

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF THE ENTEGRA COACH OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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- > Technical Hints and Information
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#### **Presidents Corner**

Like many of you, Medarda and I experience any number of different Seasons throughout the year. There are the traditional four seasons, of course, but like RVers everywhere, we move around chasing the comfort of 80°. There's the travel season, where we're in the coach for about eight months. The home season, where we're doing all our annual medical exams and maybe some construction & renovation to the stick-and-brick. There's also a season for end of year rest and reflection. But for us, perhaps there are really just two distinct seasons; the RV Rally Event Season, and the Planning Season for the next Rally Year.

So after closing our lot in Traverse City in October, we did a swing through DC to see the

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kids and grands, and then did a leisurely swing down the east coast, specifically looking for some great rally sites, which we found and booked for both 2022 and '23. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find our rally plans for both years.

After we got all the necessary appointments out of the way and finished a nice little renovation of our Master Bath shower, we finished our 2021 Rally Season with a neat New Years Event at the Cabana Club Resort



just before it joined Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville empire and officially changed its name. It was a fun event with a CHALLENGING professional putting course.



great meals, making and renewing friendships, and watching two eggs hatch on the Bald

Eagle cam at the resort. Then a short two weeks later, we hosted a large group of Entegra Owners at the Tampa Supershow and enjoyed a cookout provided by Entegra Coach and a Mission Barbecue event partnering with



Lazy Days for the 6th straight year (not counting the Covid cancellations).

So while everyone else could finally settle in for R&R, Medarda and I jumped on all those 2022 rally plans, booking sites, making payments, ordering insurance, booking limo services for excursions, planning meals, and executing contracts. It's also when we do all of our ECOA club maintenance such as business cards, designing the artwork and computer graphics for rallies, talking with potential sponsors and obtaining door prizes and route planning for our 2022 event season, doing



some personal coach maintenance and preparation for some 10,000+ miles and eleven events in 2022. The planning season is in full swing as we speak, and our goal is to also have half of our 2023 Event Season complete before we depart in April.

Your other Chapter Officers go through something similar as many have made deep commitments to you and our members. Both our Treasurer and our Membership VP have commitments. year-long Our National Directors have commitments to attend the FMCA events and represent our Chapter interests to the Governing Board of the FMCA. Our Senior VP has an annual commitment to help us stay on top of our FMCA retention and records, and our Area Vice Presidents are doing all they can to represent us in a positive light to all they meet and to welcome new members to our club. Our award-winning newsletter editor is committed to helping you stay informed and our webmaster is committed to enhancing communications with our large and dispersed membership.

The good news is that Volunteerism is alive and working in your RV Club. Your chapter officers are ALL VOLUNTEERS, and we all want you to get in your RVs and come to our events, travel our great country, master the operations of your rig, all so you can enjoy the RV Lifestyle.

I'm hoping to convince each of you to adopt some appreciation of your officers dedication and hope that when you see one of your club officers, you will thank them for their service. Also know that you don't have to make a huge annual commitment to be a volunteer for your club. Every quarter, Dana makes a plea for ARTICLES for our newsletter. You are all educated folk and Dana needs YOU to send him information. Share with us a neat campground or camping experience. Share with us a cool organization tip or a modification or a new tool that makes life on the road a bit easier. If nothing else, share your greatest recipe or meal management tip, coach organization tip or best service center or mobile mechanic.

So in the end, I hope you will ALL adapt just a little bit of a NEW SEASON to your RV Life: let's call it VOLUNTEER SEASON, or in the Twitterverse, #ShareItForward.

All the Best & Travel Safe,

Pat

#### From the Editor's Desk

Has anyone checked out voice typing in Google Documents? I have tried many voice typing programs in the past, and found them very poor and unable to understand my voice. The Google Documents system seems to work very well. You can find it under the tools menu in Google Documents.



#### Rally Ho' - Upcoming Events

Please use these dates to schedule your travel plans and rally plans for the summer. You should check the club website under events to either register for a particular event or see if it is open for registration. We've postponed our participation in the Calgary Stampede until 2023 due to uncertainty with COVID and changing border regulations.

- March 23, 2022 to Mar 26, 2022 FMCA Gathering at Tucson, Arizona
- ➤ May 06, 2022 to May 8, 2022 Up, Up and Away Balloon Festival at Lakeland Florida
- ➤ May 09, 2022 to May 13, 2022 Hearthside Grove at Geneva on the Lake, Ohio
- ➤ May 17, 2022 to May 20, 2022 Entegra Homecoming at Goshen, Indiana
- ➤ June 6, 2022 to June 10, 2022 Rally on the River at Alexandria Bay, New York
- August 24, 2022 to Aug 27, 2022 FMCA at Lincoln, Nebraska
- October 3, 2022 to Oct 7, 2022 -SUMMERFEST, Carolina Pines Resort at North Myrtle Beach, SC
- October 6, 2022 to Oct 9, 2022 -Albuquerque Balloon Festival
- ➤ **December 30, 2022** to Jan 3, 2023 New Year's Eve at the Cabana Club in Florida,

#### 2023 Tentative Schedule

- ➤ January 17-22 Tampa Supershow
- ➤ January 20-29 Entegra @ Quartzsite Gathering, Quartzsite, AZ
- ➤ March 10-14 Creekfire RV Resort, Savannah, GA
- ➤ March 14-18 FMCA Perry, GA
- ➤ May 8-12 The Ridge RV Resort, Sevierville, TN

- May TBD Entegra Homecoming, Goshen, IN
- ➤ August 17-22 Elkhorn Ridge RV Resort, Spearfish, SD
- ➤ August 22-26 FMCA Gillette, WY
- October TBD Balloon Festival, Route 66
   Casino, Albuquerque, NM
- ➤ October 16-20 Normandy Farms, Boston, MA
- ➤ Dec. 30-Jan. 3 Margaritaville RV Resort, Auburndale, FL

#### **Technical Hints and Information**

Batteries, Batteries Submitted by Wayne Baumann, ECOA Alt. Nat. Dir.

The service life of a battery has several factors.

- Number of charge to discharge cycles it has experienced
  - Each battery has a limited number of cycles, which varies depending on battery type and size
- ➤ Length of time the battery spends in a discharged state
  - Prolonged periods will drastically cut the service life of any battery
- Battery Maintenance
  - Are the batteries in good condition? For example, in a Liquified Lead Acid battery, is the fluid high enough? Is the battery's case cracked or bulging? Are the terminal connections tight or corroded?

"My coach won't start. I'll just use the Battery Boost Switch." The Battery Boost Switch ties the house battery bank together through the Boost Solenoid. This will often



give you enough amperage to start the coach. Okay, now you push and hold down the Battery Boost Switch (as it is a momentary switch, so you will need to hold it). "My coach still won"t start!?" Does that mean the house batteries are dead too? "No problem, I'll plug the coach in...Wait, it's already plugged in. I'll start the generator, but it will not even crank...?!"

The cause of the problem? Batteries have gone dead. How does this happen? turned everything off and the coach was plugged in. Most often the issue is a power loss to the storage facility, or a breaker tripped inside the storage facility. Power was restored at the storage facility, but why didn't your inverter charge the batteries? Your inverter needs two things to be able to charge the The first being 120VAC (Volts batteries. Alternating Current), either from the shore cord connection, or supplied by the on-board generator. The second need is, and this is what we are missing, DC (Direct Current). Voltage depends on the type of inverter 12VDC systems, or 24VDC systems in some Bus Conversions. The DC power is providing the power to control the inverter internally. If the DC voltage drops below a certain voltage, the inverter will shut down to protect itself. In Older Modified Sine Wave inverters like Heart Interface, Xantrex Freedom 20's, 25's, 458's, Trace, and Prosine units as well (even though the Prosine is a pure sine wave inverter, it has a lower shutdown voltage), the 12-volt systems will shut down at 10.0VDC.

The 24 volt systems shut down at 20.0VDC. Newer, Pure Sine Wave Inverters, Magnum Energy, and Xantrex RS Series inverters will shut down at even lower voltage levels. At this point the inverter will not charge, transfer, or invert. It will sit there and do nothing until battery voltage is restored. Some inverters will

need to be reset, an additional step to be taken, after battery voltage has returned to an operational level.

**So what is the answer?** The easiest course of action is to overcome the low chassis battery situation. Connect an external charger to the chassis battery, and charge it up. If you have a charger that has a boost start feature, you can use that. The goal is to get the engine running. Once this happens, the alternator will save the day. Through the boost solenoid, which is triggered by an oil pressure switch on the engine, the alternator will charge both the chassis, and house batteries. By running the Engine a short period of time, it will normally raise the battery voltages enough to overcome the low voltage cut off the inverter is locked up by. If Shore power is available the inverter should start charging the house batteries, or you now have enough amperage on the house batteries, that the generator will start.

"Problem solved!" You may think you are out of the woods. You need to ask, "How did it get into this situation in the first place?" Are your batteries in need of replacement? The only way to answer this is by having your batteries tested. Load testing is the best way to identify if you have any bad batteries. If your batteries check out it will give you peace of mind. If the problems persist there may be a problem in your charging system. The best course of action is to visit your favorite RV service facility to have the charging system checked out.



#### Shower Mixing Valve Slowing Flow By Dana Sawyer

There is an easy way to tell if the mixing valve (the mechanism behind the shower off/on handle) is causing a slow water flow. First turn the handle to just cold water and note the flow amount. Next turn the handle to just hot water and note the flow amount. If there is a variation between the flow amounts (usually the hot is less) then the mixing valve is most likely the culprit.

The fix is to remove the handle (likely an allen wrench/hex key required) and protection ring (likely phillips screwdriver required) and then close (clockwise) and open (counterclockwise) the two flow adjustment screws with a flat screwdriver several times. This should loosen any mineral build up and restore full flow thru the valve. Check the cold and hot flow to assure you have corrected the problem and have equal flow for each.

Replace the cover ring (add a small bit of clear silicone around the ring if needed) and replace the handle. Test again then wait to use shower based on silicone drying time. In high mineral content water areas you may need to do this every couple of months.

#### Sealevel II Tank Monitor By Dana Sawyer

A basic guide to using the Sealevel II Model 709-RVC Tank Monitor. For all options see the PM Manual found at

https://www.garnetinstruments.com/product/70 9rvc-alarm-seelevel-tank-monitor/.

- ➤ To read the battery voltage press the BATT button once. After 5 seconds the display will shut down.
- ➤ Press and hold the BATT button for continuous display (flickering between values is expected).
- ➤ To read a tank value press the appropriate tank button (FRESH, GREY, BLACK). After 5 seconds the display will shut down.
- ➤ Pressing a tank button twice within the 5 second window will initiate continuous display of the value with a period on the bottom right. Pressing the tank button a third time will shut down the display (the continuous display does have a timeout of 1-2 minutes). This is especially useful when filling the black tank with the flusher input.
- ➤ The error "**OPn**" may occur if both the wetbay and bathroom monitors are activated at the same time.

#### **CARB Update**

The California RV Dealers Association (CalRVDA) successfully gained exemption from a new regulation by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that would have caused any diesel-powered RV entering California to secure a successful emissions inspection before it could travel through the state.

On December 29th, 2021 the California Air Resources Board approved a measure that will



require most newly manufactured small off-road engines such as those found in leaf blowers, lawn mowers and other equipment be zero emission starting in 2024. Portable generators, including those in recreational vehicles, would be required to meet more stringent standards in 2024 and meet zero-emission standards starting in 2028. Fortunately, diesel generators are currently exempted.

See the entire release notice here: <u>CARB</u> approves updated regulations requiring most new small off-road engines be zero emission by 2024 | California Air Resources Board

## Reporting Safety Issues to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

**November 22, 2021 -** Jayco Inc. is recalling 44 2021 Class A Cornerstone motorhomes. A machining defect may cause pressure to build in the power steering pump and break the shaft seal, resulting in a loss of power steering assist.

**November 22, 2021** - Jayco Inc. is recalling 625 2020-2022 Anthem, Embark, Reatta, and Reatta XL motorhomes. The rear suspension mounting fasteners that attach the rear-drive axle to the rear suspension may not have been tightened properly, which could allow the fasteners to loosen or break.

**December 27, 2021** - Shyft Group is recalling 143 2020-2023 Spartan RV Chassis K3 vehicles. The fuel tubes between the fuel rail and the injectors for cylinders four, five, and six may fatigue and crack, which can result in a high pressure fuel leak.

#### **MUST HAVE APPs**

Available from Your APP Store



ENTEGRA COACH
Quick access to manuals,
service locations, events and
more



SPARTAN CONNECTED CARE Access to maintenance schedules, diagnostic codes, key contacts and more



IRV2 - RV FORUM Supporting thoughtful exchange of knowledge, values, and experience among RV enthusiasts (select owners forum then Entegra)

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#### **Recipes for the Coach Life**

#### Pat's Easy Ribs By Par Bauer, ECOA President

- Total prep time is about 1 hour.
- Start with two slabs of meaty ribs. I got mine already marinated St. Louis Style from Costco.
- > Allow them to come to room temperature.
- > Put a grate in the bottom of your Instant Pot and make a nested coil standing on edge



in your Instant Pot. (See Photo 1)

Add liquid for pressure cooking...I used water and dark beer (oatmeal stout). Put the lid on and set for pressure cooking.

Pressure cook for 30 minutes and let standfor10 minutes.



- Manually release the pressure.
- > Slather on your favorite Sweet Baby Ray's Barbecue sauce or doctor up with your own favorites.
- ➤ Crisp on a hot grill for about 6-10 minutes per side per your taste.
- Serve with additional sauce.





#### **Regional Activities**

#### A Great New Years Eve By Medarda Bauer, ECOA Secretary

The ECOA New Year's Eve event was held at the Cabana Club in Auburndale Florida. All participants were shown to wide lots with pavers and wonderful landscaping. There is much to do on site with a professional putting course, pools, walking trails and organized activities. The big tourist venues of Orlando are not that far and people can see many of the sights of Central Florida a short drive away.

Our private room was welcoming and the Tiki Hut was open for those who wished to imbibe. Four fantastic meals were provided with New Year's Eve dinner a special treat: many thanks to Entegra Coach for providing an elegant prime dinner. Dancing was held outside in the music pavilion each night and several informal get togethers could be found at different coaches.

Again, many participants were new coach owners or attending their first rally. The Tech Talk provided people a chance to ask questions and interact with other owners. For the more energetic a Putting contest was held with bragging rights for the low scores. A small group also played the Schalamar Golf Course and were suitably challenged.

We will be returning next year for another New Year's Eve Rally. Watch for sign up in June.

Wyoming and South Dakota
By Wayne Baumann, ECOA Alt. Nat. Dir.

Well, we are in a new year and hope that it is better than last year. My wife and I and some friends took a trip this fall to Fort Laramie at Guernsey Wyoming. We spent a couple days in the area. There is a lot of western history that we enjoyed and have read about. We then went on over to Fort Robinson in Crawford Nebraska and camped right on the Fort grounds real nice campground. Spent a couple days to see everything in the area. This is the place where Crazy Horse was killed by a government soldier, both Forts were worth visiting. We then moved north towards South Dakota, and I got to see the places that I have read about Buffalo Bill when he got into a fight The place is called with Yellow Hand. Warbonnet Monument. Then ended at Custer South Dakota and camped there for three days. From there we got to go and see the Buffalo Roundup and the next day we went to the Crazy Horse Monument and walked up on the arm of Crazy Horse and stood on the front of his head. It was a long walk for us old people and glad that we were able to do it. Spent a couple days in the area and a lot of things to see and to do in the area. We then went to Sturgis South Dakota and camped at the city campground (nice campground). We spent two days at Deadwood and enjoyed Oktoberfest, had a lot of beer, events, and polka music. It was a week and a half fun trip and I might have to do it again. Had a great time with the Entegra group at Sturgis South Dakota. Then went over to Gillette Wyoming for the FMCA rally and parked together with the Entegra group. I gave a talk about Buffalo Bill one night and the next night gave a talk about the Indian history in the Dakota territory. I took part in the FMCA DRESSED FOR THE WILD WEST AND GOT PICKED AS THE BEST DRESSED COWBOY. We plan to go to the Tucson FMCA rally and meet with the



Entegra group. It has been a cold winter in Sheridan Wyoming so far, time to go south.

#### New Years and Beyond By Linda (Goldie) Hanson, ECOA VP

Wow...as I write this, it's really cold outside. I know many of you are living in much colder climes and expect the cold but those of us in south Florida most definitely do not! I'm using the "indoor" time to plan next summer's trip while remembering our start to the New Year with the wonderful ECOA rally at the Cabana Club resort in Auburndale, FL Margaritaville Cabana Club). The weather was much kinder then, and we had a great time trying out our putting skills (mine are non-existent...apologies to those on my team who knew what they were doing), enjoying good food with great friends and getting to know new friends. All the food was good but the New Year's Eve meal was amazing! It was a wonderful way to usher out the old year and welcome a new year that will hopefully be full of new and exciting adventures.

We left Auburndale and traveled to Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, FL. Our oldest son was racing there on a AHRMA (American Historical Racing Motorcycle Association) racing weekend – wonderful classic racing bikes. It was a great experience to camp in the infield of the great oval. We have been to the track previously for tours and to see races but it adds a whole new flavor to being in the infield and watching the events happening around you. It was frightening and thrilling to see my oldest "baby" riding the I loved watching him on the road course portion but seeing him on those banked

turns made my knees a little weak. I was a proud Momma when he placed third in his class and I'm sure that made the trip down from his home in Wisconsin just a little sweeter for him too. We were only traveling less than 50 miles on our next leg so we hung out as long as we could at the track. We ended up being the last coach/fiver/pull-behind at the track. Now that was eerie! It was almost a relief to see the semis start arriving for the next event on the calendar even though it meant our stalling time was up.

As long as we were on the east coast of Florida, we headed a little further south to catch up with a few other dear friends in Titusville before heading back across the state to our home. We did the majority of driving off the expressways and took our time enjoying some areas in the middle of our state for the first time. This trip was only two weeks but great exercise for the coach and a chance to explore a little more of our home state. There are lots of visitors to the coasts in Florida but we saw some lovely RV resorts inland too. Might be time to plan a few more "winter" trips close to home.

Now my gypsy soul will have to wait until May to head back out (although I did squeeze in a long weekend gals trip with some good friends). We're looking forward to the ECOA rally in the new Hearthside Lake Erie and our very first visit to Homecoming. We've owned Entegras since 2012 but just never made it up for Homecoming. We're excited to finally be going to one! So many great rallies are planned for this year and next. I hope you all can squeeze in a few with your travel plans...fair warning, they're addictive! In the meantime our Entegra is snug at home and the cold weather is a good reminder to exercise the AquaHot and the generator. I hope you are



all safe, warm and healthy and Rick and I wish you all a very Happy New Year and safe travels throughout the year.

ECOA New Years at Cabana Club follow:









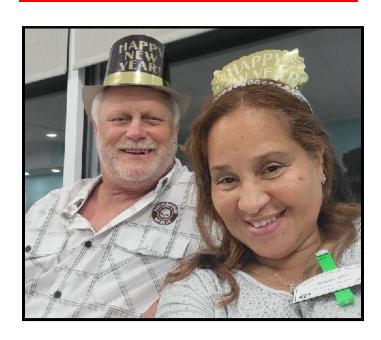
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Mike and Sandy By Sandy Pas, ECOA VP Membership





#### Membership

Hello ECOA members, we have great news. ECOA has gone Mobile! What do we mean? We are now utilizing a new service to help you stay connected. Example: "Honey, do you want to go to the Carolina's for sure? OH DARN, it will have to wait till I get back to the Coach or house." Not anymore, you can use your mobile device to register for that event, check your profile or see what's going on in the world of ECOA.

Just take your mobile device ex: (Cell phone or tablet) go to your App Store/Play Store (iPhone or Android) and download Wild Apricot for Members (see image #1).

Once you have downloaded the app, it is straight forward from there. You will use the same email and password from the website for the app also (see image #2). Easy-peasy. Once you login you can do the following:

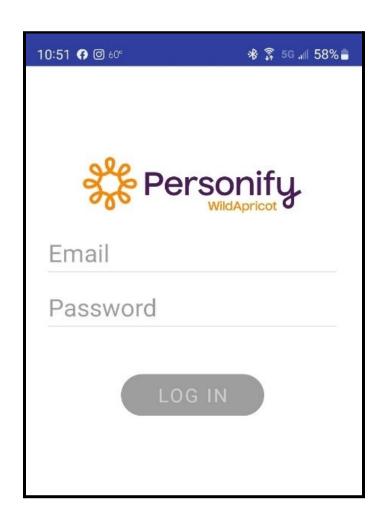
- ➤ Edit your profile
- Renew your membership
- ➤ View events Image #4
- View your registered events and information for that event
- Add your registered events to your calendar
- View shared members information Image #3
- Contact members

(Waitlist events cannot be registered on the mobile app, for that you must use the website.)

#### Image 1

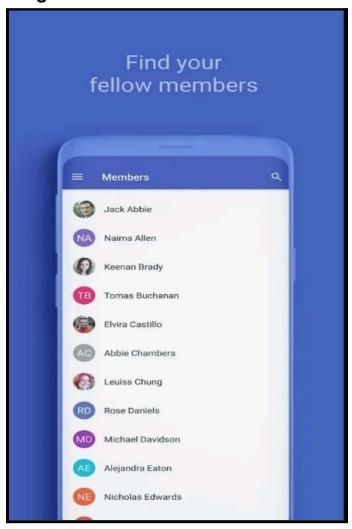


#### Image 2





#### Image 3



#### Image 4





#### **FMCA International Area**

### January Letter By Rett Porter, FMCA National President

January 28, 2022

Dear Governing Board Members,

Many of you may have heard or seen items that will be stated in this letter. This information is very important and I want to be sure everyone is up to date. The following are **FMCA Review Council** election results held in Gillette, Wyoming, in July, 2021. The Chairman is Jerry Work, F246153. The remaining members of the FMCA Review Council are Andy Balogh, F316832; Lon Cross, F233066; Dennis Ducharme, F402669; and Dick Lowman, F286692.

National Area Vice President elections. Enclosed with this mailing you will find the nomination forms for the National Vice Presidents from the Eastern, Great Lakes, International, Northwest, and Western areas. These officers will serve a two-year term, taking office in Lincoln, Nebraska, in August 2022. Nominations are being requested of the National Directors in those areas. If you or someone you know of would like to run for this position and you have questions, please feel free to reach out to the current officer and/or the Chapter Services Department at the FMCA national office.

**2021-2022 Committees**. FMCA's national committee member appointments for 2021-2122 are listed on the Governance website under the Committees tab:

https://governance.fmca.com/committees.html. Committee members, thank you in advance for your service.

Meeting minutes. FMCA's Executive Board and Board of Directors meeting minutes from September 17, 30, October 29, and December 8, 2021, are enclosed with this mailing. Don't forget that these meetings are posted on the calendar page of the Governance website. <a href="https://governance.fmca.com/meetings.html">https://governance.fmca.com/meetings.html</a>

This mailing, as well as previous Governing Board mailings, can be found on the Governance website,

https://governance.fmca.com/governing-board/gb-mailings.html

Upcoming convention in Tucson, Arizona. Registration is ongoing for FMCA's 104th International Convention and RV Expo, "Sunsets + Saguaros," March 23 through 26, 2022, at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, Arizona. To register, visit <a href="https://www.fmca.com/fmca-event-registration">https://www.fmca.com/fmca-event-registration</a>, use the form included, or call our Events

Department.

FMCA's popular RV Basics course, powered by the FMCA Academy, will take place March 20 through 22, 2022, in Tucson. Whether you're an RV newbie or you've been RVing for years, consider attending this RV education course for worry-free RV fun. Visit <a href="https://www.fmca.com/rvbasics">www.fmca.com/rvbasics</a> for more information and register now.

There is an added bonus being offered by the FMCA Academy in Tucson. FMCA, in partnership with the RV Driving School, delivers hands-on courses for driving and backing. All training will be done in your own RVIA two-day RV Driving Class and a one-day RV Backing Class can be scheduled. Visit



<u>www.fmca.com/rv-driving-school</u> for more information and call 800-543-3622 to register. Space is limited.

FMCA is hosting the Blue Ox Chapter Fair on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, in Tucson. Chapters, please sign up to participate. Prizes will be awarded to the top three chapter-decorated tables at the Chapter Fair! Block Parties will also be held in Tucson and will take place on Thursday, March 24. You must participate in the Chapter Fair to hold a Block Party. Please see the enclosed flier. You must register for the Chapter Fair before March 4, 2022, and no registrations will be taken on site.

In addition to the Chapter Fair and Block Parties, FMCA is hosting a silent auction in Tucson, to benefit FMCA's designated charity for the event -- Casa de los Niños, an organization dedicated to providing protection and services for at-risk children and Families.

Attendees can participate in the Driven To Care Silent Auction a couple of ways. First, chapters, areas, exhibitors, and individuals are encouraged to put together a box or basket filled with items fellow RVers would like to have. Examples could be things for the RV, gift cards, packaged food and drink, etc. A basket for the ladies? Or maybe something for the guys. Be creative. The second way is by bidding on the donated items.

Bids will be taken Wednesday through Friday, March 23 through 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the RV Trader Information Center in Thurber Hall. At 5:00 p.m. on Friday, bids will close. On Saturday, those with the winning bids will be contacted and must come to the Information Center to pay for and receive their item. As an added bonus, the entity whose

donations sells for the highest amount will receive a special award.

**Award nominations**. Please review the enclosed flier announcing that FMCA is accepting nominations for the Robert L. Richter Award and the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer's Award. The deadline to nominate an individual for either of these awards is March 15, 2022.

Looking forward to Lincoln. Registration for the Lincoln, Nebraska, International Convention and RV Expo will open on February 24. The Governing Board meeting will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, on August 24. Make sure your National Director, Alternate National Director, or a Temporary Delegate will be representing your chapter at the meeting. Further information on electing a Temporary Delegate will be forthcoming. Make plans now to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

**COVID-19 waiver**. With the ongoing health concerns related to COVID-19, and advice from our medical consultant, and from our Risk Management Committee, FMCA requires that every rally attendee sign this Waiver and Release from Liability form to attend any rally. Rally organizers and attendees, please use this link for the release form. https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/FMCA Chapter Ar ea Covid Waiver 22.pdf. The health and safety of FMCA members remains our priority, and we encourage you to check with the rally facility and/or hosts to see whether the rally is still scheduled as planned. FMCA follows protocols required by applicable government bodies, the sponsor, and/or venue. Following the rally, please mail the forms to the FMCA National Office, ATTN: Penny Gortemiller, 8291 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244.



Claire and I look forward to seeing you at the next FMCA event.

Until next time, be safe when you travel.

Rett Porter National President

#### **Links of Interest**

#### LINKS OF INTEREST

- ➤ ECOA Web Page http://www.entegraowners.com/
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