



SCIC Newsletter

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From the desk of the President:

This year marked our 25th anniversary of SCIC and Dori and I wanted to do a few things to celebrate this milestone. We decided that at the annual meeting we would also make it a luncheon, so Dori made arrangements with FMCA and the catering service to do just that. Counting members and guests from Spartan Chassis Corporation that were invited we had seventy five who attended our meeting and lunch. After the meeting Eric West introduced his staff and gave us an overview on Spartan Chassis and some of the things they are doing in the Motorhome business. He also called up all the members who were signed up for the Hop, Skip, & Jump and gave each one an envelope. Inside this envelope we all found a card from John Szykiel here is what mine said.

Bob & Dori

We hope you enjoy the 2014 SCIC Hop / Skip / Jump journey. Please accept this gift card as a small token of our appreciation from the Spartan Chassis family. Feel free to join us anytime at the factory for a tour, service or just to say "hi"!

Sincerely - John Szykiel.

It was a gift card and may I say a very generous amount on it.

What is a celebration without a cake? This presented a couple of problem's the first was time. We could not get the room for longer than one and a half hours. This was just enough time for a meeting and lunch with Eric speaking to us while we ate. We had no time for cake and where would we put it anyway which was the second problem.

We announced at the meeting that cake and refreshments would be provided that afternoon from 4 o'clock on at our rig in generator area. Al Vormittag and David Kessler presented us with a 25 year certificate from FMCA and a gift (\$100.00 ck) for our chapter. It really turned out to be a great time for all.

The Hop, Skip, & Jump Post rally is all about traveling and enjoying each other's company and we did a lot of that. We were all on a trolley tour of Savannah and we all ate at Paula Deens together. We toured a tea plantation and when the lunches didn't arrive we all took off for lunch where ever, most of us ended up in the same place, "funny". We planned meals together and had pot lucks. We went site seeing together and alone in other words we just enjoyed traveling together and made it up as we went.

In Savannah we ate lunch with Tom Garcia, David and Patsy Kessler and we ordered a bucket of oysters. We had to shuck them ourselves which really taught us a lesson. David and I are not very good at shucking but we learned how. Most importantly we learned never to do it again.

From the Convention to the end of the Hop, Skip, & Jump Post rally we had fun. We are now slowly heading to Lebanon to the INTO rally.

Our luncheon was provided by Spartan Chassis Corp. and so was the cake and refreshments to celebrate our 25th. For the members from who went on the Hop, Skip, & Jump Post rally received gift cards from John Szykiel.

To Eric, It has been a pleasure working with you and thank you for your friendship not to mention providing our luncheons and cake celebration. We hope we will get you to travel with us on a post rally someday.

To John Szykiel, The post rally participant's and Dori and I would like to thank you for the gift cards it was a wonderful surprise.

Looking down the road we hope to see many of you at the next Convention in Redmond.
Bob

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Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting of Spartan Chassis International Chapter of FMCA was called to order by President Bob Clipfell on March 19, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Fairview Room, Reaves Arena during the FMCA Perry Convention, Perry, GA. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by membership.

Officers were introduced by the President, all officers were in attendance. First timers were recognized and welcomed to the club. We had in attendance several members from Spartan Chassis Corporation, among them our contact person, Eric West, Business Development Director.

Minutes of the June 20th 2013 meeting held in Gillette, Wyoming have been published in the September 2013 newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes as published was submitted by Dick White, seconded by David Kessler. There being no comments or corrections, the motion carried by a show of hands.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Dori Clipfell. A motion to accept the report was made by Jim Anten, seconded by Al Ingram. A question was raised as to why we carry such a large balance of money. Discussion and comments followed to the satisfaction of the question. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the membership with no dissention.

David Kessler, National Director gave us a update on upcoming FMCA events including the INTO Rally in May, and the Convention in Redmond, OR, August 13 – 16, 2014.

There was no old business.

Under New Business, President Clipfell passed the gavel to the Vice President to allow a motion to be made by himself amending the Standing Rules. Changes proposed are as follows:

Article III, Item # 10. An SCIC sponsored rally that is not a post rally must be advertised to all SCIC members a minimum of 60 days in advance and have a minimum of 15 members in attendance plus hosts.

Article III, Item # 11. **Post rallies that follow FMCA Conventions do not have a minimum coach requirement, but must have a Host approved by the President.** Note: All fees, services rendered, food, misc. items purchased etc. for a rally require submission of supporting receipts for reimbursement.

Motion was seconded by Joe Lewis. Discussion followed with motion passing by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dick White, seconded by Ray Wenig. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.

Announcements were made by President Clipfell that Spartan Chassis was sponsoring the Luncheon to follow and also the location for the Chapters 25 Anniversary Celebration, also sponsored by Spartan Chassis.

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Luncheon Meeting and Chapter Celebration

In recognition of the 25th Anniversary of Spartan Chassis International Chapter we decided to have a Luncheon to celebrate this milestone. We hold monthly teleconferences with Eric West, Spartan Chassis Business Development Director as to the direction of the club. Spartan is very interested in recommitting to the association that we have had together throughout the last 25 years. During one of these conferences we discussed the luncheon plans and Eric committed to covering the costs for the entire luncheon. We contacted Cox Caterers, the company that caters all events held on the grounds of the Perry Agricultural Center. They prepared a deli bar for 75 members comprised of several deli meats, cheeses, assorted breads, fresh fruit, pasta salad, brownies, cookies, and beverages. Everyone was able to create their own variety of lunch items to satisfy their palate. While we were eating, Eric outlined the direction that Spartan was going and assured us that they are indeed here for the long term. At the close of his remarks, we began calling up the members who were signed up to participate in the Hop / Skip / Jump Rally traveling to Savannah, Charleston and Myrtle Beach. Eric presented each couple with an envelope containing gift cards to help defray the cost of fuel along the journey. This was an unexpected but extremely appreciated gesture on the part of Spartan Chassis.

We had previously announced that we would continue the celebration at our motor home beginning at 4:00 that same afternoon. When we gathered in the afternoon, Al Vormittag, President of the INTO Area presented the chapter with a 25 Year Certificate and a check for \$100.00. Several of the INTO Vice Presidents as well as the Spartan Representatives were also in attendance. We all enjoyed cake and beverages provided once again by Spartan Chassis and great fellowship for several hours.

Treasurer's Report

Deposits

Dues Income (Renewals)	\$ 1,460.00	
Dues Income (New)	\$ 340.00	
Rally Fees	\$ 2,270.00	
Total Income		\$ 4,070.00
Beginning Balance December 1, 2013		\$ 22,895.71

Expenses

Misc. Expenses	\$ 1,088.55	
Total Expenses		\$ 1,088.55
Ending Balance March 31, 2014		<u>\$ 25,877.16</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
 Dori Clipfell, Treasurer
 April 5, 2014

3-19-2014

STANDING RULES AND PROCEDURES

SPARTAN CHASSIS INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF FMCA

The reference to the Chapter in the following rules refers to SCIC of FMCA.

Article I – General Procedures

1. The Chapter shall conduct at least one business meeting per year at the FMCA Rally. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
2. SCIC dues are \$10.00 per calendar year. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
3. Chapter shall maintain a mailing service for SCIC business. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
4. Effective and Revisions dates to be entered for each line item in the Standing Rules. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
5. Chapter elections shall be held during the annual business meeting. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
6. All Members must be current with Chapter dues to participate in any function of the Chapter and to vote at any business meeting. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
7. SCIC Newsletter: A black and white copy will be mailed to members who are in good standing and do not have internet access should they request one. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)

Article II - Reimbursements of Chapter Monies

1. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be reimbursed for authorized expenditures required for chapter business up to \$250 with submitted supporting transaction receipt(s) and justification(s) for disbursement. Above \$250 requires authorization from the Executive Board. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
2. Members will be reimbursed for authorized expenditures required for chapter business up to \$250 with submitted supporting transaction receipt(s), justification(s) for disbursement and required authorization from the Executive Board (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
3. Rally Host(s) will be reimbursed for authorized expenditures relating to his/her rally with submitted supporting transaction receipt(s). Expenditures should not exceed revenue that is collected for the rally. Authority to expend funds is granted to the Rally Host(s) upon accepting Host responsibilities. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
4. Rally expenditures and reimbursement for same that exceed revenue collected requires approval by the Executive Board. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)

Article III – Rally Host and Co-Host

1. Rally Host(s) and/or Co-Host(s) are responsible for selecting the campground and all activities during rally including meals, dinners out, games etc. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
2. Co-Host(s) responsibilities are to assist the Host(s) at the direction of the Hosts (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
3. Rally Host(s) and/or Co-Host(s) will set the cost of rally which will include campground fees, meals, dinners etc. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
4. Rally Host(s) and Co-Host(s) to be reimbursed for up to a week of camping and rally fees for the rally they are hosting. Should the number of participating units exceed forty units, a Rally Host may add a second Co-Host. A second rally Co-Host would be reimbursed for rally camping fees and rally fees. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
5. Rally Host(s) will be reimbursed for campground fees associated with pre-rally scouting trips to campgrounds. He may direct Co-Host(s) to scout campgrounds out. Supporting receipts must be submitted and a \$250 maximum total authorized expenditure is allowed between Host(s) and Co-Host(s). (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
6. Rally Host(s) and/or Co-Host(s) may request an advance or advances from the Treasurer to purchase supplies for the rally. He must keep accurate records and supporting receipts. Rally records and receipts are to be turned in to the Treasurer within 30 days after the rally to balance revenue and expenses. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
7. Refunds for cancellations will be at the discretion of the Rally Hosts (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)

8. Host(s) and Co-Host(s) may solicit monies and prizes etc. from area Merchants and coordinate with the SCIC President soliciting monies and prizes etc. from National or Commercial Merchants for rally. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
 9. Checks for Rally fees are to be made out to **SCIC of FMCA** (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
 10. An SCIC sponsored rally **that is not a post rally** must be advertised to all SCIC members a minimum of 60 days in advance and have a minimum of 15 members in attendance plus hosts. (Effective 3/19/14 Perry, GA)
 11. **Post rallies that follow all FMCA conventions do not have a minimum coach requirement but must have a Host approved by the President.** (Effective 3/19/14 Perry, GA)
- NOTE: All fees, services rendered, food, misc items purchased etc. for a rally require submission of supporting receipts for reimbursement.

Article IV - Officer Reimbursements

1. SCIC President will receive \$500.00 for each FMCA Convention chapter rally meeting he/she presides over up to two per year (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
2. SCIC Vice President will be entitled to the \$500.00 if he/she is acting president and presides over the chapter meeting at the FMCA Convention up to two per year. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
3. SCIC National Director will receive \$500.00 for the FMCA Convention governing board meeting in which he/she votes. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
4. SCIC Alternate Director will receive \$500.00 should he/she replace the SCIC National Director at an FMCA Convention governing board meeting in which he/she votes. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
5. SCIC Temporary Delegate will receive the \$500.00 should he/she replace both the SCIC National Director and the SCIC Alternate Director for the FMCA Convention governing board meeting in which he/she votes. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
6. SCIC Treasurer will receive \$500.00 at the FMCA Convention chapter rally once per year. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
7. Qualifying SCIC Officer Reimbursement payments will not to be compounded within the same family. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)
8. There will be no Officer Reimbursements if the treasury balance drops below \$7,500.00. (Effective 8/13/2011 Madison, WI)

Standing rules do not relate to parliamentary procedures, as do bylaws, but refer to operating procedures. Standing rules are adopted by a majority vote, are amended by a two-thirds vote without previous notice or by majority vote with such notice. This action may be done at any regular meeting by a vote of those present. Standing rules may be temporarily suspended for the duration of a meeting by a majority vote. Other rules that the chapter may not wish to put in bylaws may be created as needed by the chapter. Standing rules are not the same as bylaws and cannot be used to circumvent bylaws. Although standing rules can be easily changed, chapters should use discretion to insure a rule is really necessary and not frivolous.

8/13/2011

Respectfully Submitted by Committee Members:

Bob & Dori Clipfell
David & Patsy Kessler
Wayne & Debbi Springinsguth
Pat Genell & Judy Holly-Storms
Dave & Bev Simon

Adopted as written 8/13/2011 Madison WI, at SCIC business meeting.
Robert Clipfell

Amended: 3/19/2014 Perry GA, at the SCIC meeting.

Spartan Chassis Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Owners Club

Company recognizes SCIC during FMCA Showcase in Perry, Ga.

CHARLOTTE, Mich., March 20, 2014 – [Spartan Chassis](#), a business unit of [Spartan Motors, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: SPAR), celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Spartan Chassis International Chapter (SCIC) of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) this week (March 17-20) during the FMCA's 89th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase in Perry, Ga. The SCIC was founded by Marsh Carson and Scott Brady after generating support among other Spartan owners and was chartered as an official chapter on March 8, 1989 with the FMCA.

“SCIC members are Spartan Chassis’ true ambassadors of the product,” said Timothy Hamm, Vice President, Sales and Business Development of the Specialty Vehicles business unit, Spartan Chassis. “Spartan Chassis is grateful that SCIC members tout the quality of Spartan products. Owners who run on a Spartan chassis continuously speak to the ride quality, handling and dependability.”

Spartan Chassis associates joined current SCIC President Bob Clipfell and several SCIC members during the Perry Rally to commemorate the founding of the organization and the 25th anniversary. While at the gathering, SCIC members learned about several upcoming innovations to be featured beginning with the 2015 model year.

Immediately following the Perry Rally, the SCIC attendees proceeded up the East Coast for its Hop, Skip and Jump Post Rally, featuring stops in Hardeeville, Ga. (March 21-23), Hollywood, S.C. (March 24-26) and Myrtle Beach, S.C. (March 27-29).



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 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 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)
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