



From Your President's Travel Journal Leonard Wahlquist, President

Happy New Year, everyone. I hope everyone's holidays were joyful with family and friends.

We ended 2022 with a rally in Chula Vista at the Sun Outdoors San Diego Bay Resort, with

21 coaches, 38 people, and 18 dogs attending. What a great turnout. To the Lewises, thank you for organizing our chapter's games. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. After dinner, we had a White Elephant event, which was a lot of fun. I think Randy got his prize stolen five times. Thank you to Dede and Beth for a wonderful rally weekend.

We are getting ready for the Western Motor Home Association Indio Rally (*The Wizard, the Wonderful Wizard of OZ*), as we will arrive January 2nd to assist with set up. We also have a Chapter Fair while at the regional rally, so stop by and say hello.

Our CCFMCA Rally Calendar rallies start in February with a full year of fun-packed camping and fun. The next rally will be at the Newport Dunes RV Resort in Newport Beach, Ca., so make sure to sign up. See you there.

Welcome to Jodi Lewis and Kriss Lewis as our chapters Deputy Sheriff and Game Guy respectively.

"You can put money in the bank, but you can't bank time. Enjoy as much as you can".

From CCFMCA National Director Sonny Gillespie



Hope all our CCFMCA members had a joyous holiday and a Happy New Year. As I continue my connections with FMCA, this is to let you know that the Western Rally in Indio is going to happen on scheduled in January this year.

Attendance could be down due to the fuel prices and Rally pricing which has increased!

Those of you who have never attended the Western Rally should consider joining us! It's the closest one to attend and always fun. Hope you have all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

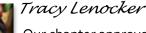
Rallies:

33rd Annual FMCA Western Area Rally January 2023: January 11-15, Indio, California. Contact information: Bob Golk, (661) 599-3548, bgolk@fmca.com.

For the upcoming 33rd Annual FMCA Western Area Rally we are still in need of the following Rally Captains:

- Assistant Commercial Exhibitors Captain: Contact Senior Vice President Dave Franke - (909) 973-1051
- WMHA Booth & Prizes Captain: Contact Southern Vice President Jesse Bassford - (909) 438-6893
- <u>Assistant Greeters Captain</u>: Contact Central Area Vice President Rick Ammerman - (951) 538-6435
- Day Pass / Locator Cards Captain: Contact Northern Area Vice President James McDaniel - (925) 818-7718
- <u>Contact President Bob Golk</u> (661) 599-3548 for the following positions
 - Donations Captain
 - Potluck Organizer
 - * WMHA Nominating Committee Chairperson
- FMCA'S 106th International Convention & RV EXPO, March 15-18, 2023, Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricultural Center, Perry, Georgia.

Treasurer, Web & Database Coordinator





er activities to share.

The database is updated and current. A few former members no longer have a motorhome and therefore cannot be regular members of our chapter. Their membership will continue until the end of the current year. A few former members wish to be on the email list for the newsletter, so a separate list is maintained for those few. There is also a classification called Family Associate member for a person who does not own RVs.

COVID Portal Links:



Your actions save lives. Keep California healthy. Click this website to access the Covid Portal https://covid19.ca.gov/.





Get up to date, stay up to date. Protect yourself and everyone close to you, https://myturn.ca.gov/.

THE SPOT-LITE EDITOR



Winter season still has a grasp on us as we start this new RV season. Temperatures remain frigid as temperatures are evident when looking at the thermometer. So start prepping your RV to get ready to enjoy travel

with the Indio Rally and our new travel calendar enclosed in this new issue. So keep yourself up t date through the following ways:

CCFMCA communication methods:

- 1. <u>Emails</u> Instances will occur occasionally when there is a need to communicate with chapter members instead of waiting for the next Spot-Lite Edition.
- 2. <u>CCFMCA Spot-Lite</u> The chapter's bi-monthly Spot-Lite newsletter highlights new and previous rallies, includes maintenance information, CCFMCA Grub Hub, FMCA National News, etc. Any President or Board of Directors updates, as well on website, and information on future rallies.
- 3. <u>CCFMCA Website</u> The third communication effort is through the chapter's website.





Dave Franke, F₄₄₃₃67, Senior Vice President WMHA

33rd Annual Western Area Rally IN THE LAND OF OZ January 11-15, 2023

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival • Indio, California

Our volunteers are working to ensure a great time is in store for you. We have fantastic entertainment planned. Dance to the music of the 50's and 60's by the



Flashback Boyz. Laugh to the humor of Jim Pelly, himself an FMCA member with his trademark "You might be an RVer" routine. Our grand finale will be Randy Linder's tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival. You never knew you had so many favorite CCR songs. His band is second to none. So head to Indio in January. See you there! https://wafmca.com/2023-western-area-indio-rally-update/

Membership & Hospitality News



Carol Jones

I hope all of you have been able to avoid contracting the viruses that have been surrounding us. I haven't heard from anyone regarding becoming ill, so stay healthy.

Don't forget your dues should be paid by ASAP. The cost is going up to \$25.00 effective January 1, 2023. The form for dues can be found on our website ccfmca.org and on the last page of this issue.

NEW MEMBERS

We have several new members:

John and Sandy King Hemet, California

Robert and Paula Gorges Highland, California

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

BEST WISHES TO ALL OF OUR CCFMCA MEMBERS!
Hoping your Holidays were Memorable.

958 Dahlia Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Ph #:909-859-9650

From the Sheriff



Kathie Seguin

Hi Everyone - The holidays are behind us with all the festivities put to bed for another year.
So hoping everyone has had a Happy New Year as the Chapters' new RV calendar begins this

February. So, remember your badges to help us to say hello to fellow members. wear that badge, smile, and say "Hello" when meeting our members. We now have Jodi Lewis as our new Deputy Sheriff, welcome her aboard.

Deputy Sheriff



Jodí Lewis

As your appointed Deputy Sheriff, I look forward to helping and supporting the organization. Thank you.

From the Game Guy



Kriss Lewis

Glad to be the organizations appointed Game Guy. Enjoying so far and there is more to come.



A Morning Cup of Joe & Pastries









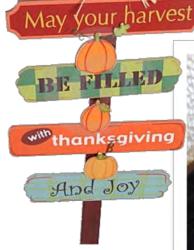


Gamers, Winners & Losers





Chapters Meeting





Chapters Meeting















Family Motor Coach Association Affiliate Chapter



A Blessed Thanksgiving Of Bounty







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2022 Wagon Master-Rally and Event Comments



Dede Hermon, Wagon Master

We are off to an early start! All of the spring registration forms are attached in this newsletter and can be found on the website. The full calendar is also available

on the website.

- *February Newport Dunes
- *March Pechanga
- *April Golden Village Palms
- *May Bonelli Bluffs

Our chapter turnouts continue to grow with each rally, so make sure to get your registrations in as soon as possible because space may be limited. We have guaranteed 20 spaces at each rally (except GVP). At GVP, we will be joined by the KKs and Safari for a total of 50 sites reserved for the Vintage RV weekend event.

Beth, our Trail Boss, and I look forward to welcoming you to each of these events.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions.

Hoping all our members had a joyous Merry Christmas and your New Year was memorable!

My email is <u>DedeK6DDZ@gmail.com</u>, and I am always happy to respond to requests for information (909 878-3456).



Trial Boss / Co-Trial Boss Note!

All Trial Boss and Co Trial Boss RV rally documents are located on the CCFMCA website under a <u>Trail Boss Documents</u> header tab. But for any additional Trial Boss information contact the Wagon Master - Dede Hermon at <u>dedek6ddz@gmail.com</u> or phone 909-878-3456.



2023 CCFMCA Rally Calendar

Rally Event Note

For *Trail Bosses and Co-Trail Bosses* signing up to run the RVs events, contact the Wagon Master for any additional information: Dede Hermon at dedek6ddz@gmail.com or phone 909-878-3456. All the *Trail Boss and Co-Trail Boss* documents are on the CCFMCA website under a Trail Boss Document header tab.

| January 11-15, 2023 GPS: Lat: 33.714760 | Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival | Western Motor Home Association | Hookups per Registration Form | |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Lon: -116.224740 | 82-503 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201-5633 | | Elevation: -3ft | |
| February 23-26, 2023 | Newport Dunes RV Resort | Trail Boss: Beth Smith | Full Hookups: Y | |
| GPS: Lat: 33.618440 Lon: -117.891430 | 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 | Co-Trail Boss: | 949-729-3863 Elevation: 7ft | |
| March 23-26, 2023 | Pechanga RV Resort | Trail Boss: Beth Smith | Full Hookups: Y | |
| GPS: Lat: 33.453160 Lon: -117.106510 | 45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA 92592-5810 | Co-Trail Boss: | 877-997-8386 Elevation: 1083ft | |
| April 20-23, 2023 | Golden Village Palms RV Resort | Trail Boss: Beth Smith | Full Hookups: Y | |
| GPS: Lat: 33.746860 Lon: -117.010840 | 3600 West Florida Ave, Hemet, CA 92545 -3501 | Co-Trail Boss: | 951 260-2340 Elevation: 1,522ft | |
| May 11-14, 2023 | Bonelli Bluffs RV Resort | Trail Boss: Beth Smith | Full Hookups: Y | |
| GPS: Lat: 34.085491 Lon: -117.794678 | 1440 Camper View Rd, San Dimas, CA 91773 | Co-Trail Boss: | 909 599-6228 Elevation: 1099ft | |
| F | Free Time, No Rallies In June, July, Augus | t 2023 - No Rallies | | |
| September 21-24, 2023 | Shadow Hills RV Resort | Trail Boss: Beth Smith | Full Hookups: Y | |
| GPS: Lat: 33.7538986 Lon: -116.2701768 | 40655 Jefferson Street, Indio, CA 92203 | Co-Trail Boss: | 760-360-4040 Elevation: 66ft | |
| October 12-15, 2023 | Caliente Springs Resort | Trail Boss: Beth Smith | Full Hookups: Y | |
| GPS: Lat: 33.9279718 Lon: -116.4382013 | 70200 Dillon Road, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241 | Co-Trail Boss: | 760-329-8400 Elevation: 1,030ft | |
| November 9-12, 2023 GPS: | The Springs at Borrego RV Resort and | Trail Boss: Beth Smith | Full Hookups: Y | |
| Lat: 33.2672912 | Golf Course | Co-Trail Boss: | (619) 489-3950 | |
| Lon: -116.3623727 | 2255 Di Giorgio Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004 | | Elevation: 577ft | |
| Free Time, No Rallies In December 2023 - No Rallies | | | | |
| 10/02/2022 | | | | |
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CCFMCA FEBRUARY 2023 RALLY NEWPORT DUNES WATERFRONT RESORT

February 23-26, 2023

1131 Back Bay Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660 949-729-3863

https://www.newportdunes.com

GPS Coordinates Lat / Long: 33.618440, -117.891430

| THURSDAY: | SATURDAY: |
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| 2:00 Arrive, Settle, Relax | 10:00 CC Riders |
| 5:00 Presidents Welcome Gathering | 5:30 Happy Hour & Catered Dinner |
| 5:30 Happy Hour (BYOB) | |
| Potluck/Heavy Hors d'oeuvres | |
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| FRIDAY: | SUNDAY: |
| 9:00 Coffee and Pastries with Leonard | 12:00 Check out |
| | |
| 9:00 Coffee and Pastries with Leonard | |

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

Ref: #2023-0223



CCFMCA MARCH 2023 RALLY PECHANGA RV RESORT

March 23-26, 2023

45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA 92592-5810 877-997-8386

https://www.newportdunes.com

GPS Coordinates Lat / Long: 33.453160, -117.106510

| THURSDAY: | SATURDAY: |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2:00 Arrive, Settle, Relax | 10:00 CC Riders |
| 5:00 Presidents Welcome Gathering | 5:30 Happy Hour & Catered Dinner |
| 5:30 Happy Hour (BYOB) | 7:00 Cards |
| Potluck/Heavy Hors d'oeuvres | |
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"Reservations must be received by February 23, 2023 (30 days in advance)"

| Last Name | First Nan | ne(s) | FN | 1CA# |
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| Phone () | Cell Phone () | Email _ | | |
| Emergency Contact | | Phone | () | |
| Handicap Parking? Yes No | o Placard # | Your First CCF | MCA Rally? Y | es No |
| Coach Length: Motorhome | 5thWheel Tr | ailer Slides: Driv | /er Pas: | s Rear |
| Parking \$100.00 per night: T Please circle Extra Nights: M | | | _ | _ |
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CCFMCA APRIL 2023 RALLY GOLDEN VILLAGE PALMS RV RESORT

April 20-23, 2023

3600 West Florida Ave, Hemet, CA 92545-3501 951 260-2340

https://www.goldenvillagepalms.com/ Coordinates Lat / Long: 33.746860, -117.010840

| THURSDAY: | SATURDAY: |
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| 2:00 Arrive, Settle, Relax 5:00 Presidents Welcome Gathering 5:30 Happy Hour (BYOB) Potluck/Heavy Hors d'oeuvres | 10:00 CC Riders 5:30 Happy Hour & Catered Dinner 7:00 Cards |
| FRIDAY: | SUNDAY: |
| 9:00 Coffee and Pastries with Leonard | 12:00 Check out |
| 10:00 CC Riders | |
| Dinner on your own | |

A more detailed Rally Agenda will follow registration approximately one week before the event.

SPECIAL GUESTS: KOUNTRY KAMPERS AND SAFARI OF SOCAL RV GROUPS

Last Name ______ First Name(s) _______ FMCA# _______ Address _______ State _______ Zip ________

Handicap Parking? Yes ____ No ____ Placard # ______ Your First CCFMCA Rally? Yes ____ No ____

Coach Length: Motorhome _____ 5thWheel _____ Trailer _____ Slides: Driver _____ Pass _____ Rear ____

Catered Dinner: Number of Persons ______..@ \$25.00 = \$_____

Clubhouse...@ \$5.00 = \$5.00

Pets @\$2.00/night. = \$_____

Total: \$_____

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CCFMCA RALLY INFORMATION



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SPECIAL GUESTS: KOUNTRY KAMPERS
AND SAFARI OF SOCAL RV GROUPS

Hello, Everyone!

We are so excited to have everyone join CCFMCA for the Vintage RV Show at Golden Village Palms. By merging the reservations, we were able to save nearly \$10.00 per coach per night.



We are holding 25 sites for CCFMCA, 20 for the KKs, and 5 for Safari. We can be flexible with these numbers and add more if



necessary. PLEASE INDICATE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM WHICH ORGANIZATION YOU REPRESENT. We will make every effort to keep each organization together. Late registrations may be affected.

Your registration includes: Site Fee, Vintage Trailer Show, Swag Bags, Kick off on Thursday and special access for all activities during the weekend (TBA). Two all-weekend access passes will be included; additional guest fee is \$25.00 per pass and can be purchased on site.

We welcome everyone to join us for our catered dinner on Saturday evening in the Clubhouse. This is usually a grand affair! If you are not interested in the evening entertainment, please join us for fun card games after dinner.





Bring your bikes and join the CC Riders (California Chapter Riders) for a tour of the Vintage RV Show and local area. This is an EASY ride for all levels.

Access to the clubhouse will be available from noon on Saturday until noon on Sunday for group activities or meetings. Please schedule time with Dede Hermon or Beth Smith.

CCFMCA has already made a 10% deposit. We are responsible for 50% payment 30 days in advance of the event along with a "final" manifest. Therefore, we are asking everyone to mail your registration to be received by March 20. Late registrations may not be accepted. In the event you need additional information, please contact Dede Hermon at *DedeK6DDZ@qmail.com*.



CCFMCA MAY 2023 RALLY BONELLI BLUFFS RV RESORT AND CAMPGROUND

May 11-14, 2023

1440 Camper View Road San Dimas, CA 91773 909 599-6228

https://www.goldenvillagepalms.com/ Coordinates Lat / Long: 34.085491, -117.794678

| THURSDAY: | SATURDAY: |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2:00 Arrive, Settle, Relax | 10:00 CC Riders |
| 5:00 Presidents Welcome Gathering | 1:30 Games |
| 5:30 Happy Hour (BYOB) | 5:30 Happy Hour & Catered Dinner |
| Potluck/Heavy Hors d'oeuvres | 7:00 Cards |
| FRIDAY: | SUNDAY: |
| 9:00 Coffee and Pastries with Leonard | 12:00 Check out |
| 10:00 CC Riders | |
| Dinner on your own | |
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"Reservations must be received by April 25, 2023"

| Last Name | First Name(s) | | FMCA# |
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| Address | City | State _ | Zip |
| Phone () | Cell Phone () | Email | |
| Emergency Contact | | Phone () _ | |
| Handicap Parking? Yes No | o Placard # | Your First CCFMCA Ral | ly? Yes No |
| Coach Length: Motorhome | 5thWheel Trailer _ | Slides: Driver | _ Pass Rear |
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| | | Total: \$ | |

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RV SPRING CLEANING AND PREP

Breaking your RV out of storage and getting it ready for your first trip is an exciting feeling. Even if your RV was only stored for the winter, it will still need a little TLC and some preparation to get back on the road. Besides regular maintenance, your RV will need a good cleaning inside and out. Spring is the perfect time to get this done. The weather has warmed up and your driveway or local car wash is the perfect place to start. Grab a sponge and open up those RV windows because it's time for some spring cleaning!



INSIDE

Starting with the inside of your RV can allow you to start cleaning things up before moving on to get the outside nice and shiny as well. Be sure to remember all the often-forgotten places mentioned below! Don't forget to de-winterize before beginning cleaning, as this will allow you to have full access to your water sources and power, making the process much easier.

Ceilings, Fans, and Filters

When cleaning any space, it is always most logical to

start at the top and work your way down. In an RV, this can also allow you to check for leaks or other potential issues that may have sprung up over the winter or while your RV was in storage. Depending on the texture of your ceiling, you may need to wipe it down or even vacuum it if the ceiling is carpeted. Be sure to clear out the cobwebs in your vents and begin clearing off your fans as well. Depending on how much build-up there is, your fans may need to be unscrewed and hand washed. Lastly, check the filters on your AC units, and be sure to thoroughly clean those off as well.



WINDOWS AND WINDOWSILLS

Next, it's time to move on to the windows. If you have curtains, you can remove and wash them before hanging them to dry. Then, you can remove your window screens to wash those as well. Be sure to clean the interior glass of your windows, and then eventually move to the exterior glass as well. This will ensure better and more unobstructed views for future adventures! Be sure to check the window sills as well, since they're typically pretty deep on an RV and can hold plenty of dust.

KITCHEN AND FRIDGE

The kitchen cabinets and drawers will most likely need to be wiped inside and outside. If you need to replace any clasps or latches, this is a great time to do so, since your drawers are likely still empty. Be sure to clean the nooks and crannies of the oven and microwave, as well. Likewise, please be sure to turn off your fridge before cleaning it. Most RV fridges can have the drawers and shelves removed for deep cleaning, and anything that is not removable can be cleaned with cleaning spray and rags/paper towels.



RV Spring Cleaning and Prep (Cont'd)

seals, while inclement weather can damage the roof in other places. Inspect around your air conditioners and fans to ensure that the seals are still in good shape. Check out this detailed <u>article on roof repair and maintenance</u> if you encounter any issues.

WASH THE EXTERIOR

After ensuring there aren't any holes in your RV's exterior, it's time to give her a good wash. If you have enough space in your driveway, you can bathe your RV at home using a long brush, rags, appropriate cleaners, and a hose. However, for many, it can be easier to just take your RV to a car wash that is equipped with tall enough bays. You can always check for local semi-truck car washes to find one that is guaranteed to be tall enough for your RV.



They typically have brushes and other materials to hand wash your RV on hand.

CHECK THE TIRES

Be sure to check the tires, even just before taking your RV out for a quick trip. Flat or improperly inflated tires can easily cause a blowout. Use our handy guide to learn more about your RV's tires, how to know if they need to be replaced, and how to take care of them.

PERFORM ANY OTHER MAINTENANCE

In addition to cleaning, it's imperative to ensure your RV is in good shape before hitting the road. Be sure to perform any other maintenance to keep your RV in tip top shape and to ensure your vacations are as



smooth as possible. Harvest Hosts has a list of <u>year-ly maintenance</u> to help steer you in the right direction.

Getting your RV prepped for your first trip of the year can be a lot of work, but it's always worth it. Be sure to put together a spring cleaning list that works best for your RV and your family. After all, everyone is different and all RVs are different too!

RV ADVICE By: Mark Polk



11 SPRING RV CHECKS NOT TO SKIP



This comprehensive checklist is just what you need to make sure your first spring RV trip is a great one.

The other day an RV owner asked me what I considered to be the most important spring travel checks to prepare an RV for camping season. My response was that there are lots of checks that need to be performed on the RV for a safe and worry free camping season, but some are more important than others.



11 SPRING RV CHECKS NOT TO SKIP (Cont'd)

| TI SPRING RV CHECKS NOT TO SKIP (Conta) | plumbing for leaks. With water in the fresh water |
|---|--|
| Here Are Eleven Important Checks I Wouldn't Leave Out: RV Batteries: Let's start our spring checks with the battery(s) since it's possible you removed them for winter storage. | holding tank turn the 12-volt water pump on and pressurize the water system until the pump shuts off. If the water pump cycles back on, even for a short period of time, there is a leak somewhere. Locate the leak and repair it or take it to an authorized RV service facility to be repaired. |
| The condition of the battery(s) is dependent on how well they were cared for over the winter. Batteries in storage will lose a percentage of current through internal leakage. It's not uncommon for a battery to discharge up to 10% a month when it is in storage. If you checked and recharged the battery(s) periodically while in storage they should be ready to go. If not, the first step is to fully charge the battery(s). Water should only be added to lead acid battery(s) after fully charging the battery, unless the water level is already below the plates. The plates need to be covered at all times. After the battery is fully charged, check and add distilled water as required. If the battery(s) was removed for storage, reinstall it making absolutely sure it is connected properly. If you don't feel comfortable performing this work, have it done by a qualified | ■ Water Pump: Every spring I like to sanitize the water system. Make sure all of the drains are closed and drain plugs are installed. Take a quarter-cup of household bleach for every fifteen gallons of water your fresh water tank holds. Mix the bleach with water into a one-gallon container and pour the solution into to the fresh water tank fill. Now fill the fresh water holding tank with potable water. Turn the water pump on and run water through all hot and cold faucets until you smell the bleach. Close the faucets and let it sit for twelve hours. Drain all of the water and re-fill the tank with potable water. Turn the water pump on and open all faucets, running the water until you no longer smell any bleach. It may be necessary to repeat this process to eliminate all signs of bleach ■ Water Pump: Every spring I like to sanitize the |
| RV Water System: After sitting in storage the water system needs to be de-winterized, checked for leaks and sanitized. If your unit was winterized using non-toxic RV antifreeze you need to run fresh water through the entire system until all traces of the antifreeze are removed. Hopefully no antifreeze was added to the fresh water holding tank. If it was, the first step is to drain any remnants from the fresh water tank. Add potable water to the fresh water holding tank, turn the water pump on and open all of the water faucets. When the water is running clear through the system turn the pump off and close the faucets. Take the water heater out of the by-pass mode (if applicable). If the water heater wasn't bypassed before winterizing the unit, the antifreeze needs to be | water system. Make sure all of the drains are closed and drain plugs are installed. Take a quarter-cup of household bleach for every fifteen gallons of water your fresh water of household bleach for every fifteen gallons of water your fresh water tank holds. Mix the bleach with water into a onegallon container and pour the solution into to the fresh water tank fill. Now fill the fresh water holding tank with potable water. Turn the water pump on and run water through all hot and cold faucets until you smell the bleach. Close the faucets and let it sit for twelve hours. Drain all of the water and re-fill the tank with potable water. Turn the water pump on and open all faucets, running the water until you no longer smell any bleach. It may be necessary to repeat this process to eliminate al signs of bleach. |
| drained from the water heater tank. Replace any water filter cartridges you removed for storage. | Appliances: If the LP gas cylinders or tank has an LP gas remaining, open the gas supply and check |

Plumbing: This is a good time to check the

the operation of all LP gas fired appliances. Make

sure the water heater tank is full of water before



RV ADVICE

11 SPRING RV CHECKS NOT TO SKIP (Cont'd)

testing the water heater. If an LP gas appliance is not operating properly, have it inspected by an authorized RV service facility. Insects are attracted to the odorant added to LP gas and they build nests that can affect the appliance from operating properly. Note: The LP gas system should have a leak test and LP gas operating pressure test preformed annually. These tests should be performed by an authorized RV repair facility.

LP Gas System: If all the LP gas appliances work properly, plug the unit in and test 120-volt appliances and accessories for proper operation. Note: Make sure you have an adequate electrical source (30-50 amps) depending on your unit, before testing items like the microwave and roof air conditioner(s). After checking the refrigerator in the LP gas mode, turn it off and with the doors open allow sufficient time for it to return to room temperature before checking it in the electric mode.

Tires: Just like a battery looses a percentage of its charge in storage, tires lose a percentage of air pressure. Your RV tires can lose 2-3 psi a month while sitting in storage. This means they could be dangerously low on air pressure. Check the tire pressure in all tires with a quality tire inflation gauge and adjust the inflation pressure to the manufacturer's recommendation based on the load. Don't forget the spare! Remember, failing to maintain correct tire pressure, based on the load, can result in fast tread wear, uneven wear, poor handling, and excessive heat build-up which can lead to tire failure. Tire manufacturers publish load and inflation tables that should be followed for proper inflation pressure.

Power Train & Generator: Whether you have a motorhome or a tow vehicle, the power train needs to be checked out. Start by checking all fluid levels. Check the transmission, power steering, engine coolant, engine oil, windshield washer and brake fluid. Consult your vehicle owner's manual

for proper levels. If a fluid level is low, try to determine why and correct the problem. Service the engine and engine fluid levels according to specified intervals found in the vehicle owner's manual. Start the engine and check for proper readings on all gauges. Check the operation of all lights. Make sure the vehicle emissions / inspection sticker is up to date.

Oil Level: Check the oil level in the generator. Service the generator according to specified intervals found in the owner's manual. Inspect the generator exhaust system for any damage prior to starting. Never run a generator with a damaged exhaust system. If you didn't exercise the generator during storage, start and run it for about two hours with at least a half-rated load. Check your generator owner's manual for load ratings. If you didn't use a fuel stabilizer and the generator won't start or continues to surge after starting, have it checked out and repaired by an authorized service facility.

Seams & Sealants: If you didn't inspect the seams and sealants for potential leaks prior to storage, or if the RV was stored outdoors, this is a good time to do it. I recommend inspecting and resealing seams and sealants at least twice a year and possibly more depending on conditions.

Inspect all roof and body seams and around any openings cut into the RV for signs of cracking or damage. Reseal any seams or sealants that show signs of cracking or separation. It's important you consult your RV owner's manual or RV dealer for sealants compatible with different types of materials you are attempting to seal. If you don't feel comfortable performing the inspections or repairing seams and sealants, have the maintenance performed by an authorized service facility. Note: Be extremely careful working on the RV roof. A fall can cause serious injury or death.

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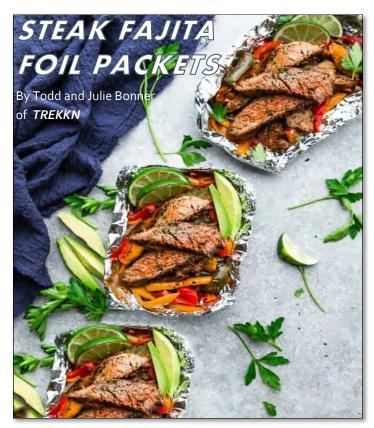
Safety Stuff: Re-install any dry-cell batteries or fuses that were removed for storage. If batteries were not removed from safety devices replace them with new batteries now. Test the operation of the carbon monoxide detector, LP gas leak detector and smoke alarm. Inspect all fire extinguishers to make sure they are fully charged. If you have dry powder fire extinguishers, shake and tap them on the bottom to release any settled powder. Review how to properly use a fire extinguisher in the event you need to use it. Make sure everybody understands what the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are and what to do if you are exposed to it.

These are what I would consider to be seven of the most important checks to prep your RV for spring travel. You can add to this list to tailor it to your specific needs, but most importantly, be safe and have a great camping season.

For a more in-depth look at getting your RV ready to roll check out our instant download e-book titled Checklists for RVers.



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Steak Fajita Foil Packets are the perfect easy & low carb meal for any season grilling, camping and cookouts. Best of all, they're loaded with all your favorite Tex-Mex flavors. Paleo, whole 30, gluten free & keto friendly meal.

Patio season is here in full swing and we have been grilling all the things.

One of our favorite thing to throw on the barbecue? Fajitas.

Our family are big fajita-fans, so fajitas of any kind happen a lot around here.

On α SHEET PAN: Shrimp Fajitas, Chicken Fajitas

IN ONE PAN: Shrimp Fajitas, Meal Prep Steak Fajitas, Grilled Chicken Fajitas

FOIL PACKETS: Chicken Fajita Foil Packets

AS A SALAD: <u>Tex Mex Chicken Salad</u>, <u>Asian Sesame</u> Steak Fajita Salad

LETTUCE WRAPS: Chicken Fajita Lettuce Wraps, Chili 2. Lime Steak Lettuce Wraps, Shrimp Fajita Lettuce Wraps

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This recipe for Steak Fajita Foil Packet is the perfect easy dinner recipe to have in your back pocket for summer. It's got all those favorite Tex-Mex flavors we love from our local Mexican restaurant.

HOW TO MAKE STEAK FAJITA FOIL PACKETS

- Start off by mixing together the chili powder, cumin, smoked paprika, garlic powder and salt. If you have a favorite brand of fajita seasoning, you can certainly use that instead.
- Slice up the steak into thin pieces or chunks and add to a large resealable bag and add olive oil, lime juice, cilantro, Worcestershire sauce and half of the fajita seasonings.

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HOW TO MAKE STEAK FAJITA FOIL PACKETS

week.

- 3. Divide between four 18 x 12 sheets of foil (you can also add a layer of parchment paper inside the foil if you prefer using parchment paper instead).
- Cut your vegetables and arrange around the steak. Drizzle with olive oil and the remaining seasoning.
- 5. Seal up the foil packets and bake or grill to tender perfection. (Add beans, rice or cheese if desired).
- 6. Serve with heated tortillas, avocado, an extra splash of lime juice and sprinkle with cilantro.
- For a low carb, keto version, you can use <u>these</u> <u>low carb tortillas</u>, <u>coconut wraps</u>, or serve over some lettuce or cauliflower rice.

And if you're not a fan of steak, it's easy to swap in <u>chicken</u> or <u>shrimp</u> and adjust the cooking time.



Foil packets are so convenient for any camping season and you can't beat the simplicity and easy of how they come together. But if you'd rather have a heartier or complete all in one meal with (like say for a camping trip), you can easily add some black beans, cheese and even some rice to bulk them up.

CAN I MAKE THESE STEAK FAJITA FOIL PACKETS AHEAD OF TIME?

Yes, absolutely. These Steak Fajita Foil Packets would be perfect for meal prep Sunday. Just divide everything out into lunch containers (shown below with cauliflower rice) to enjoy them throughout the



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Steak Fajita Foil Packets Recipe Card

Prep Time - 15 mins

Cook Time - 12 mins

Total Time - 27 mins

Steak Fajita Foil Packets are the perfect easy meal for summer grilling and cookouts. Best of all, they're loaded with all your favorite Tex Mex flavors and make a low carb, paleo and keto friendly meal.

Course: Main Course Cuisine: Mexican

Keyword: barbecue, camping, fajitas, foil packet, grilling, steak, summer

Servings: 4 **Calories**: 247 kcal **Author**: Kelly

Ingredients:

☐ Heavy Duty Foil plus parchment paper if preferred

SEASONINGS:

- ☐ 2 teaspoons chili powder
- ☐ 1 teaspoon cumin
- ☐ 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- \square 1 teaspoons smoked paprika
- ☐ 1/2 1 teaspoon sea salt or to taste
- ☐ 1/4 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper or to taste

For the foil packets:

- ☐ 12 ounces flank steak sliced into 1/4" strips across the grain
- ☐ 3 tablespoons olive oil divided
 - juice from 1 lime
- ☐ 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ☐ 2-3 medium bell peppers
- ☐ 1 medium red onion thinly sliced

For serving:

- ☐ chopped fresh cilantro
- ☐ lime wedges
- ☐ sliced avocado
- ☐ warm tortillas flour or corn

Instructions

- 1. Preheat grill to medium-high heat or the oven to 425 degrees F.
- 2. Combine the ingredients for the seasonings in small bowl or bag and mix.
- 3. In a large zip-top bag, add the steak and drizzle with 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, juice from 1 lime, Worcestershire sauce and chopped cilantro. Sprinkle with 2/3 of the fajita seasonings. Seal the bag and press down to evenly distribute the flavors. (if making this ahead, you can allow the steak to marinate overnight in the fridge).
- 4. Cut eight 18 x 12 inch squares of foil* and lay out on a flat surface. Divide into four piles where each foil packet has two pieces. (or line the inside with parchment paper if preferred).
- 5. Divide the steak slices into each foil packet.
- 6. Cut the veggies into thin strips and drizzle with olive oil and the remaining 1/3 of the seasoning mix. Divide evenly into each packet, arranging them around the steak.
- 7. Fold the foil over the steak and seal to close off the packets.

If cooking on the grill:

- 1. Place foil packets onto grill and grill for 6-8 minutes, then flip over and grill for an additional 3-4 minutes for medium (or until desired doneness).
- 2. Remove from the grill and carefully open the foil packets.
- 3. Serve with warm tortillas with sliced avocado and your favorite toppings.

If cooking in the oven:

- 1. Place foil packets on a baking sheet and cook for 10-15 minutes (or until desired doneness, rotating tray once). Remove baking sheet from oven.
- 2. Serve with heated tortillas with sliced avocado and your favorite toppings.



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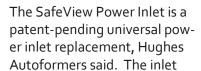


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<u>Power WatchDog:</u> Hughes Autoformers, a supplier of RV surge protection and voltage boosters for OEMs and the aftermarket, recently unveiled <u>The SafeView Power</u> Inlet.





can detect reversed polarity as well as an open ground or missing neutral on an RV power inlet.

According to Hughes Autoformers General Manager Brett Thomas, regulations require new RVs to be able to detect wiring issues like an open ground and instances of reversed polarity.

Reversed polarity occurs when a hot wire and a neutral wire have been swapped, increasing the electric shock or short circuit damage risk.

Hughes Autoformers began to develop the SafeView Power Inlet in 2021 when personnel at the company learned about the regulations and began to brainstorm solutions, Thomas said.

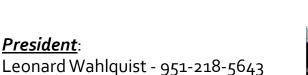


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