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Western Area FMCA

Sandy King - Editor

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President's Message



My LAST Indio has come and gone and even though there was a virus going around with quite a few people getting sick, including Shirley and I, it was a fantastic rally.

It was not without some problems that hopefully will be corrected next year.

We still hold the biggest area rally in FMCA and feel we are "The Best In The West".

With the aerial photo taken on Friday, we were able to count every parked coach and ended with a count of 1677. We had a coach display count of 110 and 39 were sold off lot. We had a total passport sale of 95 and day passes were 2050.

This is the first year I have missed riding in the parade but while on the sofa (too sick to get up) we saw the parade go by and it looked great as always.

The decorating captain Sandy King and crew did an outstanding job again. They just seem to get better every year, thanks again. Next years theme is "Western's Under The Big Top"

All volunteers did a great job and it is such a pleasure to work with all of you. As I have always said, this rally wouldn't be a success without you. You're the ones that make it happen.

A great big "THANKS" to Dick & Sue Engel, Jean & John Taylor. Joan & John Verde who served many years as captains and Gerald & Brenda Partin for the past two years. We will miss them all very much. We will be needing a new captain for signs so let your VP know if you are interested.

I want to thank Dick Gibbs for filling in for me along with his normal duties while I was ill. You will make a great Sr. VP.

After Indio, Dick Gibbs and I went to Joshua Tree to visit the

Southern California Safari an Associate Chapter to see if we could interest them in becoming a full Chapter. They are 69 members strong and a group of really nice people.

Shirley and I are now in Quartzsite to work the FMCA booth, come by and say hello.

On a funny note in closing; while I am President Shirley as my wife is called the First Lady, If she is elected President (and I hope she is) what will I be called? Suggestions

Were First Gentleman, First Man and First Dude (I like this one best) what do you think?

Bobby L. Donald, F107800
National VP

WMHA President

Dates to Remember!!! Convention and Rally Schedule

Beat The Odds Rally
February 13 - 15, 2012
Riverside Casino and RV Park
Laughlin, NV
Rally Managers -
Jim and Joyce Haupt
562-866-6009 or
562-400-9049

Southeast Area Rally
February 1 - 5, 2012
Hernando County Airport
Brooksville, Florida

Great Lakes Area Rally
May 24 - 25, 2012
Berrien County Youth Fairground
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Northwest Area Rally
June 21 - 24, 2012
Mill Casino on Coos Bay
North Bend, Oregon

Northeast Area Rally
July 19 - 22, 2012
Champlain Valley Exposition
Essex Junction, Vermont

WMHA Senior Vice President's Views

Another successful Western Area Rally has come and gone. There were pirates everywhere, the weather couldn't have been better, and a multitude of dignitaries from other areas attended. It's so nice to have them join us. Over 100 display vehicles drew many lookers and word is that about 39 deals were made or in the works. Even some towables were displayed. The stage decorations were superb. The parade was fun to watch. The chapter fair had busy busi-

ness with members signing up for chapters. I received several compliments regarding our volunteers. That is always nice to hear. The vendors did well considering all the members seen toting bags away from the vendor tent and Taj Mahal full of things they couldn't live without. Member attendance was around 1300 rigs with many first timer red badges in evidence. Thoughts have already turned to 2013. I turned in about 30 lbs. of pull tabs to the Ronald

McDonalds House in Loma Linda with a note saying they are from the Western Area of FMCA. Thanks to all of you for saving them. Safe travels on your journeys. We hope to see you down the road. Robert 'Rick' Ricordati & my better half, Jan.

Rick

Rick Ricordati
WMHA Senior Vice President

Central Area Vice President

A big Happy New Year to everyone. I want to thank all who attended our very successful Western Area Rally. A special Thank You to all the Captains for an outstanding job & that made my job much easier. I also want to thank all of my Chapters that attended and participated in the Chapter Fair and Parade along with volunteering to work in many different jobs. Congratulations to the California Coasters on their top entry in the parade. Congratulations also to California Heartland for signing up 3 new members & California Coasters for signing up 2 new members at the Chapter Fair. Remember the life blood of any organization is new members, recruit, recruit, recruit. Don't forget the "Dozen will do it" has been extended.

I would like to remind all Chapters you must send all Chapter Officer changes to: FMCA, Western Area Web Master John King castleroamer@hotmail.com, and me r-cgibbs@juno.com. Please also continue to send me your newsletters. Attention Central Area News Letter Editors, If

you let me know I will send you the Western Byways electronically so you can forward to all your members.

At the rally I had the pleasure of presenting the Frustrated Maestros their 30th Anniversary Certificate. After the Indio rally I attended a new Chapter, the Safari of Southern California. This Chapter at present is an associate Chapter with 10 names on the roster, however they have now sent their roster of 67 names to FMCA for verification. We hope to have them become voting chapter in the near future. Bobby and I presented them with their big Chapter banner.

Safe travels and thanks again for a Great Western Area Rally.

Dick Gibbs

WMHA Central Area Vice President

Notes from Northern Area Vice President

Sorry no report received

Happy trails,

George Saam

WMHA Northern Area Vice President

WMHA INDIO PARADE

"Western's Pirate Adventure"

2012 CHAPTER ENTRY WINNERS

THEME TROPHY –California Coasters

GRAND MARSHALL TROPHY—Southwestern Bus Nut's

INDIO MAYORS TROPHY - California Chapter

WMHA PRESIDENTS TROPHY– Apollo Amigos

WMHA PAST-PRESIDENTS TROPHY– Thousand Trails

FMCA PRESIDENTS TROPHY– Road Trek

WMHA RALLY MASTERS TROPHY– Gold Diggers

WMHA SPECIAL AWARDS TROPHY - Beat the Odds

Southern Area Vice President

Newsletter Awards 2011

Greetings from the South.

Sharon and I hope that your holiday season was filled with family, friends, love, and good food! It's a time to enjoy family, renew friendships and faith. We love holiday's and the new year is always a new beginning.

We had the privilege to present two chapters with certificates: the GMC Pacific Cruisers for 35 years and the Colorado River Ramblers have achieved 30 years

The GMC Pacific Cruisers had their rally at the San Bernardo Winery. We were warmly greeted and enjoyed an afternoon and evening of good food (catered by the winery) wine tasting, and great fellowship.

The Colorado River Ramblers have been a great asset since they moved from the Rocky mountain area to the Western area. Sharon and I met them for a wonderful Christmas party in Lake Havasu City. The warmth of the reception was felt and greatly appreciated. We shared an evening of wonderful food and conversation.

Thanks to both chapters for your kind-

ness, hospitality, and friendship. We hope your clubs continue to grow for another 30 years! There are a lot of hard working people in each of these clubs that warrant continued growth!

The Indio Rally 2012 is over and what a great time was had celebrating the Western Pirates Adventure theme. The parade was one of the finest that I remember. We are amazed at the work that goes into the theme each year with so many clubs. Congratulations to all the chapters that had a float; you did a great job and your chapters should be proud of your efforts.

To all that attended, our hope is that you came away from Indio with memories of good times and that you're looking forward to attending next year.

To all the volunteers: It would not happen without you! Working with you has been my pleasure!

Thank you for all you do --- great job!!!

Roger Garst

Southern Area Vice President

Best Small Chapter

California South Winders
Editor- Carla Casetta

Best Midsize Chapter

Komfort Kruisers
Editor- Kathe Riha

Best Large Chapter

Southwestern Bus Nuts
Editor- Lorraine Tesler

Best use of color

California Coasters
Editor- Betty & Dale Johnson

Best Overall

California Pacers
Editor- Helen Burrows

Best Use of Technology

Golden Spike
Webmaster- Bob Poole

MEMBERSHIP

Most of this article will be about our Chapter Fair at our WMHA rally in Indio. We had approximately 420 people enter the area of Chapter Fair (thanks to Don Bunn for counting), not all of these people were non-chapter members, but a number of them were first timers and non-chapter members. Phil Walker greeted these people, gave out a raffle ticket to those who were non-chapter members and talked to them about being a chapter member.

We had 23 of our Western Area Chapters represented (another chapter had sent some information on their chapter which we put out on a table. The Northwest and Rocky Mountain Areas had representatives there for their areas. We also had 6 International area chapters attending.

Before the Chapter Fair I spent time at the Will Call / Welcome area passing out the information brochure that we have telling about our chapters (this includes information on location, rallies, contact person, etc.). I try to keep this information up to date so that if I get a request from either the National Office or other sources I can give the correct information on a chapter. NOTE to Chapter Presidents – please keep me advised of any changes of your contact person.

We did have a suggestion that maybe in the future we could have a short meeting before Chapter Fair for First Timers and non-chapter members to let them know what FMCA and chapters were about. This might be something to think about for 2013.

The last word that I had the “5 Free Memberships” for recruiting new members to FMCA will be continued this year. Hopefully your chapter will take advantage of these memberships and sign up new FMCA and Chapter members.

Remember I and also the Western Area Executive Board are here to help your chapter if you need us.

Alice Bernard – Membership Western Area.



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“A Dozen Does It”



Lost & Found

Found items from Indio that no one picked up: set of car keys, a pair of glasses, a Medicare card and a woman's white jacket.

To claim any of these: e-mail Allyn Smith at allynjoysmith@prodigy.net

Western Area Motorhome Rally Photos FlickR Photo Tutorial

You may see and download and print any photos from a flickR web site:

Please go to:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/sets/>

(Do Not use Photostream, just SETS)

Then click on the SET you wish to see.

(SAMPLE) PARADE 2012:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/sets/72157628853589477/>

Double Click on the photo you want to see or download:

(Sample) GRAND Marshall:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/6695363425/in/set-72157628853589477>

Right Click on the photo (All Sizes) Decide on the size you want and click on it.

(Sample) Original Size:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/12765661@N06/6695363425/in/set-72157628853589477>

Now you Right Click on the photo and you will get several choices. I would then click on Save Image As, and give it a name and location to download photo. (I put them in a Folder on my Desktop called “Photos” and then make a Subfolder called (Indio 2012). Once Downloaded on your computer, you can choose to either, keep it, e-mail it, print it, or save and/all of them on a CD to have printed somewhere else.

Questions: John Stocksdale
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Don't forget that we all have been asked to step up our recruitment efforts in 2011 and help to introduce more motorhome owners to the fun and fellowship and the great benefits we enjoy as FMCA members. FMCA was never meant to be kept a secret. Spread the word and help us to make the “A Dozen Does It” membership recruitment program a rousing success. You've heard the saying, “If it's to be, it's up to me.” Well, that's true of this membership recruitment program as well. We can make it happen. Each chapter is being encouraged to recruit at least a dozen new members to FMCA this year — that's only one per month. FMCA has

helped out by providing each chapter president five free memberships to jump-start the chapter's efforts. After a chapter recruits 12 members, the chapter will receive a fantastic prize package filled with items they can give away as door prizes at an upcoming rally (limit two packages in 2011). Individual members also receive a \$10 recruitment coupon for each paid member they recruit. The coupon is good toward the payment of their FMCA membership dues or toward the purchase of merchandise from the FMCA Store or from Camping World. If you need additional help with recruiting, check out the recruiting video on FMCA's Web site <http://www.fmca.com/members/member-recruitment/3165-go-recruiting-on-wheels>.

Need a Western Area Badge?

Anyone who is interested in Western Motor Home Association badge it can be ordered by contacting Alice Bernard phone 530-934-7346 cell - 530-519-7346 e-mail bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com

The badge has your name and F number on it (cost is \$10.00 each). If you want to have a hanger with your city or something else, each hanger is \$2.50.

Hospitality

Jean Cohen Passed away Jan. 1 2012
Our condolences to Ira and his family.

Dave Brown of the Komfort Cruisers is undergoing Chemo/Radiation Treatments.

All Chapter Secretaries must send a list of all newly elected officers

to Cincinnati each year. This is to keep the Chapter data up to date.



Fourth Annual Spring Time in The Oaks Rally 2012



- 4 nights dry camp April 25-29, 2012
- Group or Solo Parking
- All RV's invited (class A,B,C & Trailers)
- Free Beer, Water & Soda
- 4 Continental Breakfasts
- 2 Catered Dinners
- Live band for listening and dancing (Sat)
- DJ Allstar Entertainment (Fri)
- Live Oak "IDOL" talent contest
- Line Dancing lessons
- RV 500 Para-Mutual
- Texas Holdum Tournament
- Bingo (Wed evening)
- 2 rounds of 9 Hole pasture golf (clubs, balls, & tees furnished)
- Horse shoe tournament
- 50/50 drawing (Fri - Sat)
- Raffle Prizes (Sat)
- Yard games
- Limited To 100 RV'S

HOSTS: California Heartland, & Santa Ynez Valley Wagonairs

Contact: Dick Gibbs – 661-203-9180, Maynard Bentley –805-896-2372, Jenelle Lockwood– 559-836-2003

Location Directions: This Santa Barbara County Park is 15 miles southeast of Solvang, approximately 5 miles South of Cachuma Lake.

The camp shares its entrance off Hwy 154 with Rancho San Marcos Golf Course. Take a left, once you have passed through that entryway.

Camping Registration Form: DEADLINE APRIL 1ST, 2012

Place: Live Oak Park

Date: April 25 – 29, 2012

Name _____
 Arrival Date: _____
 Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 RV Group: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____
 Emergency Phone: _____
 Relationship: _____
 Type of Rig: _____

Camper – 2 people \$185.00 = _____

Camper – 1 Person \$155.00 = _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make check payable to SYV Wagonairs

Mail form and check to:

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MEET NEW FRIENDS OR GET REAQUAINTED WITH OLD FRIENDS



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The time has come again for the election of officers to fill upcoming WMHA positions of:

PRESIDENT*, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, NORTHERN VICE PRESIDENT, CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN VICE PRESIDENT.

The following resumes are for the candidates running for the above named offices.

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**CANDIDATE FOR WESTERN
AREA PRESIDENT and NATION-
AL VICE PRESIDENT**

I am currently serving in my second two year term as Senior

Vice President of Family Motor Coach Association Western Area. Previously I served as WMHA Southern Area Vice President representing twenty chapters. Other WMHA Duties include two years as Safety Officer and three years as Captain of the Motor Coach Display which included negotiation and contracting with motor home dealers and coordination with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Janice and I joined Family Motor Coach Association in October of 1993 and began joining and becoming active in several chapters. I served as a Director for the SoCal FMCA Elks Chapter for one term. I served as Vice President for a year and then President of the California Chapter for two years. I have currently completed my 8th year serving as the National Director for the California Chapter. Most rewarding was serving as WMHA/Indio Co-Rally Master three times. I've held positions on several chapter committees, parking crews, both regular and handicap, and as chapter Trail Boss. We've also had the privilege of manning the FMCA booth several times at the RVIA Show. We have recruited about 55 new members for FMCA and are still trying. Janice and I have both volunteered at National Conventions whenever circumstances allowed.

Prior to learning of FMCA I was active in another National RV organization (Good Sam) where I served two years as Chapter Vice President then three years as Chapter President as well as three years as Representative to the State of California.

Upon completion of my USAF military commitment I gained civilian employment in aircraft maintenance at Norton AFB where I progressed from 'hands on' specialist to crew chief, then to 'flying a desk' in Technical Services. In this position I analyzed failure rates and developed modifications where appropriate. Along the way I attended many technical schools. I was ultimately recruited by Space Division for a Branch Chief position. Later I became a Division Chief and finally retired as a Director overseeing the operations of three divisions and a technical library. Space Division provided many Management and Personnel Management courses which prove to be valuable to this day. By combining my USAF civilian and military time I was able to retire with 34 years.

My community interests include: participation in the Highland City Library Literacy Program wherein I have tutored poor and/or second language readers, and have Coached both Little League Baseball and Junior All American Football. Other interests are vegetable gardening, RV Rallies, socializing with FMCA member friends, the Elks and American Legion.

In my opinion, the Western Area is the best of all FMCA areas and I'd like to do my best to keep it that way. When elected I will bring dedication, fairness, honesty and openness. Your vote and support will be appreciated.



**SHIRLEY SMITH DONALD
F#107800**

**Candidate for National Vice
President Western Area**

I am presently Secretary of Western Motor Home Association. Currently I belong to the following chapters: The Achievers, Apollo Amigos, Beat the

Odds, BRB, California, Golden State Trackers, International Elks, Komfort Kruisers, Military Chapter, Parking Layout Chapter, Roamin' Catholics Southwest, Sierra Ramblers, Southern California FMCA Elks, and 100+ Chapter. I was the National Director for the Komfort Kruisers for four years. I am presently serving on the following FMCA Committees; The Cincinnati Committee, Long Range and Development Committee, Nominating Committee. I am the Temporary Services Coordinator for FMCA National Conventions.

I joined FMCA in 1998. My first volunteer experience was at Oktoberfest in 1998. I have been volunteering since then at Indio, Pomona, Redmond, St. Paul, Bowling Green, Perry, Albuquerque, Oktoberfest and RIVA. I have done trams, handicap carts, information booth, security, day pass booth, FMCA booth, inside electric sales, volunteer dinner for 850, seminars, decorations, selecting entertainment, helped layout & parking at INTO in Quartzite. I call Bingo at Oktoberfest and Indio.

I started volunteering very young and was President of MYF (Methodist Youth) followed by being President of my nursing class in college. I followed a nursing career until I had a back injury from a patient. I took a temporary position in retail advancing from cashier to department manager for two years. My next position was in the drop forging industry, starting in the accounting department; advancing to manager in quality assurance; human resource manager; to Presi-

dent's private secretary; to Vice President and 25% owner of the company in 14 years. I retired when the company was sold in 1991.

My volunteer experiences are many and versified. I held many positions in Boy Scouts of America, I was a den leader: den leader coach; first class for den crafts; organized and was first President of Women's Auxiliary, organized and was co-chairman for first Cub Scout Day Camp in Ventura County and received the District Award of Merit. I held every position in PTA including President also President of the Pleasant Valley School District. I designed and implemented the first teachers aide program at El Descanco School and the Pleasant Valley School District. I received the Honorary Service Award. I originated and operated Bingo for many years at Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo; also served on their Board of Directors. I was President elect of PIRA when after selling the Company I resigned.

I represented my Company at VECEDA and also served on the Job Training Policy Council of Ventura County. I served on the Board of Directors for the Oxnard Community K9 Foundation of the Oxnard Police Department. I was co-chairman for trips for our senior club at Padre Serra Church for 10 years, making 22 trips and 22,000 miles. I am also a usher and a Eucharist Minister.

I love to volunteer and enjoy meeting and making new friends. We have now recruited 115 new members and look forward to recruiting more. It's a pleasure working with others. I'm a team player and do feel my being married to the present WMHA President has given me considerable insight and knowledge of the inner responsibilities of being WMHA President and working at the FMCA National level as FMCA Western Area VP. I have accompanied Bobby to all his meetings in Cincinnati and sat in on all the meetings observing how FMCA functions. As your Secretary I have been involved in all aspects of the operations of WMHA including negotiations of all contracts and Indio Rally. I have full support of my husband and I promise again to give 100% plus. I would appreciate and thank you for your vote.



**RESUME FOR THE NORTHERN AREA VP
GEORGE M. SAAM F105711
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I have pretty much retired from my general engineering construction life.

My 30+ years in business consisted of home building, hazardous remediation and civil engineering and construction. My last few work years were very enjoyable but the motor home adventure and the new friends we keep making we find very gratifying.

Starr and I have lived in Santa Cruz almost for ever. Presently, I am the President and Alt. Nat Director of an international chapter (The Roamin' Nobles) and I am the Northern Vice President of the WMHA.

The best time we have is at the Indio rally. I have been the local coordinator (gofer) for the rally for the past few years. I really enjoy working with the WMHA group.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

George M. Saam F105711



RICHARD L. GIBBS

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With the support of my wife Charlotte, I am a Candidate for Western Area Senior Vice President. We joined FMCA in May of 2000 just before I retired from the wholesale hardware business in December of the same year. We then full timed for about 3 years before moving to Santa Maria, CA to be close to our two sons & grandchildren. We are members of First United Methodist Church in Santa Maria CA. We are currently a member of the California Coasters, California Heartland, Apollo Amigos, and Beat the Odds Chapters of FMCA. I have been an Elk for 43 years, and I am the President of Santa Maria Rams (Retired Active Men's) branch of Santa Maria.

I am presently serving as Central Vice President of Western Motor Home Association, National Director for the California Coasters, and I am on the National 50th Anniversary Committee. I had the privilege of serving as President of the California Coasters for four years from 2005 – 2008, and I helped them grow from a chapter of around 50 family coaches to a membership of over 100. I also served as Wagon Master for the California Coasters. I served as Team Captain for Handicap Trams at the Indio rally for 3 years. I have worked in Security, and Information at both Area and National Rallies in Oklahoma City, Pomona, and Indio, CA. I have served as Rally Master for 3 years at our annual Spring Time in the Oaks Rally where we bring together over 60 RV's from several different chapters. I have planned and served as trail boss for many chapter rallies and several long traveling chapter trips like Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and Pasadena Rose Parade.

After being discharged from the Army in 1960 as an E6 Staff Sergeant, I spent the next 40 years in the retail and wholesale hardware business. I managed retail stores until 1969 and then transferred to the wholesale side of the business as a District Sales Manager. In 1975 I was promoted to Regional Sales Manager. I am a team player who is goal oriented and has the ability and drive to get the job done. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve as Western Area Senior Vice President. I believe I have the experience and ability to be a successful and contributing member of the Western Area of FMCA's leadership and to serve your needs for the greater good of the organization. It is an honor and privilege to serve this Association, and I appreciate your VOTE AND SUPPORT.

Thank You,

Dick Gibbs

CANDIDATE FOR NORTHERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

December 14, 2011



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With the support of my wife Margie, I am a Candidate for Northern Regional Vice President, WMHA Western Motor Home Association. We joined FMCA Family Motor Coach Association in 1989 and since then have taken a serious leadership roll recruiting memberships.

I am presently Chapter National Director of CCBAL California Capitals Bay Area Liners. I have served 3 and half years as Chapter National Director of CCBAL. I served ten years as National Director for Overland Trail Blazers West.

My volunteer experiences have been many. I have served two years as Captain of The Greeters for the Western Area, and currently I'm Captain of The Coordinator's Western Area. Attended all National and Western Regional Rallies.

I served ten years on The Board of Directors of San Joaquin County Water Authority District. Served as a Director of the Plain View Water District and Represented Division VII of the Byron Bethany Irrigation District.

I am the proud owner of 42 years of C & S Metals, located in Tracy, California.

It would be an honor and privilege to serve as Northern Regional Vice President. I believe I have the experience and ability to be a successful and contributing member of the Western Area of FMCA's leadership and to serve your needs for the greater good of the organization. It is an honor and privilege to serve this Association, and I appreciate your vote and support.

Thank You,

Lee H. Clemons

**ROBERT C. GOLK**

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rgolk@bak.rr.com**Candidate for the WMHA Central Area Vice President**

I am a candidate for the WMHA Central Area Vice President. My wife Debbie and I joined FMCA in 2002. Long before we joined FMCA we started RVing with a 19' travel trailer and used it for 7 years before we graduated to motorhomes. We then joined FMCA and also became members of an RV club (not an FMCA chapter). We affiliated with that club for a few years and then an opportunity came along to help start a new FMCA chapter. Having witnessed the pitfalls of an RV club during our time with the "other" club I saw a chance to start a new chapter and hopefully avoid all the mistakes we had observed. The new chapter was named the Golden State Trackers. During the first year I offered up my experience and leadership to help form the club and was involved in all issues during the first year. In the second year I became Vice President and Alternate National Director and worked hard to see our chapter continue to grow. In the 3rd year I became President and also served a second term as President for the 4th year. During this time I addressed many issues with rally hosts, club officers and directing our chapter volunteer efforts with great success. I was also successful in avoiding the pitfalls I had observed while a member of the other club. Our chapter has added many new members such that we continue to grow. I have led our chapter in our volunteer efforts to include the Vista Elks, Lone Pine Battered Wives Association and the Bakersfield Rescue Mission. I have coordinated as well as participated in our chapter's volunteer efforts at the Indio rally to include: Tables & Chairs, Electric Sales, WMHA Prize Booth, Will Call, Parade, Security and setting up sound systems for seminars.

Following 8 years in the Air Force, I worked for several aerospace companies before landing my current job at Edwards AFB where I am a Quality Assurance Specialist. I have performed training in technical areas, team building and customer service as well as leading several teams to address and propose solutions to problems involving aircraft maintenance as well as personnel and management issues. As great as this has been over the years, all good things must come to an end and as such I will retire in the Spring of 2012 and devote my time to the RV life style, FMCA and volunteer work.

I believe I have the experience and leadership to be a successful and contributing member of the WMHA leadership and specifically to serve the chapters in the Central Area. My work experience demonstrates my ability to be a team player and I know the importance of dedicated service to you the customer. The issues I have successfully addressed over the years will aid me in serving as your Central Area VP. My wife and I both agree that FMCA is comprised of the most wonderful people we have ever met. My goal as Central Area VP will be to serve your chapter needs so your chapter will become or continue to be successful. With your support it will be an honor and a privilege to serve as your Central Area VP and I appreciate your vote.

Thank you,

Bob Golk



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CANDIDATE FOR WESTERN MOTOR HOME ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN VICE PRESIDENT

I am a candidate for the office of WMHA Southern Vice President. I'm presently serving my seventh term as California Chapter President and newly elected National Director.

Besides serving as Chapter President I have also served as Auditor, Director, and Vice President. I have also belonged to Southern California Elks, Beat the Odds, South Western Bus Nuts (serving as WagonMaster), Do Dah's (since folded), South West Country Coachers, and Country Coach International. For the past three years I have served as a member of the FMC Magazine Technical Advisory Committee. My wife Christine and I have also served in 2008 as co-captains of "Seminars" at the FMCA winter convention in Pomona.

I graduated from Trade Technical College in 1966 earning an AS degree in Mechanical Engineering. I was then hired by Lockheed Aircraft Co. as a Draftsman. A year later I was called upon, by the U.S. Army, to serve in Viet Nam. While there I served in a Light Equipment Maintenance Company, quickly obtaining the rank of E5 and then selected as assistant section chief of our entire radio repair facility.

With my service obligation complete, I returned to Lockheed to restart my career. I took many technical and management courses' both through night school and Lockheed extension programs and eventually was put in charge of a 10 person design group. Thereafter, many opportunities were presented to me in management and in complex design with much success. After a 37 year career at Lockheed "Advanced Development Projects", I retired as a Senior Staff Aeronautical Engineer.

My volunteering began with my two sons' where I was on various committees for the Cub Scouts, AYSO soccer, and Little League. At FMCA Chapter level I have served as trail boss of many rallies including two Oktoberfest Rallies (Co-Trail Bossing four), as well as helping where ever needed. At WMHA Indio Rally I have served, for the past four years, as a member of the Holding Area Parking Crew.

Within the community I have served on the Board of Directors of my wife's family foundation, "The Klein Family Foundation" where I was Treasurer. I am involved in philanthropy in the Orange County area. I also volunteer time with the Anaheim Assistance League.

When not RVing I enjoy playing the piano, meeting people, RC model airplanes, fencing, nature, deep sea fishing, and Gourmet Dining. But what I enjoy the most . . . is my family.

I believe with the skills I've acquired I can contribute much to WMHA and to the Chapters in the Southern Area. I am seeking your support and if elected it would be my honor and privilege to serve you and the Association. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you so very much.



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I am a candidate for the WMHA Secretary. My husband Bob and I have been FMCA members since 2002. We started our RVing adventures in a 19' travel trailer, which we used for 7 years before moving up to motor homes. I am currently, and have been for 2 years,

the Newsletter Editor for our chapter – The Golden State Trackers. We are charter members and have been with the club 4 years. I have been a volunteer at Indio for the past 4 years to include electric sales, WMHA prize booth, Will Call and helped with the parade. Our chapter has volunteered for 2 years at the Bakersfield Rescue Mission helping with Christmas projects and donating to their clothing and food drives. I am a member of the Federal Managers Association where I hold the position of Vice President of Membership.

I have spent the last 26 years in a Civil Service career as an Executive Secretary at Edwards Air Force Base. Although I have enjoyed my years at Edwards, it is time to start a new adventure with my husband. Therefore I will be retiring on December 31st which will allow me to devote more time to the WMHA which is why I am seeking the office of Secretary.

I believe my experiences along with my administrative skills as Executive Secretary qualifies me for the job of WMHA Secretary. I love to volunteer, enjoy meeting new people and getting involved in new projects. I appreciate your vote and thank you for your support.

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With my husbands support I am running for Treasurer of Western Area FMCA.

I was born in Oakland, CA. I have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. I have been married for 49 years and have been motor homing since 1992, having many RV's from a 21 foot to now a 40 foot Vectra. We joined FMCA in 1994.

This is our lifestyle, last year we spent 3 months on the road to Alaska and enjoying every second of it.

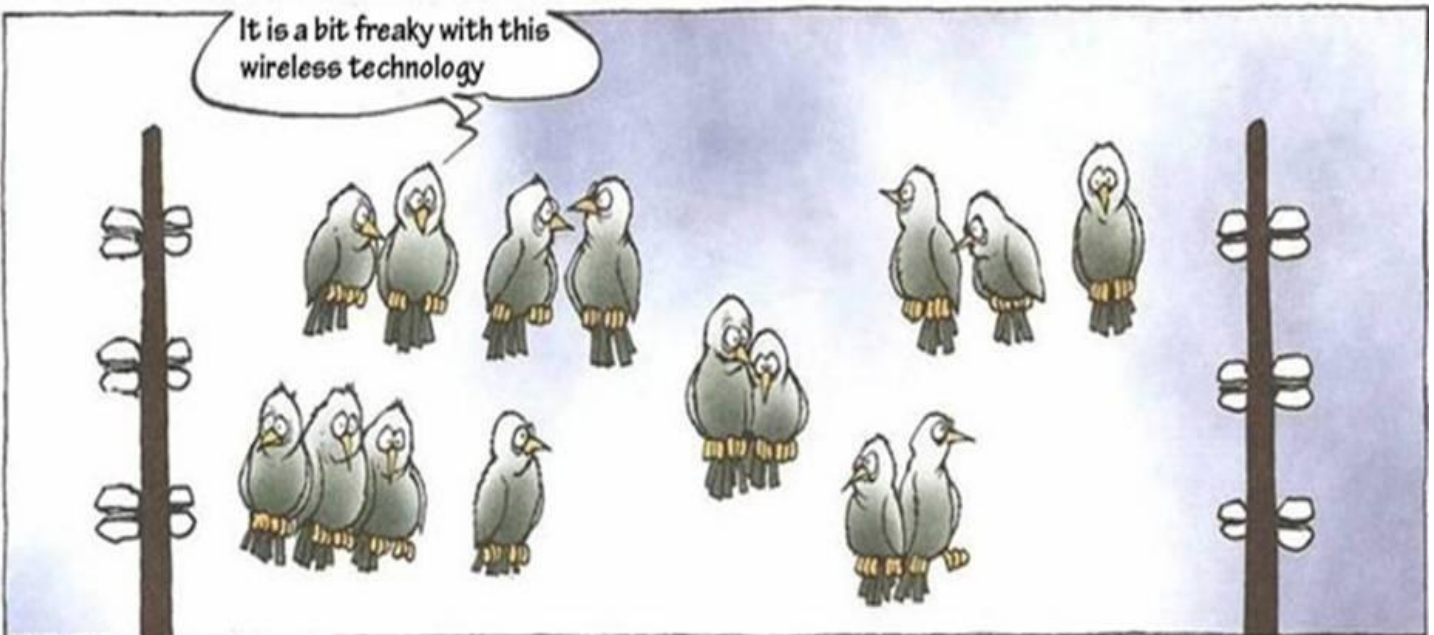
At this time I belong to 3 FMCA Chapters and have been trail boss several times. I have been Wagon Master, Vice President and President. I am currently Noble Grand of the Independent Order of Odd fellows, Sonora Lodge #10. And serve in many local community clubs and organizations.

We have owned our own business for 25 years and before that we had owed a company for 10 years. Being self-employed, I have prepared our own books. I am currently retiring from our business Dell Jackson Insurance Services.

Besides RVing I love to quilt, which is a challenge on the road. I love to garden and take care of my husband.

I feel I can devote my time to being Treasurer. Thank you for your vote.

Judy Jackson



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