

The Aurora News



Canadian Northern Lights RV Chapter

Good Bye and Good Riddance, 2020!

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Twelve months ago, some of us were happily preparing for a bust Christmas season at home, while others were enjoying the warmth of the sun further south. None of us could possibly have predicted the rapidly unfolding world-wide pandemic that would cripple the globe.

We have spent days, weeks and even months wearing masks, sanitizing, isolating, in quarantine, shopping virtually rather than in-person, all to inhibit the spread of this devastating virus.

It has affected our families, our finances, our socializing, and in many cases our physical and mental health.



On a brighter note, as of this writing, there are several highly effective vaccines now available to combat this virus in several countries, and will soon be available in Canada.

For many of us, it will be the first winter at home in years, and this will also be a big change for us.

Please be safe, keep warm, stay healthy, wear your masks, and try to maintain 2 metres from those not living with you. There will be lots of time for hugs and handshakes next year.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Presidents Message

As we move into the Winter and our RV is tucked away in storage, I would like to reflect on 2020 season. Due to the virus, the Border was shut down along with a majority of many camping locations, and greatly reduced sized gatherings. We were left with no choice but to cancel all our rallies. However, we still have Carberry booked for May 2021 spring rally and we will keep our fingers crossed that will happen. That's why it is so important for everyone to follow the rules and hopefully a vaccine will allow us to get on the road again. Ruth and I with our new travel mate (Sophie) did manage to get out camping and fishing, as some local campground were open with social distancing. Although we can't all get together, we were able to visit family and friends in small groups and telephone conversations.

Some of the topics are for a rolling rally to Alaska provided the Borders are open; other wise we could head to North West Territories or 3rdly Northern Manitoba. This is food for thought and would be great for all our members to think of places to go and see, and could make a good suggestions for Carberry.

All though this has been a trying year, so far we have not lost any members to this disease that I know of. I wish every one has a safe and healthy up coming Holliday season, and look forward to gathering together in 2021. Stay safe from our house to yours.— Ralph

2020 The Year of The Mask

This year will be one that many of us would like to forget.

With no Canadian Northern Lights rallies this year, Hopefully we can all get together in 2021 and make up for lost time. At this point, the pending rally at Carberry in May is not a certainty. There is much to happen over the next several months before we can safely confirm the next rally.

Our executive will do our best to keep the members informed .

Stay safe, stay well.

And

MERRY CHRISTMAS from CNL executive !

FMCA Regional Rallies and Conventions

Please check FMCA Website for recent and future events.

Canadian Northern Lights Rally Schedule 2021

Tentative- Updates sent via email.

If you are interested in hosting a rally, please contact a member of the Executive.

CNL Spring Rally

Carberry Ag Grounds

May 2021

We are always looking for hosts/venues.

Vice President's Ramblings

Stay Home, and Stay Safe....

Unfortunately, for the next several months, that is going to continue to be the official message from our Health and Government officials. We need to do what we can to halt this virus. And if it takes sitting on my butt, watching another Netflix movie, and dining on take-out (or delivered) food, I'm ok with that! Especially since the next several months are going to include SNOW and COLD!!!

Donna and I certainly missed the socializing that our rallies provide, but that will make next year even better!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! - Mark

Secretary's Comments

Ernie & I have missed, very much, our Northern Lights rally's this year. I hope that 2021 is going to be a better year. It's hard to see the COVID numbers rising daily so stay home, stay safe and wear your mask! Even Christmas is going to be challenging this year but it's just another day, what's wrong with planning Christmas in July!! It's all about getting together with those we love and the date doesn't matter. We learned that a long time ago with a son-in-law in the military and now on the Winnipeg Police Force. We enjoy our time no matter when it is. Our thoughts and prayers are with any of you who have lost loved ones. Keep safe!

—Darlene

Treasurers Comments

Hi there:

Do you wish we could uninstall 2020 and install it again—as this version has a virus?

This Christmas wish is packed full of virus-free hugs and kisses for the Canadian Northern Lights. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and that we can see each other again soo. Until then, cheers to you and your family from afar, for your good health and happiness.

Hope this finds everyone staying home, wearing a mask, and staying healthy. We are gearing up for 2021. Itching to get behind the wheel and on the road again. Being grateful for the vaccines on the way, so we can travel. Please check out the FMCA Website for up to date information on rallies and major International Conventions, Membership, Forums, Product Store, Magazine, Chapters, etc. It is really a wealth of information for us RVer's.

Major Events

FMCA 102nd International Convention	March 10-13,2021	Perry, GA
FMCA 103rd International Convention	July 7-10, 2021	Gillette, WY

CNL Chapter Rally dates will be forthcoming.

Best to everyone.

John and Jerri Morrow

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

It is our hope that we all enjoy Christmas and the Holiday season in whatever form that may be;
In person, by phone, or social media with family and friends .

All the best in the New Year.

Jan Gorrell

George Jaeger

Gord Unger

Our Chapter exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities which provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member recreational vehicles (RVs). We like to get together in small towns, visit their local restaurants, tour their facilities to gather information, and even love to visit their yard sales and flea markets. We have members from all of Manitoba, Saskatchewan as well as some from our sister group in the US called "The Ramblin Nodaks." Our dues are minimal per year, but you must be a member in good standing with FMCA to join. We try to get together several times each summer. Most are "hosted" with organized tours, entertainment, games, etc. Some are "not hosted," just a casual weekend with a great group of friends. Either way, you are welcome to try us out, participate in what you choose or do your own thing. No worries, no stress, just a casual get together.

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Editorial

For me, December 31 will be a terrific day. I can't wait to kick 2020 squarely in the buttocks, as the virus has done to so many of us.

According to David Phillips of Environment Canada, this winter will be "relatively mild" which is most definitely a blessing for the Snowbirds that aren't able to travel to a warmer climate.

Such a quiet year for many of us....I am so looking forward to 2021.

Merry Christmas and happy New year to all.

Mark Morgan, Editor

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