



SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER



The "Snowbird Chapter" of Rim Rock Roamers spends Jan-Mar 2026 together in Gold Canyon, AZ, along with former Roamers Rich Moyer & Diane Pinkney.

Upcoming Dates/Events

May 5th – 12th

Chapter Rally
Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort
67667 US-20, Bend, OR 97703

June 17th – 20th

Northwest Area Rally 2026
"A Coastal Gathering"
Ko-Kwel Casino Resort
3201 Tremont Ave, North Bend, OR 97459
*** Roamers should plan on arriving anytime after 1:00 pm on Tuesday, June 16th ***

July 14th – 21st

Chapter Rally
Peach Beach RV Park
89 Maryhill Hwy, Goldendale, WA 98620



Spring Greetings Roamers!

Wow! Just like that, winter has come and gone, and another rally season is upon us. Happy May Day... for those of you who observe such events or dates. Not a lot of recent chapter related information to pass along yet, since many of us have either been hibernating or snow-birding the past few months. I guess it's time to shake of the rust and get to it! 😊

I did recently sit in on a live webinar session, held by the FRVA Governing Board. Among other things, a question that came up multiple times, had to do with potential recruits wanting to join a chapter without joining FRVA. In other words, some folks aren't interested in FMCA or what it can offer... They're mainly just looking for a camping group. It was made clear in the meeting that, per FRVA Bylaws, everyone **must** become members of FRVA if joining a chapter within FRVA. Cut and dried. It was further discussed that we should try to make a strong case of pointing out the services and benefits afforded to us through our memberships, when promoting FRVA and having those conversations with interested RVers.

In that vein, I asked our distinguished VP, Brian Benz, to focus this edition's VP Corner on some of those key benefits... providing us with a refresher, if nothing else. I would encourage you to be sure and read Brian's column on pages 3-4.

Along with this newsletter, be sure to open (and read) the other email attachment, which contains National Director, Wally Kundert's, notes from last week's Northwest Area Business/Planning Meeting. Traci & I were originally going to attend the meeting, but, as was noted in other prior correspondence, we opted to stay longer here in Gold Canyon for Traci to continue her medical care and reach a logical break point in treatment before returning home to Redmond. Thank you, Wally, for representing RRR at the meeting! In particular, those who are registered for the upcoming NWA Rally (Jun 17-20) at Ko-Kwel Casino Resort should closely read pages 3-4 of Wally's document, as he has detailed some relevant information for the event, as well as our chapter responsibilities. If you have any questions, please fire away!

I continue my ramble with a couple of musings. The end of 2026 will conclude my 4th full year as Chapter President. It's been a good run, and I've truly appreciated the vote of confidence from all of you, to lead our group and help navigate the continual transition and changes with FRVA. However, persistent family health issues and settling into retirement over the past (almost) 2 years, have allowed me some time to ponder and reflect on things. At this point, I believe the time is approaching for me to look at passing the presidential torch on to someone else, while Team Davis continues to figure out our retirement "way ahead." THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE'RE GOING ANYWHERE OR LEAVING RRR! If anyone thinks they may be remotely interested in stepping up and running for President, I'd encourage you to think it over and please consider it as we work our way through rally season. Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you all out on the trail!

Lastly, as most of you know, we recently lost fellow Roamer and dear friend, Rollie Seibert. Previous emails have gone out regarding Rollie's passing, as well as information for his upcoming celebration of life, this Sunday. I also posted Rollie's obituary to the RRR Group Facebook page. For anyone who doesn't do Facebook and would like a copy of the obit emailed over to them, please let me know.

Team Davis spent Dec 1 – Jan 1 at Desert Shadows RV Resort, near Palm Springs, CA, along with fellow Roamer, Jane Marjama. Great time/great weather, and even made some new friends. A drive and overnight stay with family in the San Fernando Valley for Christmas Day was also special!



Jan-Mar was spent at Gold Canyon RV & Golf Resort with four other Roamer couples who shared a row of RV sites together on the same street. An amazing time was had by all and the only regret we heard from anyone was that the time flew by way too fast and then it was time to go home... 😞



New Members

Joining Rim Rock Roamers just before last Christmas, please welcome Kris Branum of Redmond. Kris is a longtime FRVA member and located us through the chapter website. She then reached out to our Membership Chair, Jan Rydman, who got her on path to becoming a member. Kris travels with her trusty golden retriever, Rocky, and recreates in a Class C Winnebago View, while towing her Suzuki Sidekick. She's excited to get out and start RV'ing with us and has booked reservations for several of this season's rallies. Welcome aboard, Kris!

VP Corner

Wow – winter (did we really have winter here???) is over and our RRR camping season is soon to begin! For those of us lucky enough to be Snowbirds, camping season never really ends though, does it? Before I continue – Welcome to all of our new Roamers! As most of the existing Roamers know, I am a retired mechanical engineer, and I (really!) like to tinker on things. So, my focus while I'm sitting in my corner will be to educate our members on things that are important to me, and hopefully, you as well after reading. With so many new FRVA members joining our chapter in the past year, and because our illustrious leader suggested it based upon a recent FRVA webinar that he attended where the question was asked "Why should I join FRVA?", this is going to be a revised discussion (originally published as my first corner topic back in 2023) on the benefits (included automatically in our yearly dues) and discounts that FRVA has negotiated for the members.

The hyperlink to the benefits (you will need to be logged in your FRVA dashboard) page is [Membership Benefits | FRVA](#) and include Advocacy, Family RVing Magazine, Medical & Travel Assist, Tech Connect +, Antitheft Decal, FRVA University, and Membership Plates. I will not go into detail on all of these as you can read about each benefit on the FRVA website, but will briefly discuss the FRV Medical and Travel Assist and FRVA University benefits as these, in my humble opinion, are the most important benefits available to the membership.

FRVA Medical and Travel Assist is emergency medical evacuation and repatriation coverage that is available to members worldwide as long as you are more than 75 miles from home; for those members that are full-time, you are always considered more than 75 miles from home. Trip means any travel by air, land, or sea so it is more than just coverage while you are RVing – you can even be in a foreign country on vacation! Following are some highlighted services that are provided as part of the FRVA Medical and Travel Assist program?

- Medical Evacuation and Repatriation
- Return Home
- Family Travel Expense
- Return of Mortal Remains
- Return of Dependent Children
- Recreational Vehicle/RV Return (limited to trips in North America only)
- Return of Private Passenger Automobile (limited to trips in North America only)
- Pet Return
- Prescription Medication and Medical Device Replacement
- Accidental Death and Severe Injury Benefits
- Emergency Cash and Emergency Room Outpatient Cash Benefits

Insurance coverage is underwritten by Arch Insurance Company, NAIC #11150, a member company of Arch Insurance Group, Inc. FRVA Medical and Travel Assist, and following is the hyperlink to the reference guide document should you wish to read and understand it is [FRVA-DescriptionofCoverage-Arch.pdf](#)

What you will learn by attending an FRVA Rally, is that besides having fun and fellowship with more FRVA chapters, is that FRVA is big on educating its members via the numerous seminars that they offer. To that end, the FRVA University is an online hub of RVing resources that members can access 24/7 – anytime, and from anywhere. Having RV problems on the Road? Need to consult an RVing how-to article? Want a guide about winterizing your RV or tackling RV repairs? All of this and more are available at [About FRVA University | FRVA](#)

The hyperlink to the discounts pages is [Top Choice for RV Discount Clubs | FRVA](#) and include the FRVA Tire Savings Program, FRVA Roadside Rescue, Insurances (RV, Auto, Home, Travel, Pet and Health), Camping Fee Discount Programs, and RV Travel Services including RV Tours, Briter Solar, Kleen Tank, Mail Forwarding, Fuel Discounts, etc. Personally, for us, we initially joined FRVA just to take advantage of the tire discount for our previous truck. When we joined in 2021, I took advantage of the Michelin Advantage Program, as Michelin is the only tire manufacturer that has the size tire that my previous Freightliner truck utilized, which were Michelin XRV 255/80 R22.5. As I write this, the current program savings per tire is \$88.11, so if we had joined this year, our initial FRVA membership would have generated \$528.66 in savings to us – which is a nice return on our \$99 FRVA membership!

Another discount that we currently utilize is that of the FRVA Roadside Assistance Program. Benefits of this discount program are:

- Towing to the nearest qualified repair center
- Fuel delivery
- Lockout service
- Tire change
- Battery boost
- Tech assistance

The yearly cost for towable RVs is \$129 which also includes your towing vehicle (up to, and including a Class 5 truck like we previously had), and \$159 for motorized RV's and your Toad. You can read more about this service here, [RV Roadside Assistance - RV Service | FRVA](#) which also compares itself to other similar programs that are available.

Well, that wraps up my brief write-up as to why every RVer should become a member of FRVA. Back to my tinkering until next time our president wants a VP corner write-up! Here is what I am currently feverishly working on prior to heading out to Bend/Sisters Garden. I have the basement walls out to modify the plumbing to add our existing Clearsource filtration system and water softener that we had in our Riverstone 5th wheel.



What subject(s) would you like to hear about? Send an email to mrb94@aol.com and tell me what you want me to write about.

- Brian Benz

Health Updates

Past president and current treasurer, Wayne Linschied, had a pacemaker implanted back in late March to help regulate ongoing heartbeat rhythm concerns. He says all went well and he is now sleeping much better. Members David and Joan Ransier both contracted RSV infections over winter, which put a damper on a good portion of their snowbird experience in Surprise, AZ. They've both fully recovered and are looking forward to rally season. Our illustrious National Director, Wally Kundert, recently underwent a cardiac ablation procedure to help with an irregular heart rhythm. As far as he knows, it was a success and corrected his AFib. Wally is also on a short list for hip replacement later this spring. I do apologize if I've missed anyone who has (or had) a serious health/medical concern since the end of last season. I try to keep up with who's who and what's what, but it's a bit challenging during the off-season.

Treasurer Update

Members,

Rim Rock Roamers annual dues are due to be paid by **May 31, 2026**.

Dues are \$15 per coach.

Payment can be made by cash, check (payable to Rim Rock Roamers), or directly to our chapter bank account using Zelle (more about using Zelle later in this e-mail).

Payment by check can be mailed to:

Wayne Linschied
6650 NW 61st St
Redmond, OR 97756

I will be at the first campout of the year, Bend/Sisters Garden RV Resort, so I can accept payments there.

Note: Cash payments are difficult to track. I will provide a receipt for each cash transaction.

If your banking institution has Zelle available and you want to pay your renewal dues via Zelle, I have set up a "Zelle tag" we can try. This can save the Treasurer some handling and record keeping efforts.

Enter the tag "**RRR2026DUES**" (without " " marks and not case sensitive) as the **SEND TO** identity.

When I access our US Bank account, I can immediately see a list of those who've paid, and then update our records.

Zelle and your bank will be your receipt for the electronic delivery.

Mark Davis and I both used Zelle and it worked flawlessly.

Paid 2026 dues (thus far):

- Linschied
- Rydman
- Davis
- Kundert
- Mattioda
- Kiuttu



Joined after September 2025 (paid for 2026):

- Branum
- Gonzalez

Treasurer: Rim Rock Roamers

- Wayne Linschied

From the Secretary’s Desk

A heads up that I will be bringing a bundle of our 2026 chapter recruitment brochures along with me to Bend/Sisters Garden, and will be handing them out to each membership team (5/ea), as we’ve done for the past 2-3 years.

- Jan Rydman



Did You Know? 😞

A helpful operation tip for those of us who’ve experienced a leaking (or blown out) selector valve on our RV fresh water bay inlet. We’re talking about the 3 or 4-position central valve/knob that allows you to switch between “City Water,” “Fill Tank,” “Sanitize,” “Winterize,” etc. Be sure to **ALWAYS** relieve the water pressure by turning off the water pump **and** the city water source **BEFORE** turning the selector knob to a different position, or it could destroy the seals or gaskets inside the valve assembly if switching positions under pressure. Doing so cannot be emphasized enough, as a replacement assembly can be costly and time-consuming to handle. Unfortunately, at least a couple of us Roamers have learned this lesson the hard way over the past year... 😞



NOTE: Above image is for an Anderson Kantleak 4-way selector valve. Yours may very well be something different.

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- Membership Chair: Jan Rydman retains this position for 2026. This is an appointed position.
- Wagon Master: Lynette Brown retains this position for 2026. This is an appointed position.

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Mother's Day

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Gentlemen: If your wife or partner is also a mom, remember to do something nice and special for them on Mother's Day, May 10th, during the Bend/Sisters Garden rally! 🌸