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From the Editors Desk

Welcome to the second edition of Rollin' Along, the ECOA Newsletter. We are looking for someone to help work on the newsletter, if you are interested just drop me a note.

We are always looking for folks to help out with the newsletter and also looking for articles of general interests to our members. Articles can be about campgrounds, trips, mods or anything of general interest to motorhoming.

Part of the editing job is to bring all of the styles to a common base. To that end, we use Times New Roman 12 font for the articles.

The next Rollin' Along will be available January 30, 2018

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President's Corner

Greetings,

The FMCA Rally in Indianapolis has come and gone. The weather somewhat cooperated with rain turning to warm sunny days as the week progressed. Our club was fortunate to have 40+ coaches for this event. We even found a couple of older Entegras, whose owners where unaware of the club, to join us for our "happy hour " events.

If you recall my survey, utilizing Survey Monkey, that was sent to each member via email at the start of June, two questions were asked:

1. Should FMCA embrace towable RV's for membership?
2. Should Family Motor Coach Association change its name to simply FMCA?

The results of those who voted were 55% against admitting towables, 45% in favor, and split evenly 50/50 on the name change.....Representing our club I voted following the majority wishes. The Governing Board tabulated all votes. The results, as reported below, resulted favoring change:

1. Within the bylaws the term "motorhome" will be replaced by the term "recreational vehicle"...and there was considerable time devoted to defining recreational vehicle.
2. In November each member coach will be sent a ballot asking you to vote on the question, "Should FMCA be open to all recreational vehicles." Please submit your Vote when you receive it, as this requires a vote of the entire membership. Your vote does count.

Other business included the determination of FMCA national rally sites. These include March 2018 Perry Georgia, July 2018 Gillette Wyoming, March 2019 Pamona California, and July 2019 Minnesota.

Selection of new Officers:

At our annual business meeting at Thackerville, OK this September more in depth information can be shared. At this meeting we will have the formal voting for club officers for 2018 through 2019. The slate of officers include

President.	Pat Bauer
Vice President.	Tom Crowley. (Webmaster/newsletter)
Vice President.	Linda Hanson (Membership)
Vice President.	Ray Wenig
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On the social scene several happy hours were held. Entegra and Spartan Motors cooked hamburgers and brats on Tuesday, as we managed to sidestep the raindrops. As a side note Ken Walters and Mike Butler are great grill masters. Friday, owners were treated to the Orlando RV event held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom; a beautiful National Register of Historic Buildings venue with fantastic food and entertainment.

Together, we just keep Rollin' Along,

Wm. Patrick (Pat) Bauer

Entegra Homecoming 2017

The third annual Homecoming held at the Elkart County Fairgrounds was a homecoming with a twist. An educational component was added providing two days of a variety classes for all participants. Entegra University introduced expanded opportunities for learning all aspects of motorhoming from chassis to cooking and everything in between.



Entegra also introduced an Anniversary Edition of the 2018 Cornerstone.

Only ten of these special coaches will be produced in this new exterior paint scheme with owners receiving a numbered limited edition certificate. Painted in red, black, and white complimented with the premier stainless package it is truly a one of a kind. The interior of this particular coach featured the new "x" floor plan.

Over 130 coaches were parked together and it was evident new and old friendships added to the many gatherings before, during and after the event. A good time was had by all and it is important to thank Entegra for providing an awesome experience for attendees.



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Note from our Secretary

Interesting stops along the way.....

Pat and I found several stops during our recent travels. Prior to the club rally in Kerrville Texas we stopped in Fredricksburg and San Antonio finding two newer campgrounds to visit.

Quiet Creek RV Resort in Fredericksburg, Texas:

Located about 3 miles west of town on US Hwy 87, it provides a great place to park for excursions into wine country. Large pull through gravel sites connected by paved roads are easy to navigate. Very few trees mean great reception. The owners are both helpful and knowledgeable of the surrounding area. Fredericksburg is a quaint town with numerous eateries and over 30 wineries within driving distance. For the history buff Johnson City is a 20 minute drive and the Adm. Chester Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War is great place to visit.

Alsatian Golf and RV Resort in Castroville, Texas:

Located 30 miles west of San Antonio off US Hwy 90, this resort has it all. Paved roads with large spacious paved sites have no large trees to hinder satellite reception. There is a large pool with hot tub. A catch and release pond is on site stocked with a variety of fish. Golf is next door providing a challenge for even the most avid golfer. A cafe for lunch is available with sandwiches and simple fare. But the crowning glory is the on-site gourmet restaurant. We ate there several times and were very pleased with the quality and variety of food.



In July we needed a stop between the FMCA Rally and our Spartan appointment. We found unique place in both Indiana and Michigan for a two night stay.

Prophetstown State Park in Lafayette (Battleground) Indiana:

Located northeast of Lafayette, Indiana, this is a historical state park whose sites are procured through the "Reserve America" website. It is an easy off and on to I-65 with a quick drive through the Indiana countryside. The roads are paved leading to large gravel sites with plenty of grass for seating. Winding bike paths as well as a water park add to the inside amenities. Purdue University is a 10 minute drive and the city of Lafayette with numerous restaurants is nearby.

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Camp Turkeyville RV Park in Marshall, Michigan:

Located about 20 minutes from Spartan Chassis in Charlotte and 90 minutes northeast of Middlebury, Camp Turkeyville is a great two-day stop. The name says it all. The restaurant serves every turkey meal imaginable, tasty fudge and a variety of flavored popcorn. There is even a dinner/show available. While we were there they featured a fifties musical. Summer weekends host craft shows, car shows and tractor shows. It is a great place for grandkids too. There is a farm, a small train ride and of course the pool. A bit kitschy but worth a stop. (Be sure to bring water filters for this park)



This is just a sampling of the month's stops. I bet you know of great places too. Write a review and send to us for publishing in Rollin' Along!

Medarda Bauer

Buckhorn Rally Report

The second Buckhorn Rally was held in May in Kerrville, TX, and was another rousing success. Motor Home Specialist (Alvarado, TX) was our dealer sponsor and did a fantastic job providing meals and over the top prizes. Donny O'Banion, owner of MHS was present along with several techs and show coaches. Entegra and other sponsors were represented by Ken Walters and Todd Hahn. New corporate support included Spartan Chassis and Griot's Garage who provided door prizes and informational seminars.



As usual, we experienced stellar food and service. The 2 inch pork chops were a big hit and the artisan pizza night was enjoyed by everyone. The weather cooperated, ensuring ECOA will be visiting again in a few years.

Medarda Bauer

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Your Entegra Motorhome is a key experimental link to the FUTURE

Ray Wenig

Mid to high-end new motorhomes are becoming reality encapsulations for/of the future. More new and advanced ideas are coming into trial and test implementation on these rigs with Entegra playing a strong role in this pursuit over the last 2 or 3 model years. Some of these future elements are user driven, many are technological advances, some are competitive advantages, many are coming from progressive supply chain vendors and some from new management teams. The spectrum of current and future enhancements covers the following areas:

Livability and Usability – More focus on customer comforts and user wants. This includes new furniture designs, better lighting, more storage, easier to use elements, lighter weight structures, etc.

Resource management – Management and control of all power components, wireless internal controllers and BUS networks, user interactive system control (VEGA touch,) voice management interfaces, data collection and monitoring services, vehicle and people health monitoring and data recording. Addition of more solar capacity on the coach rooftop with higher efficiency and more battery storage capability to stay off the grid for longer periods. Motorized RV's may be an early adopter of new electro-drive systems such as those being successfully trialed in passenger buses.

Advanced Communications support - RV's are homes on wheels and need to be connected to many forms of networks on a regular and continuous basis. The vehicles have built in GPS services, chassis/engine monitoring sensors, smartphones with cell signal boosters, tablets with WI-FI service connectors, various devices such as the Internet of Things (IoT) need connectivity, users need on-line support for recognizing local beacons and allowing access to local information sources. Many RV's use the satellite systems interconnectivity for a wide variety of services which are expected to grow in the next generations. The upcoming implementation of wireless 5G will be a good trial for RV's and their growing Internet of Things (IoT) components.

Safety and Drivability enhancements – Mobile Eye positional monitoring and spatial engagement warnings, collision warning and emergency stopping override systems, Load sensing and dynamic air suspension adjustments. Adoption of vehicle to vehicle communication messaging to advance warn of adverse movements and possible conflicts of positioning. The self-contained, resources networked RV may be a better test bed than the over-the-road trucks.

Trip Planning, tracking, tracing and journaling – Interfacing to local sites and events with service booking, evaluating, bookmarking and commentating. Building of interactive journals of the whole trip experience with pictures, video, interviews, commentaries, comparisons, next time advisories, etc. Integrated and editable assemblies of experiences with commentaries and sharing with families and others and updating with changes and later return visits.

Social connectivity and friend-making and managing – Special social engagements like RVillage, birds of a feather tracking, open social group assemblies, locators for rig parking for events and

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shopping, local knowledge questioning, site gatherings and connections for meals, tours, etc. Family tracking and individualized experience logging and updating plus connectivity to crowdsourcing data projects like litter patrols, environmental science data, geocaching projects, etc.

Learning lessons and courseware modules studied and enhanced with on-the road experiences – Learning of arts and crafts and visiting of known purveyors-practitioners along the trip plan, recording of progress on handiwork and examples from others. Tracking and identifying learning elements for individual students traveling so they can partake of opportunities for relevant stops along the planned/actual journey. Lessons learned or experiences can be digitally documented and transferred to appropriate homework projects.

Ability to undertake and perform local and virtual work endeavors (including workamping) – Many travelers can and do keep their work efforts in process will on vacation or on the road. The RV can serve as a fully functional mobile office and provide a base for doing local work while on the road. Workamping usually involves a period of commitment on-site and learning and doing the tasks of the job in exchange for a site so documenting the work creates a valuable work history and a journal for learning to do tasks better and more efficiently.

Health monitoring and maintenance and betterment – New next generation wearable technologies will help to sense, monitor and track changes to a wider and more comprehensive set of body conditions and changes. We will be able to update intakes, functions, outputs and various states, events, changes and adjustments made. This data can be fully integrated and updated as a history profile and as a collective process using the RV data system as a server repository for the trip that connects to the electronic medical records systems at appropriate times or the end of the trip.

Support for Green endeavors and sustainability initiatives – Many of us have improved our at-home practices of recycling, resource reduction, exercising, health management, energy management, composting, food growing, etc. We can and should continue our support for these efforts while on our RV trips. More campgrounds/RV Resorts are adopting green initiatives of using more GREEN chemicals and recycling of trash components. We can do likewise by separating our trash collections into recyclables and non-recyclables. This will require another collection basket or bag and a little work to separately collect and process them by the site operations. So a two trash/recycle basket system under the sink is a good DIY design change for your RV and a checklist item for you next rig.

Safety and Security compositions and protections – Our RV's are homes on wheels, so they deserve the same protection we are placing on our fixed homes. Full digital-wireless home monitoring systems with Integrated wireless digital locking systems, wireless external visitor sensors with lights or alarms, remote controlled vision sensors/cameras, professional alarm monitoring, verbal announcing-querying systems, etc can be implemented for our RV's often as an extended site on our home system.

Many of these ideas and services are being requested by the younger millennial generation as support for their active lifestyles. In addition, many seniors are also adopting these activities and learning to use these functions and programs. The message is that we change/upgrade RV's more frequently than our primary home so the RV becomes the test bed model for new features and functions that we can try and

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learn, use or avoid, trade out of if disliked or import into our home life if liked, used and appreciated. GOOD LUCK and happy experimenting – it's a dynamic and changing world with RV's in the lead.

Ray Wenig

SummerFest Rally at Urbanna, VA

July 18-21, 2017

BethPage Camp-Resort

Sponsored by Entegra Coach and Spartan

Aye Matey – those scalawags at Entegra Coach have done it again. They put on another great and grand rally. Optional excursions included a cruise on the Rappahannock River or a day at Colonial Williamsburg. Attendees could sign up for a 'One on One' session with an Entegra Coach professional to ask questions or learn something new about their coach – it was a very informative session. Of course the wonderful Entegra Service Team was there providing service on up to three items for the rally attendees. Then we had Treasure Thursday when we could earn raffle tickets by attending a zumba session, playing miniature golf, going down one of the giant water slides and other daring adventures. The rally closed with a pirate dinner with delicious grog and food. Those that did not dress like a pirate were 'made to walk the plank'.



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Thank You, Entegra Coach and Spartan for this great and grand rally,

Lynn Crowley

Entegra Recipe Coconut Jam Bars

I don't know about you, but this year is just going way too fast! I'm sure you are enjoying your Entegra coach and putting on some mileage. There are so many places we all have on our bucket list that we want to travel to. But some of the best memories are made in taking a few extra minutes to check out the places you don't have on that list. Once you have arrived at your campsite, take a moment while setting up and talk with your neighbor or even take a quick walk to the office saying hello to your fellow campers. Ask them if they have camped here before. Just maybe you'll find out something new to see and do. You'd be surprised how many "out-of-the-way" spots there are near by. And for me, I get a chance to brag a little about my Entegra. Once you get to the office, ask them about any local hotspots and if they have a calendar of events for the campground. I have found that the more you put interest in their campground and surrounding area, the nicer they are to you. And they might just remember you the next time you stop back and might just give you a little extra special treatment. My husband is so good at this that he usually comes back with a few business cards and a free item or two. One time he was gone for over an hour, but he came back with a free bottle of wine and information about a local winery and berry farm!! If you are in the Des Moines, Iowa area, there is a winery called Summerset and right next to it is a quaint berry farm named, "Edge of the Woods". If you feel up to it, they let you pick your own berries. I highly advise you to check out their little shop, and look for the

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Raspberry Jalepeno jelly. It is amazing poured over a bar of cream cheese served chilled with crackers. And grab an extra jar of your favorite jelly/jam for this next recipe (mine is raspberry):

Coconut Jam Bars

1 pkg. yellow cake mix

1/3 cup butter, soft

1 egg

1/2 cup jelly or jam

1 cup sugar (you can use a little less)

2 Tbsp. butter, soft

3 eggs

2 Tbsp. flour

1/4 tsp. baking powder

Dash of salt

1-1/2 cups flaked coconut

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 10x13 casserole dish. In a large bowl, combine cake mix, 1/3 cup butter and 1 egg. Mix at low speed until crumbly. Press into the prepared dish. Bake for 10-12 minutes (Crust will be soft). Gently spread jelly/jam over warm crust. In medium bowl, mix sugar and 2 Tbsp. butter. Add eggs to mixture and beat 1 minute on medium speed. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt (just till blended). Fold in coconut. Pour over the jelly/jam and gently spread to cover. Return to oven and bake 15 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely; cut into bars.

These are easier to make than you think. If you share them, I guarantee you will get lots of compliments. And don't forget to serve a dessert wine from the "Summerset" winery that was next to "Edge of the Woods" berry farm!! Have fun, stay safe, and make memories. Remember it's not the destination, but the journey there!!!

Linda Lou

ECOA VP of Membership

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First Entegra Coach University (ECU)

We are proud to say that we have now had our first Entegra Coach University (ECU) under our belts and it was, according to those in attendance, very successful! Just to clarify, this is a 3-day instructional class taught by PJ Clanton with some help from Mike O'Connell and "Big" Mike from Spartan had a condensed portion of all things chassis related as well. This class is opened to 7 coach owners at a time – we keep it small in number so that it is a much more intimate setting to make you feel that you are getting the most out of the class as possible. Our purpose is to provide you with as much knowledge of



your coach as we can so that your experience is even better than before. Imagine owning a 2012 coach since 2013 and never knowing you had in-floor heat; I can tell you that these owners left here much happier just knowing this besides all the other information they were given.

We have a class coming up September 11-13 as well as October 9-11. Even though September is full, you may still sign up in case someone cancels for some reason and there are still a couple of openings in October. Try to join us if you can – we don't think you will be disappointed. Cost for class is \$600.00 and you can click on www.entegracoach.com/ecu for more details and for registering. Classes for next year will be posted later in the fall so that you might be able to plan your schedule around dates that might work for you.

As always, we appreciate your business and your friendship. If you have any questions or concerns that we might be able to help with, please be sure to let us know. Take care, stay well and keep rollin' along.....

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Summer Adventure

Now in our seventh year of motor homing, we find each year providing more opportunities to see this beautiful country. With that said, we decided to spend the entire summer taking a leisurely trip from our home state of Maryland through the central states to the West coast and then return via a northern route. I should mention that we are now in our second Entegra – and 2014 Anthem 44B.

The highlight of the trip so far has been a six-week stay in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Weather in Tahoe is perfect for us snowbirds – high 50's at night for great sleeping and around 80 in the day with virtually no humidity. The Tahoe area offers great hiking options, if that's your thing and all types of water sports. We chose the water activity – specifically Parasailing.

Parasailing was an exhilarating experience. Initially, the sight of someone sitting in a sling attached to a parachute 1,000 feet above the water is terrifying. In reality, once you're in the air, it's like sitting in a hammock – smooth and easy. The toughest part of the process was standing on the back of the boat while being attached to the parachute. Once hooked up, the boat begins a steady increase in speed in order to allow the chute adjust to your weight. With your feet about a foot above the boat deck, the captain propels the boat forward leaving you in limbo above the water. With increased speed, the towline is let out and you begin your ascent to about a 1,000 feet. At that height, everything is eerily quiet and the views of Lake Tahoe are fabulous. After about 10 minutes, the captain begins to reel you in for a stand up landing on the back of the boat. If you're adventurous, he will dip you in the lake before final touchdown.

Overall a truly great experience. With all the safety procedures and equipment, we would recommend to anyone.

Steve & Mary Hall

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MAINTAINING AND PROTECTING YOUR ENTEGRA COACH'S PAINT

HOW-TO WASH YOUR ENTEGRA COACH

SUDS IS THE WORD

Our pH balanced washes provide rich suds for a quality clean and lubrication to protect your vehicle's surface while removing contaminants. Washing frequently is essential to maintaining that showroom new appearance.

TRADITIONAL HOSE AND BUCKET

Pour the appropriate Griot's Garage wash into our **Ultimate Car Wash Bucket** and dilute with recommended quantity of water. Using one of our many quality wash mitts or pads clean from the top down. Rinse and gather suds frequently to release dirt and debris, while picking up more rich lubricating suds. Do not allow car wash solution to dry on the paint surface. Re-soap as necessary, then rinse with a smooth flow of water to promote sheeting and speed up the drying process.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9my-tTmh4uk&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU2PBe8VycbW9lgTBtvIUlst&index=54>

RINSELESS WASH & WAX

Enjoy dramatic water savings and add enduring gloss and protection to the equation with **Rinseless Wash & Wax**. Simply add 1 ounce to 2 1/2 gallons of water (320:1) in a bucket, soak a **Microfiber Wash Pad** or microfiber towel in the solution, and glide it across your paint. Then dry immediately using a **PFM™ Terry Weave Towel**. It safely cleans all exterior surfaces, including paint, glass, wheels, door jambs, glass, clear plastic, chrome, trim, rubber and more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9P3ppY_FQo

SPRAY-ON CAR WASH

When traditional bucket washing is not convenient or compliant to local laws our **Spray-On Car Wash** provides a safe alternative. Simply pre-saturate a **Spray-On Car Wash Cloth** with **Spray-On Car Wash**, spray a liberal amount onto your vehicle, gently wipe surface in one direction frequently rotating to a clean area of the cloth, and flash dry with a **PFM™ Terry Weave Towel**. An average car can be washed in 10 minutes or less. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MyaXXMNxFLY>

HOW-TO PREP YOUR PAINT

THE FOUNDATION OF PERFECTION

Prepping reveals completely clean, bare paint and protects delicate surfaces guaranteeing the best possible results with subsequent steps. Things like above-surface contaminants and old wax or sealant

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residue can drastically effect results in paint correction or future wax or sealant application. Performing a few quick prep steps will assure full performance from products used later and reduce clean up time. Our **Fine Surface Prep Mitt** combined with **Speed Shine** is the perfect way to prep your paint.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sct6gYLzxY&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU2PBe8VycbW9lgTBtvIUlst&index=19)

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HOW-TO POLISH YOUR COACH

YOUR FAST LANE TO FLAWLESS PAINT

Polishing or correcting the paint removes defects like swirl marks, scratches, water spots and oxidation. This will add gloss, depth, and clarity to the finish and enable you to achieve the paint perfection we all strive for. We have developed a wide range of defect removal products and **Griot's Garage Random Orbitals** provide plenty of options allowing you to adapt to any paint surface, condition and defect in order to achieve safe, efficient, professional results each and every time.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQEkH8NPqMo&index=5&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU3bOX1Pwdd2uE6_0wSpjygo)

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HOW-TO WAX YOUR COACH

REFINE YOUR SHINE

Griot's Garage offers several advanced paint protection formulas which address the specific needs of your paint. Each product focuses on a particular paint condition and treats varying degrees of durability, clarity, longevity, and defect removal capability.

NATURAL WAX FORMULA - CARNAUBA

Carnauba-based formulas offer good durability and exceptional clarity and gloss. For those who enjoy waxing and are willing to do it more often to achieve a truly show-stopping appearance, Carnauba-based waxes are a great solution. **Best of Show Paste or Liquid Wax** will give you the best color, clarity and shine. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=resu1POOgjA&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU1294rdZCmNGJr9V52Nv9XI&index=5)

[v=resu1POOgjA&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU1294rdZCmNGJr9V52Nv9XI&index=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=resu1POOgjA&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU1294rdZCmNGJr9V52Nv9XI&index=5)

SYNTHETIC FORMULAS - SEALANTS

Synthetic formulas typically offer the best and longest lasting protection and are ideal for daily driven vehicles. Synthetic formulas are ideal for those who prefer to wax less often (1 or 2 times per year).

Liquid Gloss Poly Wax is our longest lasting synthetic formula. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNs3tvKm_ig&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU1294rdZCmNGJr9V52Nv9XI&index=4)

[v=sNs3tvKm_ig&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU1294rdZCmNGJr9V52Nv9XI&index=4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNs3tvKm_ig&list=PL8uXi6NP5nU1294rdZCmNGJr9V52Nv9XI&index=4)

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CLEANER WAX OR "ALL-IN-ONE" FORMULAS

These products gently remove light defects, restore gloss and color, and add a durable layer of protection. They offer time-saving convenience during application but they do, however, need to be applied more often, typically 3 or 4 times per year for the best results. **Liquid Wax 3-In-1** is a great one step formula.

SPECIALTY SOLUTIONS

Griot's Garage Bug & Smudge Remover softens baked-on bug jerky so removal is quick, easy, and safe... No drama, no mess. Spray it on, wait about 30 seconds, gently wipe away.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThS9E2DiaXQ>

Create an invisible, water-soluble barrier with **Bug Barricade** so when you wash your vehicle after a summer drive the bug jerky comes right off! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhjYDoUxAFk>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For Detailed instructions on how to use the products visit www.griotsgarage.com or check out our online videos at <https://www.youtube.com/user/GriotsGarage>

FMCA INTO President, David Kessler, Letter

Greetings to my FMCA friends. Patsy and I left our home near Dallas, Texas, the day before New Year's, en route to the West prior to the Chandler, Arizona, International Convention. Our first stop was Indio, California for the Western Area Rally. We visited with several chapters while at the rally, and saw many old friends.

After leaving Indio, we headed to Yuma to wait for the Chandler Convention. 4Wheelers International was having a rally in Yuma, and Patsy and I were invited to attend. This is a great chapter and they do have fun! We spent five days on trails that I never thought a vehicle could travel! They were so nice to us, and we had a great time. Thank You, 4-Wheelers!

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While we were in Yuma, we took a trip to Quartzsite, AZ, to visit the Newmar and Beaver chapters. We wanted to visit more, but the weather was cold and rainy. We were sorry we couldn't stay longer.

We departed Yuma several days prior to the Chandler Convention to make a site visit to the Pima County Fairgrounds. You will read later about the INTO Rally, "Under the Tucson Sun," February 5th - 9th, 2018. Please save the date. You can come in early, from the 1st - 4th. We have pages of things to do in the area. There is limited 50-amp service, so please sign up early.

The Chandler Convention was well attended, with 2400-plus coaches and lots of passport visitors. There was a little dust, but I think for the most part, everyone had a great time. What's Arizona without a little dust? The INTO officers and I met with many of the chapters having a gathering at the convention. It was great to meet with so many friendly faces.

We headed home after the convention but not for long. We then went to Branson, Missouri, for our INTO Rally. I think everyone had a great time. We saw six shows in four days! Our National President, Charlie Adcock, spoke to the group about the future of FMCA. There were a lot of questions, but Charlie stayed till every question was answered. Most people stayed to listen to Jon Walker, our National Senior Vice President. He talked about FMCAssist, the best benefit that we have at FMCA. He also had a lively crowd with lots of questions.

This was without a doubt the best INTO rally ever. The INTO board and volunteers did a fantastic job. Thank You.

All National Directors please be at Indy for this very important meeting. We will be electing National Officers and voting on the decision on whether families owning towables will be able to join FMCA. This is a very important meeting. Please check with your chapters and decide as to the future of FMCA.

We had a meeting after the INTO Rally, and one of our Vice Presidents, Rodger Donnelly, resigned due to another commitment. Rodger's wife, Diana, submitted a resume to the nominating committee to fill his remaining term. The Executive Board accepted her request, and she was sworn in to complete the term. Welcome aboard, Diana. We all welcome you.

We left Branson and went to Cincinnati for one week of FMCA meetings. We talked a lot about Indianapolis and the Convention. A lot of work was done on the budget, and I think the National Directors will accept this budget. Our membership is moving ahead with steady growth. Hope to see y'all in Indianapolis!

We finally headed home with Patsy still feeling puny. She had bronchitis, and while she is rarely sick, she had a bad time with it. We stopped in Searcy, AR, to have some glass work done, and I decided to take her to the Emergency Room for the second time. She is ok now. While we were there, Charlie and Gloria went out to dinner with us for our 46th wedding anniversary.

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All Chapter Officers: This newsletter only goes to you. Please forward it to your chapter members, and include it on your chapter website. As always, don't forget to encourage motorhome owners to join FMCA.

If your chapter's delegate can't attend the Governing Board meeting, please try to get another representative to represent your chapter or give me a call and I will see if I can help.

Again, don't forget "Under the Tucson Sun," February 5th – 9th, 2018, at the Pima County Fairgrounds!

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