



# SCIC Newsletter

December 2014

## From the desk of the President:

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Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah,

It is that time once again to reflect on the past year and look forward to the year to come. This past summer has been a time for Dori and me to do just that. We have spent many quiet days due to some minor health issues that needed to be dealt with. What was supposed to be a quick trip into Indiana for a Graduation and some Family time turned into three months of Doctor Appointments and surgery. While none of this was life threatening, it did impact our travel plans and gave us plenty of time to reflect on how we wished to spend our future years. After 14 years of full timing, we have decided to get off the road and are preparing to build a home in Florida.

We are sad that we were not able to attend the Redmond Convention and we will not be traveling to California in March. The business meeting in Perry, Ga in March 2014 fulfilled the meeting obligation for this calendar year. We are looking forward to returning to Madison, WI for the Family Convention there and hope that someone will step forward and host a post rally in the area.

Tom & Teri Chelbana will host a post rally Monday, March 30, 2015 thru Wednesday, April 1, 2015, along with co-hosts Pat Genell & Judy Holly-Storms. We have talked with Tom extensively and it really sounds like a great rally, sure am sad that we will not be able to attend. Once again, Spartan is supporting the rally and also a social hour during the Family Motor Home Convention. Be sure to check the program book for details and meeting time.



Covering other Chapter Business, during the FMCA Convention in Pomona, the Rally hosts are organizing an informal gathering to socialize and also discuss the need for a nominating committee. Following up on the previous thoughts, I will not be seeking reelection at the Madison Convention. The offices of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor will also need candidates to fill those positions. At the present Al Ingram has agreed to remain as Alternate National Director. Participating in your club is very rewarding and also very necessary. We are required by FMCA to have a complete compliment of Officers. The various offices necessary are covered on the webpage. None of the Offices are difficult to administer, they just require an interest in your club and a little free time. If you have a desire in guiding your club forward for the next two years, be sure to contact any of the current officers.

Bob Clipfell, President

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**SCIC TREASURER REPORT**  
April 2014 to November 2014

J.P. Morgan Chase Business Select checking – 2593		
Beginning Balance	April 1, 2014	\$25,877.16
<u>Deposits</u>		
<u>General Deposits</u>		
Dues Income		\$1,045.00
Misc. Income		\$1,656.06
	<u>Total Income</u>	\$2,701.06
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Expenses (Officer stipends, C Card Payments, misc. expenses)		\$4,296.95
	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$4,296.95
	Net	<u>\$(1,595.89)</u>
Ending Balance	December 6, 2014	<u>\$24,281.27</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dori Clipfell, SCIC Treasurer  
Date December 5, 2014

**WE'VE GOT AN SCIC POST RALLY PLANNED!!!**

The holidays are right around the corner and before we know it, it'll be time to enjoy all the sights, sounds and activities at FMCA's 91st Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase dubbed "California Gold" beginning March 26 thru March 29, 2015 at the Fairplex, Pomona, CA. Although we've owned a motorhome for quite some time, FMCA conventions still provide us an opportunity to see new products, obtain up to date RV information and have fun. We're extremely pleased that, once again, FMCA is returning to our own "backyard!" Because we're locals, relish the time we get to spend in our motorhome and enjoy the camaraderie and friendship we share with like-minded folks, we've decided to volunteer to host our SCIC Post Rally. It will be held March 29 - April 1, 2015, immediately following the FMCA International gathering. Our co-hosts are Pat Genell and Judy Holly-Storms.

As you may already know, Spartan Chassis, Inc. has been a valuable advocate of our chapter post rallies and exceptionally generous to us in the past. We are truly grateful that Spartan Chassis, Inc. is rising to the occasion once more by offering to defray a portion of our post rally expense!

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After much consideration, we chose Chula Vista RV Resort, Chula Vista, CA as our venue. The resort is beautifully landscaped, offers wonderful amenities, is nestled right on beautiful San Diego Bay and is a reasonable drive from Pomona, CA. In addition to enjoying our six meals together and socializing in the resort's clubhouse, there will be a multitude of things to see and do during your visit!

The goal of Spartan Chassis, Inc. is to provide their owners with an exceptional RV experience. In addition to the superior ride and handling we'll enjoy during our journeys to Pomona and Chula Vista, CA on our Spartan chassis, we are absolutely thrilled to announce that Spartan Chassis, Inc. has graciously offered to further enhance our road trip by sponsoring our post rally chartered city tour! Our jaunt will include a "must see" excursion to Old Town San Diego

Also on our agenda is an optional carpool trip, approximately 17 miles from the RV resort, to the US Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista where more than 4,000 athletes a year go to the 155 acre complex for coaching, support and facilities to compete against the world's best in their quest to capture the gold medal.

Nearby San Diego offers a Boardwalk, Sunset Cliffs National Park, naval aircrafts at the USS Midway Museum, the 16 1/2 block Gas Lamp Quarter Historic District, and the Mormon Battalion Historic Site, just to mention a few of the various attractions. Be sure to pack your passports if a trip to Mexico is a consideration. The border is only 8 miles down Interstate 5.

We think we've got a great gathering planned, and thanks to the generosity of Spartan Chassis, Inc., our registration fee is only \$200.00. We'll be busy contacting various businesses over the next several months to see what additional surprises we can pack into our event. We'd love to have the chance to share some time with you and hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to breathe in the fresh ocean air and join us in Chula Vista, CA! If you're planning on attending, please utilize the registration form included in this newsletter.

Your Hosts Tom and Teri Chelbana

FYI - Due to various circumstances that will prevent SCIC officers from attending the FMCA Convention, SCIC will not conduct a formal business meeting in Pomona. However, we have secured a meeting room in order for our members to attend an informal gathering. We're planning on utilizing this opportunity to socialize with each other, meet and converse with representatives from Spartan Chassis, Inc., discuss some chapter matters (need for a nominating committee, etc.), announce the location/date for a Spartan Chassis, Inc. hosted social hour and present/review any additional post rally details. We hope you'll add this gathering to your rally schedule.

**SPARTAN CHASSIS INTERNATIONAL  
CHAPTER  
OF  
FMCA  
CHULA VISTA RV PARK, CHULA VISTA, CA  
POST-RALLY REGISTRATION FORM**

**Monday, March 30, 2015 - Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-pilot: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for return confirmation & any update information: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

FMCA#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Post-Rally Fee: \$200.00**

Post-Rally Fee includes 3 nights camping with full hookups, 6 meals and a chartered bus tour.

Please make checks payable to: **SCIC of FMCA**

Please send completed registration form & payment to:

**Mr. Tom Chelbana  
11620 Pettit Street  
Moreno Valley, CA 92555**

**Reservation form & payment must be received by February 28, 2015.**

**Questions???**

**Please contact our Hosts Tom & Teri Chelbana at [tomchelbana@roadrunner.com](mailto:tomchelbana@roadrunner.com) or  
Tom's cell: 951-776-7636  
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## Notes From The National Director

Redmond was a long drive from Texas, along with one unexpected stop in Albuquerque to replace a front right wheel bearing. We were on the coast of Oregon for several days, as were many members headed to Redmond. Other popular stops for the members were Crater Lake and Mt Hood.

The Governing Board Meeting in Redmond went very smoothly. Out of the 430 Chapters in FMCA 223 were represented for a 52% in attendance. A Quorum was declared.

The fiscal year budget for 2014 is operating in the black. We had approximately \$1.5 million increase in our investment portfolio. And as Percy Bell said, we have a viable organization.

The Bylaws amendment to remove FMCA's immediate past president as a member of the Executive Board: Failed

Policy and Procedures Amendments:

Changing the mileage allowance for official business travel to be double the IRS rate for automobiles, and deleting the requirement for officer travel to be reimbursed by the least cost method: Passed

The Committee also proposed to coincide with the change made by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee so as not to conflict with the National Bylaws "voting will be one vote for each adult member" . Passed

Membership Corporation of America is doing a study on what FMCA needs to do to recruit new members at this time this is a 3 month study and will cost \$ 5,500 per month.

FMCA will provide FMCassist at no cost to the members starting October 1, 2014. This is a membership benefit. The approximate cost of \$330,000 a year will come from investment funds.

The FMCA Mail Forwarding service will be discontinued October 1, 2014. DakotaPost of Sioux Falls, SD has been selected, as a seamless substitute, but members need to sign up with Dakota Post first.

Future conventions based on successful contract negotiations.

2016 Winter – Perry, GA

2016 Summer – Syracuse, NY

2017 Winter – Pomona, CA

2017 Summer – Indianapolis, IN

2018 Winter – Perry, GA

2018 Summer – Gillette, WY

The 2015 budget was adopted. Total revenue \$7,774,829. Total expenses \$7,738,257 operating income \$36,572.

The Redmond Convention had 1474 family coaches and 402 commercial coaches for a total of 1876.

Patsy and I hope to see you in Pomona, CA.

David Kessler

**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 receiving free shipping on parts orders placed online totaling over \$75.00, participating in rallies, and meeting and networking with other Spartan chassis owners. Not to mention our members have a lot of fun. Check out our website [www.spartanfmca.com](http://www.spartanfmca.com) for more information.

### **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](http://www.fmca.com) or by contacting:

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### ***SCIC Membership Application (please print clearly, clip and mail)***

Please Check One:  New Member  Renewing 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ **Annual dues are \$10.00 US and are due in December each year.**

**We do not send invoices.**

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

**Send completed Membership Form and check in US Dollars to:**

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All of us at SCIC are wishing you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year, wherever you are spending it.

