



# **GREAT AMERICAN RV CLUB**

***A Family Motor Coach Association Chapter***



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## STANDING RULES

As of July 5, 2014

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. While standing rules are not the same as bylaws, and should not be used to circumvent bylaws and they are easily changed, chapters should use discretion to insure that a rule is really necessary and not frivolous.

1. The GARV Club chapter will hold a minimum of one business meeting a year. The May rally will be designated as a business meeting rally and also the annual election of officers rally provided a quorum is present. Elected officers will assume their duties immediately following the annual election meeting.
2. There will be no reimbursement of fees paid to attend a rally unless requested at least seven days prior to the start of a rally. Refund requests, not meeting time requirements because of unusual circumstances, may be honored at discretion of club officers. Normally, there are little or no refunds if monies have been committed for purchasing food, supplies, caterers, camping fees, etc.
3. GARV Club members receive first consideration for rally attendance. Guests may be invited to attend if RV spaces are available after a cut-off date, as established by the Vice President. Guests who stay in the member's motor home are not affected by cut-off dates. They will, however, need to pay the appropriate fees as stated on the rally registration form.
4. Annual dues (January 1 through December 31) are \$25.00 or such amount as the Executive Board may establish. Only one dues renewal notice is sent to members in October. Dues are payable by December 1. Those who have not renewed by March 1 are dropped from the membership roll. Anyone joining on or after September 1 will be paid through the following year. A person who renews after an absence may need to pay a reinstatement fee to the GARV Club.
5. All pets brought to rallies by members or guests must be kept on a leash at all times. Pets are to be left in the motor home during social hours and meal times. Owners must clean up after their pets.
6. Newsletter will be published two or more times per year.
7. Entertainers will be paid the contracted price only. Entertainers are welcome to stay and pay the Rally Fee prices for meals and sites. Tipping is allowed when approved by those Board members attending.

8. Vendors will all pay the site fees if they are staying in their rig in the park. If the vendor is presenting "information" only (at a table, in booth or during a seminar) then they will be invited to join us for dinner at our expense. If the vendor is selling something (at a table, in booth or during a seminar) then they will be invited to join us for dinner at their expense. Vendor = one person and one guest.

9. Members who no longer own a motor coach who wish to continue a relationship with the chapter may continue as a member so long as FMCA membership is in good standing and GARV Club dues are current. Such members become Family Associate Members of FMCA; however, such members may not vote or hold office in FMCA or GARV Club Chapter.

10. Vacancy in Office: Any vacancy, except for President, is filled by appointment of the Executive Board for the unexpired term. The Vice President fills a vacancy for the unexpired term of President.

11. Sunshine: The Club President shall appoint a Sunshine person to send cards for illness, deaths, etc. Said person shall be reimbursed for cards and postage.

12. Agreements for services: All quotes for services (food, facilities, equipment, etc.) are to be obtained in writing

13. The Vice President shall have the authority to sign contracts for rally sites in consultation with the President. Should the President not be available, at least one other Board member will be consulted.

14. In the event of dissolution of this Chapter of FMCA, by majority vote of the Chapter, all the remaining assets of the Chapter shall be returned to the members of the Chapter in equal shares or contributed to a qualified non-profit charity or charities as decided and voted on by the chapter membership.

Adopted at general membership meeting July 5, 2014.