

FMCA

Your RVing Family



EAMA Zoom Meeting

October 15, 2024

Dave started the meeting at 7:00 pm.

In attendance were Marvin "Santa" Ballard, Frank Bodkin, Chris Holtzman, Baynard Barton, Phyllis Britz, George Wolfe, Tim Keppler, Jerry Dickinson, Gary Lyons, Steve Tessier, Hilton Hall, Glenn Himes, Dave Fowler, Nancy Craig, Doug Graves, Jerry Clemmer, Joe Kromash, Clarissa Sherrow, Garnetta Mallory, Len Mierzwa, Berkley Alexander, Bruce Taylor, Rusty Labarre, Dennis Ducharme and Sue Cipa.

Dave thanked everyone for attending.

GEAR 2024

Cancellation information: Dave asked for reports from Area VP on their areas of responsibility for GEAR 2024.

- Chris Holtzman: **All items were taken care of.**
 - Info and Registration
 - Community Donations
 - Day passes and Passports
 - Seminar Monitors
- Garnetta Mallory: **All items were taken care of.**
 - Chapter Fair
 - Goodie Bags
 - Ice Cream Social
 - Crafts/Craft Show
- Clarissa Sherrow: **All items were taken care of.**
 - Parking/Greeters
 - FMCA Store
 - Dog Parade
 - Coffee and More
- Lynn Nelson: **All items were taken care of.**
 - Artisan Market
 - Ladies Luncheon
 - Games/Youth
 - Vendors
- David Fowler: **All items were taken care of.**
 - Activity Carts
 - Facilities
 - Display RVs
 - Entertainment
 - Golf Carts/Radios
- Phyllis Britz: **All items were taken care of.**
 - Campground
 - Devotions
 - Safety/Security
 - Maestros
 - Seminars
 - Programs
 - First Timers Volunteers

The Ag Center said they could either move our deposit to another time or refund us the \$6,000.00 deposit we made. We have asked for a refund.

- Chapters that had plans to have their annual meetings at GEAR, Tiffin Travelers, and Rolling Red Hatters, will need to make arrangements for an Annual Meeting before the end of the year. It was suggested that FMCA might be able to set up a Zoom meeting for those chapters. You must have this meeting by the end of the year as part of your certification.
- New Chapters that were to be recognized at GEAR: Over the Mountain and South-east Road Runners will be done at Perry, GA in March.
- Berkley reported that the refund checks for GEAR 2024 should start going out next week.

GEAR 2025

Discussion and requirements for GEAR 2025

- 300 sites have been reserved and you may make those reservations yourself at any time. The actual FMCA "Registration" form will come out later. Reservations must be made with Ocean Lakes Family Campground directly using "**2025 FMCA Eastern Area**" See our EAMA website for more information.
- Dave & Jan Fowler will be Rally Masters for GEAR 2025. Co-Rally Master(s) is yet to be announced.
- We won't have room to do as many seminars next year because of building size.
- Vendors will probably be set up around the outside of the room.
- They have Golf Carts to rent, so we will not have the expense of bringing them in. If you have your own, please check with the campground for their rules and requirements.
- No Security or Parkers will be needed. (campground will do this).
- Show Coaches: Instead of bringing coaches in, Dave thought we could have some type of card made that we each take to dealers to get punched or signed. We will then enter our cards into a drawing. He is still working on this idea!
- CPR training: Dave will try to arrange this for the Executive Board.
- Our AEDs need to be refurbished before GEAR 2025. Bill Mallory has them and he will check into how and where we can get these refurbished.
- Dave said there was a Christmas Show in the area and he would like to "reserve" some tickets. He will check to see which day is better (less crowded), Wednesday or Thursday. He will check on the details, if we can hold so many tickets and add this event onto the Registration form like the Ladies Luncheon, people will just check it and add amount to their total. More information to come.

CHAPTER CERTIFICATION

Each chapter secretary needs to send in your chapter certification information. The packet was mailed out from FMCA to each chapter. Each secretary should have received it. Fill it out with any officer changes, adding your yearly membership meeting date as well and your chapter roster. If your secretary has any questions, they may call Sue Cipa/EAMA Secretary/610-334-3287.

Complete the forms online by following the steps below (if you did not get a packet in the mail:

- Log into your FMCA online account.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page and choose **Documents and Forms**
- Find the **Chapter Updates** heading on the right side of the page.

Complete the following forms:

- Chapter Officer Form
- Chapter meeting date Verification* (ONLINE)
- Chapter Roster Updates (ONLINE)
- Chapter Monthly New and Past Due Report (ONLINE) (optional)
- Don't forget to click **Submit** at the bottom of each form.
- If you would like a copy sent to yourself, be sure to click the box that says **Request CC email** and enter your email address as prompted.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2024

- The annual EAMA Membership meeting will be held via zoom meeting December 10, 2024, at 7pm. We encourage all the Presidents to attend.
- We will need to vote in the revised Bylaws for EAMA
- We will need to elect a secretary to fill Sue Cipa's/Secretary position.
- Jan Fowler stepped up and will get her resume together.
- The Nominating Committee had no other recommendations.

GEAR 2026

We talked about this. Phyllis said she had "penciled" us in with the Lewisburg, West Virginia Fairgrounds. Everyone seemed to agree that we go back there in 2026. Dave said he would contact them and see what dates they have available in October.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The EAMA trailer needs new tires (they are six years old). Currently, Mike Smalley has the trailer. Santa said he would go pick it up from Mike, get new tires on it. He'll then store it and get it to GEAR next year.

No meeting will be held in November. Our Membership meeting will be December 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm. A zoom invitation will be sent out. Please try to attend.

Lynn Nelson, Central Area V.P. has resigned her position. We will be looking for a replacement for her. Please check with your chapters in that area and see if anyone would be interested in stepping up and helping with our Area. Please call Dave if you have any questions.

Dave ended the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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