



Central Oregon

Chapter of *Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA)*

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Newsletter

Peter Ribble - Editor

Wow, 2018 is here, ready or not! Hope your holidays were fun filled with family and friends. First thing....a big THANK YOU to Warner & Kathy Butler, Jerry & Jinny Andres, Dave Coleman and Marion Pratt for serving our club last year. As you can see from our 2018 officers below, some of the above have "retired" and others have agreed to serve another year. We all owe them a debt of gratitude!

2018 Rim Rock Roamer Officers

President	Peter Ribble
Vice President	Vacant (Need to fill)
Treasurer	Jinny Andres
Secretary	Jan Rydman
National Director	Jerry Andres
Membership	Jan Rydman
Newsletter	Peter Ribble

It is not too early to remind everyone again that this is YOUR club. It requires everyone to make the rallies fun. It is OK to not attend every rally, but a bit of courtesy by letting Jan know you will/or will not be making a rally will help us plan much better. Thank You in advance! Also as a reminder - we elect officers in the fall of each year. We have had the same families in leadership roles for some time. Everyone needs a break now and then, so PLEASE CONSIDER filling one of the above positions this fall. You have most of a year to think about it. Reach out to the current officer and get the scoop on what the position entails. Remember: **Many hands make light work!**



The "NEW" Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA)

As you can read in the January 2018 Issue of Family Motor Coaching, FMCA has voted to welcome owners of self-contained RV's to our organization. As this is a departure from "the way it has been", it is important to not react in haste, rather after careful consideration of good information. Of interest, only 13% of the FMCA membership voted on the issue and was approved by 70% of those voting.

Stay tuned for updated information as we move forward with these changes. It appears that our Chapter may have some choices to make and I know that our National Director Jerry Andres will provide us with all the pertinent information to make informed decisions. Please be patient...we don't know much at this point.

98th FMCA International Convention – Gillette, Wyoming July 18 through 21, 2018

If you have always wanted to attend a BIG RV rally, this may be your chance! Debbie and I attended the 50th Anniversary of FMCA here in 2013, with 2,638 other motorhomes.



There were several other Roamers in attendance. See us...we are right there! Read our National Director report from Jerry, sounds like they will be there in 2018. If you are interested, you might carry the credentials of another NW Area FMCA chapter, who is not attending. That entitles you to a very interesting Governing Board meeting, voting for that Chapter and a close look at how FMCA functions. If interested, please reach out to me ASAP and I will forward your contact information to the

NW Area National Vice President for consideration. This is a wonderful opportunity, should you wish to travel to Gillette. Plenty of other things to see nearby...(Black Hills is only a day's drive away!)

Hi Rim Rock Roamers:

It is hard to believe that we are all in a new year. Where did 2017 go? Jinny and I have been planning our travel plans for 2018. We are going to attend the Newmar International Rally on June 24-30 in Gillette WY. Since this rally is so close to the FMCA Northwest Area Rally in Coos Bay, we will not be attending that gathering this year. After the Newmar rally, we are going to participate in a caravan to the Calgary Stampede with other Canadian visits planed over a 15 day trip. After that we will be coming back to Gillette for the FMCA International Convention July 18 – 21. As your National Director, I will be attending the annual meeting representing the Roamers.

2018 will be a year of changes for FMCA. With the passing of allowing self-contained towables into the club we should see significant membership growth. I suspect there may be some growing pains as change is difficult for some. Working together, we will make that change a success for FMCA. Jinny and I have been spending the past couple years in Arizona in the spring. We have met many fine people who will now be eligible to join FMCA. I hear reports that the RV industry is experiencing a lot of success right now with sales setting records. This should translate into new members joining the Roamers. Our President Pete has called on the membership to take a leadership role in your club. This will be my last year as the National Director, I have paid my dues which was rewarding and not over whelming.

Jinny and I want to wish you all a very happy year with your RV adventures. We hope to see you all at one of our rallies.

Jerry Andres - National Director Rim Rock Roamers



Chapter Fair @ NW Area Rally in Coos Bay

All NW chapters are encouraged to participate in the Chapter Fair at the NW Area Rally in Coos Bay. If you are interested in creating a simple display with pictures, sharing the adventures of the Rim Rick Roamers, and meeting prospective members, consider taking on this fun activity. It is a 2 hr. commitment on Thursday morning of the rally. Contact Peter if you are interested.

Kathy Butler

Chapter Fair Captain

NW Area Rally

SIGN UP NOW!!

We have folks signing up for rallies already. As "old timers" know, things fill up the closer to the rally date. If you are a "newby" ...now is the time! If you want to park with the group, please sign up now. If you sign up later, you may be in another part of the park. Rich/Jan and Peter/Debbie have reserved extra spaces at Winchester Bay. When you call in, ask for one of spaces we reserved! Five coaches have already signed up for our first rally in McMinnville. Note the sign-up deadlines. Icicle River RV (Leavenworth, WA) opens for reservations on February 1...

Rim Rock Roamers Rallies 2018

By: Jan & Rich Rydman / Debbie & Peter Ribble
AKA - The "No Wagonmaster Group"

After making reservations please let Jan Rydman know you've signed up so we can keep a count of those attending. Phone: (503) 318-2760 or E-Mail J2L3R@hotmail.com *Thank You*



May 18th to May 21st - Old Stone Village RV Park McMinnville, OR
4155 NE Three Mile Lane
Oldstonevillage.com 503-472-4315 or 877-472-4315 toll free

We have 10 spaces reserved 7 are together, and 3 are separate. Reservations need to be made by **April 15th**, 2018, under Rim Rock Roamers, questions to Jan Rydman.

A tour of a private car collection belonging to Ken and Joan Austin in Newberg, Or will be on Saturday May 19th at 11am, I will need to know how many will be attending, please let me if you want to go.

June 15th to June 17th – Winchester Bay RV Resort at Salmon Harbor Winchester Bay, OR
120 Marina Way
Winchesterbayrvresort.com 541- 271-0287

Several of us have made reservations and are holding extra spots for you. When you contact the park, identify yourself as a Rim Rock Roamer and ask for one of the sites reserved by Jan or Peter. As volunteers at the NW Area Rally, we will be leaving the 17th and move to The Mill Casino and the rally parking. (The Ribble's will be at Winchester Bay from June 13 through June 16, leaving the 17th)

Please make your reservations early as this park will fill up. Questions to Peter Ribble.

June 18th to June 24th – Milling Around Coos Bay – NW Area FMCA Rally North Bend, OR

Reservations to be made through FMCA. Reservations for full hookups in the RV park have opened, please see memo I sent earlier this week on signup process. I anticipate the Roamers will be in two groups...one in the dry camping and one in the electric area for the NW Area rally. Signup for these sites is through the FMCA website.

July 20th to July 24th – Icicle River RV Park Leavenworth, WA

7305 Icicle Rd

Icicleriverrv.com 509-548-5420

We have 10 sites reserved. Park is now closed until **February 1, 2018**, We will reach out to the membership shortly after February 1 with instructions to register. Questions to Peter. Two shows at Summer Theater – Sound of Music and My Fair Lady (tickets go on sale June 9, 2018) more information to come.

As you can see there is time in between these rallies, you can extend in either Leavenworth or Kennewick or explore somewhere else.

July 26th to July 30th – Columbia Sun RV Resort Kennewick, WA

10307 Wiser Parkway

Columbiasunrvresort.com 509-420-4880 or 855-833-3886 toll free

We have 10 sites reserved, reservations need to be made by **April 1st**, under Rim Rock Roamers, questions to Jan. The 53rd Annual Water Follies (Hydroplane races) are being in the Tri-Cities) this weekend...about 5 mile drive! (More info to come)

August 8th to August 13th – Guaranty RV Park Junction City, OR

93668 Hwy 99

Guaranty.com/RVpark 541-998-7000 or 855-678-7275 toll free

We have 10 sites reserved, reservations need to be made by **June 15th**, under Rim Rock Roamers, questions to Jan. This weekend is the Scandinavian Festival which starts on Thursday Aug 9th, each day a Scandinavian country is featured, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark.

Our September rally is to Oktoberfest in Mt. Angel, Oregon. Due to popularity of the event, we are too late (already) to get a site at a one of the nearby RV parks. The dates for the Oktoberfest are: September 13 – 16, 2018. There are several parks within about 15 miles of Mt. Angel that include:

Portland - Woodburn RV – Woodburn

Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort – Salem

Phoenix RV Park – Salem

All three parks have availability. If you are interested in any of these, please let Peter or Jan know and we will book for a group there. Your choice matters!!

SO, the rest is up to you. Let's get together for lots of fun in 2018. **Please make your reservations now** and let Jan know what you have chosen. (All parks have a cancellation policy, so ask them as you make your reservations.)