



# Chapter newsletter

## March 2021

### WAGONMASTER'S REPORT

#### 2021 Big Sky Chapter Rally Schedule

#### June 3 - 5, depart June 6

##### Ennis

##### Ennis RV Village

- 14 Full Hookup Sites held for us – must be reserved by May 1. Unreserved sites released to the general public after May 1.
- Ennis RV Village does not open until April 1, so call (866) 682-5272 in April to make your reservation. If no answer, leave a message and they'll get back to you. Make sure to mention you're with the Big Sky FMCA rally. Good Sam members can get a 10% discount. Check out their website: [www.ennisrv.com](http://www.ennisrv.com)



#### June 24 – June 26, depart June 27

##### Fort Benton

##### Fairgrounds Campground

- Coincides with their annual Summer Celebration. More detailed information probably not forthcoming until fairgrounds folks are available in May.

#### July 20 – 22, depart July 23

##### Seeley Lake

##### Ellen McWilliams' place

- Boondocking, possibly a few 20-A plugs. Can fill water on site, dump in town (2.6 miles)
- Contact the Wagonmaster before July 4 to confirm a spot – need to have time to figure out where best to park everybody!

#### August 19 – 21, depart August 22

##### Fort Peck

##### Downstream Campground

- Group Loop has been reserved with 10 total pull-through electric-only sites (two 50-amp, eight 30-amp)

All sites have been spoken for, so for those who wish to attend the rally, several individual sites are available in the "New Deal" & "Lismas" Loops. Go to [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) to make a reservation. Sites fill up fast, so consider making your reservation as soon as you can. As of March 21, four 50-amp sites and seventeen 30-amp sites still were available.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Please welcome two new members to the Big Sky Chapter. Add them to your rosters and contact lists and we'll look forward to getting to know them at our rallies this summer and in the future.

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Meanwhile, if you know people who would like to join FMCA and the Big Sky Chapter, a membership form is attached to the end of this newsletter. Or they can email me and I will get them signed up.

*Linda Gibson*  
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to those who sent in winter-activity pictures. I'll be reminding everyone frequently this year to shoot pictures of rallies and summer activities for the newsletters.



ALSO, after some technical hiccups, members now can go to our chapter's page on the NW Area website and find our 2021 Rally schedule, our September and December Newsletters, and a list of our chapter officers.

Folks can go to [fmcanw.org](http://fmcanw.org), click on "Chapters", click on "Our Chapter Links", and finally click on "Big Sky FMCA". Or they can go to: <https://www.fmcanw.org/chapters/bigsky/index.html>.

*Bob Gibson*  
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## WHAT WE DID THIS WINTER

Whether it involved a snowplow or palm trees, here are some photos of how a few Big Sky Chapter members spent their winter.



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# 102<sup>nd</sup> International Convention and RV Expo

## National Fairgrounds and Agri Center - Perry, GA

*Klaas & Joanne Kloosterhof*

Over the years we had driven by this location often and were very intrigued by it. This year we had a chance to actually attend and we loved every minute of it.

It was called “Another Day in PERRYDISE” and it did live up to its claim.

The grounds were beautiful, very well laid out and with the present COVID-19 situation and the weather everything worked out well.

This convention was the first large get together in the State of Georgia and the city of Perry, so we all tried to make it a success.

As always, an FMCA rally is very well organized and this rally was no exception.

The weather truly cooperated, we had beautiful “Montana” weather - cool mornings and nice warm afternoons with low humidity!

We enjoyed southern hospitality at its best, made lots of new friends, took in some seminars and just had a great time.

The service people were run of their feet, the commercial people also had a very productive time and quite a few RVs got sold.

We were told there were approximately 1,200 FMCA members and about 200 commercial RVs, which is about 50 percent of normal. But it is a start to getting back to normal and it seems that a lot of our RVers are more than ready.

So, we are looking forward to this summer in Gillette WY. It will be a good time. If you want to sign up, April 5 is the day! (Consult the latest Family RVing magazine or navigate online to [FMCA.com](http://FMCA.com) for details.)

In the meantime, we are looking forward to seeing you all in Ennis in June!

*PS: There were lots of units with Montana tags but we're sure we were the only Montanans there!*



# BIG SKY FMCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#(Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues: \$15.00 plus one-time \$5 new-member sign-up fee

Badges \$12/pair (pin); \$15/pair (Magnetic) (Circle one)

Make checks out to Big Sky FMCA.

Multi-year memberships available. Circle: 1 yr    2 yr.    3 yr.

**Total amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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