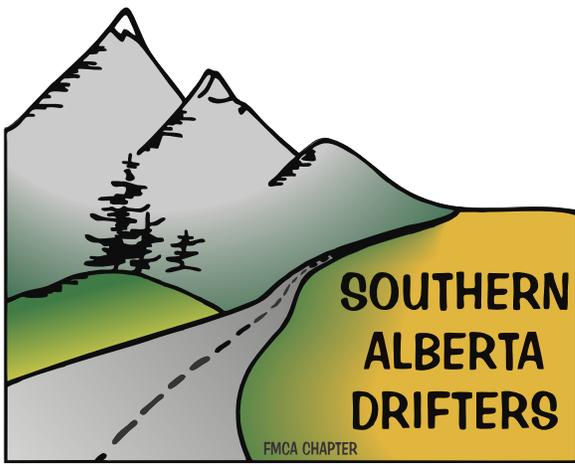


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## General Info

**Southern Alberta Drifters** is a registered chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association. Membership is open to any FMCA member in good standing.

All dues, rally registration fees, and other payments, should be sent by e-transfer to [southernalbertadrifters@gmail.com](mailto:southernalbertadrifters@gmail.com)

Rally sign up details should be sent by email to the host as per that events registration form.

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## Happy New Year Everyone !!

### President's Message

I like to wish all SADrifters members a very healthy and prosperous year ahead in 2025, hoping to see you all in the new Rally season starting in May in Diamond Valley. For those that have plans to do road trips during the year, or plan to join us in the July caravan, we wish you all safe travels and enjoying of your house on wheels where ever the road may take you.

I managed to get us an AED machine for the chapter from sponsorship money from my workplace, and will bring it along to our first rally of the season in May — with the wish that we never have to use it, or if we do, that it will save a life.

Enjoy the rest of winter, and sincerely hope to see you all in spring or summer ... better yet, both!

## 2024 Christmas Dinner

### Seasonal Celebration Dinner

The Drifters annual Christmas Dinner was held on **December 9th at Bolero Restaurant**. 17 members attended. The restaurant owner expressed his appreciation for the group coming, and hoped we would be returning, and continue the tradition.



Thanks Carr, for arranging a great year-end social event!!



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## Annual Dues

### Have you paid your 2025 dues?

It's just \$20 per year ... consider paying for more than one year to make things easier!

Send your e-transfer payment now to [SouthernAlbertaDrifters@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernAlbertaDrifters@gmail.com) to ensure you get newsletters, rally sign-ups, and all other info during the year.

## 2025 Events

<b>May 8 - 11</b>	<b>Bob Lochhead Lions Memorial Park Campground, Diamond Valley Alberta</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Chapter Meeting</li> <li>• power, water, dump</li> </ul>	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Gerrit &amp; Elsabé Nel</i>
<b>June 12 - 15</b>	<b>Hand Hills High Country Campground, Drumheller Alberta</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• power, water, dump</li> <li>• Tyrrell Museum, Atlas Coal Mine, Badlands</li> </ul>	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Peter &amp; Carole McDonald</i>
<b>July 10 - 20</b>	<b>Caravan 2025 — NE Alberta/NW Saskatchewan Loop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camrose, Bonnyville, Lloydminster, Battleford, Pike Lake</li> </ul>	<i>Organizer: Carr McLeod</i>
<b>August 21 - 24</b>	<b>Willey West Campground, Drayton Valley, Alberta Salmon Fest #3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dump, ice cream parlour, hiking trails, e-bike rentals ...</li> <li>• Annual Business Meeting and elections for President and Treasurer</li> </ul>	<i>Organizers / Hosts: Irma Connell &amp; Wayne Bell</i>
<b>September 18 - 21</b>	<b>To Be Determined</b> We need a host and a preferred location. A suggestion was to hold it at the Enchant Campground or Irricana, however the host will select.	<i>Organizers / Hosts: TBD</i>

## 2024 Christmas Dinner cont'd



## FMCA Update

FMCA is now doing business as "Family RV Association", and they are in the process of updating the logo and name in documents and on the website. You may see some items that say "FMCA." Just know that this is still our official name. Our goal is to transition to the DBA name "Family RV Association" or "FRVA" where appropriate.



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## Stephen's Ramblings

Well that is wrap for 2024. Time to get out the maps and web links to plan for a great 2025 travel season. The US\$ exchange rate and political intrigue will make travels south of the border more challenging than usual, but in our mobile homes with lots of flexibility anything is possible.

In other news, Carr will soon be sending out sign-up info for the 2025 Caravan, and looking for a deposit, so he can book the sites as soon as the reservation system at each location allows. The call is out for payment of 2025 dues as well.

For Carr and Carol, it will be the first season in the new-to-them RV. Well in a way, as it was Ray and Rosemary's unit, they will be quite familiar with it. Unfortunately Rod and Nikki will be stepping back from RVing it seems, so that particular RV unit will have been continuously in the Chapter, owned by 3 different members sequentially!

Looking at the schedule, you will note that we need a host and location for the September rally. Think about stepping up to host (and/or getting a host team together) and take this on. The September weather is usually great for this wind up event.

Wishing everyone a great 2025 with safe and entertaining travels!

## Fantasy RV Info

Carole and I have been trained, and continue training this year, as Ambassadors of Fantasy RV. In that role, we will be at Fantasy events like the two weeks of the Stampede. We are also trained to help anybody that wants attend a rally, and go on any of the 100 tours they have planned each year.



Give us a call to discuss or ask any questions. We have set up a specific email for this that comes to both myself and Carole. It's ...

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