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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

Greetings Capitol Chapter,

The 55th Anniversary rally is fast approaching. The Capitol Chapter Anniversary rally is at The Old Mill Stream Campground in Lancaster PA. Katie Taddeo, (randktaddeo45@gmail.com) and Margie Cohen (margiezc@aol.com) have volunteered to be on the Anniversary Committee. Please contact them if you want to assist.

On Saturday July 20th, the Annual business meeting will be held at 1 PM. Anniversary celebration will start at 3 PM. Supper is being provided by the Capitol Chapter and catered by Dutch Country Catering and BBQ. Thanks to Joanne Becka and Joe Kromash for coordinating. If you are just coming up for the day on the 20th, please let us know.

The chapter will be holding the annual business meeting prior to the main festivities. Joe Kromash has thrown his hat into the ring for Chapter President. Len Mierzwa is head of the Nominating Committee and if you would like to be considered for a position on the board, contact Len at (len.mierzwa@verizon.net).

We still need some hosts for rallies for the 2024 and 2025 season! There are several rallies scheduled and please plan to participate in one or all. Information is listed below on how to organize a rally. If you plan to attend the Luray Rally in August, please send a email to Steve Tessier at sltmd@verizon.net so he knows you are coming. There are only three rallies planned for the Capitol Chapter besides the GEAR Rally. Please consider hosting a rally. It's really easy!!!

Until next time, keep on traveling!

Steve Tessier
President

UPCOMING RALLIES

2024

July 17-21 2024

Olde Mill Stream
Lancaster, PA

Hosts: Capitol Anniversary
Committee

August 8-11 2024

Impromptu Rally
w/ Bay Travelers
Sun Outdoors Luray Resort
Luray, VA

Hosts: Barbara and Steve

September 12-15, 2024

TBD
Lancaster, PA

Hosts: Len and Diane Mierzwa

October 23-27, 2024

GEAR Rally

Western North Carolina
Agriculture Center

Fletcher, NC

Information on the Eastern Area
website:

www.fmca-ea.com

Annual Dues

2024 dues are now due. Please send them to Joanne, as soon as possible. Include your name and FMCA number with your check for the \$15. Please make your check payable to: **Capitol Chapter-FMCA**.

Mail dues to:

Joanne Becka-Treasurer
4814 Osage Steet
College Park MD 20740

Capitol Roster

Attached to the email is the membership roster. Please review the information and update. Review the primary phone number as who would be the first contact. It is preferred this number be a mobile number so you can be contacted in case of emergency on outings. We need your RV information for booking rallies.

2024 Rallies

July 17-21, 2024
55th Anniversary Rally

Olde Mill Stream Campground
Lancaster, PA

Hosts: Anniversary Committee

We have reserved sites at the campground as well as the rally room. Plans are to go as a group on Saturday to a local restaurant at 2 pm then return to the campground to continue the celebration.

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August 7-12, 2024

Luray RV Resort and Campground
Luray, VA

www.lurayvresortshenandoahriver.com

Hosts: Steve and Barbara Tessier

This impromptu rally will be held as a joint rally with the Bay Travelers. This is a book your own rally as there are no rally rates. The resort does offer lots of discounts such as 20% off five days, military and first responder. Barbara and I will be in site FHU 654, and there are still sites open in that row as well as the rest of the campground.

The campground is on the Shenandoah River and has kayaking, canoeing, and rafting opportunities. There are also vendors that we could make rafting down the river a group activity if there is interest (<http://shenandoah-river.com/canoe-kayak-tube-raft-rentals/tubing/>).

Plenty of attractions are nearby. The world-famous Cooter's Garage (<http://cootersplace.com/>) is across

the road with Ben Jones and the Cooters Garage Band playing Saturday afternoons for free as well as free Bluegrass music on Sunday afternoon. Shenandoah National Park and Fort Valley are a short drive away as well as some OHV trails. The town of Luray has some eclectic shops and a museum in the train station. Wineries and distilleries are nearby. The owner of one of the distilleries, being a former moonshiner, is very proud of his ATF Permit and being legal and proudly displays it.

If antiques are your thing, the town of Sperryville is just over the mountain and quite quaint.

September 12-15, 2024

TBD

Hosts: Len and Diane Mierzwa

October 23-27

GEAR Rally

Western NC Agricultural Center
Fletcher NC

Great time to join Chapter Members as well make new friends from the other chapters. There are R.V. seminars as well as vendor displays. One of the best ways to meet new people is to volunteer to help out.

Go to the Eastern Area Website for more information.

www.fmca-ea.com

FMCA NATIONAL RALLIES



If you do not go to the FMCA website very often you are missing out on lots of information. In addition to information about the Greater Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) there are several FMCA rallies listed that you may be interested in attending. Go to www.FMCA.com and explore the possibilities.

Rally Hosting . . .

When sending the Editor information about a rally you plan to host, please include (when possible) the following information:

1. Start and End dates of rally
2. Campground name, address, phone number, and contact person name
3. Link to Campground website
4. Activities planned
5. Schedule of planned events

Rallies for 2024 need hosts. Some activities that may spark enthusiasm to host a rally may be FMCA events, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, bike trail, zoo, State Fair, museum, bull roast, crab feast, car, RV, or some other theme show/event. The FMCA magazine and their website have lots of information on various locations to host a rally. Also, since we had so much fun the first time at rally destinations, we can go back to locations we have been to in the past.

New members may want to buddy with Steve, Len, Robyn, Joanne, Pat or others that have hosted rallies in the past to provide guidance and support.

INFORMATION SHARING