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### Presidents Message

Happy spring fellow FMCA members, or at least the calendar says it is spring--as I look out my window at the inches of snow on the ground. The air may still be cool but it is time to begin dusting off your RVs and getting ready for our summer full of rallies.

I hear from the Wagonmaster that the summer is scheduled with many new rally locations to explore. If you haven't been to a rally or have attended only a few, let this be the summer to explore and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members. The Wagonmaster is also looking for someone to host a rally in Sept. We really need all members to participate in hosting if our great rallies are to continue. If you are interested call Sig at 406-581-3282.

It is also time to review the new By-Laws that you just received. The main change you will notice, is changing the word "coach" to "recreational vehicle", thus allowing more types of recreational vehicles to attend rallies. We will be voting on the adoption of these new By-Laws at the May rally or you may email your vote to me. If you have any questions, contact me at [donnadehn49@gmail.com](mailto:donnadehn49@gmail.com).

I hope to see many of you at the May rally in Great Falls. Until then, keep shoveling and know that spring is really here.

Donna



### **Wagon Master Sig Dehn**

We have 11 rigs signed up for both the Great Falls and Deer Lodge rallies and there are still sites available for those who haven't yet made their reservations! For the rally in Great Falls 30 May – 2 June at Dick's RV Park, call them at 406-452-0333 to reserve your site. For the rally at the Deer Lodge KOA 27 – 30 June, call 800-562-1629.

#### **Agenda for the Great Falls rally:**

##### Thursday, 30 May

4 – 5 pm: Social Hour - Bring snacks/hors d'oeuvres to share. Supper on your own.

##### Friday, 31 May

8:30 am: Continental Breakfast

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##### Saturday, 1 June

8:30 am: Continental Breakfast

4 – 5 pm: Social Hour/Bylaws vote

6 pm: Supper at Montana Club

##### Sunday, June 2

8:30 am: Continental Breakfast/goodbyes, safe travels

#### **Deer Lodge Rally June 27-30:**

It will be at the KOA campground and not Indian Creek campground. Full itinerary will follow but for now getting reservations is the priority. They only have 6 pull thru's with full hookups. These are 50 amp. For those that need a pull thru—You need to make your reservation ASAP. The rest are "back in's," no sewer hookup. 30 or 50 amp available. Special pricing \$35 per night back in and \$38 for pull thru. Must let them know you are with FMCA for the pricing. We had until March 15th to make our reservations, but you can call 406-846-1629 and talk to Cass. They may have some still available. Make sure you mention Big Sky FMCA.

## Membership Report & Historian

**Sharon Miller**

Membership – Goodbys and Hellos

We have lost several of our old and some members this past year. Mel and Lorene Cummins did not renew. Also John and Marilyn McGrew - they are moving to Medford OR as driving had become a chore and they planned to put their rv on the market this spring. We also lost Jack and Jean Foster – saying that age had finally caught up with them and they made the decision to sell the MH after 21 years of RVing. Kelly and Pat Kruse will not be renewing as their work was keeping them too busy and they were getting rid of the MH for now. John and Ginger Lord notified me that they, also, would not be renewing their membership. After several attempts to reach the following with no results the following have been dropped from membership: Bill and Mary Eisenlohr, Dale and Donna Meyer, Frank and Kathie Richmond, and Russ and Linda Whitcomb.

We did add several new members in the past year: Carolyn Spicer, John and Donna Ayres, Rich and Sue Frazier, Lilli Ann and Ron Martin, and Lynette and John Cross, Doug and Kayleen Zentner of Missoula. Hopefully we will see all of you at the rallies this year.

We have a prospective member coming to the Great Falls rally – Ellen McWilliams. So be sure to give her a big welcome when you meet her.

Included with this newsletter is a membership roster for your convenience in PDF format. If you have problems printing or would just like me to send a copy, let me know and I will get one to you. Just thought it would be easier to try emailing one to start.

Hope to see you all soon!

## Bozeman Rally 1 – 4 August (**NEW INFORMATION**):

We will be staying at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 901 N Black in Bozeman. All sites are electric 50/30A only—no water/sewer. No restrooms or showers available and no dump station, \$35/night. They will not hold a block of sites for us, so make your reservations ASAP, preferably before the end of June. You must call 406-582-3270 to make your reservations – no refunds. Make sure to mention that you are with the Big Sky FMCA to ensure we all get parked together. This rally coincides with the Sweet Pea Festival of the Arts which is the largest event held in Bozeman each year! Lots of entertainment, food vendors, a parade, and arts/crafts to see and buy! Check out [www.sweetpeafestival.org](http://www.sweetpeafestival.org).

## September Rally....



Chapter Officers: Donna Dehn, President; Corky Harkins, VP East; Dave Miller, VP West; Johanna Kloosterhof, Secretary; Dennis Ogle, Treasurer; Sharon Miller, Membership; Sig Dehn, Wagon Master; Newsletter – TBA; Historian, Sharon Miller.

# BIG SKY FMCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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

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

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

Annual dues: \$15.00 plus one time new member sign up fee of \$5.00.

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to Sharon Miller, Membership, 104 Coral Dr, Belgrade, MT 59714**