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Hello Beavers,

A new year, 2024, has welcomed us with many opportunities for the club. We will still have the same areas to focus on; membership, rallies and finances but there are many ways YOU as the members can help it to be one of the best clubs.

Membership, how does that affect me as a member? Each of you is the best advertisement we have. As you travel and see other Beaver coaches, take the time to introduce yourself and offer them the opportunity to join in our fun times. If you encounter other motorhomers that do not have a Beaver, but a qualifying coach, invite them to one of our events. They will never know how much fun they can have with this group if they are never invited.

If you unfortunately must give up your coach for health, family or economic reasons, do the club a favor by making sure the new owners know about the BAC. Give them a member brochure and application.

Rallies, how does that affect me as a member? Meeting other members face to face is one of the best ways to enjoy the club. The fun, camaraderie and information exchanged at those gatherings of members is hard to describe. There is nothing like watching a group of members gathering around a coach having a problem. They try to figure out the issue and fix the problem while attending a rally. It is too easy to say putting on a rally is not in my wheelhouse, or I could never put on a rally. Members complain to me that there are not enough rallies or there are none where I live. Well now is the time for you to step up and put together one where you live or where you like to travel. It is just like putting on a party at your house. All rallies do not need to be in the most expensive campground available or have high paid entertainment or for that matter all meals provided. In fact, one of the most successful rallies the club has is the Quartzsite rally. This year it was the 18th of February. It is held in a FREE location (BLM land), the meals are a contribution of the rally attendees, and the entertainment changes every year. There have been games, movies, off-roading, bonfires, informal sessions on the "how too" and many, many more. Now is the time for YOU to put on a "party" for your Beaver friends.

Finances, how does that affect me? The Board of Directors have the main responsibility to keep the club financially solvent. I can assure you they are constantly looking at this issue. Your responsibility as a member is felt when you join or renew your membership or perhaps look for or obtain new sponsors (vendors). The sponsors have the opportunity to advertise in the newsletter and on the website. You can also help by finding new members either owning a Beaver or sponsoring them if a non-Beaver owner. This is a win-win opportunity for all of us.

I also want to recognize the group of members who join the Forum only. We need your continued questions and answers. If you are one of our members with the expertise to assist our members please continue to help.

Thank you for your continued membership and hope to see you down the road someday.

Joanne

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You Are Invited .

All members are invited to attend the BAC Board Meetings to see how the business of the club is conducted. Board meetings are scheduled the day before each International rally. The next in person Board Meeting will be in Las Vegas, NV on Sun. April 28, 2024.

Readers are reminded that the Constitution of FMCA restricts the use of names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers in Beaver Tales to FMCA and BAC purposes only. Readers may NOT use this information, or permit anyone else to use it for any commercial or personal gain or any promotional mailing or emailing.

Please Note: Unless otherwise noted, the first date on all rally ads indicates the date you should arrive, usually by noon, and the second date indicates the day you depart, usually in the morning.

BAC Contacts

New Member Sign-up and Member Info Updates

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To update info go to <https://www.beaveramb.org/Sys/Profile>

Rally Bars and First Timer Badges (Rally Masters only) and bars for 25/50/75/100 Rallies attended

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Contact the Rally Master listed in the ad.

Additional Club Information

For information about BAC, your area, or hosting rallies, visit the club website at beaveramb.org, or contact any officer listed to the left.

Beaver Service Phone Numbers

Beaver Coach Sales & Service - Bend, Oregon - 800-382-2597



It's Las Vegas, Baby!

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**Rally Masters:
Roy & Vicki Warren
dnrmom@earthlink.net
(619) 267-1000**

**Co-Rally Masters:
Chuck & Julie Jackson
Bill Orum & Peggy Lusk**

Beavers BAC to the Smoky Mountains

Sevierville, TN

Arrive: Tuesday, Sept 25, 2024 - Depart: Sunday, Sept 29, 2024

Committee Meetings - Sunday, Sept 23, 2024

BOD Meeting - Monday, Sept 24, 2024

The Ridge Outdoor RV and Event Center
Sevierville, TN



SAVE THE DATE

Meals, Entertainment, and Activities TBD

Rally Fee: TBD

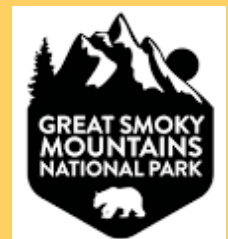
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At the last FMCA Rally in Gillette, the Long-Range Planning committee presented the following information. The key conclusions from the survey data: Most RVers own towables – FMCA must emphasize towables over motorhomes. Most RVers do not travel far from home and do not use their RV more than 30 days a year. The FMCA emblem does not relate to typical RV owners. The FMCA name and reference to “motor coach” is a hindrance to growth, but emphasis on “family” is positive.

Discounts and roadside assistance are key benefits desired. RV chapters and medical evacuation program are not incentives to stimulate membership growth. Hanging out with friends and meeting new people is what RVing is all about.

Long-Range Planning Committee Chairman Jerry Ayres called on committee member Al Zimmerman to give a Power Point presentation developed by the committee. Al recognized the committee members as follows: Jerry Ayres, Chairman; Joanne Fadale; Vanessa Simmons; and Fred Terranova. He noted the dedication and time committed by each member with their weekly workshops.

Al shared that the committee’s work really started in the fall of 2021. The committee reviewed the implications of the 2020 RVIA study data. Al reported that FMCA is not a significant player among RV owners (.69%) or even motorhome owners (3.3%.) They indicate that FMCA must shift its appeal to those who do not travel far from home and use their RV primarily in the summer. FMCA must respond to those who use their RV less than 30 days a year (69%.) FMCA must emphasize towables, which is 56% of RV owners, as much or more than motorhome owners. FMCA’s leadership must reflect the target market, while retaining the best of its current structure.

For planning purposes, they identified four target markets, noting that the primary target market is RV owners who are age 55-65, empty nesters, recently retired or retired, and relatively affluent but not wealthy. The younger RV owners are active, using their RVs for an active lifestyle, such as hobbies and sports. Other markets we need to think about are vendors, parts, campgrounds, etc.

The bottom line is that FMCA needs to change in order to survive and continue flourishing. Maybe the same has to happen with the Beavers?

For those who wish to have photos of their rallies considered to be published on the BAC website, please email the photos to: RallyPhotos@beaveramb.org. Please be sure to include the rally name in the subject line.

Jim Edwards - Rally Photos BAC

Western Area VP's Report Cathi Stark

Email: nana.grandpa.rving@gmail.com



Springtime in Arizona

When you read this article, it will be spring or close to it. Currently (early January) it is sunny, but cold (for here). The coming week will get down to the low 30s a couple of nights with highs in the 50s.

This is the time to plan for spring, summer and fall travels. I hope to see many of you at the Spring International Rally in Las Vegas for "It's Las Vegas, Baby!" If you can't make that one or even if you do, plan to attend the Fall International Rally in Sevierville "Beavers BAC in the Smokey Mountains." Additional details about both rallies can be found elsewhere in this copy of the Beaver Tales and online at the BAC website under Upcoming Rallies.

What are your plans for the next several months? Mike and I will be traveling around Utah: first the Bright Lights to Star Light rally out of Las Vegas and then a few other stops in Utah to explore lesser-known national parks including Capitol Reef, Canyon Lands and Mesa Verda. If you would like to know our scheduled stops so a Gathering might happen, please email or call me. Then we will be back to our home base in Surprise.

After a big Geocaching event in Flagstaff at the end of May, our plans are unclear until August. I am planning to create a rolling rally from central CA up to Bend for the FMCA's 109th International Convention & RV Expo August 14-17 before heading for places east of the Mississippi. Please let me know if you might be interested in the CA to Bend route, or in creating another rally or gathering with folks

coming from Idaho, Western Oregon or Washington.

Speaking of Geocaching – I am investigating the possibility of starting an FMCA Geocaching Chapter. Are there any interested people in BAC? To learn more about the game, check out the website Geocaching.com and/or contact me.

I was so sorry that the Indio rally for January had to be cancelled. This was a call made by the Western Area FMCA region due to a low participation rate. I have heard that many people had planned to attend the FMCA rally (and Arabian Nights with BAC) but hadn't yet signed up. In the future, please try to sign up for FMCA and BAC rallies 60-90 days in advance so the planners can make good decisions.

You can find out about other FMCA Area Rallies on the FMCA website, MENU, then on the left - EVENTS, FMCA Rallies Calendar, then click Area Rallies on the top bar. Maybe while you are planning your travels, you will want to add in an Area Rally where you can meet new folks and invite them to join BAC!

Hope to see many of you down the road – Until then Safe Travels!

Cathi



Discover Nebraska

Not-at-all what you thought

Come travel with the Beavers in September as we cross Nebraska on our way to Sevierville, TN and the BAC Fall International Rally.

We are planning three separate rallies starting out west with the Chimney Rock Rally, September 5th through the 8th at Bayard, NE.

Next, we travel to Kearney, NE for the Platte River Road Rally, September 9th through the 12th. Then on to Ashland, NE and the Cornhusker Country Rally, September 13th through the 16th.

We will depart Ashland on September 17th, and that will allow a full week to plan your route to Sevierville. We have several suggestions for those who are interested in traveling together.

Rick and Terri Mayer will be the Rally Masters for all three rallies, with the Co Rally Masters duties shared by Roy & Patsy Boles and Kevin & Susan Higgins

Look for the ads in the Beaver Tales, and sign up for one, two, or all three.

See you in Nebraska.

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9 - 50 Amp, Full Hookups

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VP CENTRAL AREA

Central Area VP's Report

Doug Strand
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Spring is on its way, but right now the heaters are on in our coach in Happy Trails located in Surprise, AZ where Nancy and I call home for the winter months. I'll try to catch you up on what has happened and what we can look forward to in the coming months. Tom Chase and JoAnn Francis hosted a great rally in Camp Verde, Arizona where 14 coaches (28 members) enjoyed a train ride through the beautiful Verde Canyon. The Blackstone grills were busy preparing wonderful breakfast for everyone before the days' adventures began. We wish we could have attended this rally. Looking ahead, our next rally in the Central Area will be the 19th running of Quartzsite! Jeff Lanning and JoAnn Francis were the rally masters for this unique gathering in the Arizona desert January 16 – 20, 2024. The winter months will be quiet but April 29 – May 4, 2024, members won't want to miss our International Rally, "It's Las Vegas Baby" with seasoned rally masters Roy & Vicki Warren making all the plans. As of now, nothing has been scheduled in the Central Area until September 5th. Rick and Terri Mayer will be hosting 3 consecutive rallies that will be heading toward

Sevierville, Tennessee. First, rally "Chimney Rock" will be held in Bayard, Nebraska September 5 – 9, 2024. Second, rally, "Platte River Road" will be held in Kearney, Nebraska September 9 – 13, 2024. The third rally, "Cornhusker County" will be held in Ashland, Nebraska September 13 – 17, 2024. At the end of these rallies, members will be on their way to the International rally being held September 25 – 29, 2024 "Beavers BAC to the Smoky Mountains" with Norm and Cynthia Green as rally masters. These 3 rallies are bringing members from the west toward the Smoky Mountains. Before I close, I would like to recognize and thank Lonna Connell for all her work as editor on the Beaver Tales and Geri Becker for her dedication to the position of Treasurer. Hope to see everyone in Las Vegas!

See you down the road.

Doug

Welcome New Family Members!

October 2023

Augustin, Stefan & Jeannie	Cameron, NC
DeFalco, Michael	Vineland, NJ
Meeks, Darryl & Lynne	Fuquay Varina, NC
Phillips, Mark & Lois	Plains, GA
Sheets, Molly & Hafer, Hunter	Melbourne, FL
Spreen, Edward & Roberta	Paradise, CA
Stricker, Daniel & Cheryl	Coachella, CA
Swezey, Tom & Roberts, Ina	Wellington, CO
Windham, Tammy & Russ	Grapevine, TX

November 2023

Anderson, Joel & Rebecca	Box Elder, SD
Bosch, Giovanni & Gaschler,	Houston, TX
Byers, Bill & Connie	Airway Heights, WA
Dykhuizen, Lisa & Jack	Richmond, BC
Patzke, Bob	Reno, NV
Sarns, Samuel & Kelly	Traverse City, MI
Somerfield, Jeff & Shellie	Greenville, MI
Swezey, Robert & Roberts, Ina	Wellington, CO

December 2023

Badeaux, Jeremy	Morse, LA
Coker, Charles & Barbara	Broken Arrow, OK
Crouse, Bob & Barbara	Grants Pass, OR
Curtis, Shane	Punta Gorda, FL
Dibbley, Michael & Susan	Leamington, Ontario
Gaudreau, Jay & Mortensen,	Ladysmith, BC
Krummel, Vinnie	Lakeside, CA
Lutz, Mark & Basso, Laurene	Sandy Hook, CT
Maley, Jim & Wykoff, Judy	Goldendale, WA



Beavers Care Sunshine/Rain



Julie Lauderdale

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JUST A REMINDER TO ALL, I REALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU NEED SPECIAL THOUGHTS OR PRAYERS SENT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR LOSS. EMAIL, JBMIV@HOTMAIL.COM OR CALL OR TEXT 580/399-5931.

Sympathy

Roy and Patsy Boles- Roy's stepmother passed 102

Carol Mueller- Roy passed

Doug and Nancy Strand- Doug's sister in law passed

Laura Stephens- Laura's father passed

Mike Humble- Donna passed

Get Well

Bill Hanna- 2 hip surgeries, same hip

Cindy Glaser- Gallbladder Surgery

Jack Whitmill- Stroke

Geri Becker- Thyroid Surgery

Dean Johnson- Carpal Tunnel

Ann Sair- Brain Lesion

Thinking of You

Dave Atherton

Big Hugs, Julie

PLATTE RIVER ROAD

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

ARRIVE SEPT 9TH 2024

DEPART SEPT 13, 2024

12 COACH LIMIT \$390 FOR SINGLE \$500 FOR COUPLE

KEARNEY RV PARK

12 - 50- AMP, FULL HOOKUPS

SIGN UP OPENS MARCH 1ST, AND CLOSSES JULY 15TH, 2024

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Bright Lights to Star Light

This rally will be a one stop rolling rally after the Las Vegas Rally in May. Our planned stay will be at the rustic Bryce Zion Campground north of Glendale. This is a centrally located park, but it is a campground not a resort, but there is 50 amp service. The area attractions of Zion and Bryce National Parks and the town of Kanab are all within a 90 min drive. One night we will have volunteers from the Stellar Vista Observatory provide a night sky experience – weather permitting. Two meals (first and last nights) and the nighttime experience will be the only planned activities. This will leave you free to explore the areas that attract your attention on your own schedule, or just hang out in the park where we can play games and visit. Of course, there will be impromptu happy hours each day. I will also have a Blackstone grill and a small Weber grill available for folks to use for cooking.

Following this rally, Mike and I will be traveling east in Utah to Colorado to explore Capitol Reef, Canyon Lands, and visit Mesa Verda National Parks. Our stops will be in Torrey and Blanding, UT and then Marcos, CO for Mesa Verde. You are welcome to join us for a gathering at each of the parks. Let me know if you want details. Most of the parks are closed for the season, but I was able to book online in Torrey and Macos. Blanding will be open Mar 1.

Bright Lights TO STAR LIGHT

Glendale, UT

Arrive May 4th Depart May 8, 2024

From the lights of Vegas to the
star filled sky over Glendale, UT

10 Coaches

Cost- \$300 Single \$335 Double

Rally Masters
Cathi & Mike Stark
916-708-0832
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First Timers

Remember, First Time rally attendees must be BAC members prior to their first BAC rally.



Laura Stephens
First Timer Mom
lauralou927@gmail.com

Hello fellow Beavers,

We just concluded the Quartzsite rally, better known as **Rockin' in the "Q"**. It is always a really fun rally with a lot of group participation. The rally masters were Jeff Lanning and Joanne Francis, and they had eight first timers attend the rally. In the next Beaver Tales, I will be posting their names for their 15 minutes of fame. A good time was had by all. The food was excellent, especially with Jeff cooking. We do have other rallies coming up and some people who signed up for them but at this time I am not aware of any future first timers. I'm pretty sure that will change by the time the next Beaver Tales comes out.

Rick and I haven't had time to travel or attend any rallies as of late due to family health issues. We do plan on getting back on the road possibly in 2024 but for sure in 2025. As more rallies are scheduled, our hope is that we have more first timers attend. I hope that everyone's 2024 is off to a fresh start and it continues to get better. I can't wait to hear from the rally masters on the results and the great time had by all. Thank you to everyone and safe travels!

Laura Stephens

Cornhusker N Country

Ashland, Nebraska

Arrive Sept 13th, 2024

Depart Sept 17th, 2024

12 Coach Limit \$335 for Single \$430 for Couple

12 - 50 Amp with Water

Sign up opens March 1st, 2024 and Closes July 15th

\$200 Deposit, Final payment due at closing

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ROY MUELLER

1/14/35-11/4/23

Roy Mueller put a lot of life into that “dash” of 88 years! He was a loyal member of FMCA, crew leader for 15 years and he held several offices in BAC. An outstanding mechanic, he never turned away a fellow Beaver in need of his expertise.

He will forever be ***“The Beaver Whisperer”*** to us.

The BAC members will miss you, Roy!

Our sincere condolences to Carol and their family.

We will miss you too Carol!



HELP WANTED

Secretary

At the time of this writing, the BAC secretary position is vacant.

We are in search of a member to fill the position until the time for the 2024 election. The duties are simple as printed in the BAC procedures and regulations.

- Prepare accurate minutes of BOD and general membership meetings. BOD meetings will be recorded, and the recordings will be maintained.
- Arrange for storage of such minutes and other corporate records according to the destruction of records and records retention schedule.
- Ensure compliance with FMCA provisions requiring chapter reports.
- Send notices of meetings, correspondence and other actions as designated by the President or BOD. Prepare a report to the membership for each issue of the Beaver Tales.
- Arrange conducting of elections, including voting on proposed amendments to the governing documents of BAC.
- Be custodian of the seal of the corporation and apply that seal to documents as appropriate.
- Deliver all records and BAC property to his/her replacement as Secretary.

If interested, please contact Joanne Fadale President@beaveramb.org




Paddy's Reuben Dip

Ingredients

- 4 packages (2 ounces each) thinly sliced deli corned beef, finely chopped
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed
- 1 can (8 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/4 cup Thousand Island salad dressing, optional
- Rye bread or crackers

Directions

In a 1-1/2-qt. slow cooker, combine the first 5 ingredients. If desired, stir in Thousand Island. Cover and cook on low for 2 hours or until cheese is melted; stir until blended. Serve warm with bread or crackers.



Eastern Area VP's Report

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I hope this spring edition of Beaver Tales finds all our members, their friends and family safe and healthy.

I am composing this article for the next edition of Beaver Tales just prior to departing on a Caribbean cruise where Cynthia and I will be celebrating the new year. The new year, 2024, wow. Each year seems to get shorter and shorter. I was recently reminded by a good friend that I am in the fourth quarter of the game of life. My response was that the first three quarters were amazing and I'm hoping the fourth will be no different. I also commented that I believe that I'm also a long way from the two-minute warning. I intend to make the most out of what I have left and enjoy every minute of it and much of that enjoyment will be with the many friends Cynthia and I have made through our membership with BAC.

When we return from our cruise, we will attend the Quartzite Rally hosted this year by Jo Ann Francis and Jeff Lanning. Hopefully I will have seen many of you there. Later this spring we will be attending the BAC International Rally in Las Vegas hosted by Roy and Vicki Warren which will be held at the Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort beginning April 29th thru May 4th of 2024. This should be a great rally and I look forward to seeing many of you there. An additional spring rally which you might consider attending is the FMCA 108th International Rally at the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson AZ on March 20-23rd.

Cynthia and I will be rally masters for the upcoming BAC Fall International

Rally to be held at the Ridge RV Resort in Sevierville TN beginning September 25th through the 29th of 2024. We are still working on several items which will affect the rally fee. As we get closer to our final plans and an understanding of expected costs, we will let you know. There are plans in the work for both lead in and post rallies which we are very excited about. As you make your travel plans for 2024, please save the dates for these upcoming rallies.

An additional reminder, to stay current with all upcoming rallies, visit the BAC web site at <https://www.beaveramb.org>. While on the web site, please review your membership profile and update it if necessary. This profile information is used to automatically populate much of the information used in rally registrations. Additional information you might find helpful is contact information on any of our members, a listing of club officers and committee members, P&R documents, Rally Manual and much more.

As the Rally Committee Chair, I would be remiss if I didn't appeal to you to forward any ideas for future rally locations or ideas. If you have a favorite destination that you would like to visit with your BAC friends, please consider hosting a rally or gathering. If you have suggestions as to what you would like to see or do at rallies, please communicate them. If you have never held a rally, or are wanting to hold another, please consider doing so. I would also encourage all members to take an active role in the club and volunteer your time and talents. Rally masters and club volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Safe travels to all,

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Membership Director's Report

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509-830-2591



Hello to all of our Beaver Ambassador friends,

I am certainly hoping this finds you healthy, smiling and enjoying this new year!

Let's look at what's been happening with your Beaver Ambassador Club. We welcomed 12 new members in October of 2023, 10 in November and 10 in December. Of course we have lost some members along the way, due to changes in lifestyle, health or other issues. But we still have people interested in joining our ranks -- enjoying our friendships, our rallies and travels, and all of the motorhome working knowledge we share. These new members hail from all across the U.S., and from Canada. (There is a complete listing elsewhere in this issue.)

This is the perfect spot to remind you once again how you can encourage new members. Perhaps you know another Beaver owner, or come across a fellow Beaver owner in your travels. Tell them about us! If you have RVing friends who have other brands, you can also sponsor them to become a member. If they are former BAC members, and no longer have a Beaver but have a different type of RV, they can still join us. Once a Beaver, always a Beaver! Membership is possible by simply going online to our website, beaveramb.org.

We have had some applicants recently who were not already members of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA). I explained to them that this membership is a BAC requirement, since we are a chapter of FMCA, and thus under their insurance umbrella. But there are also countless benefits to joining both organizations.

Let me highlight just some of the FMCA benefits:

- 1) The FMCA Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Plan – this provides for emergency medical evacuation and repatriation coverage for active members who experience a medical event, and are no longer able to continue their travels. It can provide family travel expense, plus return of the RV, family members, pets and passenger automobiles. This amazing benefit is included in your FMCA membership at no extra cost.
- 2) FMCA tire savings program provides major discounts for all your vehicles to include the following tires: Michelin, U.S. and Canada, B. F. Goodrich, Uniroyal and Goodyear. Continental Tires are only for trucks and RVs.
- 3) Group rate on FMCA Roadside Rescue – this includes towing, fuel delivery, lockout service, battery boost, technical assistance, and more. The Roadside Rescue policy covers additional family members living in your household, and additional passenger vehicles.
- 4) Great rates on RV insurance. For more information and to get a quote at no cost, visit www.fmcarvinsurance.com, or call 877-589-3599.
- 5) Publication of the monthly FMCA magazine, which features technical and do-it-yourself information for RV owners, as well as campgrounds, and new RV models. The magazine tells about upcoming FMCA international conventions, as well as smaller rallies.
- 6) Colorful travelogues on RV destinations are featured monthly – from large national parks to out-of-the-way towns and byways you may want to explore.
- 7) FMCA advocates nationwide on behalf of RV owner interests on issues that affect all of us.
- 8) Members only have access to the FMCA RV Mar-

8)Members only have access to the FMCA RV Marketplace, which is a fast, easy way to find FMCA commercial members who offer parts and services members might need.

We have also been privileged to have one of our own Beaver Ambassador members, Rett Porter, and his wife Claire, serve for two years as National President of FMCA, retiring just last year. Rett continues on the FMCA executive board as Immediate Past President. BAC is also proud to have as members the newly elected FMCA National President Gary Milner and his wife, Glenda. The number two officer at FMCA is the National Senior Vice President, and this office is held by Paul Mitchell and his wife, Lisa. They are also members of BAC.

The real point of this explanation is to illustrate just how much is available to you, through both our Beaver Ambassador Club and FMCA. Both groups can only be as strong and vital as their members...folks who are active, volunteer, and participate where they can. We're the vital links that keep our groups moving ahead!

Wishing you smooth roads, inspiring adventures and friendships along the way.

Barbara Olmstead

Membership Director



"I thought I'd give the RV a tune-up. After a technician fixes all the damage I caused, we can leave."



"He must be one of those guide dogs."

Beachin' Beavers

MYRTLE BEACH, SC

ARRIVE SEPTEMBER 16TH

DEPART SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

10 SITES FHU AVAILABLE
2 CATERED DINNERS, TOUR BROOKGREEN GARDEN
LAKEWOOD CAMPING RESORT
RALLY FEE: \$450- SIGN UP OPENS MARCH 1ST

RALLY MASTERS
CINDY AND STEVE GLASER

CO-RALLY MASTERS
CHAR & JIM HOUGHTON

937-477-0880 mariahpines@sbcglobal.net

RV's medicine cabinet makeover tips

Begin by removing everything from the medicine cabinet. Then inspect each box, bottle, and jar of medications, checking for expiration dates. Once the expired items are gone, sort everything that's left, placing similar-use items together. For example, beauty products in one group, grooming tools in another, and first aid in yet another. Then comes the hard part. For each beauty product, ask yourself: When did I last use this? If you can't remember, or if it was more than a year ago, toss it into a zipper-type bag or the trash. Items inside the zipper bag will be donated, if possible, or simply store them in your sticks-and-bricks home.

The next step is finding ways to consolidate like items as much as possible. For example, different boxes of Band-Aids. Although the plastic bandage strips were of various sizes, fit them all into a single box.

Put duplicate products in a bag to be taken out of the RV.

Next up? A trip to the dollar store to find clear plastic containers to hold the medicine cabinet's remaining items, taking the medicine cabinet measurements along. Now you can easily see what's inside each container and the plastic will hold up to any bumpy roads.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Lusk
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The Finance Committee has been working on several projects since October 1st.

- To make financial reporting more robust, the data has been converted from Quicken on the MAC to Quickbooks on a Windows PC. (Thank you so much to Paul Meehan who was able to get the BAC an HP Windows computer at no cost!!) This move also saves the subscription costs that were needed to support Quicken. A final solution for the data is under review, but there is currently no cost for Quickbooks software.
- A preliminary 2024 budget is under development and review and will be submitted to the committee by the end of January.
- The Wells Fargo Advisor's Account has been closed and the funds have been deposited in the Wells Fargo Checking Account. The committee will be reviewing alternatives for those funds that can provide a better return to the BAC.
- Zelle has been adopted as the preferred method for payment to members for refunds, rally distributions to rally masters, and other items that were handled with checks in the past. Checks are still available, but this method allows immediate access to the funds without the need to wait till a check arrives in the mail. I will always contact you to determine your preferred method of payment.

The winter season has descended upon us!! On my way to Spokane for a business meeting in Las Vegas, I saw some things I'd never seen before. I left my little front-wheel drive car at home and borrowed my husband's 4-wheel drive truck for the trip. Thank God for 4-wheel drive and exhaust brakes! I'm hoping the trip home will be less eventful...

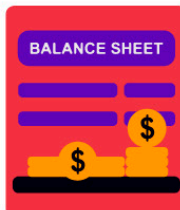
We have several registrations for the Las Vegas International Rally, but we still have room for more. I wasn't at Quartzsite, but am looking forward to seeing all of you in Las Vegas!

The Finance Committee currently consists of Larry Azus, Pam Blair, Joanne Fadale, Julie Jackson and Paul Meehan. They will be continuing to provide input and advice as we prepare for the upcoming 2024 rally season. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or concerns.

See you at this year's rallies!!

Peggy





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Beaver Ambassador Club Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23	Dec 31, 22	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Ckg-Bank of America	28,913.85	70,788.13	-41,874.28	-59.2%
Ckg-Wells Fargo	153,747.39	4,449.92	149,297.47	3,355.1%
Total Checking/Savings	182,661.24	75,238.05	107,423.19	142.8%
Total Current Assets	182,661.24	75,238.05	107,423.19	142.8%
Other Assets				
Invest Adjust	-598.58	-598.58	0.00	0.0%
Rally Advances	0.00	5,483.86	-5,483.86	-100.0%
Wells Fargo Advisors	0.00	168,831.43	-168,831.43	-100.0%
Total Other Assets	-598.58	173,696.71	-174,295.29	-100.3%
TOTAL ASSETS	182,062.66	248,934.76	-66,872.10	-26.9%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts Payable	1,537.60	0.00	1,537.60	100.0%
Total Accounts Payable	1,537.60	0.00	1,537.60	100.0%
Credit Cards				
Bank of America	16.90	0.00	16.90	100.0%
Total Credit Cards	16.90	0.00	16.90	100.0%
Other Current Liabilities				
Reserve-International Rallies	34,278.85	34,278.85	0.00	0.0%
Reserve-Operational	117,324.68	117,324.68	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	151,603.33	151,603.33	0.00	0.0%
Total Current Liabilities	153,157.83	151,603.33	1,554.50	1.0%
Total Liabilities	153,157.83	151,603.33	1,554.50	1.0%
Equity				
Opening Balance Equity	21,427.97	21,427.97	0.00	0.0%
Retained Earnings	3,314.11	21,282.72	-17,978.61	-84.4%
Net Income	4,162.75	54,610.74	-50,447.99	-92.4%
Total Equity	28,904.83	97,331.43	-68,426.60	-70.3%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	182,062.66	248,934.76	-66,872.10	-26.9%



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Accrual Basis

Beaver Ambassador Club
Profit & Loss
October through December 2023

	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	TOTAL
Income				
Dues				
Renewals	1,475.00	755.00	655.00	2,885.00
New Members				
Membership	440.00	420.00	490.00	1,350.00
Processing	130.00	120.00	140.00	390.00
New Member Refunds	0.00	0.00	-90.00	-90.00
Total New Members	570.00	540.00	540.00	1,650.00
Total Dues	2,045.00	1,295.00	1,195.00	4,535.00
Rallies				
BT Advertising	850.00	0.00	0.00	850.00
Rally Bar Reimbursements	360.00	130.00	0.00	490.00
Total Rallies	1,210.00	130.00	0.00	1,340.00
Undistributed Rally Receipts				
Arabian Nights - Complete	58.20	-640.20	0.00	-582.00
Branson	-475.00	0.00	0.00	-475.00
Las Vegas	1,940.00	194.00	582.00	2,716.00
Mytle Beach	-1,000.00	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Rockin' in the Q	424.38	1,233.75	1,304.38	3,062.51
Verde - Complete	-64.67	64.67	0.00	0.00
Total Undistributed Rally Receipts	882.91	852.22	1,976.38	3,711.51
Postage Reimbursement				
Beaver Tales	40.00	8.00	0.00	48.00
Total Postage Reimbursement	40.00	8.00	0.00	48.00
Other Income				
Beaver Tales Sponsors	401.03	68.01	188.09	657.13
Brokerage Investment Income	16.43	0.00	0.00	16.43
Interest Inc	10.60	0.00	0.00	10.60
Total Other Income	428.06	68.01	188.09	684.16
Total Income	4,805.97	2,353.23	3,359.47	10,318.67
Expense				
Rally Expense				
BOD Rally Attendance	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Rally Master Reimbursements	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Rally Gain/Loss	0.00	86.27	0.00	86.27
Total Rally Expense	0.00	1,186.27	0.00	1,186.27
International Rally Expenses				
BOD \$150 to Fee	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
BOD & Committee Mtgs	2,089.50	0.00	0.00	2,089.50
Fuel Reimbursements	0.00	0.00	5.12	5.12
Total International Rally Expenses	2,089.50	0.00	155.12	2,244.62
Badges				
Dress				
Other Members	25.82	0.00	0.00	25.82
Total Dress	25.82	0.00	0.00	25.82
Engraving	27.00	0.00	0.00	27.00
Total Badges	52.82	0.00	0.00	52.82
Beaver Tales				
Postage	0.00	674.88	0.00	674.88
Publication	0.00	1,351.62	0.00	1,351.62
Total Beaver Tales	0.00	2,026.50	0.00	2,026.50
Business Expenses				
AffiniPay	288.78	108.00	30.89	425.67
Shipping	6.83	0.00	0.00	6.83
Software	149.90	0.00	16.90	166.80
Total Business Expenses	443.51	108.00	47.79	599.30
Tax				
Federal Taxes	0.00	-3.59	0.00	-3.59

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Accrual Basis

Beaver Ambassador Club
Profit & Loss
October through December 2023

	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	TOTAL
Oregon - Corporation	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total Tax	0.00	46.41	0.00	46.41
Total Expense	2,585.83	3,367.18	202.91	6,155.92
Net Income	2,020.14	-1,013.95	3,156.56	4,162.75

FORUM FACTS

The Forum addressed a number of common (and not so common) issues over the past quarter. Interior topics included how to fix a drop-down TV that wouldn't move, a source for LED puck lights, repairing Sealand Opus toilet that wouldn't flush, and identifying the use of a button switch hidden under the dash. Chassis and support issues included no hot water from a Hurricane system, no AC with a generator, troubleshooting leveling jacks & the hydraulic fan/power steering pump, and locating a plastic coolant surge tank. Added to common problems was an article on repairing

or replacing the torque rods found on 1996-2002 SMC coaches. Don't forget to check out the For Sale/Wanted board on the Forum. It is available to all, even if you are not yet a Forum member. You'll find Forum member coaches for sale, rentals at upscale parks in AZ and NV, as well as numerous miscellaneous items. If you haven't yet joined, check us out at <https://beaveramb.org/forum/>

Steve



BAC Webmaster

Larry Azus
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Almost two years ago we started allowing online registration for BAC rallies on our website. Since then, over 350 registrations have been processed online. For this issue's article, I'd like to review the rally registration process:

RALLY REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAC MEMBERS

1. Go to BAC Website (<https://www.beaveramb.org>) and log in.
2. Select “Rallies / Upcoming Rallies” from the top menu.
3. Click on “Register” for the rally you would like to attend.
4. Complete the registration form as instructed.
5. Submit rally payment using the link provided.
6. If registering as a single occupant, click on that option and pay the appropriate amount (if available).
7. Review and update your profile (<https://www.beaveramb.org/Sys/Profile>) to ensure that all “Information required for Rally Participation” is completed. This information is retained so you will not need to re-enter it for future rallies.
8. All rally payments must be submitted online within 72 hours or your registration may be cancelled by the Rally Master.

Once the payment is submitted you will receive a confirmation that your registration is complete. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly if any questions or if I can help with your registration.

Safe Travels!

Larry

BEAVER FALL FUN IN Arizona

October 23rd- 27th, 2023



**Register for published rallies
ONLINE ONLY at beaveramb.org**

RALLY ROUNDUP

FMCA's 108th International Convention

Tucson, AZ
March 20-23, 2024
Get more information in the
FMCA magazine, Family RVing, or at
<http://www.fmca.com>

It's Las Vegas Baby! (3)

BAC International Rally

Spring 2024
Las Vegas, NV
April 29-May 4, 2024
Roy & Vicki Warren
dnrmom@earthlink.net
(619) 267-1000

FMCA's 109th International Convention

Redmond, OR
August 14-17, 2024
Get more information in the
FMCA magazine, Family RVing, or at
<http://www.fmca.com>

Platte River Road (12)

Kearney, NE
Sept. 9th-13th, 2024
Rick and Terri Mayer 605-321-0966
flyboy@santel.net
Kevin and Susan Higgins 816-985-7829
a1hbc@aol.com

Beachin' Beavers! (20)

Myrtle Beach, SC
Sept 16 - 20, 2024
Cindy & Steve Glaser
mariahpines@sbcglobal.net
937-477-0880

Bright Lights to Star Light (13)

Glendale, UT
May 4 - 8, 2024
Cathi & Mike Stark
nana.grandpa.rving@gmail.com
916-708-0832

Chimney Rock (9)

Gering, NE
Sept 5th-9th, 2024
Rick and Terri Mayer 605-321-0966
flyboy@santel.net
Roy and Patsy Boles 805-975-5315 r
Roybolesmail@gmail.com

Cornhusker Country (14)

Ashland, NE
Sept. 13th- 17th, 2024
Rick and Terri Mayer 605-321-0966
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Roy and Patsy Boles 805-975-5315
roybolesmail@gmail.com

Beavers BAC to the Smoky Mountains (4)

BAC International Rally

Fall 2024 Sevierville, TN
Sept 25 - 29, 2024
Norm & Cynthia Green
nwgreen2@comcast.com
206-713-9646



Beaver Ambassador Club Membership Application



The Beaver Ambassador Club (BAC), a chapter of Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA), invites those looking for a fun and helpful club, to join our international (United States, Canada and Mexico) motorhome organization. All Beaver coach owners may join. Owners of non-Beaver diesel coaches may join if sponsored by a BAC member. Membership in FMCA must be maintained.

To check out BAC & FMCA before joining, go to beaveramb.org and fmca.com. There you will find specifics about the club, its rallies (including pictures), and helpful links. There is also a link to the Forum, an excellent resource for information about maintaining your coach and enjoying the RV lifestyle.

If a rally has been advertised for 30 days, non-BAC members (Beaver owners or Friends of Beavers, FOBs) may attend any number of rallies without joining the club, with the payment of an additional \$40 per rally. For qualifying coaches, this charge may be applied to a year membership in the club by the end of the rally.

BAC Dues: First year, \$40 (includes name badges to be given at your first rally.) Dues following first year, \$30 annually.

IMPORTANT: BAC membership requires current FMCA membership. If you are not currently an FMCA member, please complete the FMCA application on the reverse side. First year FMCA - \$60 - Include a check payable to FMCA along with your completed BAC application and a \$40 check payable to BAC. The BAC Membership Director will process both applications. Additional fee of \$8 if you want paper version of Beaver Tales mailed quarterly.

Complimentary Membership: If you buy a "pre-loved" Beaver coach at a dealer, check with them about BAC membership. Some dealerships offer Beaver coach purchasers, who have not been previously registered in BAC, a first year complimentary membership. Applications must be returned to the Membership Director within one year from the date the sale is recorded in order to participate in the complimentary membership package.

BAC New Member Application: \$40.

FMCA New Member Application \$60 (on back)

Beaver Ambassador Club Membership Application

Print clearly. Please complete the following application and mail to the BAC Membership Director listed below. Include a \$40 check or money order payable to BAC (in U.S. Funds.) If you are not an FMCA member, please complete the FMCA application on the reverse side and include a \$60 check or money order payable to FMCA. No cash please. If you prefer, you are welcome to join by filling out applications and make payments using our website at beaveramb.org and FMCA.com.

Pilot's Name		Cell Phone	Birthdate: Mo./Day	
Co-Pilot's Name		Cell Phone	Birthdate: Mo./Day	
Mailing Address	Street, City, State, Zip		Landline	
Pilot's Email Address		Co-Pilot's Email Address		
Coach Make	Year	Length	Coach Model	FMCA No.

Please complete below for membership name badges which will be presented when you attend your first BAC rally. Your name, location and FMCA No. will be printed on each badge.

Pilot's Badge Name		Co-Pilot's Badge Name	Emergency Contact Name
City, State		City, State	Emerg Contact phone #
Signature of Applicant	Date	Signature of Applicant	Pets

Please complete this section if you are a Non-Beaver coach owner:

Food Restrictions

Name of BAC Sponsor	Your Diesel Coach Make/Model
Mail completed application(s) and check(s) to: Beaver Ambassador Club C/O Barbara Olmstead 360 Frazer Road Grandview, WA 98930-9791	
Email questions to Barbara Olmstead at bacclubmembership@gmail.com or call (509) 830-2591	

Updated May 2023

FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION (FMCA) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print clearly and complete the following application. Mail to the BAC Membership Director (see page 31). Include an \$60.00 check or money order made payable to FMCA or complete credit card information. BAC Membership Director will process both FMCA and BAC applications

Date: _____

Pilot's Name

Co-Pilot's Name

Cell Phone

Cell Phone

Birth Date (Mo./Date)

Birth Date (Mo./Date)

Email Address

Email Address

Mailing Address

City

St

Zip Code

Landline

Coach Information: _____

Coach Mfr. & Model

Year

St or Province of Coach Registration

Are you a former member? ☐ yes ☐ no If yes, provide FMCA No. _____

How did you hear about FMCA? _____

Membership Rates:

☐ O1 year - \$60

☐ O2 years - \$110

☐ O3 years - \$160

Payment Info:

Type of Payment: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card

Charge my ☐ MC ☐ AE ☐ Visa ☐ Other

First year dues include additional \$10 initiation fee.

See FMCA.com for any discounts that may be available.

AUTO RENEWAL DUES PROGRAM:

O Sign me up for FMCA's auto renewal dues program. I authorize FMCA to charge my credit card in the amount of my annual FMCA member dues at the then-current rate. This authorization is effective upon receipt by FMCA and will continue annually until I notify FMCA to discontinue the changes to the credit card.

CODE OF ETHICS:

I agree to read and abide by the FMCA Member Code of Ethics (fmca.com/codeofethics) which represents all our endeavors to be good neighbors, careful, responsible coach owners, operators and good citizens of our communities. I own at least 33 ⅓% interest in a qualifying coach.

Signed _____

FMCA does not sell or release any pertinent information of its membership. Email addresses are used for fast, economical communication, including urgent matters. Send form to FMCA, New Membership, 8291 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244, fmca.com

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