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Presidents Corner

President’s Message 7/2020

Generally when I sit down to write my quarterly newsletter article, the things I wish to address are clear. However all the uproar and hullabaloo and goings on these days makes for distraction and maybe some sleepless nights. If you are experiencing something similar, just know you are not alone. We are all adjusting on the fly!

That said, let’s step back and take a moment to bring you up to date on ECOA. In this quarter, we’ve had to cancel a number of events. Our Tennessee rally, Entegra’s Homecoming, our Wisconsin Dells rally, our Spearfish rally; all were canceled. Then we received word that the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta had canceled. Everyone who had registered for those events got their money back. Next time you see Mario, please give him a big pat on the back!

We are still planning our Summerfest rally at Traverse Bay RV resort the third week of September. We have not canceled this event at this time. We are also planning a New Year’s Eve event in Jupiter Beach, Covid willing. Stay tuned as we bring those online!

Looking to the future and 2021, we have some exciting times being planned! All events have to adhere to whatever social distancing guidelines that happen to be in place at the time of the event. Of course, we won’t know the status of annual events such as the Tampa Supershow and Quartzsite Gathering because of Covid. We’ve shifted all of our rally planning for the spring to Perry Georgia for FMCA and a rally event in Tennessee. Then starting in July 2021, we are planning a string of rallies that include Spearfish South Dakota, Gillette Wyoming, the Calgary Stampede, a stop in Saskatchewan and a return to Winnipeg Beach. Back to back to back to back events like nothing we’ve ever done before! We’ve already committed to return to the Albuquerque Balloon Festival in the fall of ‘21. Let’s hope we get Covid under control!

I also want to bring you up-to-date on things happening in FMCA. In the early spring, Family Motor Coach Association had to cancel their 2020 Reunion events in Tucson and Lincoln. At the same time they had passed a dues increase the spinoff of which was many non-renewals. At this time the FMCA executive board is struggling amongst themselves to make ends meet, and they are currently discussing eliminating certain benefits that have a fairly high cost. They also received a significant government covid stimulus award to help ameliorate cash flow problems. One of the benefits on the chopping block is the FMCAssist Emergency medical insurance program. Many of us on the ECOA executive board wrote to FMCA and expressed our desire to retain this benefit. If you would like to make your feelings known as well, feel free to drop an email to: executiveboard@fmca.com. Member cost of the FMCAssist is currently @ \$12.00 per annum per F#.

And finally, Congratulations to our newsletter editor, Dana Sawyer, for winning the FMCA's Richter Award. See story in this issue!

Please Stay Safe as you travel out there!

Remember:

Respect others by Wearing masks

Maintain Social Distancing

Wash your hands

Avoid indoor crowds as much as possible

Sincerely,

Pat Bauer

President, ECOA

From the Editors Desk

I seem to find something new every time I visit the Entegra website, however, this time it was actually the Entegra Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EntegraCoach/> that alerted me to changes coming to the Entegra Coach Connection section normally found under the EXPERIENCE ENTEGRA COACH tab. A recent change allows you to sign up to receive the Newsletter. To sign up to receive the newsletter, use the link <https://www.entegracoach.com/connection/eight-ways-to-make-the-coach-lifestyle-your-own/> and complete the request. You do agree to receive other related marketing communications by signing up so consider that first.

Rally Ho' – Upcoming Events

COVID-19 and State mandates have forced the cancellation of events that are crossed off.

- ~~August 25, 2020 to August 30, 2020 – Lincoln, Nebraska; FMCA Family Reunion~~
- **September 21, 2020 to September 24, 2020 – Traverse City, MI; Summerfest Rally**
- ~~October 07, 2020 to October 11, 2020 – Albuquerque, New Mexico; ECOA Albuquerque Balloon Festival~~
- **(Tentative) December 31, 2020 to January 2, 2021 - Jupiter, Florida; New Years Bash Rally**

Check the ECOA Web Page for current details <http://www.entegraowners.com/>

Technical Hints and Information

June 25th Letter from Entegra By Joyce Skinner

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)
	COACHNET - ALLSTAYS - TRUCKER PATH -

Dear Friends,

It's been a while since we last corresponded so I thought I would send a note to update you on a couple of important things:

1. **Our toll-free number has changed – it is now 800-283-8267.** Listen to the prompts and choose the department you are looking for accordingly. The old number will still work but will be discontinued in the near future. As a reminder, this number is operated from 8 am - 5 pm EST. Our emergency after-hours number is still 574-361-0034 and it is manned from 5 - 10 pm EST M-F and on weekends and holidays from 8 am - 10 pm EST. If you have an emergency need to call the after-hours number, you will be asked to leave a message and that triggers the callback.

2. As you already know, COVID-19 has caused some changes when visiting our factory service center or any other area of our business. If here for factory service, you have not been able to stay in your coach overnight as work continues on your coach throughout the time you are here. **THIS HAS NOT CHANGED AS OF YET.** We are still monitoring the situation and we have decided to continue this course of action for the time being. When our position changes, I will be sure to let you know. We have also discontinued factory tours during this time and that, too, remains the same.

3. **SOME GREAT NEWS!!** – Every Tuesday you can tune in to the Entegra Coach Facebook page and catch an episode of “Entegra Coaching” with PJ Clanton, our in house training manager. (The first episode aired June 23rd). Those of you that know PJ know how much knowledge he has when it comes to everything Entegra. So please, be sure to tune in and catch these short videos and get better acquainted with your coach. I’m sure there is always something you can learn and we are working on other exciting ways to keep you informed as well. Tune in every Tuesday at 11:30 EST on Facebook or

Entegra Coach Watch Party On Facebook

If you have not already discovered it, check out Entegra Coach on Facebook. PJ and Christine host a watch party. Their first session was on 6/23 and here are a few of the hints they provided:

- Use NuFlex 311 Silicone on the roof for 2016 or newer coaches
- Use Alpha Self-Level on the roof for 2015 or older coaches
- Use Aerospace 303 Protectant for slide-out wipe seals
- Use Murphy Oil Soap for woodwork
- Snug up slide motor mount bolts (hand tight about every 3 months)

view previously aired episodes on our YouTube channel. We will continue to add episodes to our YouTube Playlist titled "Entegra Coaching" after each live premier.

As we all try to understand the changes taking place in our country right now, let's always remember to be kind to one another. After all, kindness is one gift anyone can give and costs nothing - but the rewards are worth more than we can imagine.

Stay safe and well, my friends, and I look forward to the day when we can be together again soon.

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DEF Related Tips from Entegra Provided By Spartan

The question was: Will the engine start if the DEF is frozen? Here is the answer from Spartan:

"Even though DEF freezes at approximately -12°C [11°F], the SCR system is designed to be frozen and thawed. The DEF tank is heated by engine coolant, and the DEF lines and after treatment DEF dosing unit are electrically heated. No operator interaction is needed when operating in cold temperatures; heating and thawing are controlled automatically by the ECM".

If a temperature issue is noted at the DEF sensor at start up, this may trigger a MIL or check engine light. Once the system achieves normal operating temperature, this fault will go inactive and ultimately cleared after a series of key cycles.

There was also this information:

If the DEF gauge turns orange, warning that DEF is low, it needs to be filled before the

light turns red. On red, the engine will de-rate power and slow the unit down. The key is to drive to a safe place, preferably where you can fill the DEF tank. If the coach is turned off while the gauge is red, it will not start again until the DEF is replenished.

Member Stories

Do you have a story to share?

Did you post an interesting bit on Facebook? Did you make a discovery or have an adventure? Do you volunteer for an organization? Good or bad, happy, or sad, exhilarating, or frustrating, your story may help or inspire others. Submit your information and photos to the Editor at:

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Black Hills, South Dakota By Goldie Hanson ECOA VP

Greetings from the beautiful Black Hills in South Dakota!

Rick and I hope this newsletter will find you all healthy and enjoying your summer whether you are traveling or staying close to your home base. We left FL on June 1st and headed for the (slightly) cooler northern states. We had planned an extensive trip this summer but changed to a more abbreviated trip because of the pandemic. We were pleasantly surprised to find nearly all campgrounds open (dependent on state regulations) and most now have implemented zero touch check in process. There are a few variations, but most take payment by phone and leave your paperwork with site map in a specified spot. The few that did have a manned check in usually required, and wore, masks. Our first stop was Wisconsin to see sons and grands, along with a few old friends. Visiting was different this year since we stayed mainly outside and did not see a few friends that are in extremely high-risk groups.

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Fortunately, we had wonderful weather, healthy and happy kids and grands, and our favorite restaurants all offered carry out service!

Towards the end of June, we headed for what has become one of our favorite resorts Elkhorn Ridge in Spearfish, SD.



With the Black Hills as the back ground, the fully paved resort has long, nicely spaced spots. Some will even accommodate a tag pulling a stacker. The resort has something for everyone with tennis, pickle ball, basketball, volley ball, large pool and hot tub, walking trail, golf course, driving range, horse shoes, and I am sure I am missing something. It is an easy commute to Mount Rushmore, Devil's Tower, Crazy Horse and much more. There are also cabins to accommodate non-RVing friends who might want to visit. Even though the ECOA Rally here had to be cancelled, there are quite a few Entegra folks who are spending time here also.



Thankfully, the weather has cooperated, giving us nice evenings for outdoor gatherings to meet some of our newer family members and enjoy time with old friends. We even managed to introduce a few folks who were not aware of our group. If you have not visited this area, please plan on attending the ECOA rally here in 2021. This is truly one of the most beautiful areas in our country with a multitude of things to see and do that vary from crowded areas in small towns (with casinos!) to absolute solitude in national forests. And my favorite state park – Custer.

For those who have chosen not to travel this year, we have found that the rumors are true. There are a whole lot of folks discovering how wonderful it is to travel in an RV. Many of the families we meet are traveling in their first RV, often in rental units. The few attractions that we have ventured into seem just as full as in pre-COVID days. When we needed to make a minor adjustment to our traveling schedule, finding an available campground was challenging. I suspect we will see increasingly full campgrounds once life gets back to something remotely resembling normal. Hope we will all get the opportunity to see each other at one of them.



Tires, our Life Depends on Them By Tom Crowley ECOA VP

Tires, those round black things under our vehicles, go largely unnoticed. We tend to ignore them, forgetting to add air, coating them with destructive chemicals to make them shine. We roll down the highways and by-ways well above the speed limit and when we blow a tire, well it just that damn manufacturer with a defective product.

OK now that I have got my frustration out, lets talk about tires. It does not matter if they are on a Class B or C or very heavy Class A. They all need the same or similar care. I am sure we all know of a motorhomer who has had an explosive blowout on a front tire, lost control and damaged or destroyed their coach. Many years ago, Lynn, our grandson and I started out from Atlanta to Denver in a gas class A coach to see out daughter. Forty miles from home we had an explosive blowout on the left front tire. What happened you may ask; well I had enough experience on race courses to allow my Pavlov's dog instincts take over. I took off the cruise control and squeezed down on the accelerator, got the coach under control and was able to pull off to the shoulder on I-75. A sheriff's deputy was a minute behind us. When he got up to us, he looked at me looked at the coach and said "thank God, I knew someone would be dead!" Michelin has a great training film on YouTube for what to do if you blow a tire:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPbG2WOAwBM>

Class B and C motorhomes tend to use SUV or light truck tires, while our class A's use heavy duty motorhome or truck tires. Let's talk about tire care. Our lives depend upon those round black things under the coach; how do we keep them happy you ask? Remember the most important thing about tires they are like spouses, do them wrong and they WILL get even!

Tire pressure is extremely important, have your coach weighted on all four or six corners. Then set the pressure five pounds above the recommendation for the weight of your coach. That gives you a little safety margin. The maximum tire pressure and weight the tire can carry is stamped on every tire manufactured today. DO NOT exceed the maximum tire pressure. With that said, as we drive and the air in the tire heats up, the tire pressure will increase. For example, on my front tires I fill to 125 pounds of pressure and on a hot summers day the pressure increases to between 145 and 150 pounds. The tire design engineers understand that when they design and build the tires. DO NOT drop the tire pressure after a day's run.

DO check your pressure and inspect the tires before traveling. You may have hit something that has put a cut in your tire. Also, if the side wall has been damaged it is not uncommon for you to see a bulge in the side wall. If you see this the tire MUST be changed out before continuing your travels. This only takes a few minutes to do and may save your life.

As your tire ages, check for cracking in the side wall. Radial tires have softer side walls than bias ply tires of old. This gives us a better ride. However, as a tire ages or if you use a tire dressing, the tires will begin to dry out and crack. You can reduce the chance of that happening by garaging the coach when not in use or use a tire cover to keep the Sun's UV light from striking the tires. RV tires should be changed every five to six years. Michelin recommends tires be professionally inspect every year after year five. The maximum tire life is ten years in normal use. Our motorhomes tires are not in normal use, we tend to drive a distance then stop and park for weeks or months. This adds stress to the tires. It is recommended that motorhome tires be replaced every five to seven years even though they may still have lots of life left in the tread. The most important part of the tire, the body has aged out and will blow at the most inconvenient time.

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Our tires are almost all speed rated at 75 MPH or lower. That means simply go above that speed and the heat generated within the tire will cause the tread to separate from the tire casing. This will cause approximately three thousand dollars in damage to your coach plus the down time to repair. On hot summer days, when the temperature is above ninety degrees Fahrenheit, I will check the tires with an IR thermometer at the point where the tread and the tire body come together every time we take a break. Understand this is on the outside of the tire and the temperature inside is much higher. If the temperature is 140 degrees F or higher plan on slowing your speed down. Otherwise tread separation may occur. If you do not have an IR thermometer, then putting your hand on the tire where the body and tread meet. If you must pull your hand away quickly, your tire is above 135 degrees F.

The question often comes up about having the tires filled with Nitrogen. The nitrogen molecule is slightly larger than an Oxygen molecule, so you will lose a little less air over time versus an air-filled tire. Air is 78% Nitrogen so having your tires filled with Nitrogen will bring that number up to 95-98% Nitrogen, not a big difference. The claim is the tires will last a lot longer and get much better fuel economy. The fuel economy is based on keeping your tires at proper inflation pressures; hence it really does not make any difference if you are using air or Nitrogen. Well, if you think about it our tires age more from the outside then the inside. Yes, racing cars and airplanes use nitrogen. Race cars because they want the tire pressure to stay as constant as possible and it is easier to carry nitrogen bottles instead of compressors. Enough said, if you want to run Nitrogen fine, I and several tire experts think it is a waste of money.

Tire pressure monitors, are they worth the expense? A big yes here. When you start out in the morning a quick look at the monitor panel will let you know if the tire pressure is OK. They will not warn you if you have an explosive blowout, however you can see the pressure dropping as you drive along. If that

happens pull over safely and check the tire for objects, cuts etc.

Tire gauges, many years ago I was chatting with a gentleman who had been driving a high-end motor home and he told me that someone said he needed to check tire pressure on his coach and asked me how to do it. I asked if he had a tire gauge and he pulled out one that came from a low-end store and it was for cars. I went and got my truck tire gauge and we chatted about what it was and how to use it. As expected, all his tires were low. I showed him how to add air from his air tanks using the air outlet on his coach. I add air using the coach air supply simply because the air is so much dryer than what you will find in a filling station. I once tried to use the air hose at an RV dealer in the south. Water was pouring out when I went to use it. I took out my own air hose and filled from my coach air tanks.

To check the age of your tires the Department of Transportation (DOT) has established a uniform tire dating code. The code signifies the build date of the tire, 2719 indicates the tire was manufactured in the 27th week of 2019. When buying new tires make sure they are not more than a year old.

Tire dressings make your tire look newer than new. Many are fine for automobiles, but will damage RV tires. If you want to use a tire dressing then try 303. It is an UV blocker and is water based. The petroleum-based products may damage your tires by drying them out and cause cracking. The tire manufactures recommend cleaning tires with a mild soap and water and not use a tire dressing.

Tire safety inserts: there are two types that can be recommended for motorhomes. The Tyron bands which help prevent the tire coming of the rim if the tire blows and the new Retrobands sold exclusively by NIRVC. These new bands will allow you to run flat at a reduced speed. Both may prevent you from having a horrendous accident.

While this is not meant to be an in-depth study of motorhome tires, I hope these tips will lead to a

better understanding of your tires and how to care for them.

Stay Safe and enjoy your Entegra

The Great Meatloaf Cookoff By Pat Bauer ECOA President

Sometimes good ideas, like fine wine, take time to mature. About a year ago, several of us were sitting around at a Happy Hour discussing our favorite foods, and meatloaf was mentioned. Someone stated they had a great meatloaf recipe, and someone else said they had “the best” recipe ever. The gauntlet was thrown down and accepted.

Enter Covid and our collective desire to limit exposure to the general population, so we stay with our friends and do not do a lot of mixing. There are only so many rounds of Hand & Foot, Pegs & Jokers, and Mexican Train that we can play. So, the decision was made to do the Cookoff, a date was selected, judges invited and side dishes selected.

Each of the three cooks spent the day preparing their dishes, sides were prepared by spouses, and wines were selected. We all arrived at the appointed time, and cocktails commenced. And then it was time for the contest. The samples were plated and delivered to our panel of judges and we all waited with baited breath as the dishes were sampled and the judges rendered their verdicts.

The eight of us were careful to maintain our spacing, much wine was consumed, many claims were made, and the bribes were all delivered under the table! More importantly, great fun was had by all, and in the end, every recipe had its merits.

Oh, and the winner cheated! He added gravy which was quite delicious! He thought out of the box or jar!

If you are looking for something fun, host a cookoff and make some fun!

ECOAs Newsletter Editor wins FMCA's Richter Award

Some great news! The FMCA Executive Board has awarded Dana Sawyer, editor of ECOA's Rollin' Along Newsletter, the Robert L. Richter Award. Below are the letters of Recommendation and Notice of Award from FMCA.

Congratulations Dana, and thank you for your dedication and service to your fellow ECOA members!

Pat Bauer, President
Entegra Coach Owners Association

The Nomination Letter and Award Letter are attached at the end of this newsletter



My sincere thanks to Pat Bauer for the nomination. This award came as quite a surprise but please remember that only because of the stories written by our members and especially our ECOA Officers is it possible for me to produce the newsletter. Current plans are for this award to be officially presented at the 2021 Perry, Georgia FMCA Rally. **Thanks to all of you.**



Recipes for the Coach Life

Share A Favorite Recipe

Do you have a favorite recipe that is made for the coach kitchen? We would love to have you share that recipe. Provide the list of ingredients, instructions, and photos. Submit your information and photos to the Editor at:

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Southern Squash Casserole

By Linda Hanson, ECOA VP

July 2020...Not the typical summer we have experienced is it? By now Lee and I would have had a few weeks of "glamping" and maybe a few thousand miles on our motorhome. Well, part of it is true; our motorhome is currently in Watford City, North Dakota with our son as he is starting a new job. Since we are unable to travel for now, it came in handy for temporary housing. The rest of his family are with us. By that I mean, our very pregnant daughter-in-law, grandson, and granddaughter. We are anxiously awaiting our 6th granddaughter any day now! Long story short, she was too far along to move with him. Funny how life changes in a matter of seconds. I share all this with you because no matter what you may be experiencing in your life right now, things can get shaken up quickly, and the path you are on may take a bit of a detour, but that is ok. There have been many times Lee and I have taken a detour on purpose and sometimes been forced to take a detour. Either way, there was always a bit of tension, a little excitement, some hesitation, a bumpy road or two; however, we seemed to find our way back to the right direction we needed to be going after a while. We never looked back on the detour as a bad thing, but as sort of a relief, a completion, a job well done so to speak. It felt good to be back on the right road heading in the right direction, but what an accomplishment to come through a "mess of construction". This entire year like we never saw coming and so far, has caught

each of us off guard. We are all traveling on detours of life we never expected. But it is okay, keep going because the right road is just ahead. Some of us may find a brand-new road to travel and that is okay too. Just keep moving, do not let anything "squash" your dreams! Speaking of squash, some of our favorite summertime food is squash. I found this recipe and thought I would share it with you. It is awesome!

Enjoy...Safe and Happy RVing!!



SOUTHERN SQUASH CASSEROLE

- 3 lbs. yellow squash, sliced or diced
- 1/2 cup Vidalia onion, diced
- 1 can (10.5 oz) cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 egg
- 8 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 sleeves Ritz crackers, crushed
- 1 stick melted butter

Put washed and sliced squash in bowl. In a separate bowl, mix together soup, mayonnaise, egg, cheese, onion, soup, salt, and pepper. Pour over squash. Stir until well mixed. Pour into casserole dish. Put crackers in a large Ziplock bag. Using a rolling pin, crush crackers. Pour crackers into a bowl. Melt butter and stir into crackers until moist. Drizzle on top of casserole. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly and brown (45-50minutes). Bake 30 minutes covered and then uncover the remaining 20 minutes to brown the crackers.

Spaghetti Squash Chow Mein By Linda Sawyer

- Ingredients
 - 1 large spaghetti squash
 - 1/4 cup Tamari or soy sauce
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - 2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger
 - 1/4 teaspoon white pepper (or black pepper!)
 - 2 tablespoons OLIVE OIL
 - 1 onion, diced
 - 3 stalks celery, sliced diagonally
 - 2 cups Cole slaw mix (shredded cabbage and carrots)

Cut a spaghetti squash in half length-wise and scoop out seeds. Lay skin side up in a 13 x 9 Pyrex and pour 1/2 inch of water in the bottom of the pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 30-40 minutes, until flesh is very tender. Once done, scoop out flesh with a fork so it breaks apart into strings, set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together Tamari (or soy sauce), garlic, brown sugar, ginger, and white pepper; set aside.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add onion and celery, and cook, stirring often, until tender, about 3-4 minutes. Stir in cabbage until heated through, about 1 minute.

Stir in spaghetti squash and sauce mixture until well combined, about 2 minutes.

Regional Activities

We all hope this pandemic will allow us to return to a more normal state and activities.

Destinations

Tell Us About Your Favorite Destination

Share your favorite destination or travel stop with other members. Send a short blurb with the locations name, address, ease of access, size of sites, and photos if possible., especially of you and your coach at the location. Submit your information and photos to the Editor at:

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Hearthside Grove Lake Erie By Dana Sawyer

We stayed at Hearthside Grove Lake Erie with approximately 23 other Class-A coaches from the Gardens RV Community, Crossville, TN in late July. While not every RV was an Entegra there were six from our group and at least six others already in the park.

Instigated and organized by the 3-Breakfast Amigos Windsor Anderson, Mike Greenfield, and Ken Wurtenberger, we were all treated royally by management and staff.



Our first evening included a welcome reception with wine and cheese, information about local winery tours, and information on the many other area attractions. The morning gathering was a bring your own beverage chance to socialize, and to hear about events of the day. On the third evening a barbeque

food truck and live music was brought in for everyone to enjoy. The evening of our last full day included a BYOB and snacks to share gathering.

A highlight was two days of guided covered bridge tours by a local expert with vast knowledge on the subject. He also provided turn by turn directions for an Amish Country tour and described many other interesting historical sites.

There was something for everyone and we all enjoyed both touring on our own and teaming up with others to visit sites of common interest like the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Hearthside Grove Lake Erie was the dream of Eric and Diane Frantz. They grew up camping all over the country and as adults, their camping evolved from tents to trailers to their current class A Motorcoach. They discovered Hearthside Grove Petoskey Michigan while vacationing in 2017 and soon after met Craig Rose, whose family built Hearthside Grove Petoskey. Discussions lead to a partnership with Craig that culminated in finding the perfect property in Northeast Ohio just a short walk from Lake Erie and surrounded by the coastal forest of Geneva State Park. The perfect location for another Hearthside Grove resort.

Opening for guests in May 2020 the park currently has 64 spacious full hook-up sites completed for Class A Motor coaches 10 years or younger and 28 feet or longer. The park is gated and each site is a drive-in level concrete pad (20' x 70') with well-placed hookups.



Sites are all pond or preserve (wooded) view out your front window and approximately a total of

9000 sq. ft. Amenities in the construction process include a pool, fitness center, laundry, clubhouse, movie theater, and sports bar.

Info at www.HearthsideGroveLakeErie.com. Make sure your GPS brings you in according to the website directions.

Olive Branch Campground By Dana Sawyer

A reasonable choice for an overnight stay northeast of Cincinnati, Ohio, the campground is located just off exit 36 of I-71 in Oregonia, Ohio. The entrance, roads and sites are well maintained gravel and the 15-overnight pull-thru sites are all full hookup. Site size did vary but at least 8 easily fit a 45-foot coach towing a vehicle. The office staff was very knowledgeable and helpful. See www.OlivebranchCG.com.

What's New in Coaches

Entegra Service Highlights

Great Service Stories or Tips

Share your service experience with other members. Send a short story with names, places, and a description of the task. Submit your information and photos to the Editor at:

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Secretary

No report this quarter

Treasurer

Treasurers Official Report -ANNUAL AUDIT: An annual audit of the chapter's financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.

Membership

It is with reluctance that the resignation of ECOA Charter officer, Linda Hanson, as Membership Vice President has been accepted. Linda has been active from the foundation of our club in 2013, hosting rallies and welcoming new members. Her service has exemplified the meaning of volunteerism. On behalf of the Executive Board, we wish Linda and her husband, Lee the very best as they begin a quieter chapter in their life.

Thank you for your service.

FMCA International Area

FMCA – 2020 and the Future By Terry Walker ECOA National Director

Definition of a few terms is in order before we begin:

- FMCA governing structure is basically as follows
 - The **Executive Board** runs the organization during the year and consists of 15 members
 - President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and Vice Presidents of the 10 Areas
 - The **Governing Board** consists of the Executive Board plus the National Directors of each of the FMCA chapters. I (Terry Walker) am the National Director for ECOA and thus part of this Governing Board.

The FMCA operates on the basis of an annual Budget which is prepared by a Finance Committee, approved by the Executive Board, and then presented for adoption by the entire Governing Board at its Annual Meeting at the Fall FMCA Rally. The 2020 budget was approved in Minot, ND in August 2019.

Then along came 2020 and the PANDEMIC which as we all know led to cancellation of both FMCA National Rallies for 2020. This necessitated substantial modifications to operations in 2020 to minimize incurred losses. In addition, membership numbers have declined over 5% since Minot and that trend appears to be continuing.

SO how does the FMCA now budget for 2021 when there are so many variables that are yet unknown and somewhat unpredictable?

The Finance Committee and the Executive Board have been wrestling with this problem for the past couple of months and as you might expect when approximately 20 experienced FMCA officers are involved there are differences of opinion as to how to proceed.

I believe that these differences will ultimately be mediated, and a 2021 budget will soon be adopted by the Executive Board. Since the annual Fall Rally has been cancelled together with the normally held annual meeting of the Governing Board, the budget adopted by the Executive Board will be adopted without approval of the Governing Board as is provided by FMCA policies and procedures. Given this situation, the President has and will continue to provide periodic status updates to Chapter Presidents and National Directors.

I will update you when the budget process is completed. You should however be aware that based on current negotiations:

- There may be reductions in current FMCA benefits and,
- Annual dues which were increased in the 2020 budget may or may not be reduced.

I know this is not very definitive but I wanted to make everyone aware that changes may be coming and the complicated process that is going on at the Executive levels of FMCA.

Links of Interest

LINKS OF INTEREST

- ECOA Web Page <http://www.entegraowners.com/>
- ECOA Apparel <https://ecoa.logosoftwear.com/>
- Entegra Coach <https://www.entegracoach.com/>
- Spartan Chassis <http://www.spartanmotors.com/rv-range/>
- FMCA <https://www.fmca.com/>
- IRV2 <http://www.irv2.com/forums/f278/>

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- Entegra (after hours emergency) 574-361-0034
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Mr. Rett Porter, Senior Vice President
FMCA Executive Board
Family Motor Coach Association

Mr. Porter,

Pursuant to FMCA policy Index #1016 of June 2018 regarding Awards, I hereby wish to submit and endorse Dana Sawyer (F475568), Editor of Rollin' Along, the Official Publication of the Entegra Coach Owners Association for consideration of the Robert L. Richter Award.

Mr. Sawyer has taken an idea and crafted an informative and comprehensive publication that meets and indeed exceeds the needs of one of the largest and most diverse International Area Chapters in the Family Motor Coach Association. Mr. Sawyer's work exemplifies the overarching goals of the FMCA and the ECOA.

An RV lifestyle, Dana has devoted extensive time to the redesign and page layout of each edition, as well as collecting, editing, and composing the finished quarterly newsletters, no matter where his wheels stop. Dana is to be congratulated for his voluntary contributions to the success of our chapter and the FMCA while maintaining the marvelous freedom of taking his work wherever his wheels stop, a freedom to which we all probably aspire.

As evidence of his exemplary work, I submit the last four additions of our chapter newsletter in PDF format. If more material is required, I also include a link to our newsletter archive on our club website, www.entegraowners.com.

<https://entegraowners.com/resources/Documents/2019-October%20Rollin%20Along.pdf>
<https://entegraowners.com/resources/Documents/Rollin%20Along%20July%202019.pdf>
<https://entegraowners.com/resources/Documents/Rollin%20Along%20April%202019.pdf>
<https://entegraowners.com/resources/Documents/Rollin%20Along%20Jan%202019.pdf>

On behalf of the membership of the Entegra Coach Owners Association, I am proud to respectfully request serious consideration of Mr. Dana Sawyer's candidacy for this recognition of his significant contributions.

Sincerely,



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FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

June 9, 2020

Dana Sawyer, F475568
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Dear Dana:

Congratulations! I would like to inform you that you were chosen by FMCA's Executive Board for the Robert L. Richter Award. The Executive Board met in Executive Session via teleconference on June 5, 2020 and have recommended you for the award. The policy guideline allows for only one nominee per year. Well done!

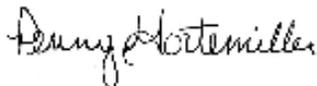
The Robert L. Richter Award winner has done an exceptional job at communicating with chapter members via chapter newsletters and/or communications. Your communications were reviewed by a designated committee, and then chosen as the winner during the June meeting.

We would like to honor you at Family Motor Coach Association's International Convention. We would normally do this at the Annual Membership Meeting at the summer convention following this decision. However, since the 2020 summer convention has been cancelled, we would like to offer you the choice of receiving this award in 2021 during the Perry, Georgia, International Convention, scheduled for March 10-13, or the Gillette, Wyoming, International Convention, which be held July 7-10. Your registration for one of these two events is complimentary. Please let me know which event would be better for you to attend. Once the event is chosen, I can let you know how to claim the registration.

Also included with this recognition is an FMCA Brick at the RV/MH Hall of Fame and Museum in Elkhart, Indiana, noting the award recognition. This brick will be ordered and installed on the grounds of the Museum. FMCA has its own section of bricks on the walkway. Your brick will be in good company.

Sincerely

FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION



Penny Gortemiller
Director of Chapter Services

cc: William Patrick Bauer, President, Entegra Coach Owners Association
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