



**CCFMCA FEATURED NEWS**



2. Happy New Year to all as the new 2022-2024 CCFMCA Officers begin their new positions after the Shadow Hills RV Resort Rally and Chapter General meeting elections in November 2021.



2. **CCFMCA National Director - National News:** Not much has been happening. The Cincinnati offices were closed from Christmas through Monday of the new year. Sign-ups for Tucson are running well, and looks to be a big turnout! Those who have not attended a National Rally should give it a go! It's the closest one to our Chapter that will occur for a few years as the next national rally will be next year in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Executive Board recently had a meeting in Cincinnati, and all is well. Our new president, Brett Porter, has quite an excellent board. Brett's going to be an outstanding President! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me! Contact info is in this News Letter, and I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and have a healthy New Year!



4. **A Wagon Master "Howdie":** I am Dede Hermon the 2022-2024 Wagonmaster, the 2022-calendar is a work in progress with the first two rallies set. More will be added and posted on the

web and newsletters.

COVID-19 Portal Link: [https:// covid19.ca.gov/](https://covid19.ca.gov/).



Daily life do's and don'ts:

- ◆ Get vaccinated - <https://myturn.ca.gov/>
- ◆ Booster shots and additional doses - [Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://myturn.ca.gov/vaccines)
- ◆ Wear masks as required
- ◆ Follow events safety rules
- ◆ Get tested if you're ill
- ◆ Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record - [Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record \(ca.gov\)](https://myturn.ca.gov/digital)
- ◆ Tracking Variants - [Tracking Variants \(ca.gov\)](https://myturn.ca.gov/variants)



22. This months **CCFM-CA Maintenance Thoughts** cover the issue of fuel additives and whether to use them. Unfortunately, debris is the last thing you want in your engine. You'll end up with pistons cracking, misfires, and accelerated engine wear. So enjoy the article and abide by the vehicle owners manual, your service agent and research on your part to determine what is best for your motorhome by each manufacturer.

**JAN - FEB 2022 Calendar**

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan 1 - New Years | Feb 2 - Groundhog Day       |
| Jan 17 - MLK Day  | Feb 11 - Lincoln's Birthday |
|                   | Feb 13 - Super Bowl         |
|                   | Feb 14 - Valentine's Day    |
|                   | Feb 21 - President's Day    |

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**January 2022  
Membership  
Renewal Time**



Winter in Shenandoah - Shenandoah National Park (U.S. National Park Service)

## From the President



Thanks for the superb job by our outgoing officers in 2020-2021, and welcome to the new and returning officers for 2022-2024. Some of us are seasoned, and some are new and may stumble along the way. But we are all out to have an enjoyable adventure in the end. By the time this issue comes out, we will all have had our Christmas dinner and stayed up until at least nine o'clock on New Year's Eve and trying to remember how to write 2022.

I am looking forward to the coming year and seeing your smiling faces at the rallies.

Just something to ponder: "If you think you are too small, try sleeping with a mosquito." Dalai Lama

Leonard Wahlquist  
CCFMCA President 2022-2024



## From CCFMCA National Director

By Sonny Gillespie



Hello to all and welcome to the new year of 2022. The Western Area Rally in Indio, California, cancelled again for 2022, which is still due to being used as a COVID testing area, vaccination venue, patient treatment and designated a Federal Medical Station (FMS).

**Member ID Card** - Don't forget to download nay of your member ID cards: <https://www.fmca.com/fmca-digital-member-kit>

FMCA 104th International Convention and RV Expo. Please mark your calendars for FMCA's 104th International Convention and RV Expo, "Saguaros and Sunsets," scheduled to take place March 23-26, 2022, in Tucson, Arizona. Register at this link <https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/convention/AZ22RegistrationForm.pdf>.

The FMCA Academy, in partnership with the RV Driving School, is offering a pair of programs for attendees - an RV Driving class and an RV Backing class. Space is limited, so encourage your chapter members to sign up as soon as possible. For more information, visit <https://www.fmca.com/rv-driving-school>.

**Harvest Hosts Membership:** RV Camping at 2263+ Win-

eries, Breweries, Farms, Museums and More. Attractions That Invite RVers to Stay Overnight! FMCA subscribers still have access to 15% off of a whole year of unlimited overnights! [RV Camping at 2263+ Wineries, Breweries, Farms, Museums and More - Harvest Hosts Membership](#)

Sonny Gillespie

## THE SPOT-LITE EDITOR

By John Seguin



**Remember our communication methods:**

1. Timely emails - Occasional instances will arise when there is a need for communications with members about updates rather than waiting for the CCFMCA Spot-Lite published every two months.
2. CCFMCA Spot-Lite - Our bi-monthly publication highlights previous rallies, includes maintenance information, Chuckwagon Vittles, FMCA National News, etc., and Board of Directors updates and information on future rallies.
3. CCFMCA Website - The third communication effort is the Chapter's website.

Note COVID Forms are still required, so file them out and forward to the Wagonmaster.

## Website & Database Coordinator

By Tracy Lenocker



CCFMCA's website has our chapter's information. Most notably, the most current newsletter and minutes of the most recent Board or General Membership Meetings.

Also, the names of the current board members are listed. You will no longer see directors listed because the general membership voted to eliminate the director positions.

The approved amended Bylaws and approved amended Standing Rules are posted on the website for your reference.

If you have any suggestions of other items that we can post on the website, please get in touch with me so we can discuss how to implement your ideas.

At this time, the FMCA COVID form is still required. The form itself is on the website for you to download and fill out. It is under the tab called "Rallies." You may either mail the form to the Wagon Master, email it, or bring it to the Rally you will attend. Please note that you can optionally select to make the waiver cover the entire 2022 year by checking the box that says "All 2022 Events". I hope to see you at the next Rally.

Tracy Lenocker

# CCFMCA NEWSCAST

## The Game Guy

By John Jones



Our CCFMCA game areas are in three categories:

**Indoor games:** We're always open to new games but often go back to those we've played for years. Some of these are:

**Card Bingo** is one of our most popular games, usually table played with four people. The goal is to get rid of your 13 cards first. Fortunately, they can be laid on the table, rather than in your hand. We usually play other games after Card Bingo.

**Paducah** is another game known with many different names. Your goal is *NOT* having the lowest card at the table. If someone has the same card as you, both will be safe.

**Nickel Down**, another popular game, is a fun game that is a form of rummy indoors when wind, rain, or cold are problems.

We play these games indoors when weather permits. When a clubhouse is available, we move

**Outdoor games:** These include Beanbag Baseball and Blongo (known as ladder golf).

**Beanbag Baseball** pits two teams fighting for the World Series of California Chapter!!!

**Blongo** pits couples against each other until there are two tournament winners!

**Corn Hole** is a lawn game in which player teams take turns throwing 16 ounce bags at a raised platform (board) with a hole in the far end. A bag in the hole scores 3 points, while one on the board scores 1 point. Play continues until a team or player reaches or exceeds the score of 21.

**Other CCFMCA Events:** A third category isn't gaming but the outdoor experiences to enjoy the sights (i.e., campground, nature, & people). It's bicycling with cruisers, mountains, three-wheelers, and med-scooters, etc. At the desert rally, 16 bike riders rode the Shadow Hills RV Resort. We hope to have hats available for the CCRiders interested. Carol Jones (my wife) is at hard a work designing the CC Rider hat, coming soon to a rally near you!

John Jones

## Hospitality & Membership News

By Carol Jones



**A few of our members could use some encouragement and cheer.**

John Jones, our game captain, is still in physical therapy and working hard to get the full function back into his hand.

- \* Ron Welker will be undergoing radiation treatments beginning in January 2022. Please keep him in your prayers.
- \* Monika Legrone is still recovering, not allowed to walk or drive.

**We wish all of these members and others missing from the above list our very best!**

Please keep me informed of any chapter members who need "Get Well Wishes or Cheering!"

**Don't forget your 2022 dues are due in January. The Renewal Form is included in the newsletter on page 26 or found on the website.**

**NEW MEMBERS:** We have two new members:

- \* Alisa Garrett and Bobby Rollins of Temecula, CA

**We look forward to meeting them at one of the upcoming rallies.**

**Wishing all the members of our CCFMCA Family a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Carol Jones – 909-859-9650, [cajonesdb@yahoo.com](mailto:cajonesdb@yahoo.com)  
Hospitality & Membership

## From the Sheriff

By Kathie Seguin



**Howdie Yawl** - I want you to beware as I am putting out "Wanted Posters" and hunting for those CCFMCA "BADGES". Now listen here, badges tell us apart from normal RVers and since we are slowly seeing one another and trying to remember names — they're important. So wear the badges to avoid a monetary fine (\$\$\$) to the "Sheriff". The last rally I had to fine a few folks for not wearing their badges. So, smile and say "Howdy" when meeting everyone once again.

Kathie Seguin, Badge Sheriff



## The Wagon Master-Rallies and Events



By Dede Hermon, Wagon Master

[dedek6ddz@gmail.com](mailto:dedek6ddz@gmail.com)



Good day to all. I hope that your journeys have kept you happy and safe through Christmas and New Year.

I hope everyone is ready for a fun-packed 2022. I have been working on the schedule for this year and have plans to return to a few friendly resorts and visit a few new resorts.

I plan to send out a full rally agenda to registered CCFMCA members about ten days before the events. The agenda is going to provide rally information and a schedule of meetings, games, and other activities. An RV resort amenities listing is to be provided, and a location map.

We are discussing the possibility of visiting local attractions or activities.

If you have suggestions or recommendations on resorts that CCFMCA should be included in our calendar schedule, please feel free to email me.

If anyone is interested in serving as a trail boss, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can put you on the calendar. We expect to have a lot of fun!

*Dede Hermon, CCFMCA Wagon Master 2022*



### **Trial Boss / Co-Trial Boss Note !**

For RV trail herding, remember the chuck wagon vittles and RV campsite is free. Also, trail herding documents are on the CCFMCA website under a [Trail Boss Documents](#) header tab. But for any Trial Boss information contact your Wagon Master - Dede Hermon at [dedek6ddz@gmail.com](mailto:dedek6ddz@gmail.com) or phone 909-878-3456.



## 2022 CCFMCA Rally Calendar

### **Roundup Note**

For the **Trail Bosses and Co-Trail Bosses** signing up to round-up the RVs for the road, there is free chuck wagon vittles and RV site fees. For roundup information contact the Wagon Master - Dede Hermon at [dedek6ddz@gmail.com](mailto:dedek6ddz@gmail.com) or phone 909-878-3456. *Trail Boss and Co-Trail Boss* documents can be located on the CCFMCA website under a [Trail Boss Documents](#) header tab.

January 2022	<i>No Rally</i>		
<b>February 17 - 20, 2022</b> GPS: Lat: 33.912321 Lon: -116.877888	Banning Stagecoach KOA 1455 S San Geronio Ave Banning, CA 92220	Trail Boss: Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 951-849-7513 Elev: 2,337.53ft
<b>March 17 - 20, 2022</b> GPS: Lat: 33.615925 Lon: -117.890440	Newport Dunes RV Resort 1131 Back Bay Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660	Trail Boss: Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 949-729-3863 Elev: 6.56ft
<b>April 21 -23, 2022</b> GPS: Lat: 33.746974 Lon: -117.010896	Golden Village Palms RV Resort 3600 West Florida Ave Hemet, CA 92545-3501	Trail Boss: Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 951-925-2518 Elev: 1,522.31ft
<b>May 19 - 22, 2022</b> GPS: Lat: 34.085490 Lon: -117.794680	Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort 1440 Camper View Rd San Dimas, CA 91773	Trail Boss: Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 909-599-8355 Elev: 1099.08ft
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST	<i>No Rallies</i>		
<b>September TBD 2022</b> GPS: Lat: Lon:		Trail Boss: Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: Elev:
<b>October 13 - 15, 2022</b> GPS: Lat: 33.746974 Lon: -117.010896	Launch Point 32040 Riverside Drive Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	Trail Boss: Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: 951-471-1212 Elev: 1,269.69ft
<b>November 17 - 20, 2022</b> GPS: Lat: 32.638862 Lon: -117.102259	Sun Outdoors San Diego 825 E Street Chula Vista CA 91910	Trail Boss: Co-Trail Boss:	Full Hookups: (619) 489-3950 Elev: 68.90ft
<b>December</b>	<i>No Rally</i>		

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**FEBRUARY 2022 CCFMCA RALLY**

February 17-20, 2022

**BANNING STAGECOACH KOA JOURNEY**

1455 S. SAN GORGONIO AVE., BANNING, CA 92220

951 849-7513

<https://koa.com/campgrounds/banning-stagecoach>

GPS Coordinates Lat / Long: 33.912321, -116.877870

<b>THURSDAY:</b> 2:00 Arrive, Settle, Relax 5:30 Happy Hour & Munchies (BYOB)	<b>SATURDAY:</b> 10:00 CC Riders 5:30 Happy Hour & Catered Dinner
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 10:00 Presidents Welcome Gathering 5:30 Happy Hour & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres (BYOB)	<b>SUNDAY:</b> 11:00 Check out

*\* Meetings, games and other activities will be added to the agenda which will be emailed to members prior to the event.*

**Reservations must be received by: February 2, 2022**

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap Parking? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Placard # \_\_\_\_\_ Your First CCFMCA Rally? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Coach Model \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Slides Left \_\_\_ Right \_\_\_ Rear \_\_\_  
 Parking \$ 41.51 (FHU) Wed (opt) \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ #nights \_\_\_ @ \$41.51 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration Included: 1 Catered Dinner Number of Persons \_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER: Set up \_\_\_\_\_ Serving \_\_\_\_\_ Clean up \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this reservation form and check, payable to CCFMCA to:  
 CCFMCA, c/o Dede Hermon, PO Box 2849, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

MARCH 2022 CCFMCA RALLY

March 17-20, 2022

NEWPORT DUNES WATERFRONT RESORT AND MARINA  
101 NORTH BAYSIDE DRIVE, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

949 729-1100

<https://www.newportdunes.com>

GPS Coordinates Lat / Long: 33.61519870, -117.89150370



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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Parking? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Placard # \_\_\_\_\_ Your First CCFMCA Rally? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Coach Model \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Slides Left \_\_\_ Right \_\_\_ Rear \_\_\_

Parking \$ 56.50 (FHU) Wed (opt) \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ #nights \_\_\_ @ \$56.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Included: 1 Catered Dinner Number of Persons \_\_\_ @ \$ 20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTEER: Set up \_\_\_\_\_ Serving \_\_\_\_\_ Clean up \_\_\_\_\_

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MARCH 2022 CCFMCA RALLY



March 17-20, 2022

NEWPORT DUNES WATERFRONT RESORT AND MARINA  
101 NORTH BAYSIDE DRIVE, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

949 729-1100

<https://www.newportdunes.com>

- The event is Thursday, MARCH 17 – SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022.
- ***RV sites are 25' x 40' and back-in only sites, NO PULL THROUGHs.***
- ***I understand that there may be larger sites for rigs over 40', but you may need to pay extra.***
- ***If you cannot do three days, you will need to call Newport Dunes directly and pay for the additional days you will be there. Example: Thursday – Friday or Friday - Saturday only; pay them directly. You will still send in your registration for food only in this case.***
- If you want to come early, call them and tell them what group you are with, there are no guarantees that you will be parked with the California Chapter group before or after the event or during the event, but they will try. You must call the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and make reservations with them.
- Make sure you tell them you are with the CCFMCA Chapter – to receive our rate of \$56.50 per night, which includes tax. Call 800 765-7661



# CCFMCA Rally



This was CCFMCA's last and final rally of the year after a tumultuous COVID year, as our outgoing CCFMCA president mentioned during the Board of Directors meeting and CCFMCA General Meeting. The rally brought out many more members as our organization becomes more vaccinated and comfortable with chapter gatherings. There was a lot of folks who gathered for games and other participant outings. So enjoy rally photographs.



Attending CCFMCA members: Denise Loxton, Kris & Jodi Lewis, Ed & Judi Hessemer, Bill & Loanne Johnson, Carl & Cathy Gardenias, Mel & Loretta Roberts, Leonard Wahlquist & Beth Smith, Dave & Marilyn Franke, Dave & Diane Glenn, Wayne & Janet Lewis, Scott & Mary Campbell, Don & Irina Sabers, John & Kathie Seguin, Tracy & Jodi Lenocker, Sonny & Carole Gillespie, Andy & Betty Pravecek, Joe & Barb Marcosa, Tom & Dede Hermon, and Gary Hestor.



# *Desert Rally Opening Meet and Greet*





# Casino Gaming no Just Ladder Golf



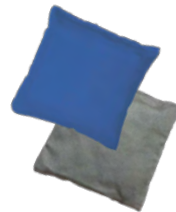
Our winners: Dave Franke, Cathy Gardenia;  
Runners-Up: Leonard Wahlquist and Jodi Lenocker



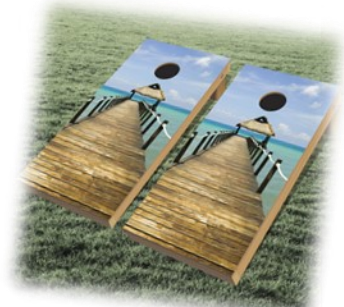


# First CCFMCA

# CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



Our winners: Irina and Don Saber





# Shadow Hills RV Resort Grounds



Poolside relaxation by a CCFMCA member.

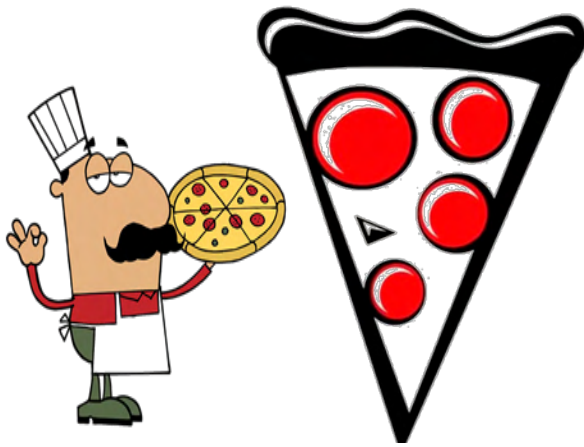


# California Chapter CCRiders



The great *CCRiders* bike-out was attended by a large group of chapter membership as they traveled the Shadow Hills RV Resort by-ways and local area. Our "California Chapter Riders", known as the "*CCRiders*" continues to grow at each of the chapters rallies to enjoy the open air, sunshine and friendship while being in the open air. A group of plain fun loving folks who love "60s Rock and Roll". This is an activity to be enjoyed during our rallies for those who attend with their bicycles - electric, pedal power and even with the critter tow cart. This rallies group totaled 16 members traveling with bikes and participated in rides around Shadow Hills RV Resort for the last CCFMCA rally of the season. So hope to see more of you in the up-coming season of the "*CCRiders*"! See you next time.





# CCFMCA PIZZA NIGHT



Annual Birthday Raffle Prize Give away



# CCFMCA Badge Sheriff Levies Heavy Fines for Not Wearing CCFMCA Badges at Rally



The CCFMCA Badge Sheriff's mission is a service to the chapter at CCFMCA rallies, enhancing the partnership with members in enforcing CCFMCA Badges. In the pursuit of the following:

**DIGNITY** - The CCFMCA Sheriff strives to remain compassionate, courteous, and protect those wearing the CCFMCA name badge with confidence and pride.

**INTEGRITY** - Badge wearers will be responsible for the conduct, both professionally and personally. All will be diligent, honest, fair, and show strength of character. All will hold themselves accountable to the highest badge wearing standards.



**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** - The Sheriff recognizes the trust placed in this position of public trust and the responsibility. The Sheriff strives to remain effective, efficient, and responsive to the needs of CCFMCA. Everyone in the chapter must wear their CCFMCAA name badge at the rallies. Should this not occur, the Badge Sheriff will levy a hefty \$.25 fine for not wearing the badge during a rally.

At the Shadow Hills RV Resort rally a few folks received "hefty" fines when the Sheriff was placed in a position to levy those fines for each badge offense. So, Denise and Gary reach deep into their pockets for the Sheriff's heavy fines. "I am watching" so wear those CCFMCA Badges.

*The Sheriff*





# *CCFMCA Special Characters on the Fly*



*Shadow Hills RF Resort Backdrop*

# Final Season Rally 2021 Dinner

The 2021 Final Rally Dinner at Shadow Hills RV Resort was an enjoyable affair for all attending. This gathering was all about relaxation, friendship, and good food. We all struggled with a tumultuous year, knowing the uncertainty of COVID, asking when vaccinations would show up, and the patience trying to stay safe and protect our loved ones from infection. Other concerns were in determining if the 2021 CCFMCA rally calendar would go forward. As all began to take their seats, thoughts of the current Board of Directors came to mind on how they endeavored to move the organization's goals and calendar forward despite the hardships endured. All these thoughts came full circle as the final Board of Directors meeting was held, the last General meeting for 2021 would be held, and new 2022-2024 officers would be elected. Placing this all aside to enjoy a great dinner with chapter members and friends, I hope you savored this dinner and recount your enjoyment through these photographs.



*Dinner Anticipation*



*Sharing with Friends*



*Deep Discussion*



*Simone and Bray our Host's*



*Building Relationships*



*Sheriff and Editor*



## *Season Rally 2021 Annual Birthday Drawing Winners*



# *Final 2021 Board of Directors and General Meeting*



*Final 2021 Board of Director's Meeting*

## *Final 2021 General Meeting*





# Historical Past Badges

By John Seguin

The California Chapter's continuing history progresses beyond our 55 years, as Carl Gardenia commented in our 2021 Nov-Dec Spot-Lite issue. "He indicated the organization's history is essential and should be captured with new members joining and attending rallies, such as Irina and Don Saber." They rallied with us in Borrego Springs and Shadow Hills, which brings up a point that we see new folks at our rallies all the time. These new attendees enjoy meeting us and remember who they encounter.

Our Sheriff has mentioned on numerous occasions the importance of badge-wearing. Visiting folks learn member names and remember the folks they met through the wearing of our CCFMCA badges. But in case you forgot, it will cost you \$0.25 if you fail to wear the badge! The Sheriff said, "I am watching."

Two older ones surfaced during our Shadow Hills rally belonging to early chapter members. Their badges have smaller numerical "F" numbers indicating they were members when our Chapter was developing. They were members for quite some time and had a badge style of the original badge but were engraved in plastic but had the same theme as the original 1965 badges. Denise Loxton spotted the badges and told me about the badges.

I spoke with Sonny and Carole. They have been active members in CCFMCA for quite some time; they shared good stories of their California Chapter (CC) yesterday's experiences; Carole and Son-



ny Gillespie of Hemet CA - Badges # F192815. Sonny has been an active CCFMCA Vice President and FMCA National Director. He has kept the Chapter up to date on all FMCA national issues as they arise.



So, as history travels forward, we thought about what the first California Chapter badge looked like. They were printed on card stock with the member's name and

laminated. What other historical chapter items are waiting to be discovered? It is a superb place to capture these stories and images of those badges by placing them in the Spot-Lite and on our website. If you have any older CCFMCA items, please send your pictures and stories for newsletter publication?



For those interested in supporting the Chapter, the board is looking for a volunteer as our Historian to compile memories, newsprint newsletters, and rally memorable and endearing experiences.

# CCFMCA RV Maintenance Thoughts

## ***Best Fuel Additives to Keep Engines Clear of Debris***

by Tom Roth—28 March 2021 (Auto Quarterly)

Most people take their vehicles into the shop for standard maintenance. While oil changes, transmission fluid changes, and inspections are essential, there is more you can do for your vehicle. In fact, you can clean your engine, injectors, and fuel tank in your driveway. The secret? Fuel additives.

Over time, debris builds up in your vehicle. Unfortunately, debris is the last thing you want in your engine. You'll end up with pistons cracking, misfires, and accelerated engine wear. While fuel additives used to be ineffective in the past, modern mixtures that use [polyetheramine](#) (PEA) perform well.

Fuel additives work because nitrogen-based detergents break down debris and help your engine operate smoothly. Still, some mixtures are better than others, so we're going to take you through the best fuel additives to help you narrow down your options.

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### **Things to Consider When Shopping for Fuel Additives**

There are many fuel additive options on the market. While the goal of each product is the same, to clean your engine, some additives clean different portions of the engine. So, before you consider the best fuel additives, take some time to look at features that separate one product from another.

**Engine Type:** First and foremost, we'll go over the different engine types. While electric cars have entered the market, they're not relevant for fuel additives. So, we'll be going over standard gasoline engines and diesel engines.

**Gasoline:** Gasoline engines are the most common. Most cars on the road use traditional engines. Still, there are different fuel types that work in every engine. For example, some cars run on 93 octane gas, while others run on 87 octane gas. For this reason, you need to choose a fuel additive that works for

your car's fuel type. Luckily, most fuel additives work for every fuel type; just keep an eye out for specifics.

**Diesel:** Diesel engines are more robust than traditional gasoline engines. These engines are massive and run on diesel gasoline instead of conventional gasoline. If you have a diesel engine, you need to be careful because adding the wrong solution to your fuel can cause engine damage. Some products work for every engine, but you're better off with a diesel-specific additive for diesel engines.

**Application:** Once you know your fuel type, it's time to consider the type of fuel additive you need. This is where shopping gets tricky because engines have many different parts. While some products clean the entire engine, other mixtures have specific uses. For example, some fuel additives clean fuel injectors, while others preserve stored fuel.

**Amount:** The last thing to look for is the amount of fuel additive you're getting. Most products give you a measurement in ounces, but some products come with as much as one gallon. The amount you want to get depends on your budget and how much of the additive needs to be inserted into your fuel mixture. While some products will clean your engine with one fill, to get rid of dense carbon deposits, you might need to use it more than once.

### **Top 10 Best Fuel Additives 2021**

1. Best overall Fuel Additive: [Sea Foam SF-16 Motor Treatment](#)
2. Best Fuel Additive for Old Cars: [Techron Concentrate Plus](#)
3. Best Budget Fuel Additive: [Lucas LUC10013 Fuel Treatment](#)
4. Best Premium Fuel Additive: [Red Line Complete Fuel System Cleaner](#)
5. Best for Diesel Engines: [Hot Shot's Secret Everyday Diesel Treatment](#)
6. Most Versatile: [TA-BIL Fuel Treatment](#)
7. Best for Fuel Injectors: [Star Tron Enzyme Fuel](#)

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**Best Fuel Additives to Keep Engines Clear of Debris** ) Applications: Fuel additives are versatile products that have a lot of unique applications. While some products focus on a specific engine component, others offer a comprehensive cleaning. So, we're going to take you through a handful of applications and recommend the best fuel additives for each one.

**Top 10 Best Fuel Additives 2021** (continued)

8. Longest-Lasting: [Royal Purple Max-Clean](#)

9. Best PEA Fuel Additive: [Gumout Multi-System Tune-Up](#)

10. Best for Heavy Machinery: [Howes Diesel Treat](#)

Shopping for fuel additives is not always straightforward. There are a lot of factors you need to consider before you choose a product. Even with the ten best fuel additives in front of you, narrowing down your options is challenging. So, we're going to take you through everything you need to know about fuel additives. Here, we'll narrow down your choices, provide some tips, and answer any questions you might have.

**Engine Types:** While there are a lot of engine types, the two main engines are gasoline and diesel. While the engine does the same job, they're designed differently. For this reason, you need to make sure you choose the right fuel additive for your vehicle's engine.

**Gasoline:** Gasoline engines are the most common engines you'll find on the road. Most vehicles use these engines and run 87, 89, 91, or 93 octane. For these vehicles, you'll want a fuel additive that's designed for the type of gasoline you're using. One example is [Star Tron Enzyme Fuel Treatment](#). It's designed for engines that use 87 octane, which is the most common fuel used in modern cars.

Still, there are other octanes. If you drive a high-performance vehicle, there is a good chance that it runs on 91 or 93 octane gasoline. For these vehicles, consider a product like [Red Line Complete Fuel System Cleaner](#).

**Diesel:** Diesel vehicles run off of different gasoline than traditional cars. This fuel compresses at a higher ratio, which provides more torque and towing capabilities. This is why you'll find most diesel engines in heavy-duty trucks or boats. For diesel engines, you'll want to shop for a diesel-specific fuel additive like [Howes Diesel Treat](#).

**Fuel Injectors:** [Fuel injection](#) is a recent innovation. Older vehicles don't have them, but almost every newer car does. This is because fuel injection is more efficient, easier to repair, and better for combustion. Still, fuel injection doesn't always work. Once a car is driven over 50,000 miles, there is a good chance that fuel injectors will begin to clog up or spray uneven fuel. When this happens, combustion timing is thrown off, and fuel efficiency suffers.

If you're looking to [clean your fuel injectors](#), the best fuel additive for gasoline vehicles is [STA-BIL Fuel Treatment](#). If you drive a diesel, you'll want to consider [Howes Diesel Treat](#).

**Cylinders:** It's hard to know whether or not your cylinders are building up carbon. Still, if you don't have the tools to check, most cars over 25,000 miles have carbon build-up in cylinders. So, it's safe to assume that your engine has some carbon build-up.

To prevent this altogether or reduce carbon deposits, you'll want to use a powerful fuel additive. One of the most potent fuel additives is [Techron Concentrate Plus](#). It's one of the few fuel additives strong enough to break down dense carbon. Still, to thoroughly clean the cylinders, it will take a couple of uses.

**Performance Boost**

Some fuel additives are great for engine maintenance, but others offer performance enhancements. If you drive a high-end car and you're looking to squeeze more horsepower out of your engine, fuel additives can help.

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run a lower octane gasoline if you add the solution to your fuel.

### Tips for Working With Fuel Additives

Fuel additives are specific products, but you need to use them correctly. If you use too much, too little, or the wrong type, you'll end up with a cracked piston rod or blown gasket. We want to make sure you get the most value out of fuel additives, so we're going to take you through a few quick tips.

**Check Your Cylinders Before Choosing a Fuel Additive:** First and foremost, before you use a fuel additive, you need to figure out what your vehicle needs. To get a good idea of this, we recommend removing a spark plug and looking in each of your cylinders with a snake-style camera. Look for signs of carbon deposits, which look like black spots.

If you have many of them, you'll want to choose a product like [Techron Concentrate Plus](#), which is strong enough to remove dense carbon deposits. If your cylinders have minimal carbon build-up, you can focus on cleaning the rest of your engine with a basic fuel additive. You should also follow this rule for diesel engines, generators, and marine applications.

**Use the Right Amount:** When you use a fuel additive, you need to use the right amount. The good news is that most products come with just enough fuel additive to use on a full tank of gas. Still, if you get a more considerable amount of additive, take some time to read the label and apply the right amount.

**Use a Funnel:** Some products don't come with a nozzle to pour the additive through. This is also common in products that offer a gallon or more of fuel additive. If you find yourself in this situation, don't panic; just make sure you have a funnel handy. Luckily, funnels are inexpensive products that you can find at most hardware stores, even grocery stores. Still, we recommend using a silicone funnel to ensure that the solution remains intact.

## FAQ

### **Do Fuel Additives Work on Cars With Carburetors?**

Fuel additives work for many engine components, so there are plenty of products that clean carburetors. Most fuel additives that clean fuel injectors will perform the same task for carburetors.

**Do I Need a Fuel Additive?** Most modern cars run well, but engines aren't always clean. Combustion is messy, which leads to carbon deposits within cylinders and debris in the fuel tanks. Furthermore, fuel injectors and carburetors become clogged over time, which reduces fuel efficiency. You don't need to use a fuel additive, but using one perseveres your engine and improves fuel efficiency.

**Can Fuel Additives Damage Your Engine?** People worry about putting a foreign substance in their engine, for a good reason. Luckily, there is nothing to worry about with fuel additives. As long as a fuel additive uses a PEA-based solution, it's safe to put in your vehicle.

**Do Fuel Additives Work?** Many people worry about the quality of fuel additives. For such little money, the promise of a clean engine seems too good to be true. Well, despite this belief, fuel additives work. The best fuel additives reduce carbon deposits, clean debris, and prime fuel injectors.

### **Final Words**

Fuel additives are unique products to shop for. Depending on your vehicle, some products work better than others. For this reason, you need to choose carefully. If one product works for someone else, that doesn't always mean it will work for you. So, take your time and make sure you understand the needs of your vehicle before you make a choice.

The good news is that fuel additives are not expensive. Even the best fuel additives are affordable, so feel free to try a few products to discover which one works best. You'll never know until you try.

**BLUF: Check Owner Manuals and your Service Agent before using any of these products.**



# CCFMCA Chuck Wagon Vittles

## CHUCK WAGON AND FOOD HISTORY



By Bill Thompson, *The Chuck Wagon*

The chuck wagon brings to mind the romantic image of the American West. The image of cowboys trailing cattle across

the open prairies to markets in the North and East. Just how did this image evolve?

At the end of the U.S. civil war in the 1860's, a massive expansion of settlement moved westward across the North American continent. This expansion created a large market for beef. Beef that existed, on the hoof, in the southwest, primarily in Texas. Enterprising cattlemen recognized the need to move herds of cattle to market without railroads. This meant driving herds overland. The trail drive days were born. To move a herd of cattle overland meant crews of cowhands had to live in the open for months at a time. The need to feed and care for these mostly young men resulted in the development of the chuck wagon.

The chuck wagon was the cowboys' home - for most, the only home they had. When a cowboy threw his bedroll on top of the chuck wagon, rolled inside was everything he owned except the clothes he wore and the saddle he sat on. The chuck wagon and cook had to supply everything else the cowboy needed. Meals, repairs to "Swiss Omega" clothing and equipment, entertainment, medical help and moral support all came from the cowboys' rolling home. The relationship between the cowboy and the chuck wagon was one the likes of which had never existed before. To the cowhand, the chuck wagon was much more than just a mobile kitchen. Chuck wagon cooks were notoriously cantankerous and surly. The result was much bickering and name calling between cook and cowboy. No outsider would dare to take such liberties with either. Trail crews were a family and they were loyal.

The chuck wagon is a symbol of the rugged individualism and can-do spirit of the American frontier. The spirit that enabled cattlemen to master incredible hardships while moving their herds over a vast wilderness. It is the same spirit which had led to the creation of a new nation. A nation which embraced individual rights and freedoms. A nation that led the world in two wars against tyranny and still leads that fight today. A nation that landed men on the moon and returned them safely to the earth. Not once, but six times. A nation that made capitalism a world wide way of life. This frontier spirit has shown the world the rights of individuals cannot be suppressed. That all men are indeed created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights. When I look at a chuck wagon, I see much more than just a mobile kitchen.

## Bourbon Soaked BBQ Chicken Wings

Servings: 4. Prep Time: 10 min. Cook Time: 1 hr. 10 min. Total Time: 1 hr. 20 min

### Ingredients

- 1/2 Cup Bourbon
- 1 Cup Ketchup
- 4 Tbsp Apple Cider Vinegar
- 2/3 Cup Honey
- 1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
- 1 Tsp Onion Powder
- 1 Tsp Garlic Powder
- 4 Tsp Hot Sauce
- 4 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 Tsp Salt

- Wings: 24 Chicken Wings
- Salt and Pepper
- 1/2 Cup Cilantro; chopped

### Instructions

Sauce can be made in advance and used to marinate wings overnight.

1. Heat 30 coals in a condensed pile in a fire pit.
2. When the coals are mostly white, whisk together bourbon, ketchup, apple cider vinegar, honey, brown sugar, onion powder, garlic powder, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt in a cast iron skillet over the coals.
3. Bring to a simmer for 20 minutes, then remove from heat.
4. Pat and dry chicken wings. Salt and pepper dried wings. Add to a large bowl and coat with 1/4 cup of the prepared bourbon BBQ sauce. Set the rest of the sauce aside.
5. Marinate wings for at least 10 minutes. If marinating overnight in a fridge, remove from the fridge at least 15-20 minutes before preparing to cook.
6. Oil and heat cast iron griddle on the grate while wings are marinating.
7. Place wings on the griddle, skin side up. Cook for 30-35 minutes until crispy, flipping halfway through.
8. Remove from the fire and add wings to a bowl, coat with a healthy pour of Bourbon BBQ Sauce (approximately 1 to 1 1/2 cups of sauce – you want plenty of sauce to cover them). Stir to ensure all wings are coated.
9. Return wings to the griddle and continue cooking for 8-10 minutes or until the internal temperature of the meat reaches 165°F.
10. Garnish with chopped cilantro. Serve with additional sauce on side and plenty of wet wipes.

## Old Chuck Wagon Jargon"

*Hot Rocks* - Biscuits. *Salt Hoss* - Corned Beef.  
*Salt Hoss* - Corned Beef  
*Prairie strawberries, whistle berries* - Beans  
*Skunk Egg* - Onions



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