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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all of us. We have 2 more months of 2020. Looking back at this year we were off to a great start. We won the "Presidents Choice" Trophy at the FMCA area meeting in Indio California. The Theme was "At The Hop" with everyone looking like they just stepped out of the 1950's. Shortly after that we had great fun at a couple more rallies in Florida. Then Covid 19 invaded the whole world. Our Roadtrek International and other FMCA chapters, cancelled meetings and rallies. We all went on hold. The next thing we knew was our age group had been classified as a "High Risk Group" called the elderly. Now THAT was pretty hard to take. We wanted to go into denial that we might be old, but we didn't give up. We started to learn and adapt to new ways of doing things. Finally, in the last two months, carefully orchestrating to follow safety guideline, we had three more rallies. Some of us even tried Zoom! One thing for sure was that our main concern remains to keep our members safe and healthy.

Your executive board is preparing a Zoom Chapter meeting and we urge you to keep in touch. Announcements and pre discussions will be on cyberrally. If you don't subscribe to Cyberrally at least try it till the end of the year. You can even post pictures on it and only get one e-mail a day that contains a collection of e-mail topics from the day before. Subscribe: CyberRally+subscribe@RTI.groups.io Here are two different topics that you might want to give me your ideas for discussion consolidation before our chapter zoom meeting, Topic #1 ideas on increasing membership. Topic #2 ideas on gatherings or rallies before inoculations.

After you finish reading your newsletter (you are already on line) Use your new password from the Roadtrek email newsletter announcement you just received and get into the members section of our website. Review the bylaws, standing rules, and minutes which need approval at our Chapter Zoom meeting. We will also be voting on new officers at that meeting.

Your FMCA has updated their website so take a look at it. There are a couple places showing in more detail the Benefits they offer. The best news is that they found a way to keep Assist Medical and Travel Assistant Programs.

Until next year,
Christine Oberhoffer



MEMBER INFO AND NEWS

****IMPORTANT****

The proposed Roadtrek Bylaws require a vote by the Membership. The Standing Rules require a vote by the Executive Committee which includes all elected officers including the Regional VPs. Please READ and be prepared to vote on the documents.

To access the new documents:
Sign in at the MEMBER ACCESS area at <http://www.Roadtrekchapter.org> and the "Chapter Organization Documents" will appear.

1. Scroll down the page to: Many **Chapter Organization Documents** are available for download [here](#).

2. Click on "[here](#)"

3. **BYLAWS** are at the top of the page. The file is named:

2020-4-22-Draft#4--BylawsFMCA-Changes.pdf (637kb)

Some of the changes are being made at the request of FMCA. Other changes are due to issues discussed at the Annual Meeting in 2019. Be sure to read the Letter from FMCA. File name is:

FMCA_Ltr_12-3-2020.pdf (233kb) (This file is in the BYLAWS section.)

4. Scroll down to the **STANDING RULES**. The file is named:
2019-12-3-UpdateStandingRules-Part1-DRAFT.pdf (872kb)

Jane Q DeGroot
Bylaws Chair

NOMINATING BALLOT 2020

As of today, these are the nominations that we have for terms of office running from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Sadly, we still have a lot of open slots that need to be filled. We can receive additional nominations any time between now and the election and we can take nominations from the floor.

Officers:

Executive Vice President	Jane DeGroot
Chapter Secretary	Open (incumbent will not run again)
Region 1 Vice President	Open (incumbent will not run again)
Region 2 Vice President	Open (2 positions, both currently vacant)
Region 4 Vice President	Open (incumbent will not run again)
Region 5 Vice President	Jim & Betty Weite
Region 6 Vice President	Rick & Janyce Hansen
Region 7 (2 positions)	John & Phyllis Slaughter
	Myrna Rueff
Region 8 Vice President	Jane DeGroot
Region 9 (2 positions)	Bob Johannes
	Open

NOTE: Regions 1, 4, 8 and 9 have Co-Vice Presidents whose terms end December 31, 2021. Region 9 is allotted three Vice Presidents because of its size.

Nominating Committee:

Region 2	Open
Region 3	Open
Region 6	Open
Region 8	Steve Rance
Region 9	Open

Arrangements will need to be worked out for conducting a business meeting and election. Let's get the open slots on the ballot filled quickly so that we will be ready to vote by whatever method we have available. Keep your fingers crossed that we can get together!

If you are ready to volunteer or if you have talked with someone who is willing to help our chapter, just send me an email at rodeel@fuse.net.



REGION 4 RALLY REPORT

Awesome Autumn VIII Rally Report October 1-5, 2020 in Portersville, PA by Dave Bennett

Awesome Autumn VIII had six Roadtreks carrying two solos, four couples & three dogs; a really nice group of people & pets. This was the first Roadtrek rally of the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020. Our small group of 10 fit right in with the protocol for group gatherings. Terry scrutinized all foreheads on opening & closing days with a non-contact thermometer to make sure we were fever-free. She also provided sanitizer gel, wipes & spray for any additional cleaning needs.

Breakfasts were on our own. The first evening we had potluck cuisine, with Butler's famous hamloaf, casseroles, salads and desserts. We toured Butler County daily, & always Terry provided snacks to keep us from wandering off on our own to graze at local eateries. Dinner on the other hand was at different places, all good. The 2nd evening was at Family Tradition Restaurant, the 3rd was Bear Run Campground's outdoor barbecue with live music by Harmony Hot Haus, and the 4th was at Log Cabin Inn. The barbecue was part of our rally fee, & Ron Brownley, a first-timer, won a great Bear Run Campground sweatshirt. On Monday morning, 8 of us went to Brown's Country Kitchen in Portersville for killer breakfasts & endless cups of coffee or tea.

We were able to have three campfires, but Sunday's was rained out. The most interesting was the night when we all told intriguing stories of our education & employment histories. Roadtrekers are truly a cross-section of Americana.

The outings that we had were very educational & informative. The Jennings Environmental Education Center is 300 acres of forest with a 20-acre prairie. The prairie's unusual ecosystem exists because of climate change over thousands of years & that there are 20 feet or more of clay underlying it. The clay prevented the surrounding hardwood forest from encroaching the preexisting prairie. The results are rare plants like the blazing star & the rare, endangered Eastern massasauga rattlesnake. Even tho it was birthing season, we didn't find any rattlesnakes, much to the delight of some & dismay of others.

From Jennings, we went to the West Park Alpaca Farm. There we met a one-day-old female alpaca named Dawn & a three-month-old male. They were both being kept with the herd of females to be with their mothers. There is a marked difference in the behavior of the female and male alpacas. We were permitted to feed graham crackers to the females & youngster, "Willem." He will soon be matched with another male in a separate, adjoining enclosure. This is to get him adjusted to the boys, as males are more rough & tumble than the females. We were not successful in feeding the cautious males. The difference between the alpaca vs. llama is size, coat & use of the animals. Llamas are larger, have a ruff coat & are used as pack animals in the Andes. The smaller alpacas have a fine, soft coat & because of this, it is used as textile for fine clothing. Other animals at the farm included a male & female KuneKune pig, peacocks, Mandarin ducks, chickens, a goat, a cat, 4 Great Pyrenees and other farm animals. Because of the alpacas, there was a small gift shop containing all things beautiful: hats, gloves, purses, scarves, socks, insoles, toys & ponchos at reasonable prices. You could even barter for a better price! We visited the Old Stone House, an 1822 stagecoach tavern & museum of western PA history, but alas, only from the outside (covid-closed). It's rumored to be one of many places that George Washington slept, but no one knew when or with whom. Shopping then became the big event for the rest of the afternoon. We spent money at Playthings Etc., Boot Box, the Grove City Premium Outlets, Brittner's Smoked Meats & more.

Others had different adventures to pursue. One couple went tombstone searching in a Punxsutawney cemetery, many went to real or virtual Church services on Sunday & we all drove the scenic byways and back roads. I joined a group of hikers at Moraine State Park. This beautiful state park includes many scenic views of Lake Arthur and the woods. One person decided to relax with a good book. Thank you, Terry Whitesell and Cooper, for an Awesome Autumn VIII.



REGION 5 RALLY REPORT

Meet & Greet
October 2020
By: Betty Weite

Our rally week began with greeting & welcoming new friends and renewing old friendships. This is always a fun rally especially with the Geeks on Tour and those who share new gadgets and ideas for their travels and Roadtrek's. We enjoyed a new location this time, the Blueberry Hill RV Resort in Bushnell, FL. This location has a nice cafe and serves up great scoops of ice cream.

Our first night was a catered Sonny's BBQ dinner thanks to our good friends at Sunshine State RVs who support us often. The next night was catered Pizza by TJ's and was enjoyed by all.

As always, a special treat is the morning with the Geeks on Tour, Chris & Jim Guld. We always learn something new and how to take better advantage of all that our smart phones and I Pads have to offer. With the continual updating on these devices it is always nice to have Chris & Jim explain how to use the updates. In the afternoon Gary Scalise demonstrated interesting tech tips and later Al Salerno shared surprise gadgets everyone can use. Thanks to all these presenters for making this a very meaningful rally week.

We had 25 Roadtrek's and 44 people in attendance. The weather was wonderful and we enjoyed a nice Show & Tell outside Thursday morning under the covered pavilion. Thanks to everyone who took time to bring something unique to share.

Thanks everyone that helped in putting this rally together and Sunshine State RVs for supporting this rally and the nice BBQ dinner. See you down the road.... enjoy your Roadtrek and travels.

MEMBER UPDATE

Update about one of our Charter Members

Remember the Japanese Couple nicknamed Sony George and his wife Shiz? They are charter members of Roadtrek International. George and his wife Shiz Tsuyuki are well and staying in their Canadian home for the most part. They stored their Roadtrek so won't be traveling anymore. George was one of the 1st to go solar and have a big screen TV as a prototype to what was to come for Roadtrek Vans. His son Robert Tsuyuki will pass your best wishes to them. Rober@ggelectronics.com



REGION NOTES

REGION 1 MID-SOUTHEAST U.S.

Membership: 106 Includes the states of AL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, & VA.

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Region 1 Notes

Although things are slowly improving, Roadtrek activity is very light in the region. Hopefully things will improve even more very soon.

Larry and Libby Young plan to reschedule the Chattanooga Choo Choo rally when public health issues will allow.

The Region 1 Vice Presidents would like for folks to step up with ideas for more rallies in the future. If you are interested in hosting a rally in our region please contact one of our VPs with your ideas. We would be glad to assist with plans.

Remember, you don't have to do it alone: choose others to work with you.

Safe travels and "Keep on Trekkin"

REGION NOTES

REGION 2 NORTHEAST U.S.

Membership: 70

Includes the states of CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, & VT.

VPs: Vacant

Region 2 Notes:

We are looking for vice presidents for our region. We need 2. Please contact our nominating committee: Ronda Deel. E-mail is: rodeel@fuse.net

Regional Vice Presidents Qualifications:

1. Must reside within Region 2 which means: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. Must have phone, internet and e-mail capabilities, including ability to download and print documents.

More info in the Standing Rules: See website members section or get in touch with any vice president in other regions.

REGION 3 EASTERN CANADA

Membership: 41

Includes the provinces of NB, NL, NS, ON, PE & QC.

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REGION NOTES

REGION 4 CENTRAL EASTERN U.S.

Membership: 100

Includes the states of DE, DC, IN, MD, NJ, OH, PA, & WV.

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This has been a stressful time for those of us who like to travel. Especially in the summer. Ramona, Angel (puppy dog) and I decided to do it any way. From Sunshine RV in Gainesville, Florida to Sandpoint, Idaho where my daughter Danell is working. We are still In Idaho trying to figure out how to leave. Too much to do and see.

I want to remind everyone that Awesome Autumn VIII October 1-5. Portersville, Bear Run Campground has been scheduled. Terry Whitesell keeps on improving her rallies and I am sure that number 8 will be as great or greater than the last 7. Way to go Terry.

Since the 2020 Chap Rally in Amana, Iowa got canceled I hope everyone is making plans for the 2021 Chapter Rally in Bushnell, Florida.

Region 4's website needs photos from us. Don't hesitate to send your photos to Diane Brister ([email:ancientbones1753@gmail.com](mailto:ancientbones1753@gmail.com)) and information about our rallies past and future and exciting places to visit.

Happy trails to you until we meet again,
Dave Bennett

Central Eastern US

We are looking for vice presidents for our region. We need 2. Please contact our nominating committee: Ronda Deel. E-mail:

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Regional Vice Presidents Qualifications:

1. Must reside within region 4 which means: Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Must have phone, internet and e-mail capabilities, including ability to download and print documents.

More info in the Standing Rules: See website members section or get in touch with any vice president in other regions.

REGION 5 FLORIDA

Membership: 106

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Remember EVERY DAY IS A GOOD DAY SOME ARE JUST BETTER THAN OTHERS.

Region Five Report
Nov—Dec 2020 Newsletter

Hope all our Roadtrekers are healthy and well!!

I'm waiting to hear if the Will McLean Folk Festival will be held next year in March.

Look for INFO on the Hits House Show in Ocala, Fl Feb. 2021

The next Meet & Greet Rally will be April 13. 2021

The Meet & Greet Rally was a very successful rally

Chapter rally location has changed. They are not honoring our contract. We are looking for a RV Park

Thanks to the many Roadtrek members that have volunteered to organize rallies in our region, however, we still need more volunteers to help with rallies. Please email Dave at dag7196@gmail.com or call 352-247-6290 and say that you want to be a rally master. We will work with you to make sure you have lots of support.

Please go to www.roadtrekchapter.org web site to see the list of future rallies planned in Region 5 Gary Scalise is doing an outstanding job as our Region Five WebMaster.



REGION NOTES

REGION 6 NORTH CENTRAL U.S.

Membership: 116

Includes the states of IL, IA, MI, MN, NE, ND, SD & WI.

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Regional Notes

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Region 6

As the holiday season approaches, we hope that you are doing well. Unfortunately, 2020 saw the cancellation of so many activities including what would have been a great chapter rally at Amana, Iowa.

We hope that 2021 will see the beginning of a return to a more normal life and the possibility of Roadtrek rallies in all of our regions. In the meantime, stay healthy and have a happy and safe holiday season.

Karen and Dave McGivern

Region 6 VPs

Karen and Dave McGivern

Janyce and Rick Hansen

REGION 7 SOUTH CENTRAL U.S.

Membership: 47

Includes the states of AR, KS, LA, MO, OK & TX.

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Many of you are missing getting together with other Roadtrek owners at rallies. Since we do not know what the Spring will bring with COVID-19, we have not committed to any rallies in Region 7 yet. We have a few ideas in mind, and when we can safely have rallies again, we will plan and schedule them.

There have been some fun rallies in Region7 in the past. Go to <http://region7rally.org/> and check out the pictures and stories of some of those rallies. But we need some new places to go and help planning rallies at those places.

If you have a location in mind for a rally or R&R, contact the region VP's and we will facilitate getting it going.

We need ideas and volunteers to help plan. Please volunteer! **Your region VP's are experienced at rally planning and executing but need you to help find a location and help to plan activities.**



REGION NOTES

REGION 8 NW US; WESTERN CANADA & ALASKA.

Membership: 62

Includes AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY & the provinces of AB, BC, MB, NT, NU, SK, & YK.

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I'm so tired of writing CANCELLED on my calendar. It appears many of the activities planned have had to be cancelled due to the big spike in the number of Covid 19 cases and deaths in many States.

The Canadian Border is closed.

Oregon is working on stopping non residents from coming into Oregon. One way Oregon is doing this is a \$10 increase/surcharge, at State Parks, for non-residents has been established. State Parks now charge \$43/night for non-residents and \$33 for residents. Most campground bathroom and club house facilities remain closed. Masks are required in all enclosed areas and anywhere else when social distancing is not possible. Everything shuts down by 10 PM. We were in "Phase Two" of reopening, but the Governor is now considering going back to "Phase One."

Let's hope we'll be able to travel, without difficulties, and get together before long. Rally planning, in our area, is on the back burner at present due to spikes in Covid cases. This doesn't mean we need to stop looking for places to hold a rally.

Know that Carol & Terry and I stand ready to assist if you would like to plan a rally for the future.

Region 8 VPs

Jane DeGroot and Carol & Terry Ryan.

REGION 9 SOUTHWEST U.S.

Membership: 153

Includes the states of AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, NM & UT.

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REGION 9

OCTOBER 2020

FMCA 33rd ANNUAL WESTERN AREA RALLY IN IN-DIO, CA

BY PAT YACKLON AND SUE HANKINS

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the FMCA 33rd WESTERN AREA RALLY in IN-DIO, CA, January 6-10, 2021 has been cancelled. The IN-DIO RALLY WILL NOW BE HELD, JANUARY 12-16, 2022. The theme will be the same as it was for the now cancelled 2021 Rally, "IN THE LAND OF OZ".

We look forward to getting back to a more "normal" time and having another fun "rally with a rally" in the Red Lot with our Roadtrek friends.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



FMCA EVENTS

2021

Mar 10-13	102nd International Conv, Perry, GA
Jul 7-10	103rd International Conv, Gillette, WY
Jun 9-12	Great Lakes Area Rally, Allegan, MI
Jun 24-27	Northwest Area Rally, Longview, WA
Sep 29– Oct 2	Eastern Area Rally, Lewisburg, WV
Oct 6-9	South Central Rally, Hutchinson, KS
Oct 20-23	Rocky Mountain Rally, Tucson, AZ

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or

Email ad to the EDITOR (see address on last page) by the middle of the month preceding publication.
(ex February 15 for the March/April issue).
Please include Roadtrek year, model number and name (e.g. 2004 – 190 Versatile), chassis manufacturer, engine size, color, mileage, options, etc. Be sure to provide your name, phone number, email address and state.

Your ad will run for one issue, but you may send it in again for the next bi-monthly issue.

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 (Include your name, FMCA # & email address)

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In Memory Of

Jim Koch

If you learn of the death of a Roadtrek Chapter member, please contact the Editor or Chapter Secretary. We never like to receive this news, but neither do we want to ignore the loss of a member

Roadtrek Event Registration Form **
 **Register with form below or print the online version found at
<http://www.roadtrekchapter.org/uploads/Regional-Rally-Registration-Form.pdf>
 and send to Rally Leader with required fees

ROADTREK REGISTRATION FORM

Rally Name: _____ Rally Date: _____

Number of persons attending: _____ Rally fee enclosed: \$ _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Spouse _____
(PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS DESIRED ON NAME BADGE)

Street _____ City _____ State/Province _____

ZIP/PC _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Check # _____ Dated _____

Full Name of Guest(s), if any _____

Roadtrek model & year _____ License # _____ FMCA # _____

Is this your first Roadtrek Rally? Yes No Do you have Chapter badges? Yes No

Are you bringing pets? Yes No Comments / Special needs _____

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