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From the Presidents Travel Log

Leonard Wahlquist



Hello everyone. It looks like 2022 is getting off to a slow start, we are still on the Covid rollercoaster, but we are picking up speed with a great schedule of rallies for the year. (check for any changes on the calendar on the CCFMCA website or in this Spot-Lite edition)

we are getting excited about the upcoming Newport dunes rally and then off to the FMCA 104th International Convention and RV Expo in Tucson, Az. I have signed us up for the Tuesday Chapter Fair, and hopefully, we can entice some new members and a few people to help out. We also are signed up for Thursday's Chapter Block Party.

"I hope the days come easy and the moments pass slow, And each road leads you where you want to go."

March

- 13 - Daylight Saving
- 17 - St Patrick's Day
- 20 - Spring Start

April

- 15 - Good Friday
- 17 - Easter
- 18 Tax Day

CCFMCA President 2022-2024

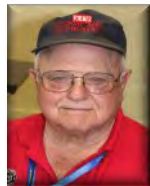
Western Area News



The winter edition of the Western Area News - Western Byways: <https://wafmca.com/wp-content/uploads/2022-Byways-Winter-01-17-22.pdf>.

From CCFMCA National Director

Sonny Gillespie



Hello to all and welcome.

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

FMCA 104th International Convention and RV Expo is the "Saguaros and Sunsets," happens March 23 -26, 2022, in Tucson, Arizona. Approximately 1,500 have pre-registered but still about 5 weeks to go! Register link <https://www.fmca.com/pdfs/convention/AZ22-RegistrationForm.pdf>.

October 2022: Rocky Mountain Area Rally — October 26-29 — Tucson, Arizona.

FMCA 105th International Convention and RV Expo, Lincoln Nebraska, August 24-27 2022! Register starts FEB 24.

The Morton's On The Move bloggers have shared [10 Best Places To Go Boondocking In Arizona](#).

Harvest Hosts Membership: RV Camping at 2263+ Wineries, Breweries, Farms, Museums and More. Attractions That Invite RVers to Stay Overnight! FMCA access! [RV Camping at 2263+ Wineries, Breweries, Farms, Museums and More - Harvest Hosts Membership](#)

Travel Safer With MEDJET - Protection: **NEWEST FMCA RV CLUB'S MEMBERS-ONLY DISCOUNT.**

- Medjet Membership can get you to a hospital at home. GLOBAL COVID-19 Transport is now included. [Medjet | FMCA](#)

THE SPOT-LITE EDITOR



John Seguin

CCFMCA communication methods:

1. Timely emails - Instances will occasionally arise when there is a need to communicate with chapter members instead of waiting for the next Spot-Lite edition (i.e., every two months).
2. CCFMCA Spot-Lite - The chapter's bi-monthly Spot-Lite newsletter highlights previous rallies, including maintenance information, Chuckwagon Vittles, FMCA National News, etc. Any President or Board of Directors updates and information on future rallies.
3. CCFMCA Website - The third communication effort is through the chapter's website. Note 2022 COVID Forms are still required, so fill them out and forward them to the Wagonmaster.

Treasurer, Website & Database Coordinator



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

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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.

Treasurer Note: I want to personally thank Cass Cassidy for his role as treasurer during the past two years. Several weeks ago, Cass and I met and transferred his financial documents and banking information. I learned what a huge task this has been. Two weeks ago, Leonard Wahlquist and I met with the Bank of America (B of A) manager in Lake Arrowhead and, after an hour, had changed the previous account signers to Leonard and myself.

This aspect was the only smooth task working with B of A since that day. After multiple phone calls to numerous numbers, all but one task has been completed.

We had four different accounts. I have made a few changes, and we now have just two accounts called the General Account and the Rally Account. The previous business savings account was paying \$0.17 per year, and the CD was paying us \$0.48 per year. The CD limited our funds' access, and we have now combined all four accounts into the two previously mentioned accounts.

Both Leonard and I have debit cards tied to the CCFMCA General Account.

My goal is to make paying for rally expenses much more manageable. Our Wagon Master, Dede Hermon, now has a debit card linked to the Rally Account to make this work more expeditiously. We no longer have to send a payment request, write a letter, write a paper check, stuff the envelope, apply a 52 cent stamp and mail it. Our B of A accounting system tracks all expenses and payments.

I now have the ability with the B of A app to deposit rally registration checks using my phone, which reduces the need to make my trips to the bank. I am also working on methods to make it easier for our Membership Chairperson, Carol Jones, and Dede to make electronic deposits.

Payments for board authorized expenses will soon be paid electronically and mailed directly from B of A, reducing additional paperwork, check writing, and mailings.

As of February 14, 2022, the General Account had \$15,973.94, and the Rally Account had \$16,214.01. The total is \$32,187.95.



COVID-19 Portal Link: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Daily life do's and don'ts:

- ◆ Get vaccinated - <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

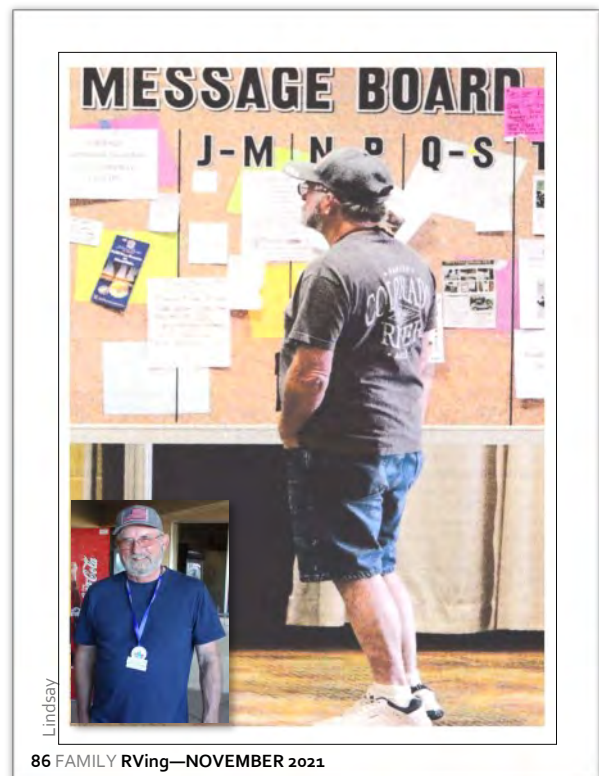
- ◆ Booster shots and additional doses - [Vaccines - Corona-virus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz/COVID-19/Vaccines/COVID-19-Vaccine-Response.aspx)
- ◆ Wear masks as required
- ◆ Follow events safety rules
- ◆ Get tested if you're ill
- ◆ Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record - [Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz/COVID-19/Vaccine-Record.aspx)
- ◆ Tracking Variants - [Tracking Variants \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Imz/COVID-19/Tracking-Variants.aspx)

Who Is This Mystery Celebrity "Message Board Reader"

John Seguin- Spot-Lite Editor

As one goes through past FMCA "FamilyRVing" magazines, you can find many interesting items of interest in ad-format. I was ran across this as a convention and rallies lead in to FMCA events for 2022. This gentleman is apparently looking at the "FOR SALE" sign advertising a Roadmaster Guardian with Stowaway for \$100,000 dollars. *Wondering who it is?*

If you have not figured it out yet. Maybe the photograph insert will remind you, since this our Leonard who is our Chapter President and was at the Gillette, Wy, 2021 FMCA Convention in Gillette, WY. He and Beth were there for my FMCA award. Thanks for being there!



The Game Guy



John Jones

Our CCFMCA game areas are in three categories. We're always open to new games but often go back to those we've played for years.

Indoor games:

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:

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

Blongo (Ladder Golf) 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.

Hospitality & Membership News



Carol Jones—Membership

With great sadness, I inform our group of the passing of our friend Jim Lamphere. Our sympathy goes out to Janet and their family.

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

- John Jones, our game captain, is continuing physical therapy, working hard to get the function back into his hand.
- Ron Welker is continuing with radiation treatments for cancer. Keep him in your prayers.

We wish all of these members and others missed on this list the very best!

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

NEW MEMBERS

No new members to report.

Don't forget your CCFMCA dues for the 2022 year. We currently have 72 delinquent members. Please send your dues in ASAP, so our rosters are updated.

BEST WISHES TO ALL OF OUR CCFMCA MEMBERS!

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From the Sheriff



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.

Badge Sheriff



2022 Wagon Master-Rally and Event Comments



By Dede Hermon, Wagon Master; dedek6ddz@gmail.com

Let's round'em up and get ready to enter a new rally season. And in getting ready to rally, please make sure to send in your 2022 waivers! I will keep them on file for the entire year. See the attachment on the website or in the Spot-Lite.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our first rally of the year, but we moved it to September. I have been told how much some of our folks like the Banning KOA resort, so instead of canceling the reservation and losing a deposit, we were able to move it to our only unscheduled month.

Of course, we are all excited about Newport Dunes coming up in March. As of this writing, we still have a few spaces available. Registration and payment must be received by March 2, 2022.

The April rally at Golden Village Palms (GVP) should be a lot of fun with the nostalgic Vintage RV show. Yes, I know Octoberfest was somewhat disappointing, but GVP will include us in all Vintage VIP activities. There should be entertainment, seminars, car show, vendors, and more. Wear your favorite 50s outfit, and you'll fit right in.

Bonelli Bluffs in hills above San Dimas is a new addition this year. We have heard such great things about it. More details will be forthcoming.

The fall will see rallies at Banning KOA, Launch Point at Lake Elsinore, and Sun Outdoors San Diego. From rustic to the lakeside to very modern, we'll have fun at each one.

In addition to our traditional card games and outdoor activities, many resorts are adding bocce ball and Pickleball. I'm excited to learn all about Pickleball. Does anyone want to teach a group of us? Let's get something on the Activities Agenda.

And a quick survey - How far are members willing to travel for a long weekend? Should I be looking at the Central Coast, Eastern Sierras or the Colorado River? Do you have any favorite RV resorts you would like me to book? Drop me an email and let me know. DedeK6DDZ@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming rallies!

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 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 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>		
February 17 - 20, 2022 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
<i>Canceled</i>			
March 17 - 20, 2022 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
April 21 - 23, 2022 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
May 19 - 22, 2022 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 2022	<i>No Rallies</i>		
September 22-25 2022 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
October 13 - 15, 2022 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
November 17 - 20, 2022 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
December 2022	<i>No Rally</i>		

Revised: 2/20/2022



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

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

** 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: March 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 \$ 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 _____

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>



- The event is Thursday, MARCH 17 – SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022.

- ***RV sites are 25' x 40' and back-in only sites, NO PULL THROUGH.***
- ***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
- We are charging \$56.50



APRIL 2022 CCFMCA RALLY

April 21-24, 2022

GOLDEN VILLAGE PALMS RV RESORT

3600 Florida Ave., Hemet, CA 92545

951 925-4123

<https://www.goldenvillagepalms.com>

GPS: Lat: 34.085490, Lon: -117.794680

THURSDAY: 1:00 Arrive, Settle, Relax 5:30 Happy Hour & Munchies (BYOB)	SATURDAY: 10:00 CC Riders 5:30 Happy Hour & Catered Dinner
FRIDAY: 10:00 Presidents Welcome Gathering 5:30 Happy Hour & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres (BYOB)	SUNDAY: 12:00 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: March 15, 2022

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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 \$ 76.50 (FHU) Wed (opt) ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat ___ #nights ___ @ \$76.50 = \$ _____

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

TOTAL \$ _____

VOLUNTEER: Set up _____ Serving _____ Clean up _____

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MAY 2022 CCFMCA RALLY

May 19-22, 2022

BONELLI BLUFFS RV RESORT AND CAMPGROUND

1440 Camper View Road, San Dimas, CA 91773

909 599-6228 (24 Hour Hosts)

<https://www.bonellibluffsrv.com>

GPS Coordinates Lat: 34.08612830, Lon:-117.79574000

THURSDAY: 1:00 Arrive, Settle, Relax 5:30 Happy Hour & Munchies (BYOB)	SATURDAY: 10:00 CC Riders 5:30 Happy Hour & Catered Dinner
FRIDAY: 10:00 Presidents Welcome Gathering 5:30 Happy Hour & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres (BYOB)	SUNDAY: 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: April 26, 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 \$ 67.20 (FHU) Wed (opt) ___ Thurs ___ Fri ___ Sat ___ #nights _____ @ \$67.20 = \$ _____
 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

CCFMCA RV Maintenance Thoughts

Maintenance Tech Tip: Overlooked Maintenance

Missed RV upkeep and repair items can become costly if you do not catch them quickly.

You have made a significant investment in an [RV](#). You take great pride in keeping it clean, waxed, and properly maintained. Have you thoroughly read, understood, and followed the information and instructions in all of the manuals for your unit? Some coaches come with encyclopedia-size booklets, others with just a thin pamphlet. Either way, numerous items require regular attention, some of which you may never have heard of or thought about. I hope that this article will encourage you to look into them.

Some RVers cite cost because they haven't followed the manuals' recommendations precisely. However, many businesses have found it is cheaper and safer to implement planned preventive maintenance (PM) schedules for their equipment. Even if they trade or sell their equipment often, they know that an attached PM report increases the items' resale value.

Imagine you are out looking at two nearly identical RVs with the same mileage. One comes with documented PM records and costs more than the one without. Which one would you purchase? If you stop to think about it, the one without records may end up costing you more during its life. First, you have to spend money to bring it up to specs before any trips. Second, items that have not been maintained properly will wear out faster than expected, use more energy, and be dangerous.

More often than not, overlooked maintenance items are the leading contributor to the need for emergency road repairs. You can save time, money, frustration, and maybe your marriage just by following your manuals' recommendations. Many RVs out there receive little or no care; is yours one of them? When they do break down, it may be just the tip of the iceberg of problems to come.

An old saying from horse and buggy days applies to the RV lifestyle: "Rode hard and put away wet." This means subjecting the RV to extremely hard use and

doing nothing to care for it when finished. Our RVs can sit for several months unused and then off to a weekend getaway or a coast-to-coast run. After reaching the destination, we shut the RV down and ignored them until the next expedition. Because of an RV's weight and aerodynamics, the motor, transmission, cooling system, and brakes could be considered as operating in a severe-duty service whenever used. Making preventive maintenance more critical than ever, so follow the maintenance manual suggestions.

Below is a list of items that are easy to overlook. A little long; however, these items deserve attention before they require an expensive solution. Most manufacturers recommend them as yearly checks. Please reference your manuals, the company's website, or service department for specific recommendations regarding your RV and its components and accessories.

Frame/Driveline

- **Batteries:** Far and away, the most common battery repairs technicians make are to resolve loose connections, especially on the ground/negative side and wires. Check all terminals and frame grounds for corrosion and tightness. Wash down battery areas with a water-and-baking soda solution or an approved cleaner. Check electrolyte levels; fill with distilled water if needed, usually just enough to cover the plates.
- **Brakes' hydraulic systems:** Use test strips to check the fluid level and the moisture content. Periodic flushing is required to maintain your safety, approximately every three years or 25,000 miles, whichever comes first. The fluid does break down and can attract moisture over time from the heat generated by braking. A noticeable change in efficiency and required pedal force will occur. More importantly, the calipers and the ABS systems' control module could be damaged, causing expensive repairs.
- **Air systems:** Drain ping/storage tanks completely every month to remove moisture. Some units have a replaceable desiccant filter that is easy

CCFMCA RV Maintenance Thoughts

Maintenance Tech Tip: Overlooked Maintenance (cont'd)

to overlook but is exceptionally vital to brakes and suspension.

- **Pads, calipers, rotors, or drums:** Check for usable life left, cracking, or glaze and ensure they operate correctly.
- **Brake lines:** Check for severe rust on metal lines. Watch out for cracks or weeping on flexible lines.
- **Grease/Lubrication:** Climb underneath your coach and count every zerk fitting you can find. Look at all suspension components; steering linkage, including the connection to the steering wheel; driveshaft; universal joints; transmission; clutch shafts; and tag axle. Keep this number (I have counted as many as 43) in your notes with the owners' manuals. After a lube, oil, and filter service is performed, ask how many grease zerks they serviced. If it does not match your number, ask why. Then check the one that is hard to find for proof of new grease! You would be amazed at how many dry ones I encounter. Some motors have grease zerks on the cooling fan assembly. Do not forget about sliders, rollers, or bearings on racks (generator, cargo, steps, propane tanks, batteries, etc.).

Hydraulic Slideouts And Leveling: Fill the oil level with the proper type of oil and look for

Rear End/Differential: Refer to the coach's

chassis maintenance schedule; however, if a schedule is not available, change the fluid every 100,000 miles. Check the vent tube for blockage. Check the universal joints when greasing and replace if any looseness is detected.

- **Steering:** Check fluid; change when suggested (usually three to five years).
- **Suspension:** Springs, control arms, and sway bars have bushings that can wear out. Shocks with oil stains on them or more than 50,000 miles need to be replaced.
- **Tag Axle:** Check wheel bearings for adjustment

and lubrication.

- **Tires:** Look for dry rot, bulges, cracking, and correct pressure. Stay away from tire dressings that make them shiny, as they tend to have silicone or petroleum-based ingredients that can accelerate tire deterioration. It's probably best to wash the tires with soap and water and rinse them thoroughly afterward.
- **Transmission:** Check the fluid and filter; refer to the coach's chassis maintenance schedule. If a schedule is not available, change at 50,000 to 100,000 miles.

Electrical

- **Generator:** Wash with a cleaner such as Mean Green and low-pressure water; air dry before using. Change air and fuel filters; some models have filters or screens on cooling air/compartment inlets. Gasoline types should be run once every five to six weeks under medium load, have their fuel system drained, or have Sta-Bil added to the fuel (make sure it's in the carburetor before shutting down the gen-set). Run diesel generators at least every two to three months. Warm them up, operate under a load for 10 to 15 minutes, and cool down for another three to five minutes before shutting off. Thus keeping the fuel fresh, lubricating the parts, and keeping the generator ready for emergencies.
- **Lights:** Check all interior and exterior lights on all vehicles (towable included).

Shore Power Cord: Clean and wipe down with silicone spray or a product such as 303 Aerospace Protectant (do not use anything slick on coaches equipped with a cord reel).

Engine And Compartment

Lube, Oil, And Filter: This should be a no-brainer, so remember the time intervals also; oil is your engine's lifeblood. Follow change intervals to a tee. Stay with quality name-brand oil and filters, especially with new diesel engines. Many diesel motors require break-in valve and injector adjustments. This first adjustment is critical to Caterpillar, Cummins, and Detroit Diesel.

CCFMCA RV Maintenance Thoughts

Maintenance Tech Tip: Overlooked Maintenance (cont'd)

- **Seams:** Check all seams for faulty caulk, especially the roof around antenna mounts, skylights, ladder, and vents.
- **Furnace:** Remove the cover and clean. Replace filters if applicable (e.g., Aqua-Hot). Look out for mice and their nests.
- **Horns:** Do they work?
- **Refrigerator Covers:** Remove the outer cover and vacuum clean. Check for spiders, as they love this area. Find the black drain tube, check for obstructions, and route to drain outside the cover.
- **Roof Maintenance:** Clean, look for, and repair defects. Apply for proper protection.
- **Slideout Seals:** Clean and lubricate every six to 12 months.
- **Storage And Entrance Doors:** Clean and lubricate seals, lifting mechanism, latches, and hinges.
- **Water Heater:** Remove the bottom plug and drain the heater. Replace the anode rod. Clean the propane-heating tube. Remove the plug-in 12-volt connector and reconnect (cleans contacts).

Windshield Wipers: Check and replace. Better to do this now before you're caught in a rainstorm. Refill the washer fluid reservoir.

Interior

- **Air Conditioner:** Clean or replace filters monthly. Carefully clean/vacuum cooling fins.
- **Detectors:** Change batteries in smoke, carbon monoxide, and LP-gas detectors.
- **Furnace:** Remove the covers and vacuum the area clean.

Water Systems: Check the under-counter and ice-maker filters and replace them if necessary.

- **Windshield:** Clean the inside as well as the outside. Remember how hard it was to see through when driving into the sun on your last trip?

Even though this list may appear overwhelming, the items are not all due at once. Mileage, hours, or age will dictate when attention is required throughout

your RV's year and life cycle.

Consult this checklist when searching for a used RV. Finding one with documented PM schedules indicates adequately maintained. If you purchase one with a questionable service record, either you'll become handy at repairs or spend a lot of money for someone who is.

If purchasing an older RV with low mileage, or if you let yours sit unused for extended periods, think about this: mechanical items are designed for use regularly. Using them as intended to be used generally makes them last longer, with fewer problems, than those you don't use regularly.

Think about our bodies. When we exercise regularly, we feel better, move around more accessible, alert, and less prone to injuries and arthritis. Usually, we spend less on health care as a result. If we stop exercising, we gain weight, slow down, and acquire more aches and pains; medical expenses and time spent at the doctor rise dramatically. The same thing happens with your RV and becomes a vicious cycle.

Stop exercising your RV, and the seals in the motor, rear, and steering dry out and shrink because oil drains off them. Oil drains off motor parts, causing rust and stuck valves. Additives in the oil break down even with age, allowing suspended acids and damaging particles to settle on critical components. Tires will dry rot and crack because they depend upon movement to excrete protective agents to block this. Transmission internals can rust, and clutch packs go dry. Brakes can rust or seize up, lock up a wheel, or generate enough heat from dragging to burn out a wheel bearing. Brake, fuel, and airlines can rust from condensation in the storage area. Critters and insects love to make nests in stationary RVs.

You've probably heard some RVers say, "Hey, I start mine and let it idle once a month." Just starting the motor and letting it idle can do more damage than good, but that's for another time and article.⁷ Best for Fuel Injectors: [Star Tron Enzyme Fuel Treatment](#)

CCFMCA Chuck Wagon Vittles

CHUCK WAGON AND FOOD HISTORY

From the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum



On a cattle drive, the chuck wagon was as important to the drive's success as a good pair of cowboy boots were to the cowboy. With a Dutch oven and some sour dough, a chuck wagon cook could feed an entire trail crew. Biscuits and beans made up the majority of what was served on the range, but the occasional dessert did make its way onto the menu when possible.

Invented in Texas for use on the initial cattle drives out of Texas, the chuck wagon's tradition is kept alive by Old West enthusiasts who compete and appear at events across the country. John Conway, a modern day chuck wagon cook, continues the chuck wagon tradition. He has spoken about the history of the chuck wagon and what life was like for the cowboys on those long cattle drives and how

important the chuck wagon and it's cook were to them.



Looking for a quick and tasty, hearty meal? Try these deliciously cheesy skillet potatoes. This is a great go-to recipe if you're looking for a more substantial meal over the campfire, charcoal or propane grill. Plus, you can customize this recipe with different kinds of meat and vegetables for endless possibilities!

INGREDIENTS

- ◆ 2-3 potatoes (cubed)
- ◆ 1 small onion (chopped)
- ◆ 1 lb. of ground beef
- ◆ 1 green or red bell pepper (chopped)
- ◆ 1 16 oz package of Velveeta cheese (cubed)
- ◆ 2 tbsp. of butter or oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Brown the Beef*

Heat and grease your skillet (with your choice of butter or oil) and add your ground beef. Stirring occasionally, cook the meat until browned. Remove from skillet and set aside for later.

2. *Sauté the Veggies*

Add your potatoes, pepper, and onion to the remaining

grease and beef fat in your skillet. Stirring occasionally, cook until potatoes are browned, and fork tender. Once the veggies are cooked through, add your beef back in and stir to combine.

3. *Get Cheesy*

Over the top of your skillet mixture, sprinkle the cubed Velveeta. Cover let the Velveeta melt (roughly 2 minutes). You may need to remove the skillet from the heat to avoid burning, depending on how hot your coals/fire is.

4. *Serve & Enjoy!*

"Old Chuck Wagon Jargon"

Hot Rock / Sinker / Doughgods: Biscuits .

Huckdummy: Biscuits with raisins.

Love Apples: Canned tomatoes.

Music Roots: Sweet potatoes.

Mysteries: Sausage of any variety, so-called because that's

what they're made of.



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If Single Event: Place of Event: _____ Date(s) of Event: _____

The FMCA Area or Chapter listed above (the "Sponsor") is scheduling an event or events. As a condition to attending an event, each attendee hereby acknowledges, certifies, and agrees to the following:

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3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned attendee accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur as a result of attendance at an event.
4. The undersigned attendee hereby releases and holds harmless Family Motor Coach Association, the Sponsor, and its respective officers, directors, and staff from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at an event.
5. The undersigned attendee acknowledges that FMCA Assist does not cover Covid-19.

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Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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