

¹ No RV parking; includes exhibits, entertainment, seminars, socials, and Coffee Hour.
² Rally materials to be picked up at WW Cal upon arrival.

Total \$

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