



The Aurora News

The Canadian Northern
Lights



Family Motor Coach Association



President's Message

Happy "2018" Canadian Northern Lights Members

"Well" here we are into the 2018 rally season. Dale and I are still in Arizona and are planning to be back in Canada at the end of March or beginning of April. The weather here has been great as usual and we have been enjoying the sun and warmth. For short periods of time, we would think of those who were left back at home and have to endure the bitter cold and snowy environment. The only ice we see here is in our cocktails every day. We hope everyone stayed healthy through the winter. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again at the end of May at our first rally.

We will be celebrating the club's 25th Anniversary. The Rally will be held at the Carberry Fair Grounds in Carberry, Manitoba, May 24th - May 27th 2018. Your executive will be hosting and if all our plans come together we should have a great time as always. We are also trying to put together a rolling rally from the FMCA Convention in Gillette, Wyoming to Sakatchewan and ending in Manitoba.

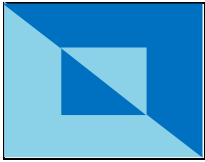
The Gillette FMCA Convention is from July 18th-21st, 2018. From there we would head to Moose Jaw or Regina SK and then end the trip in Manitoba. Anyone not attending the convention would be welcome to join us in Canada along our way. Although plans are not totally finalized we hope to have everything in place by the time of our Rally in Carberry. Gene Grimm (President of the Ramblin NoDak's) has put out a bulletin about the Gillette Rally and the plans for meeting prior so we can roll into Gillette together.

We are trying to put together plans for our last rally of the year, some time about the third week in August. Location not determined as yet. As always we are looking for someone to host the rally and help where possible with the planning. All suggestions are welcomed and if we do not use your suggestion this year it can be used at another time.

The FMCA has passed the vote for allowing RV's of other descriptions to join the FMCA and Chapters of the FMCA as is detailed in the message from the National Director that is included in this newsletter. These changes will be discussed at our first meeting in Carberry in May 2018.

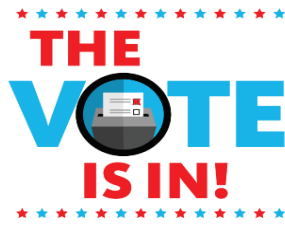
The members hand book is very near completion and should be handed out at the May rally.

Bryan Paquin



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Have you heard the big announcement? FMCA members have voted to extend membership to owners of all self-contained, wheeled RVs with permanently installed cooking, sleeping and sanitary facilities. This means our FMCA family will be growing. Please spread the news to all your RVing friends!

FAQ: (Check out your latest newsletter)

Will all RV owner members have full benefits? Yes.

Why should I continue to be a member? FMCA is unique. It is a not-for-profit RV association, the largest in the world. Our mission is education (and fun) and, with that in mind, we continue to develop the offerings of the FMCA Academy. FMCA also provides great benefits, such as the tire buying program, the FMCA Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Program, and the Connect-on-the Go and the Tech Connect+ Benefit Package. FMCA will continue to be unique among the major clubs because it is the only one owned and governed by its membership.

Why couldn't we have just grown the organization by getting more motorhome owners to join? FMCA has an active member recruitment program and has been signing up thousands of new members every year. However, we also have been losing thousands of members every year due to age-related factors (or, members who choose to move to a towable!). The new members who are joining today aren't new to RVing – they have built friendships and memories with other RVers. Instead of feeling as though they were turning their backs on those friendships, we'd rather they just bring their friends along for the fun with FMCA!

Just a few of the questions about the changes. More information will come later.

Make a list of all the RV'ers you know and let's invite them to one of the Canadian Northern Lights Chapter Rallies. We know how great FMCA is – let's spread the word.

Happy RV'ing in 2018

John Morrow
National Director



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Thursday May 24th Coaches arrive

Dinner on you own

Friday May 25th 8:00 A.M.

Breakfast (Pancakes and Sausages and coffee)

9:30 - 11:00A.M.

General Meeting

Lunch on your own

3:00 P.M.

Presentation by Historian Ed James
WW 2 Airgunners

5:00 P.M.

Chilli Pot Dinner with buns
(Please bring a can of chilli or your own homemade chilli for the chilli pot)

After dinner

Speeches by Past Presidents about what the
Canadian Northern Lights Club has meant to them

Saturday May 26th 8:00 A.M.

Breakfast (Muffins and Toast and coffee)

9:00 A.M.

Depart for MacGregor town wide yard sales
for those who wish to or explore the area on your own

Lunch on your own

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Games.....Minute to win it!!!!!!!
Fun for all who wish to participate
"Prizes will be awarded"

Happy Hour after and during games (Bring your refreshments of choice)

6:00 P.M.

Catered dinner (Bring your own plates and cutlery)

8:00 P.M.

Entertainment

Sunday May 27th 9:00 A.M.

Breakfast (Hard boiled eggs and toast and coffee)

(Please bring your own table service to all meals.)

Say our goodbyes to all attendees !!!!!



Travel safe evryone !!!!!!!