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Note from the PRESIDENT

Greetings Bay Travelers,

Hard to believe that Labor Day is right around the corner. Good news is that the camping season is still in full swing and a good time to get out. We had a great time in Luray VA in August with 11 coaches in combination with the Capitol Chapter. Lynn Nelson, Eastern Area Vice President, was also with us and gave us some insight on the happenings within FMCA.

FMCA is going through some changes. Latest news is that FMCA Assit will still be a program included with your membership, but with a new vendor for 2025. Membership dues will increase to \$99.00 per year to help cover the cost increase of the program. The FMCA magazine will stay in print form and will be sent out every two months going forward. With other value-added services FMCA offers, the annual cost is minimal at \$.28 a day or \$8.25 a month.

We will be getting a new Eastern Area VP as Phylis Britz term has ended. Thank you to Phylis for leading the Eastern Area and I for one will miss you. One individual has thrown their hat into the ring and any interested candidates will be voted on at GEAR in October.

GEAR 2025 will be held at Ocean Lakes Campground in Myrtle Beach SC November 4-8 2025 so mark your Calendars now.

FMCA's 110th Convention and RV show will be back at Perry GA March 12-15 2025. Let's make a showing of Bay Travelers! Barbara and I were at the 2023 convention in Perry repping the Bay Travelers all by ourselves! We made the trip from Florida where we were doing some winter travel and had a great time. Let's have some fun and meet in Perry in

UPCOMING RALLIES

2024

September 9-12, 2024

Misty Mountain Camp Resort
Misty Mountain, VA
Mistymountaincampresort.com

Hosts: Steve and Barb Tessier

October 23-27 2024

Gear Rally
Western NC Agriculture Center
Fletcher NC

Check FMCA magazine for details on registration.

November 14-17 2024

Country Acres Campground Bird
in Hand, Lancaster Co. Pa

Gary Ireland 856-701-7159 Terri
Ireland 609-701-7159

Please call if you make
reservations to attend.

September 9-12, 2024

**Misty Mountain Camp Resort
Misty Mountain, VA**

mistymountaincampresort.com

56 Misty Mountain Rd, Greenwood, VA 22943
540-456-6409

Hosts: Steve and Barb Tessier

At Misty Mountain Camp Resort you can explore nature trails, splash in their pool, sit by the creek, fish in their pond, play at several playgrounds, climb hills, shoot hoops, and spike the volleyball or pitch horseshoes, take a hayride, enjoy live music and dances, shop at the General Store, shoot pool and play video games, relax in solitude, or join with new friends - the choice is yours and it is all at Misty Mountain Camp Resort!

Cost is \$285 for the days. Barbara and Steve will be in Site 10 and Site 1 is for 34' or less.

Reservations can be made now.

The VA Cardinals held a rally there and it is in a great location just west of Charlottesville VA.

November 14-17

Country Acres Campground

Bird in Hand, Pa.

countryacres@bird-in-hand.com

Hosts: Teri and Gary Ireland

Teri has secured a small block of sites at Country Acres Campground in the Bird-in-Hand area of Lancaster Country for November 14-17 2024. If you know this campground, you know how hard it is to book. To get a block of 8 sites was a small miracle. These are the big-rig sites at the top of the campground, the best sites in our opinion. So much to do in the area as you all know. Gary and Teri will likely look for a group dinner option and maybe theatre. More to come.....

To get a site, call the office at (717)687-8014 and tell them your reservation is in the block under Theresa Ireland. The first night /deposit is \$60.30 and the other two nights are \$66.60. You may be able to come in earlier or stay longer, just ask. A big bonus here, if you are so inclined- once you have stayed here you have first dibs on the site for the following year. The sites will only be held for a short time so call as soon as you decide. Please let Gary or Teri know you'll be coming.

Teri (609)922-7035 Gary (609)701-7159

2025 Rallies

March – FMCA International Rally, Perry Ga.

April – Slepecki will host. Site TBD

May – Open

June – Annual Meeting, Tessiers will host

July- Open

August -Open

September – Possibly Steam Vally –

October – Open

November – Gear Rally-Lakewood Campground, Myrtle Beach SC

Please consider hosting a rally and we will help if you decide to. It's fun and easy.

Attachments

1. Bay Travelers July Newsletter
2. 2024 Roster of members. Phone numbers and email addresses

Annual Dues are past due . . . \$\$\$

2024-2025 dues are due by June 1, 2024. If you have not already sent them to Dan, please do so as soon as possible. Please include your name and FMCA number with your \$10 annual dues. Please make your check payable to Dan Scott.

Mail dues to:

Dan Scott
3862 Norrisville Road
Jarrettsville, Maryland 21084

FMCA 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 GEAR there are several FMCA rallies listed that you may be interested in attending. Go to 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 2023 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, we can go back to some of the locations we have been to in the past.

New members may want to buddy with Teri, Ann, Mary, or others that have host rallies in the past to provide guidance and support.

INFORMATION SHARING

Need a Bay Travelers polo shirt with our logo? Contact Dan Scott at 410-692-6610 or email Daniel.john.scott@gmail.com to place your order. The shirts come in lady and men sizes and each size are priced accordingly:

S-XL \$17.95

2X \$19.98

3X \$23.98

4X \$25.98

Need a Bay Travelers name badge?? Order yours from B&B Engraving. They only use email (bnbengraving@yahoo.com) since they do not have a website. Best way to order your badges is to call them at [732-269-0365](tel:732-269-0365). Bay Traveler badges are \$5.00 each. Bolo Chords is available for an additional \$2.50 ea.

Bay Travelers decals are available to place in each member's RV window. Please contact Steve to get your decal.

Send Craig Boone (mfm1816@aol.com) information you want to share with the Bay Travelers family about RV Resorts and Campgrounds you recommend or anything else of interest.)

Note from the Editor –

If you do not already belong to Bay Travelers FMCA you are receiving this newsletter as a courtesy and informational purposes. We would love to see you at a rally. If you wish to continue to receive this newsletter please join our chapter. We will send you updated copies for 2025 as our season (2024) is coming to a close soon.