



SCIC Newsletter

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A Message From the President’s Mobile Desk

By Jerry Frank

FMCA has announced the cancellation of the winter 2012 convention in Pomona, CA.

We need a host and co-host for the post rallies after the FMCA conventions in 2011. The winter conventions will be held in Perry, GA, March 14-17 and the summer convention will be in Madison, WI, August 10-13. Scott Brady is going to host the SCIC Post Rally after Perry and sure would like to have a co-host. He is planning another hop, skip, and jump rally, starting at Stone Mountain, GA, “jumping” to Hiawassee, GA, and then “skipping” to Helen, GA. The destinations may change because of availability. From my experience the earlier you start planning a rally the easier it is. It is easier for some one local in the area of the rally to be the host because they know the area and interesting things to do.

We also need a host and co-host for the Wisconsin post rally. Send me an email or call me if you are interested in volunteering for the Perry or Wisconsin post rally, the business meeting luncheon, or to host a different rally. Remember, chapter members can have a rally any time they feel the need - just let me know and we will advertise it. The purpose of a rally is to meet old and new friends in our extended family.

The SCIC Homecoming is scheduled for June 4-9, 2011 at Eaton County Fairgrounds. We are extending the length of the rally so we have more time to socialize and share RV stories. Spartan Service Week will be June 6-9. Spartan service will have reduced prices on parts and service plus giving 10% off service up to \$45.00 just like last year.

I need your help with a very important issue SCIC providing meals during the business meeting. In the past not all members could attend the business meetings at the FMCA Conventions due to limited seating in the restaurants. The chapter business meeting is where members make important decisions; all members have the right to attend and have input to how the chapter is operated. At the FMCA convention in Albuquerque, and Redmond SCIC used a seminar room. I have to schedule the seminar rooms months in advance and I try to book them so that the business meeting does not interfere with any other seminars that folks might want to attend.

Spartan Chassis -- Everything’s riding on it



**“SCIC
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June 4-9, 2011
Eaton County
Fairgrounds”
Be there or be
square ☺**

I asked for a volunteer to coordinate the luncheon at Albuquerque and no one stepped up until a week before the convention, which is not enough time to coordinate the luncheon. To have food at the seminar room we have to use the caterers that have been approved by FMCA, and the convention facility. If we bring in outside caterer we have to pay a penalty in addition to have the caterer approved. Generally the cost for each meal is \$20.00.

If members want to have a meal during the business meeting then who is going to pay for it and who is going to coordinate the food? If members want to have finger foods after the business meeting that is fine, as long as a volunteer coordinates it. I do not feel it is SCIC’s place to pay for meals. These details need to be worked out in advance so the appropriate room size and amount of time can be booked.

Volunteers Needed:

Through the years we have joined a number of chapters and have found that the ones we enjoy the most are the chapters where we are not just participants, but volunteers. Volunteering – whether it is helping set up for a meal, cleaning up or being a co-host, gives us a chance to meet and work with new people, expanded our “extended family” as well providing insight into chapter operations.

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Spartan Chassis knows that those who own and drive their units are the best people to promote chapter membership, and promote Spartan products and services. I encourage members to volunteer their time at the Spartan displays during rallies around the country. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact: Gordon (Gordie) Taylor 517-543-6400 ext. 3822 or Gordon.Taylor@spartanchassis.com

"...elect new officers at Homecoming"



Treasurer's Report



VERY IMPORTANT:

I would like to hold a Chapter Business Meeting and have the election of new officers at Homecoming. Some of the existing officers have plans and will not be attending the Wisconsin Convention and the new folks will need a good turn over. Judy Yockey and I do not intend to run for re-election. We will elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, and alternate National Director. We also are needing a new newsletter editor. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Jim Anten at yasky606@aol.com. He would like to have a full slate of officers prior to the Homecoming business meeting.

At present, the SCIC standing rules require that we have two business meetings a year. Since FMCA has changed the requirement to one business meeting, we may want to revisit that standing rule and just have one business meeting per year.

One of the benefits of being a member of SCIC is being able to order parts on line and get FREE Shipping. To get free shipping you must order online at www.rvchassisparts.com as you are checking out check the block that you are a Spartan chassis owner. Spartan parts checks to ensure you are a active SCIC member. Parts ordered over the phone do not receive free shipping.

Safe Travels
Jerry Frank
President SCIC

S.C.I.C. TREASURER REPORT
10/31/10

Business Econ. Checking (Primary Check. Account)...8119	\$ 7,913.61
Business Economy Checking (Secondary Check. Acct.)9959 (this account can be used to hold Rally fees, etc.)	\$ 87.00
Business Savings (added by Bk. Of Amer. Free)7411	\$.66
9 MO PROMO CD-2117	\$ 7,916.33
7 MO FEATURED CD-2825	<u>\$11,045.01</u>

TOTAL ASSETS:
\$26,962.61

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Yockey, S.C.I.C. Treasurer
10/31/10

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A Message from the Vice-President

I hope everyone has had a great summer.

As many of us plan on venturing out to a warmer climate for the winter, let's take this opportunity to inspect and clean our fresh water system. The fresh water tank should be cleaned and sanitized at least once a year. Start with 1/4 tank of fresh water. For each 30 gal of water, mix 1/2 cup of household bleach in a gallon of water and add to the tank. Many of the newer coaches do not have a fresh water gravity fill, so I remove the filters from the filter cartridges and fill them with the bleach water solution, including the water hose and turn on the water to flush the solution through. You might have to do this several times to get all the solution into the tank. It is important to sanitize the inside of the water fill hoses. This should provide a residual level of 50 ppm.

If your hot water tank has an anode rod, remove it and plug the hole or bypass the water heater. This is a good time to inspect the anode rod and if you are going to replace the anode, cut the old rod off and save the nut to use as a plug.

Disconnect the inlet water and turn on the water pump and open and close each faucet until you detect the chlorine. Do not let it set in the system for more than 4 hours. If you have the chance, drive the coach around to splash the water around inside the fresh water tank.

Drain and flush the fresh water tank and system and drain and flush again until the taste of chlorine is gone. Baking soda can also be added to the water system to freshen the system.

Fall and Winter are times for RV Shows. Plan to attend some to pick up on some new ideas and items to make life on the road easier. For those in the south, the Tampa RV Supershow in January is worth visiting. A ticket is good for two days but you should plan on parking your RV on the grounds to make your stay pleasant.

While you are in the area, visit Ybor City and the old cigar making area. You can get some hand rolled cigars at several locations in the area.

For a special treat, visit the Columbia restaurant (www.columbiarestaurant.com). One of the oldest (since 1905) and most honored Spanish restaurant in Florida, started by Cubans to provide food to the cigar makers.

The National Director's Report

National Director's Report:

NOTE: Our National Director, Scott Brady, attended this meeting, but this report came from Patsy Kessler attending for the FMCA Newmar group

Governing Board Meeting Report

The Governing Board of FMCA met on August, 11, 2010, in Redmond, OR. The Governing Board is made up of the Executive Board, and the elected National Directors of each chapter. In the absence of our National Director, Sena Frank, I attended the meeting as our elected Alternate National Director.

The meeting was conducted by FMCA National President, Charlie Schrenkel. Officer's elections are normally held every other year, and there was no election held at his meeting. There were other issues to discuss, however.

Wil Young, National Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman, explained the proposed annual budget. He noted that FMCA has been suffering losses for several years, but those have been decreasing. Mr. Young is optimistic about the future. FMCA has \$7 million in reserve, which should help to get through these tough years.

There were several proposals of amendments to by-laws and changes to policies and procedures. These were all passed without a lot of discussion, except the terms of national officers. It was proposed that the officers be elected to one-year terms, with a maximum of three years. After a change in wording to two years for two terms, the proposal passed.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed 2011 budget. The motion passed by 2/3 majority.

There was an explanation of FMCA's new medical evacuation coverage, which will take effect upon the termination of Medex at the end of this year. It will be called FMCAssist, and should provide better service, at less cost. Full details will be published.

It was also announced that the FMCA mail forwarding service will lower its cost to \$8 from \$10 monthly.

The next Governing Board meeting will be held in August, 2011, in Madison, WI.

Submitted by,
Patsy Kessler, Alternate National Director

Join the Spartan Chassis International Chapter of FMCA

As the owner of a Spartan chassis and member of the Family Motor Coach Association, you are welcome to join the Spartan Chassis International Chapter (SCIC) of FMCA.

SCIC members benefit by attending bi-annual meetings with guest speakers, participating in rallies and summer caravans, and meeting and networking with other Spartan chassis owners.

Attention! You must be a member of FMCA before you can join SCIC.

Your FMCA membership number (FMCA#) will be your SCIC number and your application for membership cannot be processed without it. An FMCA membership brochure and application are available at www.fmca.com or by contacting:

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SCIC Membership Application *(please print clearly)*

Please Check One: New Member Renewing Member Associate Member Update Information

Please Check One: **Receive newsletter by email** Receive black & white printed copy of newsletter

FMCA # : _____ (required) Date: _____

Name _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Coach Make _____ Model _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Annual dues \$10.00 US are due in December

Please make check out to: SCIC (do not send cash)

Send completed Membership Form and check in US Dollars to:

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