



CCFMCA SPOT-LITE



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♦ **Southwestern Indio Rally:** The WMHA Executive Board cancelled the 33rd Western Area Rally, scheduled January 6-12, 2021. The good news is the Indio Rally has been rescheduled for January 12-16, 2022, with a "In The Land Of Oz" theme.

- ♦ Future board meetings and general meetings will be conducted virtual via Zoom. The invitation and all instructions will be sent to all members several days before the actual virtual meeting by Tracy Lenocker.
- ♦ CCFMCA Membership 2020 renewals that were paid in 2020 have been extended to cover the renewals for the 2021 calendar year.
- ♦ Hope all will have a wonderful Thanksgiving despite the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ♦ Request members provide John Seguin our new Spot-Lite Editor (aircrewcwo@cox.net) with articles for the Spot-Lite contents.

October to December

♦ Wow did you see that? We blinked and Columbus Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving are behind us! Christmas is on our doorsteps and I did not want you to get caught without the important things needed for the holidays. As the new Spot-Lite Editor, my family would like to wish our members and your families a very Happy and Joyous Holiday.

John and Kathie Seguin



From the President's RV Travel Log



Welcome CCFMCA Members,

Cathy and I are sending you a warm-hearted welcome and hope you, your family and friends have been safe and have been well during this pandemic.

We are eager to getting back on the trail to rallies, Oktoberfest, and seeing all our CCFMCA friends. Once again to build memories and tell tales of the

places we have been, sharing ideas and experiences on how to become better at RVing. The rally in February 2021 is sizing up to be fun and will have its challenges like they always have. Looking forward to seeing you there.

A Thank You to Our Volunteers

Volunteers are critical to our success! Thank you for a job well done.

Our new *Spot-Lite* Editor, John Seguin, has done a great job in reworking our newsletter, so please give him some newsletter feedback in order to add to each edition. Kathy Seguin is still our Sheriff, so make sure you wear your CCFMCA badge. Paul and Joan Flickinger, and Cathy and I set off to examine the CCFMCA trailer, there is a large amount of stuff inside. So, Paul and Joan said they will go through the trailer and reorganize the interior prior to next season. I want to thank George Overman, Cass and Terry Cassidy, Paul and Joan Flickinger, Dave and Marilyn Franke, Sonny and Carol Gillespie, Trace and Jodi Lenocker, John and Carol, Dave and Diane Glen, and to all our general members who helped out during a rally. Thank you for standing by us.

Our success depends on our volunteers who share their time and skills to help us have an enjoyable time doing the things we like to do. Everyone that helps eases the load on everyone else. It would be a shame to cancel the event. So, join in!

History of CCFMCA

1. Recapture our History: If you have pictures of past locations with names of past rallies, please share your information. It would be great. Use your smartphone to take pictures and end it in so we can share. They will be kept on the website in the "For Members Only Section" and used in the CCFMCA *Spot-Lite*.
2. We would also like to have an updated picture (i.e. headshot) of everyone in the club, as it is easier to remember a face along with a name since we do not see one another more than six times a year. So, remember to smile.

Streamline the Administration System

We need to process our forms online to make it easier to streamline Membership Applications and registration to rallies. Making payments through PayPal will go directly to the bank and the treasurer will have the funds immediately. Membership will get notifications and the Trail Boss for each rally will not have to shuffle funds to the bank or send via USPS. Of course, there will be an option to send via USPS. Of course, this will have to be voted on by the membership at our rallies and added to the Standing Rules.

Guest and Visitors

We hope to have guests and visitors and we need to show hospitality to everyone who visits our group. Talk with them, sit at a new persons' table (when we are free to do this of course). That is what our club should be, "Social". This will be the time to start recruiting and spread the word about California Chapter FMCA and the rallies that we participate in.

Rallies

Cathy, our Wagon Master, has all our adventures scheduled, but be mindful and flexible for rally changes regarding food serving, and whether we can use the clubhouses can depend upon state regulations and regulations of the RV parks owners. So please understand and be patient if there is a change in the plan. Again, we are looking for a great 2021.

My Very Best Holiday Wishes,

Carl Gardenias

CCFMCA President 2020 - 2021



Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2020

CCFMCA Memorandum:

Subj: MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



From the Board of Directors, we have endured much through this COVID-19 pandemic year. Congratulations to past members and present members for making the California Chapter great. We would like to hope all had a wonderful

Thanksgiving and plans for an enjoyable and joyous Christmas Holiday. As your board members, we are working diligently to press on into the 2021 New Year and keep all members safe at our rallies with safety protocols. So please be contentious about being personally safe and protected during this pandemic.

Below is a synopsis of issues determined from the October Board meeting:

- Paul Flickinger will handle finding new CCFMCA positions for the following: 2 new Directors, 1 new Secretary and an Alternate National Director.
- CCFMCA Feather Flags – Flag acquisition has been approved and a process started to acquire them for the organization.
- Find a CCFMCA Director to take on the position as CCFMCA Membership / Hospitality.
- Current CCFMCA Membership renewals to all that paid for 2020 are been extend through the 2021 calendar year. Any new CCFMCA Membership Applications will have to pay for the 2021 year.

Note(s):

- For minutes from the "Board of Directors Meeting" are accessible when you logon to <https://ccfmca.org/documents> under "MEETING MINUTES".
- Board meetings will be conducted via Zoom for the near future. The Board members will be on video as before and all members will be able to teleconference in to listen only to the meetings. This will duplicate as much as possible what we had done in the past in person at rallies. The Zoom teleconference invitations with phone number, Event ID and Password will be sent to all members the day before the meeting. At the same time and in the same email as the invitation instructions will be sent out, as well for those who are doing this for the first time.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Carl Gardenias – President
 Sonny Gillespie – Vice President and National Director
 Cass Cassidy - Treasurer
 Cathy Gardenias – Wagon Master

John Jones - Director
 George Overman – Director
 Paul Flickinger – Director
 Tracy Lenocker – Director



FROM THE EDITOR

By John Seguin

Have a happy Holiday. As the new *Spot-Lite* Editor, the plan is to produce a bi-monthly publication based on highlights one or two previous rallies, information from our board of directors and information of our future rallies, as well as plans. This will be based on the current pandemic.

Website & Database Coordinator

By Tracy Lenocker

We will be communicate with the membership using several methods during the year.

Timely eMails: From time to time there is a need to get out some information faster than waiting for the *Spot-Lite*, which is published every two months.

Our Website: The site contains copies of all CCFMCA documents including by-laws, Standing Rules, membership roster, past *Spot-Lite* newsletters, membership applications and renewal applications, photos from rallies, and minutes from previous General Membership and Board of Director meetings. The website is www.ccfmca.org.

**Wagon Master 2021 News, Rallies and Events**

By Cathy Gardenias, Wagon Master

I know that the first year as Wagon Master has been limited to one rally in February 2020 at Newport Dunes. For all those who were not able to join us, we had 25 coaches, celebrated our 55th year, and received a certificate and \$4,000 from

FMCA. Canceling all of the other rallies was heartbreaking. In March, I also had to cancel my other organizations \$100,000 convention, and refund everyone's monies from around the world. I so wanted to see our friends from CCFMCA and my other organization. Above all, safety comes first.

I am happy to say that we have scheduled all our next 2021 rallies and by the middle of 2021, I will have all the 2022 rallies scheduled, for whoever decides to run for Wagon Master. These scheduled rallies will be posted for all to see on the CCFMCA and the FMCA website. Let's pray that this pandemic will be under control by

then.

Please keep in mind that due to conditions during the time of any rally, the number of those attending, group size limitations, and the very big unknown if allowed to prepare, cater and or serve food might force changes to any of our planned events. We will be at the mercy of Federal, State, and Local regulations. For the first rally and the safety of our members, we may not get the option of using the clubhouse, but we will have the rally. We will probably do a box type dinner from a venue for Friday and Saturday nights, with you being on your own Thursday, no breakfast provided for Friday and Saturday. The \$20 per person will go to the catering of the dinners and I promise we will make it great.

As always, we need volunteers to play the part of Trail Boss and Assistant Trail Boss. It is arduous for one or two people to be the ones constantly doing every event. I know that most would prefer to volunteer for cleanup, kitchen duty, etc. But we will still need Trail Bosses.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our rallies and hope that all will continue to stay safe and well throughout the coming year

Please keep in mind someone you would like to see as the 2022 Wagon Master and Trail Bosses throughout the upcoming year.

If you have any questions about rallies, please contact me for information regarding our rallies. It is better than going through someone else and not getting a response as soon as you would like.

Contact information: eMail ccfmca.1@gmail.com; Phone # -951-809-8720 (leave a message if I don't respond right away). I filter voicemails due to spam calls etc.

Everyone – Safe Journeys, Be Blessed, Have Fun and Stay Healthy.

Cathy Gardenias, Wagon Master

Note to Trial Boss Coordinators:

For you Trail Bosses signing up to head the RVs on the road, remember there are free chuck wagon vittles and free RV site fees. So for more roundup information contact the Wagon Master - Cathy Gardenias at ccfmca.1@gmail.com or

The Game Captain



By John Jones

As your "Game Captain", we are planning on a return of our fun games with a few rules to make our rallies safe for our members, starting with the February rally.



My lovely wife, Carol and I attended a rally with the SC Elks-FMCA earlier this month that sets the standard for us at the California Chapter.

Card-games: Games such as Nickel-down, Paducah and other games will be played as in the past with some new rules to be followed during COVID-19, such as:

1. Face masks are required at the game table.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available at all games.

Outdoor-games: Bean Bag Baseball and Blongo Ladder Golf game.

1. Hand sanitizer will be available and highly recommended.
2. Social distancing is highly recommended.

Bingo will be added if requested.

Hospitality and Membership



By Carol Jones

It is with great sadness that I need to inform you that our friend Dianne Prara passed on October 16th after a long battle with cancer. Our sympathy goes out to her husband Walt and their family.

We wish all of our members who are suffering from any illnesses or surgeries speedy recoveries.

Please keep me informed of any members that need get well wishes or cheering!

We look forward to having them join us at future rallies and getting to know them!

NEW MEMBERS: We are delighted to welcome two new members to CCFMCA:

- ◆ Wayne and Betty Cernie -Lake Havasu City, AZ

WARMEST OF WISHES TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR CCFMCA FAMILY AND STAY SAFE!!

Carol Jones, Membership
cajonesdb@yahoo.com
909-859-9650

CCFMCA Antique Pickers



By The CCFMCA Mystery Historian

After cleaning up the California Chapter trailer, we located the items displayed below. We would like to shake out the cobwebs and try and remember what these are and what they were used for. The next CCFMCA Spot-Lite will have the explanation of what these items are and what their function was.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



CCFMCA Happenings

2020 Past WMHA Indio Rally Photo Captures

Photographs captured from the FMCA Flickr Website page



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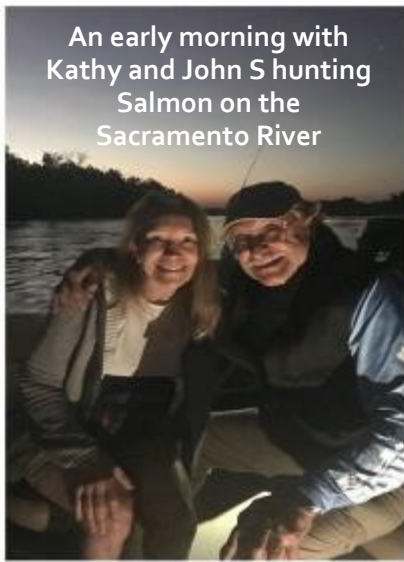
2020 Red Bluff Summer Excursion for Salmon



After two days Cathy G's "Big Catch"



Kathy S relaxing at Lassen Peak, Emerald Lake



An early morning with Kathy and John S hunting Salmon on the Sacramento River



Carl and Cathy resting there weary bones at Lassen Peak, Emerald Lake



Waiting for the big blow while visiting Lassen Volcanic Peak



Leisurely camping setup

CCFMCA RV Maintenance Thoughts

Remote Monitoring of Grid and Battery Conditions



By Tracy Lenocker

I know this does not apply to most of our chapter members, however, you might still find it interesting. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jodi and I decided to definitely stay home as much as possible. We store our RV off the mountain where we live since there is limited space up here to park it and we did not want to leave it in the snow and worry about snowplow damage.

Our biggest concern was to make sure the coach batteries were charged in case we had to get off the mountain for any emergency.

I thought about it for a few days and realized that I had all of the parts just sitting around to monitor the shore and battery charging voltages. I keep a voltmeter plugged in to the coach to monitor the shore power. I keep a *Verizon MiFi* packed away in the coach so we can have internet access when we travel. At home, I had a 12-volt meter and a Nest camera that I was not using.

In the coach's bedroom area I have a standard 120-volt outlet and a 12-volt outlet. I plugged in the 12 voltmeter to the socket and the 120 voltmeter into the 12-volt socket. I then placed the Nest camera facing both meters. I then plugged the *Mifi* into a USB plug and turned it on.

The *Mifi* provides the connection for the Nest camera and I get a picture of the voltages whenever I want. I set it up to only send photos when there was a change in what the camera was seeing. So whenever the voltage changes or the sun rises and sets I receive a photo.

Now you might be wondering what happens if someone unplugs the shore power and things die. Well, first of all, I get a photo showing the shore power voltage is zero. A little later I get a message that the camera is offline. If that happens, which has happened twice in the past 8 months, we schedule a trip down to the RV that fits our schedule. We also take advantage of the trip to run the engine, start and run the generator, and once we just drove it around a big loop on a few freeways.

Sometimes the *Mifi* just loses a connection. In that case, waiting a few hours or two days it just comes back.

Here is a screen capture of the messages sent to my Outlook account:

FROM	SUBJECT
From: RV: 9 item(s)	
RV	Your Kitchen camera noticed some activity.
RV	Your Kitchen camera noticed some activity.
RV	Your Kitchen camera noticed some activity.
RV	Your Kitchen camera noticed some activity.
RV	Your Kitchen camera noticed some activity.
RV	Your Kitchen camera noticed some activity.
RV	Your camera is offline.
RV	Your Kitchen camera noticed some activity.
RV	Your Kitchen camera noticed some activity.

Here is a sample of one photo:



In addition, I use *TempSticks* to monitor the temperatures in the freezer, cabin, and one of the lower storage units. Since the *Mifi* is on I can remotely monitor the temperatures which at times this summer got very hot even in a covered storage facility.





2021 California Chapter FMCS Road Trip Calendar

Roundup Note

For you **Trail Bosses and Co-Trail Bosses** signing up to head the RVs on the road, there is free chuck wagon vittles and free RV site fees. For roundup information contact the Wagon Master - Cathy Gardenias at ccfm-ca.1@gmail.com or phone 951-809-8720

January 8 - 12 2021 GPS: Lat: 33.713280 Lon: -116.224329	Dark INDIO EVENT CANCELED DUE TO COVID Riverside County Fairgrounds 82503 Hwy 111 Indio, CA 92201-5633		Full Hookups: Elevation: -7
February 18 - 21 2021 GPS: Lat: 33.912240 Lon: -116.877888	Banning Stagecoach KOA 1455 S San Geronio Ave Banning, CA 92220	Trail Boss: TBD Co-Trail Boss: TBD	Full Hookups: 951-849-7513 Elevation: 2231
March 18 - 21 - 2021 GPS: Lat: 33.615925 Lon: -117.890440	Newport Dunes RV Resort 1131 Back Bay Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660	Trail Boss: TBD Co-Trail Boss: TBD	Full Hookups: 949-729-3863 Elevation: 15
April 14 - 18 2021 GPS: Lat: 33.615925 Lon: -116.366105	The Springs at Borrego 2255 Di Giorgio Rd. Borrego Springs, CA	Trail Boss: TBD Co-Trail Boss: TBD	Full Hookups: 760-767-0004 Elevation: 15
May 13 - 16 2021 GPS: Lat: 33.746974 Lon: -117.010896	Golden Village Palms 3600 West Florida Ave Hemet, CA 92545-3501	Trail Boss: TBD Co-Trail Boss: TBD	Full Hookups: 951-925-2518 Elevation: 1520
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST	NO CAMPOUT		
September 9 - 12 2021 GPS: Lat: 34.451810 Lon: -117.101051	Pechanga RV Resort 45000 Pechanga Pkwy Temecula, CA 92592	Trail Boss: TBD Co-Trail Boss: TBD	Full Hookups: 877 711-2946 Elevation: 1119 MSL
October 6 - 10 2021 GPS: Lat: 33.746974 Lon: -117.010896	OKTOBERFEST 3600 West Florida Ave Hemet, CA 92545-3501	Trail Boss: TBD Co-Trail Boss: TBD	Full Hookups: 951-925-2518 Elevation: 1520
November 11 - 14 2021 GPS: Lat: 33.754024 Lon: -116.270025	Shadow Hills RV Resort 40655 Jefferson Street Indio, CA 92203	Trail Boss: TBD Co-Trail Boss: TBD	Full Hookups: 760-360-4040 Elevation: 61 MSL

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CCFMCA Organization

FMCA Web Site: www.fmca.com

FMCA Business 808-543-3622

Western Area FMCA Web Site: www.wafmca.com

California Chapter of FMCA

Webmaster and Database Coordinator

Send All Address Changes to: Tracy Lenocker

PO Box 2672

Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352

tracy@lenocker.com

909-337-0315

Officers

President: Carl Gardenias 951-490-2270
 Vice Pres: Sonny Gillespie 951-492-0787
 Secretary: Vacant
 Treasurer: Cass Cassidy 760-612-1260

Directors

Director: John Jones 909-859-9648
 Director: George Overman 760-889-2216
 Director: Vacant
 Director: Paul Flickinger 951-201-8127
 Director: Tracy Lenocker 909-337-0315
 Wagonmaster: Cathy Gardenias 951-809-8720

Appointed Officers

Spot-Lite Editor - John Seguin
 Safety Officer - Vacant
 Membership - Carol Jones
 Data Coordinator - Tracy Lenocker
 Hospitality - Carol Jones
 Webmaster - Tracy Lenocker
 Coffee Captain - Vacant
 Materials - To Be Appointed
 Badge Sheriff - Kathie Seguin
 Historian - Vacant



CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION (CCFMCA) INC.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant must be a member of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA), or must have applied for or be applying for membership in FMCA simultaneously with this application to be eligible for membership in CCFMCA. Please provide your FMCA number here: F _____.

As members, we / I agree to abide by the provisions of the Family Motor Coach Association Inc, "Code of Ethics" to foster a wholesome public image for all family motor coach owners.

Last Name*: _____ First Name*: _____ and _____

Address*: _____

City*: _____ State*: _____ Zip Code*: _____ + _____

Phone*: _____ Cell Phone*: _____

e-Mail Address*: _____

Motorhome Brand: _____ Length: _____ Slide-Out(s): Yes ___ / NO ___ Number: Left ___ Right ___

- Our fiscal year is January 1st through December 31st. Annual dues are \$15.00 (due January 1st each year).
- An initiation fee of \$25.00 is charged for two (2) people or \$15.00 for one (1) person joining CCFMCA. This covers the cost of badges, postage and materials. Annual dues are \$15.00. Those joining between October 1st and December 31st will have their dues applied to the remainder of the year and the following year.
- Additional Badges are \$10:00 each (names): _____

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

- Would you like to list your e-mail address on the roster? YES ___ NO ____ . **Note:** The e-mail roster is available only to chapter members.
- Would you like the Spot-Lite (newsletter) sent to you by e-mail? YES ___ NO ____ . **Note:** If you choose to receive the Spot-Lite by e-Mail, you will: Receive it sooner than USPS, in color, save CCFMCA cost of printing and postage cost. Please visit the CCFMCA website: www.ccfmca.org.

Please make check payable to CCFMCA and return both the *New Membership Application* and your payment to:

Carol A. Jones (CCFMCA Membership)
958 Dahlia Ave
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

	2 PEOPLE	or	1 PERSON
INITIATION FEE:	\$ 25.00		\$ 15.00
ANNUAL DUES:	\$ 15.00		\$ 10.00
EXTRA BADGES:	\$ _____		\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____		\$ _____

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Membership Renewal is ONLY \$15.00 per coach. Please update your information in the New Membership area where **Red Asterisks** indicate. Please make check payable to CCFMCA and return both the *Membership Renewal* and payment to:

Carol A. Jones (CCFMCA Membership)
958 Dahlia Ave
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

RENEWAL FEE:	\$ 15.00 / Per Coach
TOTAL ENCLOSED:	\$ _____