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## BAC President's Report

Mike Humble  
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Normally in this article I will write about the rallies Donna and I have attended. Unfortunately, we have not attended any, even though there have been some. Rallies are one of the main purposes of our club; and if you have never attended one, I would urge you to try at least one. Compared to other similar clubs we do a wonderful job with both the quantity and quality of rallies.

When you compare the cost and activities of some BAC rallies compared to the commercial rally companies you will find one of the values of our club. One of the reasons is that the rally masters are volunteers and the fact that there is no need for BAC to profit from rallies.



In a new addition to Quartzsite, Patsy Boles offered a painting class.

All BAC rallies are designed to have a balanced budget, with any significant excess rally fees returned to the participants. Branson, Alaska, The Grand Circle and the upcoming Grand Gaspe and Maritime Rallies are good examples. We thank all of the rally masters and co-rally masters that have participated in the past years.

If you have an idea for a rally or are interested in participating in putting a rally on, please contact your Regional Vice President or me. It is truly a very rewarding feeling to plan and produce a rally.

Regarding other club activities, the strategic planning teams are working to look at the future of the club. There are six teams focusing on Rallies, Membership, Leadership, Forum, Finance, and Communications. While we currently do a good job on all of these, we are looking to make improvements, if possible. If you have any questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The next International Rally is in Tucson at the Lazy Days KOA April 4-9, 2017. If you have not already made reservations, there are still spaces available. You may want to come in a couple of days early at the discounted rally rate and attend the Board of Directors meeting. Gerald and Glenda Farris along with their co-rally masters Rich and Kathy Pylar and Gerald and Judy Donaldson are planning a lot of activities including local sites, vendors and some great seminars. Donna and I are looking forward to seeing our Beaver Friends and meeting more there.

Mike

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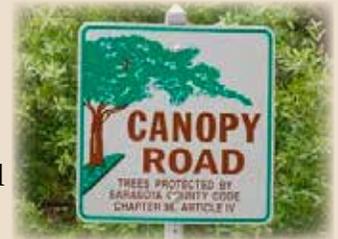
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## North West VP's Report

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Once again Chris and I have migrated south for the New Year. We look forward to enjoying the warm Arizona winter weather. The trip south this year was uneventful with clear weather until we reached Bakersfield. Just before New Year's they had 2" of rain ready for us.

As I review the Region 1 activities for 2016, with 6 rallies, I must say it was a very busy and productive year for our Region. I would be remiss, if I didn't thank all the Rally Masters and Co-Rally Masters for their effort in making 2016 a successful rally year. I would also like to ask any members who would like to help us as a Rally Master or Co-Rally Master in 2017/2018 to let us know.

I am your Region 1 VP and here to help bring new ideas and rallies to the membership. With the help of Dean and Anita Johnson, we are working very hard to increase activities in Region 1 and hope that 2017 will be another great year for us all.

We have now pulled into Happy Trails and plan to enjoy friends, family, and activities until we head over to the International rally in Tucson April 4-9th, 2017. Things are quiet for now in Region 1, now that winter is upon us, but keep checking Mike's monthly newsletters as you never know when a gathering or a lunch offer may happen.

We hope to see many of our friends at the Tucson Rally/Business meetings. Dean and Anita Johnson will also be attending the meetings with us, and we are both working on committees in preparation for the Arizona meetings.

We now have two Region 1 2017 rallies listed in the BT. I understand that they are almost full and we plan to give a report on both rallies at the Tucson meetings. I would recommend that members contact the Rally Master or Co-Rally Master should you have interest in the activities. The first 2017 Region 1 rally is early - "Beavers Fore! Golf n Fun" May 8-12th, 2017 and will be held in Astoria, Oregon. The rally will be fun and a great stop if you're heading north from a

southern winter stay. The next rally listed in the BT will be "Beavers BAC(k) to Anacortes," Washington, September 11-15th, 2017. Both rallies will have first time Rally Masters Dean and Anita Johnson at the helm.

Planning is a big part of our motorhome experience. We will be heading back to the NW after the warm southern winter and have already booked a service stop in Bend (BCS & Service). Since it's a very busy time as many of us will be heading north, I recommend booking early.

I will need to have a full service on the rig because we plan to "Shuffle off to Buffalo" right after the Anacortes rally. We will need to make a quick trip across the nation to make it on time for the New York International Rally Sept. 27-Oct.2, 2017, as it's a long drive.

This will be our last International Rally representing the region as your VP. It's been a rewarding experience for us to have the opportunity to work with some wonderful folks during the club business meetings and working with our regional Rally Masters. I do recommend that everyone try to participate as a club officer or volunteer.

*Jerry*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to all who attended BAC(k) to the Woods International Rally last September, and to Rally Masters Mike and Marina Wolfram. With a combination of a raffle, the auctioning off of many donated items, and the generosity of attendees, the Wolframs turned over to the Wounded Warriors Project a check for \$9,204.

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## Emergency Pet Care

by Claire Porter

As most of you know, Rett and I travel with our small longhaired Chihuahuas, Ita and Chula. Until a few years ago, we also had our Yorkie, Maggie.

Because we consider ourselves full-timers, we decided to transfer all vet records from our hometown vets to Banfield Pet Hospitals, located inside most PetSmart locations. This plan has turned out to be really helpful while we're on the road, because all of the records are ready at any location. This was incredibly helpful in 2011 when we made the painful decision that Maggie's quality of life had so deteriorated with her terminal renal failure that we would let her end her battle. We went to the nearest PetSmart which happened to be in Tallahassee, Florida – a location we had never entered before. When the receptionist pulled up her records and conferred with the vet, we did not have to go through a long, painful explanation.

So, when Ita became incredibly sick while we were at the FMCA Six State rally in Shawnee, OK in September, 2016, we rushed Ita to the nearest PetSmart in Oklahoma City. She had lost 1/9 of her weight (4.5 pounds to 4 pounds – that's 11%) in less than 24 hours. Banfield vets examined her, but told us that she was too critical for their services and that they had already contacted a 24-hour critical care facility on the other side of Oklahoma City. We obviously dropped all plans of returning to Shawnee and rally activities, and drove across OKC.

Ita spent 72 hours at BluePearl (24 hours in an oxygen cage) while many, many tests were run on her. Several times, we thought we were saying "goodbye" to our beloved dog. Amazingly, we have a positive conclusion to a scary story. Two different vets at two different locations (one Banfield and one local) had each diagnosed Ita with a heart murmur and congestive heart failure. Accordingly, she was taking heart medication. At BluePearl, they discovered that her heart is just fine and that the medicine was actually killing her. They weaned her off the heavy drugs and sent her home with us. She is now a few weeks from turning 15 years old, has a hearty appetite,

is back to her optimum weight, and is even playing with her toys again.

After hearing our story, Vicki Warren suggested we share our experiences with our fellow BAC members. We are still really pleased with using Banfield for the general appointments for Ita and Chula. We will not hesitate, however, to find a nearby Blue Pearl if/when either of them becomes very ill. BluePearls are specialty & emergency pet hospitals that are open 24-7. BluePearl started in 2008 by vets who started their dream in 1996; BluePearls now number more than 50 hospitals around the country and are staffed by more than 600 veterinarians. BluePearl treated more than 200,000 pets just in 2015. At the OKC location, their services included critical care, emergency medicine, internal medicine, oncology, ophthalmology, and surgery.

Rett and I are receiving nothing from BluePearl for writing this; in fact, they don't even know about this article. We hope that none of you have need of a 24-hour emergency vet hospital for your four-legged children, but we hope you will also benefit from our experience and look to see if a BluePearl is in your vicinity.

And now for your corporate trivia of the day!!! For an additional bit of information, Mars, Incorporated started more than 100 years ago as a candy company making favorites like Milky Way, M&M, Revels, Snickers, and Twix. Mars has dramatically expanded its family of brands to include candy, as well as Bounty, Combos, Dove bars, Ethel M Chocolates, Uncle Ben's Rice, Altoids, Doublemint gum, eclipse, Extra, Freedent, Juicy Fruit, Life Savers, Orbit, Skittles, Starburst, and way too many others to list here.

Mars has also expanded into pet care and actually owns Banfield Pet Hospitals, along with pet food brands like Cesar, Eukanuba, IAMS, Pedigree, Royal Canin, Sheba, Temptations, and Whiskas. In 2015, BluePearl joined the Mars family and so is related to Banfield corporately.

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## *Turning*

By Carol Parker 8/23/15

The leaves have gone from green to gold  
Suddenly the nights are cold  
I've changed from shorts to sweatshirts now  
And still I can't get warm somehow  
The long warm days of summer end  
And winter's just around the bend

We drove through spring when all was new  
Through summer's heat and morning dew  
Now fall has come upon us fast  
The trip we planned will end at last  
Above we watch the southbound swan  
Its autumn, winter's coming on

Come and gone the time to roam  
Time to hit the road toward home  
Get the rig and toys all packed  
Make sure the wood shed's full and stacked  
Light the fire, stock up on beer  
Its fall and football season's here

## So You Want to Be Published

*Would you like more variety in Beaver Tales? Maybe see some information about places you might like to visit, or how about stories of humorous (or scary) adventures on the road, or information we can learn from? Or maybe you'd like to enjoy the talents of our members, such as this poetry written by Carol Parker. (Sorry Carol, this one was supposed to go in the Fall issue, but it is an enjoyable tale of RVing at any time!) Or maybe see the work of artists like Patsy Boles.*

*So, would YOU like to be published? Send your submissions to Diana Bentley at [beavertaleseditor@gmail.com](mailto:beavertaleseditor@gmail.com) and it may happen.*

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*The Sunshine/Rain column and Sunshine/Rain board on the Forum are for all of our Beaver family both present and past. They are to keep us informed of our friends and their Sunshine and also Rain events. Keeping track on the Forum is wonderful. It lets us know what's going on with each other. However, it works both ways. When you read the column or board, you are happy to know what is going on. If you happen to be in the column or board, you know others are reading and keeping track of you. For those reading, remember, not everyone is computer savvy and may not know others are reading and caring. If you read about someone, send a card, or just pick up the phone (I have all phone numbers) and leave a message.. "Hi, I care and just wanted to let you know. You needn't call back." It means so much to hear from our friends...*



## Get Well...

*Mike Wolfgram  
Judy Bertelson-back surgery  
Brent Lauderdale-broken leg  
Gene Bacon-hand surgery  
Pat Atherton-eye infection  
Herman Bass-surgery  
Ted Atee-back surgery  
Lamar Keck-cataract surgery  
Glenda Farris-broken pelvis  
Marty Baluski-knee replacement  
Brinley Thomas-knee replacement  
Rosemary Allen- surgery  
Peter Bradish- surgery  
Caroline Swan-back surgery  
Karl Welhart-AFib  
Jim Salvevold-heart surgery  
Audrey Ussery-get well*

## RAIN...Our tears are with you...

*Steve Pillon-wife Sharon  
Walt Peacock-wife Dee  
Juan Hutchings-wife Darlena  
Terrilee Maudlin-husband Earl  
Kathy DuCharme-daughter*



## Thoughts and Prayers...

*Roger Elliott-cancer  
Margaret Hobart-husband Richard to nursing home  
Phil Becker-Beverly very ill*

Our thoughts and prayers and best wishes go to these folks and their families. Beaver love goes to all... Please! If you know of someone in need of a thought or prayer, let me know and I will give them a call and then send a card, if appropriate. Beavers really do care! *Vicki*

## NOTICE OF VOTE - By-Law Change

The Board of Directors passed a motion at the meeting in Canyonville, Oregon Sept 12, 2016 that requires a By-Laws change. A vote to accept this change will be held at the Corporate Meeting at the International Rally in Tucson, AZ in April 2017. The following sentence would be added to the definition of Qualifying Motor Coach:

"A regular member who no longer owns a qualifying motor coach but remains as a Non Coach Owner associate member of FMCA may continue BAC membership."

If you will not be attending and wish to vote please contact Secretary Pam Blair for a ballot.

The Board passed this unanimously and recommends a "yes" vote. This will allow members who

have retired from travel in their motor homes to remain active in the club and attend rallies, etc.

## NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee will present nominations at the same meeting for Vice Presidents for Regions 1 (Northwest), 2 (Southwest), and 4 (South Central). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

There will also be new members of the nominating committee elected for Regions 1, 2, and 4, and one member at large .

If you would like to suggest someone (you need to have their acceptance to serve) please contact any member of the nominating committee or Chair Donna Humble. The club always needs volunteers to help and if you would like to participate, please contact your Regional VP or President Mike Humble.

## South West VP's Report

John Shurtz

Email: [Shurtzj@gmail.com](mailto:Shurtzj@gmail.com)



Here it is time again to write a short article regarding what is going on in region 2. My how the time flies, it seems like just three months ago I wrote one of these articles. OH, it was three months ago, and I write one of these for the Beaver Tales every three months. How silly of me to forget.

It has turned out to be a very cold winter in Region 2. Fortunately we live in a region where we can still enjoy our Beavers in some parts of the region. And enjoy our Beavers we did. The annual Christmas rally in our region was held this year in Southern California. The decision of Bob and Pam Blair to have the 2016 rally in Southern California turned out to be a good one, as it had rained almost non-stop in the northern half of the state. The Pechanga RV resort in Temecula turned out to be a great place to gather for a short breather, before entering the final stretch leading up to Christmas. The weather was great, the resort was wonderful, and activities were all interesting. Well, except for building the darn ginger bread house. If there is one thing I do know is you/I can't make a decent house out of ginger bread. The house is not strong, it can't be made straight and after you fail, it does not taste good!! Oh well it really was fun.

Missed the Christmas rally Huh!! OK, here is another chance. The next International Rally is Sunshine & Saguaros, April 4 thru 9, 2017. The rally is just a short drive across the border in Tucson, AZ. If you have not joined an International rally lately or at all, the upcoming Arizona rally is a really great opportunity to check out what is happening at the BAC.

After the Christmas Rally, next came Christmas! We hope you had a wonderful time, and we wish you a very happy 2017.

Speaking of 2017, the first rally for the year was WESTERN'S BEACH PARTY, held in conjunction with the Western Area FMCA rally. Once again, Mandy and Violet put together a great event in Indio, CA. There were a lot of Beavers there to enjoy the fun, and all of those who participated deserve a great big Thank You for the fine job you did providing security at the FMCA Rally. Luckily Kathi and I got our security shifts in early (before the rain started) and were able to enjoy the FMCA events from inside the dry display tents. Sure it cost a few dollars, I have no sales resistance, but we remained dry and happy. Did I forget to mention the fantastic Lobster Boil? If you missed this meal in 2017, plan to make it next time, you will not be sorry.

If you have been following my travels each quarter, you know I have survived more than my share of perils. This VP job is more difficult, and dangerous

than I ever thought it could be. We managed tread separation on the tow dolly and melted chocolate in the 120 degree desert. I survived near drowning in the mighty Klamath River on a "canoe ride". What was I thinking? It was looking like I would make it through this quarter without peril.

Not so fast; on the return from Indio, the ADOT was painting the middle stripe on the highway. In order to give themselves ample room they put a line of traffic cones taking up about two thirds of the road. For the next five miles we rumbled along the rumble strip avoiding the traffic cones. Some truck ahead of us must have gotten tired of rumbling, and started knocking the cones over. Now we are rumbling and weaving along the interstate. Oops, I missed my line and ran over one of those darn cones. It made a heck of a racket, hope I didn't damage anything.

We rolled into Surprise, AZ mid-afternoon and stopped to top off the fuel tank before putting the Beaver away for a few weeks. While fueling up from the driver side, I looked down and noticed that the exhaust pipe for the generator was relocated about two feet to the rear of where it belonged. So that was what that noise was!! I got down in my hands and knees to get a better look at the problem. Not too serious, only a broken pipe hanger.

Suddenly, I am getting soaked, the Beaver is getting soaked, and the ground around me is getting soaked. I quickly pulled my head from under the coach to assess the problem. Bad move, now my head is getting soaked too. Through the soaking I see Kathi with a "deer in the headlights look", holding the fuel nozzle which is no longer in the Beaver's fuel tank, but still dispensing fuel. I am not sure what went through my mind at that moment, but I do remember saying to myself I don't have that much life insurance, why is she doing this?

Turns out, when I was on my hands and knees, Kathi got worried about me and came out of the motor home to see if everything was OK. As Kathi tried to step over the fuel hose to get a better look at the situation, her feet got tangled in the hose, and the nozzle slid out of the tank. Kathi said she was sorry about the soaking, but told me I was "lucky" she had caught the nozzle and prevented it from hitting me on the back. WOW! It was my lucky day. I didn't get hit by the nozzle, and I didn't catch fire. How much more luck can a guy ask for? We will see if I make it through the next quarter.

More fun to come:

New Years in Pasadena. During the Indio rally, I got word that the Bentleys were planning a rally at the Rose Parade January 1, 2018. The announcement is in this Beaver Tales. This should be a great opportunity to enjoy a really spectacular event.

If you have an idea for a rally, give me a call, and I will see if I can make it happen for our club. Travel safe, and see you soon.

*John*

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## Coming Up Roses II

Arrive December 28, 2017 - Depart January 2, 2018  
Pasadena, California

The Beaver Ambassador Club will join SOI (Sportscoach Owners International) in their 37th year of presenting the best, most economical, and easiest Rose Parade experience you can have.

- They have close by RV parking at Santa Anita Racetrack, with good electric. (Water and dump available.)
  - They have a great line-up of activities and provide bus transportation to them all
- They have premium reserved parade seating. You can almost reach out and touch the floats as they go by.

Rally fees include:

5 nights RV parking with electric, 6 days of activities  
7 catered meals including 2 restaurant meals  
Dinner and tour at the San Antonio Winery  
A day at Santa Anita Race Track with dining at the Frontrunner Club  
Rose Parade premium seating and souvenir program  
and

A New Years Eve party with an open bar and dancing to the Crown City Dixieland Band



### Rally Masters:

Tim & Diana Bentley  
14454 Range Park Rd.  
Poway, CA 92A064  
858-829-4616  
timndiana1@gmeil.com

Rally fees: 2- person coach - \$2195 1-person coach - \$1395  
(These fees are a special group rate saving you \$100.)  
For more information go to [soiclub.com](http://soiclub.com)

Send \$500 deposit made out to Diana Bentley to hold your spot  
Final payment due December 1, 2017. Refunds OK before that date.

### Co- Rally Masters:

Pete and Maryalice Willhite  
mwillhite56@gmail.com  
760-953-9965



## Viva Las Vegas

BEAVER SECURITY VOLUNTEER RALLY & LOBSTER BOIL  
In conjunction with the Western Area FMCA rally  
Arrive Sunday January 7 - Depart January 14, 2018  
Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio, CA



Friday and Saturday socials. Registrants are expected to do security assignments unless physically unable.  
**NO generators allowed in the electric area when the electricity is turned on.**  
**Electric is included in your FMCA rally fee for the whole week.**

### Daily Schedule

**Sunday, Jan. 7** - Arrive at fairgrounds by 12 noon. Pay one night's dry camp fee of \$25.00 (2017 price) when checking in.

4:00 p.m.: Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share.

**Monday, Jan. 8** - 1:00 p.m. - security orientation in Queen's Gallery Bldg. 5:30 p.m. - Potluck dinner & Lobster Boil at the fairgrounds.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9** - 8:00 a.m. - Security duties begin. 5:00 p.m. - Volunteer recognition dinner hosted by the Western Area Officers

**Wednesday, Jan. 10** - 6:00 p.m. - 1st half of roster attendees bring crock pot dinners to share.

**Thursday, Jan. 11** - 5:30 -- 2nd half of roster attendees bring crock pot dinners to share.

**Wednesday through Saturday** - Security duties continue. Utilize the activities of the Western Area Rally (seminars, entertainment, exhibits, ice cream socials).

**Sunday, Jan. 14** - 9:00 a.m. - Optional no-host get-away brunch at the Indio Elks Lodge on Madison Ave. Cost is about \$9.00 per person.

**Dual Rally Registrations:** (1) Register for the FMCA Western Area Rally in the *Family Motor Coaching* magazine beginning with the October 2017 issue, at [fmca.com](http://fmca.com), or call 800-543-3622 and (2) Send \$25.00 for rally essentials plus \$24.50 per ordered lobster by **December 1, 2017.**

to: Mandy Canales, 18960 Munsee Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92307

Write the number of lobsters you ordered (1, 2, 3?) on the coupon, where it indicates "Extra cost rally activities."

Friends of Beavers are always welcome. They have the same registration as listed above.

Send me their name, F#, address, phone number, and if they want any lobsters.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN!**

Hosts: Mandy & Violet Canales  
760-946-0581 (H)  
or 760-221-8636 (C)  
mcanales31@gmail.com  
Co-hosts: Chuck and Jan Rendall  
818-360-8618

## North Central VP's Report

Lonna Connell  
riverwo@hotmail.com



Hello to Winter in Region 3.

Hope you're staying warm and shoveled out. Although we have been staying in the Southwest (NV, CA, AZ) for the winter, our kids keep sending pictures and temperature readings from back home in Wisconsin. They wouldn't want us to miss all the "fun." I always love the snow. Nothing like the first gentle snow fall at night when that beautiful white blanket covers all the brown grass and areas that just months before were filled with flowers. But it's those sub-zero temperatures . . . brrr. We are looking forward to spring, when we return to the Midwest and get those flowers going again.

We will be heading to the FMCA International Convention in Chandler, Arizona in March for the "Rally in the Valley." Hoping to learn more from all their wonderful seminars and see a few friends (old and brand new.) Then on to the BAC International Rally - Sunshine & Saguaro in April before heading "home."

We've had a few "setbacks" this winter with the RV. Cracked windshield from bottom to top in a day, 5 year old residential refrigerator died, and mysterious issues with the engine. The first two are easy fixes, but \$\$ fixes. That third one is the trouble maker. It never seems to act or misbehave the same way twice so makes diagnosing and fixing very difficult. Thank God for the Forum and the many BAC members that have offered suggestions and help for that third issue!

Region 3 has four great rallies coming up in the Fall. The first is "Beavers and Bridges" in Winterset, Iowa. So many beautiful covered bridges and a wonderful step back in time to a hometown feel. Then follows "Explore the Door" in Door County, Wisconsin. A few facts: Door County was once called "Death's Door" by the Pottawatomie Indians who inhabited the island for many centuries, due to its dangerous waters and many shipwrecks. It was the site of a German POW camp during WWII. It is often called the "Cape Cod of the Midwest" and boasts people of German, Belgian, and Walloon (French-speaking Belgian's) ancestry. It is Wisconsin's supernatural capital - for ghosts! Hope to see you there to experience my favorite vacation spot.

Then there is "Christmas and Chicken" in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Known as "Little Bavaria" or "Muth," the city's name is a combination of two words. "Franken" represents the Province of Franconia in the Kingdom of Bavaria, home of the Franks, where the original settlers were from. The German word "Mut" means courage; thus, the name Frankenmuth means "courage of the Franconians." It's original development was as a mission post for the spread of Christianity to the Ojibwa Indians along with 3 other Franken-cities. There is a wooden covered bridge, built in a style similar to that of the Black Forest or a river valley in Switzerland.

We are hoping those that attend these two rallies will choose to travel the northern route to Frankenmuth. The other route is through some small town . . . Chi-town (Chicago), or the Windy City. We don't prefer that route as, living in Southern Wisconsin, we were overwrought with Chicagoans every summer, as their vacation spot, plus all those toll roads.

Heading the Northern route will lead you through the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) of Michigan - home to the Yoopers (pronounced "Yooper") They refer to the lower state (Michigan) as "The Mitten" (no love loss there.) It contains 8.8 million acres of forest. The lowest snowfall of the winter ever recorded was 81 inches, the most, 356 inches. Luckily, heading that route it's pretty safe that we won't encounter snow, but you never know. You might see waterfalls, sand dunes, and miles and miles of lake front - 1700 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. "So ya going to da U.P.? eh?" then down to The Mitten for our Frankenmuth Rally.

I hope you are having a safe and healthy New Year, traveling or planning for your summer travels and hope to see you on the road.

*Lonna*



Don't miss Door County, one of the most picturesque areas in the USA.

# Region 3

North  
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US

IA, IL  
IN, MI  
MN, MT  
ND, NE  
OH, SD  
WI, WY

Canada

AB, MB  
ON, SK

# BEAVERS AND BRIDGES WINTERSET, IOWA

Arrive September 1 - Depart September 6, 2017



5 nights of relaxation  
Spend your Labor Day in lovely  
Winterset, Iowa touring the  
Bridges of Madison County

John Wayne, Clint Eastwood and  
Meryl Streep made this quaint little  
town famous. It's a must see! Visit  
the birth place and museum of John Wayne - the  
only museum in the world dedicated to him.



Have your photo taken on Roseman Bridge.

Enjoy what small town hospitality has to  
offer on Labor Day weekend in a lovely  
city park, under the trees, and next to one  
of the famous bridges.



Rally Masters  
Roy & Patsy Boles  
514 America's Way  
Box Elder, SD. 57719  
(805) 975-5315  
bolesmail@sbcglobal.net

Included in rally fees:  
5 nights RV spot; 3 breakfasts; 3 dinners;  
John Wayne Museum;  
Wineries and a Cidery  
Limited to 14 coaches  
Rally Fee is \$375

Co-Rally Masters  
Jason Ware and Debbie Ginestar

Mail your deposit of \$75 to Rally Master



*Explore the Door*  
Arrive September 10, 2017  
Depart September 14, 2017  
*Door County Wisconsin*



**Adventure includes:**  
**Four nights at Harbor Village Campground**  
**Breakfasts**  
**Cruise on Lake Michigan**  
**Trolley Tour of "The Door"**  
**Peninsula Players Theatre production**  
**Optional lunch at Al Johnson's Swedish**  
**Restaurant (with goats on the roof)**

**The area is home to many wineries,**  
**cherry orchards, fresh fruit orchards, boutique**  
**shopping, and many lighthouses,**  
**but no big box stores!**



**Rally Masters:**  
Randy & Lonna Connell  
110 E Center St PMB 2174  
Madison, SD 57042  
(262) 949-7552 (Lonna)  
(262) 949-7553 (Randy)  
riverwo@hotmail.com

**20 Coaches Rally fee \$375**  
**Send \$75 Deposit to Lonna with your**  
**registration**  
**to save your spot.**  
**Final payment due July 1st, 2017**

**Co-Rally Masters:**  
Gerald & Judy Donaldson  
gandjdon44@gmail.com  
520-668-7459 520-818-2181

# *Christmas and Chicken*

*Arrive September 18 - Depart September 21, 2017*  
*Frankenmuth, Michigan*

**Activities include:**  
**Three nights camping**  
**World's Largest Christmas Store**  
**The Bavarian Inn - World's Largest Independently Owned Restaurant**  
**Riverboat Cruise**  
**Michigan's hand holding capital - we'll be watching you!**  
**Meals and other social activities are still being worked on**  
**Oh yah, and "the Chicken" - keep you in suspense**

**Rally Masters:**

Randy & Lonna Connell  
 110 E Center St PMB 2174  
 Madison, SD 57042  
 262-949-7552 (Lonna)  
 262-949-7553 (Randy)  
 riverwo@hotmail.com

**20 Coaches**  
**Rally fee \$350**  
**Send \$75 deposit to Lonna to hold your site.**  
**Balance due July 1, 2017**

**Co-Rally Masters:**  
 Ron & Barbara Anderson  
 raba12469@gmail.com  
 727-463-4157  
 727-463-4374



# *(Sort of) Close to Cleveland*

*Arrive September 21-Depart September 25, 2017*  
*Berlin, Ohio*

**Enjoy a few days in the heart of Ohio's Amish country**  
**With good comfort food**  
**Laughs galore during an evening at the Amish Theater**  
**Step back in time to the 1830's and find out what life was**  
**like when you take a ride on the Erie Canal**  
**on a boat drawn by draft horses.**

**It will be a great Beaver adventure.**

**Rally Fee \$340**

**Space is limited so send your registration**  
**and deposit of \$75 soon to**

**Patsy Boles**  
**514 Americas Way #7030.**  
**Box Elder, SD 57719.**

**Rally Masters**  
**Roy and Patsy Boles**  
**805-975- 5315**

**bolesmail@sbcglobal.net**



# Treasurer's Report

Roy Warren

Email: rwwarren@earthlink.net



Our treasury is in good shape. Our profit from Amazon is well above what we expected, and that is thanks to you, our members who are using the Amazon portal directly from the forum or our webpage. If you don't use it, would you please start, as it will not cost you anything, but does generate money for the club.

We have received a letter from Ron Jarvie at Overland Insurance Services regarding the difficulty for obtaining insurance in the RV specialty market and this will change our income. The letter is copied in this edition of Beaver Tales (see next page.) Knowing this, please still give Overland Insurance a chance to take care of your insurance needs. Use the portals on our forum and website to at least get a quote from them. Also, if you are comparing the second or third year of renewal with them versus another company, make sure you are comparing the same policies. If you don't update your insurance with Overland, you might find it a little high as you are using the old value of your coach whereas another company is using the present value of your coach. If you want to keep your insurance low, change these values annually.

Another way you can help the club is to locate sponsors for our Beaver Tales magazine. If there is a good RV repair facility, or other RV related industry you recommend in your area, call Diana Bentley and find out how you can approach them as a sponsor for Beaver Tales and how they can obtain recognition in our magazine every quarter.

On the first quarter analysis for the club's expenditures and income, you can see we have had less income than expected in dues renewal. We have had a few reports from the rallies held this fiscal year but have some due, and the rally masters are diligently working on their reports. (See note p. 23.)

We purchased a computer for our new Membership Director, Patsy Boles, because she did not use a device that would track new members and be able to forward the necessary information on new members to our BAC Records Manager. Also, postage for this position has already exceeded what was expected, due to the large amount of material which was transferred via the mail instead of person to person.

We received a refund from IRS for overpayment of our taxes. We were not credited until after our taxes were filed last year. We also received money from the regional officers who received refunds from rallies they attended last year.

I am excited by the progress of our financial committee formed from the strategic planning sessions. Karl Welhart is heading the committee and a lot of discussion is taking place. I think we will all benefit from this committee's work and advice.

Roy

## BAC OPERATIONS REPORT 12/31/2016

	Approved 2016-'17 BUDGET	10/1/2016 -12/31/2016	DIFFERENCE
<b>INCOME</b>			
Commercial	\$80.00	\$-	\$80.00
New Members	\$4,800.00	\$1,396.00	\$3,404.00
BCS		\$80.00	\$(80.00)
New Memb Dues		\$1,316.00	\$(1,316.00)
Renewal	\$20,250.00	\$6,600.00	\$13,650.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>\$25,130.00</b>	<b>\$7,996.00</b>	<b>\$17,134.00</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Amazon	\$4,200.00	\$1,377.39	\$2,822.61
BT Sponsors	\$5,760.00	\$1,350.00	\$4,410.00
Google	\$100.00	\$-	\$100.00
Logo Plates	\$100.00	\$-	\$100.00
Overland Ins	\$9,000.00	\$2,410.85	\$6,589.15
PayPal	\$100.00	\$49.75	\$50.25
Donations Rcvd	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$90.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$19,360.00</b>	<b>\$5,197.99</b>	<b>\$14,162.01</b>
<b>Rallies</b>			
BT Advertising		\$610.00	\$(610.00)
Rally Bars	\$3,500.00	\$65.36	\$3,434.64
Regional +/-	\$500.00	\$120.32	\$379.68
<b>Total Rallies</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$795.68</b>	<b>\$3,204.32</b>
DivInc			
IntInc	\$1,000.00	\$-	\$1,000.00
Realized Gain (Loss)			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$49,490.00</b>	<b>\$13,989.67</b>	<b>\$35,500.33</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Badges, Etc.	\$2,000.00	\$762.55	\$1,237.45
Beaver Tales			
Editor	\$100.00	\$-	\$100.00
Postage	\$1,500.00	\$365.48	\$1,134.52
Publication	\$5,000.00	\$1,115.36	\$3,884.64
<b>Total Beaver Tales</b>	<b>\$6,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,480.84</b>	<b>\$5,119.16</b>
Dues Operations			
Postage	\$550.00	\$-	\$550.00
Office Expense	\$50.00	\$-	\$50.00
<b>Total Dues Operations</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
Membership Operations			
Communications		\$138.23	\$(138.23)
Director	\$9,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$8,000.00
Office Expense		\$135.47	\$(135.47)
Postage	\$100.00	\$245.86	\$(145.86)
<b>Total Membership Ops</b>	<b>\$9,700.00</b>	<b>\$2,119.56</b>	<b>\$7,580.44</b>
Membership Directory			
Postage	\$400.00	\$(216.00)	\$616.00
Production	\$400.00	\$-	\$400.00
<b>Total Memb Directory</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$(216.00)</b>	<b>\$1,016.00</b>
Miscellaneous Expenses			
Bank Charges	\$100.00	\$9.00	\$91.00
Communications			\$-
Equipment	\$400.00	\$903.96	\$(503.96)
Office Expense	\$300.00	\$-	\$300.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$53.09	\$246.91
Website	\$500.00	\$-	\$500.00
Other Misc Expense	\$100.00	\$-	\$100.00
<b>Total Misc Expense</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>	<b>\$966.05</b>	<b>\$733.95</b>
Rally Expenses			
BOD & Comm Meetings	\$1,000.00	\$-	
FMCA National Rally	\$1,200.00	\$-	
International Rallies	\$10,000.00		
Early Arrivals	\$5,200.00	\$-	
Fuel Reimbursement	\$5,200.00	\$-	
Officer Registration	\$5,500.00	\$-	
Reg. Officer Reimbursement	\$3,600.00	\$(155.00)	
<b>Total Rally Expense</b>	<b>\$31,700.00</b>	<b>\$(155.00)</b>	<b>\$31,855.00</b>
Tax			
Federal	\$1,840.00	\$(488.95)	\$2,328.95
Oregon	\$150.00	\$-	\$150.00
Preparation	\$1,200.00	\$-	\$1,200.00
<b>Total Tax</b>	<b>\$3,190.00</b>	<b>\$(488.95)</b>	<b>\$3,678.95</b>
Uncategorized Expense			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$56,290.00</b>	<b>\$4,469.05</b>	<b>\$51,820.95</b>
<b>TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>\$(6,800.00)</b>	<b>\$9,520.62</b>	

# OVERLAND

INSURANCE SERVICES



December 30, 2016

Dear Club Partners,

We find it necessary to make changes in our Program. It was a difficult year for the RV specialty markets in 2016, as we have witnessed many changes and there are more to come.

In February 2016, **Allied/Nationwide** placed a moratorium on writing new policies for motor coaches and 5<sup>th</sup> wheel campers over 35 feet. We were pleased they decided to continue the policies already in place, but we have noticed double digit rate increases on the renewals.

In November 2016, **Allied/Nationwide** announced that the commissions paid on renewals will be reduced by 7%, effective January 1, 2017. In response, we will have no choice but to reduce the benefits we make to our Club Partners on the Allied/Nationwide policies.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, we received notice from **National Interstate** they are planning to exit the RV insurance marketplace in early 2017. If they are unsuccessful in transferring their book of business to another carrier, they will begin the non-renewal process during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017.

We will be actively trying to move policyholders to different carriers, when and where it is advantageous to the policyholder. We ceased placing new policies with **National Interstate** on December 9<sup>th</sup>, as we didn't believe it to be in anyone's best interest to be insured with a carrier that did not want to be an RV insurer.

In February 2016, after **Allied/Nationwide** announced their moratorium, we signed a new contract with Safeco Insurance (a Liberty Mutual Company) and we will continue our programs with Progressive, National General, Foremost and on a limited basis with the Nationwide Group.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Jarvie  
Certified Insurance Counselor

## BALANCE SHEET 10/1/2016 - 12/31/2016

### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Ckg-Bank of America	\$26,625.53
Ckg-Wells Fargo	33,665.61
Pay Pal	547.30
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$51,297.29</b>
Other Assets	
Misc. Receivables	156.50
Prepaid Expenses	0.00
Rally Advances	15,016.66
<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	<b>\$15,173.16</b>
Investments	
Wells Fargo Advisors	\$158,872.00
<b>TOTAL Investments</b>	<b>\$158,872.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$225,342.45</b>

## BALANCE SHEET 10/1/2016 - 12/31/2016

### LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities	
Beaver Tales Postage	\$ 1,474.46
Future Year BT Postage	1,320.00
Future Year Printed Directory	331.72
Misc. Liabilities	(93.29)
Printed Directories	824.00
Reserve International Rallies	46,277.40
Reserve Operational	116,664.08
Retained Earnings	57,544.08
<b>TOTAL Other Liabilities</b>	<b>\$224,342.45</b>

# NEW BAC MEMBERS

Welcome to another wonderful group of New Members to the Beaver Ambassador Club. We hope that each of you will soon be able to start enjoying some of the many features of the club, and will find a special place here, as have many before you. Great rallies help you use your RV to its fullest and are attended by friendly people, willing to share their expertise with you. You can also get help in the BAC Forum. Go to [beaveramb.org](http://beaveramb.org) and check it out.

## Region 1

Boysen, David	Salem	OR
Chapman, Mark & Lindy Bennett	Maunganui	New Zealand
Cheek, C. Ed & Marliene	Wenatchee	WA
Collingham, George & Theresa	Meridian	ID
Cornelius, Lawrence	Kent	WA
Johnson, Brian & Kathleen	Anacortes	WA
Johnson, Jerry & Sally	Tigard	OR
Ladd, Lawrence	Fairbanks	AK
Patchen, Kevin & Leslie	Snohomish	WA
Stockamp, John	Mount Vernon	WA
Strain, Scott	Powell Butte	OR
Vervalin, Bill & Jeanne	Bend	OR

## Region 2

Albert, Steve & Leslie	Rancho Cucamonga	CA
Bulot, Robert & Carolyn	Palm Desert	CA
Courand, Wayne & Laura	El Dorado Hills	CA
Dickson, Andy & Carol	Palo Cedro	CA
Gillespie, Harry (Sonny) & Carole	Hemet	CA
Ingram, Ken & Gail	Benicia	CA
Ruffolo, Phil & Theresa	Vista	CA
Stark, Mike & Cathi	Woodland	CA
Strickberger, Neal	San Francisco	CA
Ussery, Bernie & Audrey	Lompoc	CA
Van Loon, Brandon	Paso Robles	CA

## Region 3

Barnes, Brad & Polly	Traverse City	MI
Barch, Larry & Kathleen	Palaskala	OH
Ely, Dale & Veida	Emery	SD
Yates, Gary & Lila	Cedar Rapids	IA
Jaques, Donald and Lucie	Cochrane	Ontario
Johnson, Edward & Trudy Knudsen	Pelican Rapids	MN
Johnson, Suzette & Virgil Lewis	Lake Chrystal	MN
Kearns, Keith & Heather	Winchester	Ontario
Overbeck, Mike (Fuzzy) & Judy	Cincinnati	OH
Steinkerchner, Brian & Sara	Wadsworth	OH
Stephenson, Randy & Jane	Brighton	MI
Wheeler, Steven & Lynne	Darby	MT

## Region 4

Barber, Monte & Jeannie Ray	Kilgore	TX
Norris, John	Phoenix	AZ
Smith, Emerson	Ootewah	TN

## Region 5

Delia, Thomas & Suzannah	Cravville	NY
Sargent, Pricilla	Brunswick	ME
Sintoni, Paul & Kim	The Villages	FL
Taylor, Mark & Ginny	Hilton Head Island	SC

## What's New on the Forum

For those of you new to the club, or who have never gotten a chance to check out the BAC Forum, here are some of the posts that gathered a lot of interest. The forum has several Boards to help you solve technical problems, get ideas for coach renovations, find parts or supplies, see who needs a little sunshine, or even just socialize.

Members are amazed at the expertise offered on the Technical Board at no cost beyond your basic membership. Some have saved thousands of dollars by using the tips offered. If you have a problem with your coach or just want more information about something, as a member go to [beaveramb.org/forum](http://beaveramb.org/forum) to post your question. (Non-members can read the forum, but not post.)

### Recent Posts - Technical Board

- I'm going through all the systems and I cannot get the diesel burner on the Aqua Hot to start. I turned on the electric last nite and it is working but the diesel will not fire. There are no lights lit up on the control panel.
- A number of folks have asked about making adjustments or alignments to their slides. I recently made a height adjustment on my bedroom slide so thought I'd take a few pictures to help explain what I did.
- 8K Onan runs fine when we're parked. When I try to run it when the engine (coach) is running she starts up fine, transfer switch switches to generator, then it dies after 60-90 seconds. If I park, kill the coach engine, generator runs fine. Any ideas would be appreciated as always.
- It looks as if I have a delamination issue on the outside wall, left side, just aft of the front slide on my coach..
- Plugged coach in to 50 amp service at an RV service facility. Coach would not accept power. Leg one reflected 105 volts, leg two 103 volts. Voltage is too low, however Technician checked voltage at the 50 amp service plug and his amp meter showed 120 volts on both outlet legs. Fired up Gen. and power is good on both legs.
- This coach is the Onyx floorplan, in which the bed faces forward against the back wall. The bedroom TV is mounted to a lift which raises from a cabinet at the foot of the bed. I cannot for the life of me figure out how to remove this TV from the cabinet.
- I am having a problem with my house batteries boiling almost continually, even when not connected to commercial power. I believe the problem may be with my solar panel charge controller.
- Those of you with kitchens on slideouts have to contend with a sink drain line that was originally fabricated with a 1-1/2 ID pond hose. After researching the matter, I found a hose made by Little Giant that is far more rugged than what the original was.
- OK, Here's the next newbee question: I want to drain my fresh water tank so that I can sanitize it (the water in it now is three years old and is making my Jack Daniels kind of chewy and funny tasting). The manual doesn't have anything to say about how to do this.
- The entry step on our 1993 Grand Marquis has decided to retract / extend when ever the screen door is operated.
- OK... most likely dumb question, but for the life of me I can not figure out why, after running water (cold or hot) long enough to wash hands, I hear the Hurricane fire up, along with the green light on the panel in the kitchen for just a few seconds and then go off.
- I would like to get your opinion on how important the 60,000 mile valve adjustment is on my 2007 C-15.
- I just had my Aquahot on and running the heater. I checked each zone and the one under the fridg is blowing cold air only. What would cause this?

### Redecorating and Updating Your Motorhome

- While I love the Emerald Floor plan I was less than pleased with the way the Bedroom nightstand interfered with access to the bed. I look at cutting the nightstand back to provide better access.
- We have an '02 Marquis Tourmaline. We have done a small amount of freshening in coach and we were thinking about replacing the Brass Light fixture over dining table, or as we refer to it "The Cooker" LOL. Has anyone done this and if so how hard was it finding an appropriate fixture?
- I've been considering modifying the sewer hose storage ever since Fred mentioned that he had done it to his 2000 Marquis. Basically, what it amounts to is utilizing the space under the existing (rather useless) Beaver supplied sewer hose storage tube.
- I am attempting to replace our Sealand toilet with a Dometic 320. When I pulled the old toilet I discovered a rubber type gasket that extends from the sewer pipe and overlaps the existing bolts, and wonder if it's needed or can be pulled out.

## South Central VP's Report

Glenda Farris  
Email: grtfarris@gmail.com



The Quartzsite, Arizona rally was a big success, with about 60 coaches in attendance. Roy & Carol Mueller as Rally Masters and Roy & Patsy Boles and John Nord & Lora Barber as Co-Rally Masters did a wonderful job of making everyone feel welcome. Thanks to Jim & Natasha Nichols for making sure everyone had hot coffee! The food was great and the campfires so warm and enjoyable. Lamar Keck was there with his evening music for everyone to enjoy. We had 4 breakfast cooks: Roy Mueller, Jim Nichols, Gerald Farris and Jim Bull and many helpers. Welcome to all of the First Timers! We hope you had a great time.

We are looking for someone to be the Rally Masters for Quartzsite next year (2018). This has been an annual event since 2006!! Most of the paraphernalia (tarps, ice chests, serving utensils) is kept at our house near Phoenix, so the Rally Master just needs to plan a menu, plan a schedule, assign days for volunteering and purchasing some of the food. Since there are several who have been Rally Master before, there will be lots of help for you.

For anyone interested in being a first time Rally Master for this, or any other rally, the Rally Master Handbook is available on the BAC website: [www.beaveramb.org](http://www.beaveramb.org) under Member Services.

The South Central Region will be hosting the BAC International Rally in April. We don't have any other rallies planned after April, so if you have been thinking of doing one, please let me know. There are lots of places in our region that BAC members would enjoy visiting.

Don't forget FMCA in Chandler, AZ March 7-10, followed by Red Rock Rendezvous March 12-18, Gathering in Globe March 19-25, Making Tracks to Tucson March 26-April 1, and then Sunshine & Saguaro International Rally in Tucson April 4-9. Thirty days before the Tucson rally (March 4), I must release all campground sites that I have held, so if you are thinking of going, your registration and payment must be received before then. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

If you will be at Chandler, consider contacting Mandy Canales and signing up to do security for FMCA. Just as we do at Indio, this is an easy job and includes a lot of friendly social time with fellow Beavers and others doing security.

As many of you know, I fell in December and fractured my pelvis in three places. By the time this is published, I will hopefully be well and walking again. Many thanks for the cards and well wishes from our members.

*Glenda*



**Quartzsite  
2018  
You know the  
routine:**

**Circle the wagons,  
enjoy the beautiful desert,  
help create great meals,  
sit around the nightly  
bonfire,  
play desert baseball.  
Shop the swap meets and  
Quartzsite RV Show.**

**Now we just need  
one more thing -  
a Rally Master  
to make it all happen.**

**Please contact Reg. 4  
VP Glenda Farris and  
let her know you want  
to help this great  
event to continue.**

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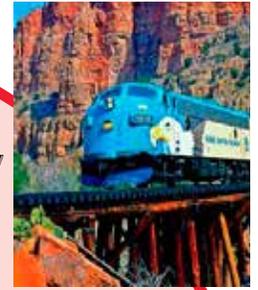
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# RED ROCK RENDEZVOUS

ARRIVE MAR. 12 - DEPART MAR. 18, 2017  
COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA

**Spring in the Southwest**  
**March 8 - April 9, 2017**

Stay for a month in Arizona and go from the FMCA International Convention (3/8-11/2017) to the BAC International Rally - Sunshine and Saguaros (4/4-9/2016).

Travel from the FMCA rally in Chandler, Arizona 2 hours north to one of the most beautiful areas in the country (as voted by USA Today) for an adventure filled five days in Red Rock Country.

Next relax in Globe, Arizona and enjoy mining history, eclectic shopping and antiquing, and a new casino.

From Globe head to the Santa Catalina Mountains north of Tucson for five days of exploration.

Don't miss out. There will be many people looking for things to do between FMCA and the BAC International rally in Tucson.

Sign up early!

**RALLY FULL SIGN UP FOR WAIT LIST**

Spend 6-nights at Dead Horse Ranch State Park with 50 AMP electric and water (dump available.)  
Visit the historic mining town of Jerome and the beautiful red rock hills of Sedona.

Rally will feature several meals including:  
Blazin' M Ranch Dinner Show  
And an outing at the co-rally masters' house

Activities include the Douglas Mansion museum and mine site, numerous quaint shops, including Tim's favorite store in Jerome; the Copper Museum in Clarkdale; a tram tour in Sedona; Tuzigoot National Monument; a ride on the Verde Canyon Scenic Railway; and a bike ride around Dead Horse lakes or bird watching for non-riders. (Bring your bicycles if you have them.)  
No-host happy hour each day, weather permitting  
Extras may include no-host dinners at a Mexican restaurant and a cowboy restaurant; no-host horseback trail ride through the park; Montezuma's Castle; and local wineries; and an optional Gourmet dinner at Up the Creek Bar and Grill

Rally Masters:  
Tim & Diana Bentley  
14454 Range Park Rd.  
Poway, CA 92064  
858-829-4616  
timdiana1@gmail.com

Go to [beaveramb.org](http://beaveramb.org) and click on Rallies to sign up for this rally online

Co-Rally Masters:  
Ed & Sandra Johnson

Rally Fees: \$595  
Send rally coupon and check for \$180 made out to Diana Bentley.  
Final payment due February 1, 2017.

Coach Limit - 20

NOTE: If you will be attending the Globe, AZ rally and don't want to go in a day early, you can add \$30 to your deposit (\$210) so you can depart March 19, the start date of the next rally.

# GATHERING IN GLOBE

ARRIVE MARCH 19-DEPART MARCH 25, 2017  
GLOBE, ARIZONA - Apache Gold Casino RV Park.

This value-priced rally fee includes tour of Besh ba Gawa, a 200 room prehistoric pueblo and museum, guided tour of Old Dominion Mine Historic Park, and, in the planning stages, a tour of currently operating Resolution Copper Mine. The City of Globe is making plans for an ATV gathering while we're there, so there will likely be chances to go off-roading! No host dinner and breakfast are planned. And of course, your RV park cost is included.

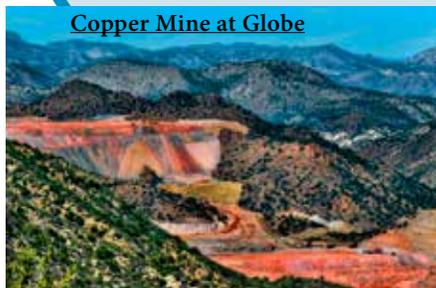
You can stay an extra night at the rally rate if you desire or make an early reservation at Catalina if you are doing all the rallies.

**Rally Fees: \$285**  
Send \$50 deposit to hold your spot.  
Final payment due Feb. 1, 2017  
Cancellations after 2/15 may not receive a full refund

**RALLY FULL SIGN UP FOR WAIT LIST**

**Rally Masters:**  
Jim & Natasha Nichols  
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oneguyinlabor@gmail.com  
nmerkuloff@gmail.com  
707-217-0903, 707-738-7840

Co-Rally Masters: Marty and Wayne Wheeldon



# MAKING TRACKS TO TUCSON

ARRIVE MARCH 26 - DEPART APRIL 1, 2017  
 CATALINA STATE PARK, TUCSON, ARIZONA

Rally fees include 6 nights at the highly rated Catalina State Park with water and electric.

This value-priced rally fee includes your stay at Catalina State Park for 6 days, a tour of Tohono Chul, named "one of the Top... Secret Gardens in the U.S. and Canada" by National Geographic and a tour of Biosphere 2, an Earth systems science research facility.

No host dinner and breakfast are planned as well.

You may travel to the International Rally location from here, and stay for the rally rate there prior to the beginning of Sunshine and Saguaros

**RALLY  
 FULL  
 SIGN UP  
 FOR  
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Biosphere 2



## Rally Fees: \$315

Send \$50 deposit to hold your spot.

Final payment due Feb. 1, 2017

Cancellations after 2/15 may not receive a full refund

Tohono Chul



### Rally Masters:

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 Box Elder, SD 57719  
 oneguyinlabor@gmail.com  
 nmerkuloff@gmail.com  
 707-217-0903, 707-738-7840

Co-Rally Masters: Gary and Cheri Carver

## Bring Your Pull Tabs to Tucson!

from Mandy Canales

It doesn't take much to wiggle off the pull tab from any kind of a can and store them until you get to a Beaver rally with someone who collects them. Why should all BAC members be doing this? Because for each tab collected, Ronald McDonald House (housing for families of sick children) gets credit for a whole can and caring Beavers have probably collected more than a million by now. That's a lot of help for such a simple act.

Most BAC rallies will have someone collecting, but if not bring them (or send with someone going) to the International rallies like the upcoming one at Tucson.



## Just for Fun

I am only responsible for what I say ... not what you understand.

Teacher: There will be an eclipse of the moon tonight. Perhaps your parents will let you stay up to watch it.

Pupil: What web page is it on?

So, when is this "old enough to know better" supposed to kick in?

Once upon a time in their marriage, my Dad did something really stupid. Mom chewed him out for it. He apologized and they made up.

However, from time to time, my mom mentions what he had done. "Honey," my Dad finally said one day, "why do you keep bringing that up? I thought your policy was 'forgive and forget.'"

"It is" she said. "I just don't want you to forget that I've forgiven and forgotten."

My mother sent me a text: "What does IDK, LY, and TTYL mean?"

I answered: "I don't know, love you, talk to you later."

Mother: "Ok, I'll ask your brother."

The son of a nuclear engineer asks his mom to explain to him how electricity is generated by nuclear power.

His mom, says, "Honey, why don't you ask your dad about that, he knows much more about that than I do."

The son replies, "Mom, I don't want to know that much !".

# National Director's Report

**Rett Porter**  
Email: rett.porter@gmail.com



**H**appy New Year as we begin another fantastic year of motorhome travels across North America. Claire and I started this year as we did last year with meeting the Beavers in Indio, CA at the FMCA Western Area Rally. Beavers had a terrific turnout with Mandy and Violet doing another outstanding job. This excellent Western Area rally had more than 800 coaches in attendance. Vendors filled a building, two large tents, and a parking lot. All stayed busy despite some rain. Entertainment was terrific. The first night's band was local, and the other two nights the bands were from the Phoenix area. All three nights (two nights of surfer music and one of country) had attendees up dancing, including many Beavers.

Beavers circled the coaches on BLM property for the Beaver Round-Up with rally masters, Roy and Carol Mueller. We had planned to join them but we had another tow bar issue along I-10 and headed back to Surprise. This time one side of our base plate came apart and Blue Ox has said they will get us back on the road as soon as possible. By the time this article comes out, we should have been to Lakeland, FL for the FMCA Southeast Area Rally and back to Arizona.

## ANOTHER IMPORTANT REQUEST

In the last issue, I had requested that everyone vote by Dec 31, 2016 on the Articles of Incorporation to allow flexibility for FMCA to keep a viable path for the future. The vote passed with only 668 votes submitted and only 115 votes against the change, and that was out of a total of almost 71,000 possible votes. Now FMCA has some flexibility about its future direction. The next question is what should FMCA look like to be the best for our members?

I have been researching some articles produced by RVIA (Recreational Vehicles Industry Association (their logo is on a plaque near your motorhome door) and some of their findings are interesting. Currently, new motorhomes being built make up only 13% of the total recreational vehicle market of more than 374,000 per year in 2015. (This number continues to grow since the low production numbers in 2008 and 2009.) Projections continue to look positive for growth in the future. One article identifies three groups of RV buyers: 1. Active Family Adventurers, 2. Nature Lovers, and 3. Kid-Free Adventurers. Apparently the two most important considerations for those buying new RVs are comfort and cost, and only 20% of previous owners buy the same brand.

With only 13% of sales in motorhomes, the remaining 87% are towables and truck campers. Dr. Richard Curtin, RV analyst and director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan, said, "The data indicate that the basic appeal of the RV lifestyle remains as strong as ever. Consumers want to enjoy the same cherished experiences of RVing while staying within new budget constraints." Towables meet the needs of RVers while staying within a budget

most RVers can afford. No professional organization offers membership, benefits, and bringing together friends to share RV experiences for the towable community.

FMCA President Charlie Adcock has said that any and all options are open for the future of FMCA, and we want to do the best for all members. To have the best input from the BAC, I would like your feedback on any or all of the following topics or any other ideas that you may have:

1. Are you concerned about the average age of the current membership of BAC and FMCA?
2. How do we get more families involved in being part of these organizations?
3. How do you think FMCA should go about recruiting new members?
4. What can FMCA do better to help you as a Beaver member?
5. Have you recruited new members for FMCA?
6. Should FMCA restructure from 10 regions to 5 regions (international and the 4 time zones)?
7. Do you have any concerns as to what FMCA looks like in the future as long as the Beaver Ambassador Club does not change and FMCA benefits remain "as is" for the members?
8. Should FMCA try to expand by allowing towables to join?
9. What is your reaction to the chapters that want to bring towables directly into their chapters to get younger members and growth?
10. Should we create a separate organization for towables that will have all the benefits as members of FMCA?
11. If a separate organization is created, how should the towables organization be structured for representation, i.e. by states, regions, same as FMCA etc.?

Please respond by email to rett.porter@gmail.com. I would like to have your comments as soon as possible so that I can present your positions to the FMCA leadership. As elected officials, the members of the FMCA governing and executive boards want to do their best, but they will always be swayed by those who do not hesitate to give them their opinion, so please respond to any or all of these topics. At this time, no decisions have been made in any direction.

We are hoping that each of you plan to meet us in Chandler, AZ for the FMCA 95th International Convention, March 7 to 10, 2017. It will be held at RAWHIDE Western Town and Event Center. As of January 15th, there were 1,999 coaches pre-registered for the Chandler rally. This is the first time in this location, but the event should be very exciting in the setting of the authentic old western town. Entertainment on Wednesday night will be comedian, Dick Hardwick. Thursday evening will be country song writer and singer, Keith Anderson, who has several top hits such as, "Every time I hear your name," "Lost in this Moment," "Pickin' Wildflowers," and "Beer Run."

Mandy Canales has agreed to be the FMCA Security Captain for volunteer security at Chandler and is your point of contact if you want to volunteer for security at this event.

We hope you will join us in Chandler, AZ, and contact Mandy about being a security volunteer.

*Rett*

## Notes for Rally Masters

A big thank you to all Rally Masters and Co-Rally Masters for helping make BAC a great club. Iris's retirement has brought some changes you need to know about.

I (Eileen Cooper) am now the Rally Support Manager, and I will process your requests for rally bars, first timer badges, and new dress badges. As a change in procedure, dress badges, formerly given as second timer badges, will now be given at the end of the first rally attended. It is important to make sure that the First Timer names on your roster are listed and spelled exactly as they want them on their badges.

Here is the information I need at least 30 days before each rally:

- 1) How many rally bars do you need? How many 1st Timer badges? Do you have any 2nd Timers that did not receive a dress badge?
- 2) How do you want your rally bar worded? The limit is two lines and 24 characters maximum allowed for each line including letters and spaces.
- 3) Include an address where you want the order sent!
- 4) Please let me know if you, the Rally Master, or your Co-Rally Masters are doing this for the first time.
- 5) Send two copies of your roster (see below) - one with your rally bar request and an updated copy at the end of your rally.

The Rally Master should create and maintain a rally roster that includes name, FMCA #, address, phone, cell phone, email address, and whether registrants are First Timers, Second Timers, FOBs, Beaver Guests, or BAC officers. This is easiest to do in an Excel spreadsheet. (See the Rally Master Handbook for help.) Please send this roster to me, with your rally bar request, 30 days before your rally at [eileenjc290@att.net](mailto:eileenjc290@att.net).

Once your rally is completed, please email me your updated roster and highlight any additional or cancelled attendees, or if there is no change please indicate. This roster should also be turned in with your Rally Report.

The Rally Report form is online in the Rally Masters Handbook and a completed copy should be sent to your Regional VP, the President, and to the Treasurer (along with all the receipts for your rally expenses) within 60 days of the end of your rally.

You will also send a check for the rally bars (\$5 each) to the Treasurer, Roy Warren.

Thank you.

Eileen Cooper, Rally Support Manager



Laura Dedrick  
Host - East  
[adeedspilo@aol.com](mailto:adeedspilo@aol.com)



Natasha Nichols  
Host - West  
[nmerkuloff@gmail.com](mailto:nmerkuloff@gmail.com)

## FIRST TIMERS

### Western's Beach Party - Indio rally

Mike & Cathi Stark	Woodland, CA
Phil & Theresa Ruffalo	Vista, CA
Ed Johnson & Trudy Knudsen	Detroit Lakes, MN

### Q. Beaver Round-Up - Quartzsite

Robert & Cheryl Wagner	Hayden, ID
Richard Larson	Bend, OR
Paul Huffey	Linn Grove, IA
Chuck & Linda Childers	Nampa, ID
Bill & Carol Newman	Strathmore, AB
Bart & Rachel Mix	Spotsylvania, VA

## Overland Insurance Services

**Have you tried a quote from Overland Insurance Services yet?**

<http://www.rvins.com/bvr/> or call 1-800-677-4027.

and tell them you are supporting BAC. (You don't need to be a member. Your friends can get a free quote also.)

Now more than ever, you need the help of Overland to find the best deals in RV insurance (See letter on page 17.) Insurance carriers are dropping plans or raising prices on large RVs. Don't get caught. Let Overland help you, while you support your club. For each policy, Overland makes a sponsor donation to BAC.

Be sure you are comparing apples to apples when you check RV insurance prices. What appears to be the cheaper policy may not have the same coverage. Declared value? cash value? how much would you get if you had a total loss? Exactly what are you paying for? Overland is low pressure, they won't push, but they will explain the differences.

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## BEAVER PRODUCTS UPDATE

As many of you know, Ty Kelly purchased the rights to the Beaver name and logo.

Beaver Coach Sales and Service is proud to announce that they now have available for purchase these Beaver logo items:

**Car decals**  
(in black, gold, and white)  
**coffee mugs, rugs, wine glasses, cutting boards, and clothing.**

Need something?  
Contact Kristina at  
541-322-2184 ext. 600 or email  
[Kristina@beavercoachsales.com](mailto:Kristina@beavercoachsales.com)

# Region 5 East Coast US

AL, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NB, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV

## Canada

NF, NS, PE, QC

## East Coast VP's Report

Joann Fadale  
40tjjmf@gmail.com



It seems that my (human) mom is missing from her region, so I had to take over and write this article for her. My name is Molly, a four legged tiger cat living with the Fadale's for 16 years. This past Fall we got into the motorhome, I had no idea that they would be making me stay in my crate for over 3000 miles. You see, they put me in there for my safety. If we had an accident or got into trouble with the RV, I would be safe if evacuation was necessary. If they did not do that I would just hide and they would have a hard time finding me, if at all.

Well enough about me. My mom assures me that even though we are not spending the winter in Region 5 she has been very busy with the BAC. We have attended many rallies and met a whole bunch of new "Beavers" who live mostly on the west coast. After we left the International Rally in Oregon we traveled to California to visit Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks. What fun. I even learned a lot about how they grow almonds when we visited the Lands. They sure looked good enough to eat but I will need to let my humans do that, they are not good for me. The next place we traveled was Lake Havasu, Arizona. Mom had a meeting with a very important person, Mike Humble the BAC President. They worked on the strategic plan project. As I listened, they used words like SPOT, (Strategic Plan Objective Teams), Leaders and team members. When they were finished a whole bunch of people will be joining the teams to work on the project. It will help the BAC in the future.

Our next move took us to Surprise, AZ. What a surprise for me. I was able to visit with my dog friends Pearl (Gerber), Ita and Chula (Porter), Talula (Pylar) and met a new one, Tieron (Warren). He was a Corgi; I have never met one before so I hope we can be friends. While we were there something called Beaver Potluck happened twice. Dad & Mom went and had a good time.

After the Holidays, we volunteered at the Indio, CA, WMCA rally doing security, I tried to get some of the lobster that was served at the Beaver rally opening dinner but no luck. Thanks to Mandy and Violet Canales for a good time. I jumped back into the crate so we could go somewhere called Quartzsite, AZ. We were out in the middle of the desert. It was a little strange. Dad always

goes outside and pulls out things like hoses and cords to "hookup" as they call it, but not this time. We did something called "dry camping", I really did not understand, because we had a lot of rain. All had a good time anyway. Thank you to the Muellers and their co-rally masters.

As we spend the next few months in Arizona waiting for the next International rally in Tucson I am not sure what we will be doing, but I am sure it will be fun.

Mom has been doing something she calls "paperwork." She tells me she is planning a party for all of the Beavers. It will be near where we live when we are in our stick house. I am supposed to invite everyone to "Shuffling to Buffalo" You can find all the details on page 4 in this BT. I won't be able to do all the activities that are planned, like visiting Niagara Falls, but I sure will be guarding the coaches that are in the campground.

Region 3 also has a lot of rallies leading into Western New York. Please look for their ads so you can plan for your trip. It is a great time of year to visit this area.

I also need to thank the Coopers for continuing the Beaver lunches in Florida throughout the winter. The dates and time can be found in the monthly newsletter from the president.

Well I will sign off for now. I hope I did a good job writing this message and I will do my best to have mom back in Region 5 for the next report.

Molly

### Lifesaving Information?



⚠ The headrest of car seats is deliberately kept detachable and sharp so that it could be used to break open the glass of car in case of fire and emergency. The car's glass too are kept easily breakable from inside. Very few people know about it and thus can't save themselves in case of emergencies. Please share it with as many as possible and educate.

# DISTILLERY RUN



Start in Bardstown, Kentucky  
and end in Little Rock, Arkansas  
Arrive Oct. 6 - Depart Oct. 12, 2017

5 Nights Camping between Bardstown, KY and North Little Rock, AR.  
We will be stopping 1 night at Parkers Crossroads RV in Yuma, Tennessee

2 dinners and 1 pot luck  
Social Time Nightly



Send \$50 to Julie  
to hold your spot  
Limit 10 coaches  
Rally Fee TBD

Rally Masters:  
Brent & Julie Lauderdale  
P O Box 725  
Stratford, OK 74872  
(J) 580-399-5931  
(B) 580-759-5091  
jbminv@hotmail.com

Co-Rally Masters:  
Norm and Cynthia Green

## Grand Gaspe' & Maritime

June 29\* to Sept. 17\* 2017

Ottawa, Ontario to Freeport Maine in 80 days



The rally will start in Ottawa on June 29th, 2017 and end 80 days later near Freeport Maine on September 17th 2017. I chose 2017 because it will be Canada's 150th birthday celebration. In fact we will be in Ottawa for Canada day (July 1st). The rally will move thru 6 provinces and cover about 4,900 miles with 36 driving days. We will average 137 miles on driving days.

Our longest driving day at 242 miles. During the rally we will visit 10 Canadian National Parks as well as Acadia National Park in Maine. We will also visit a long list of historical, cultural and scenic sites. Since we will be in the Maritimes you can expect to spend some time on the water in ferries, tour boats, kayaks and even a raft on the Tidal Bore. It should make for an interesting rally.

### Included:

- 80 nights in 37 Campgrounds across Eastern Canada slideshow: (<https://youtu.be/k0QH5BRP-04>)
- Ferry Passage for RV +Car + 2 passengers to & from Newfoundland, Bridge tolls for PEI, Ferry Passage to & from Labrador
- More than 100 planned paid activities. See <http://keithc1402.blogspot.com/> for details
- Visit seven provinces and 11 National parks. There are 36 driving days with an average distance between campgrounds of less than 137 miles

### Rally Masters

Keith & Eileen Cooper  
373 Harmony Lane  
Titusville Fl. 32780  
[keithc290@att.net](mailto:keithc290@att.net)  
Keith (678) 982-8898  
Eileen (678) 925-8985

### Details:

15 Coach limit  
Rally Fee: \$9,535  
Send a check for \$1,000 to Eileen Cooper to hold your spot. 3 equal payments of \$2,845 are due March 1, 2016, October 1, 2016 and the final payment is due by May 1, 2017

### Co-Rally Masters

Peter & Connie Bradish  
189 Windsong Way  
Titusville Fl. 32780  
[bradish@attglobal.net](mailto:bradish@attglobal.net)



# THE AFTER SHUFFLE

Arrive: October 2, 2017

Depart: October 5, 2017

Hamburg, NY 14075



This will be an a la carte rally to be held in the same location as "Shuffling Off to Buffalo" the BAC International Rally. NO NEED TO MOVE!

Plans are being made for the attendees to see some of the many more wonderful places that Western New York area has to offer. Some of the choices will be: a ride on the Erie Barge Canal; visiting Frank Lloyd Wright designed homes; leaf peeping at Letchworth State park Fort Niagara, Niagara on the Lake and many others.

Rally Masters:

Thomas & Joanne Fadale  
4026 Sheldon Rd.  
Orchard Park, NY 14127  
40tjjmf@gmail.com  
716-574-7336 716-574-9689

Attendees have the choice to stay for 2 or 3 days. Rally fees will be calculated based on number of nights at the park.

Rally fee TBD

Send \$100 deposit and rally coupon to rally masters to hold your spot.



## "TIS THE SEASON" DECEMBER 3 - 7, 2017 ORLANDO, FLORIDA

### Celebrate the Christmas Season at Disney World!



Stay right in Disney at Fort Wilderness RV Park and use the free buses, monorail, or boats for transportation around the entire property. View the amazing Christmas decorations

**Important Note:** The Rally Masters are not allowed by Disney to make reservations for the RV Park and space is limited. If you want to attend this rally IMMEDIATELY call Hilda at Happy Travels, 302-598-8892, Tell her you are with the Beaver rally and make your own reservations for the 4 nights (at a group rate of \$108/night, saving you more than \$40/night).

RV park reservations are refundable up to 5 days before arrival. As an option Hilda can also arrange to get you theme park tickets and extra RV nights. Theme park entrance is not included in the rally fees.

Other Activities TBD  
When you have your RV park reservations send \$50 deposit to Rally Masters.

Rally Masters:

Karl & Nancy Welhart  
PO Box 5125  
Niceville, FL 32578  
karl.welhart@gmail.com  
nancy.welhart@cox.net  
850-621-0000, 850-621-0001



Co-Rally Masters  
Thomas & Joanne Fadale  
40tjjmf@gmail.com  
716-574-9689  
716-574-7336



**URGENT!** Please keep your address/phone/email information current by using this form or the Internet.

# Membership Director's Report

**Patsy Boles**

BACclubmembership@gmail.com



Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box below if you will use the Internet rather than receive *Beaver Tales* by mail:

Do **NOT** send me *Beaver Tales* by mail.

Send to: George Morlan  
4941 Thornhill Dr,  
Acworth, GA 30101

## UPDATE ONLINE

You can update your membership information online. Go to: **beaveramb.org**, click on "Member Services," then select "Update Member Information."

You can also join the club or renew your membership online and pay with a credit card. If you have a smart phone, use this QR code to go directly to the BAC web site.



**A**nother year is now behind us and I am hopeful that 2017 will turn out to be a great year for us all. I want to welcome our new members and I hope you all extend a hearty welcome to them if you see them out and about during the coming years. We had 43 new members join during the past quarter including a few reinstatements.

We have enjoyed our travels this year and all the new Beaver friends we have made along the way. Our travels have included, of course our favorite Indio security rally where we were all almost washed away with the rains. We came back from our security duty looking a bit like drowned rats, but that builds good memories. The other favorite is the Quartzsite rally. It's always such fun to be with friends in the quiet of the desert enjoying those beautiful western sunsets. Our Happy Painting class went very well there and beautiful works of art were created. I'm sure we will do that again.

We worked on a Habitat for Humanity build outside of New Orleans after the Rayne, Louisiana rally and what a rewarding experience that is. Every time we work with Habitat for Humanity we thoroughly enjoy it. Our year was full.

As many of you know I was asked to assume the duties of Membership Director for a year or so. All though it is not a difficult job, I have other interests to pursue and do not want to continue past that time. We are looking for someone to take over these duties for a two or more year period of time. Iris Schmidt did this job for many years and found it to be a very rewarding experience. If you are wanting to get more involved in the club, enjoy talking to new members, doing a bit of computer input and some mailers each month, please contact Mike Humble or myself. (Ed. Note: Many of Iris' jobs have been split among several people, so the Membership Director position is not nearly as intensive as it was.)

Wishing you all a safe and healthy year ahead.

Safe travels,

*Patsy*

*"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page."  
Saint Augustine*

BAC Dress Name Badges (\$11 each inc. shipping).  
Logo Plaques (\$16), Brackets (\$12), Shipping (\$5)  
Please indicate what you want, complete the coupon and send with your check made out to BAC.  
Please PRINT clearly (not longhand), using black ink.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ F# \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check/money order, made out to "BAC" to: Beaver Ambassador Club

c/o Chuck Rendall  
16712 Knollwood Dr.  
Granada Hills, CA 91344  
c.rendall@earthlink.net

Please inform Chuck ASAP if there are any problems with your badge when it arrives.



Happy Painting class taught by Patsy at Quartzsite



**Indio Security Rally**



**Crockpot Potluck at Indio**



**Quartzsite**



# RALLY ROUNDUP

*Winter 2017 FMCA's 95th International Convention*  
March 7- 10, 2017, Chandler, AZ.  
Get informtion in FMCA magazine or at <http://www.fmca.com>

**Red Rock Rendezvous (20)**  
March 12 - 18, 2017, Cottonwood AZ, Tim & Diana Bentley  
timndiana1@gmail.com  
858-829-4616

**Gathering in Globe (20)**  
March 19-25, 2017, Globe, AZ  
Jim & Natasha Nichols  
oneguyinlabor@gmail.com  
nmerkuloff@gmail.com  
707-217-0903, 707-738-7840

**Making Tracks to Tucson (21)**  
Mar. 26 - April 1, 2017, Catalina State Park, Tucson, AZ  
Jim & Natasha Nichols  
oneguyinlabor@gmail.com  
nmerkuloff@gmail.com  
707-217-0903 707-738-7840

**Sunshine and Saguaros International Rally (3)**  
April 4 - 9, 2017, Tucson, AZ  
Gerald & Glenda Farris  
Gerald 713-254-4156  
Glenda 713-252-1123  
GeraldFarrisBAC@gmail.com  
grtfarris@gmail.com

**Beavers Fore! Golf n Fun (8)**  
May 8 - 12, 2017, Astoria, Oregon  
Dean and Anita Johnson  
425-891-6430 or 425-891-6399  
svodj@comcast.net  
deadnita@comcast.net

**Grand Gaspé and Maritime (25)**  
June 29-Sept. 17, 2017, Ottawa Ontario, Canada, Keith & Eileen Cooper, keithc290@att.net  
678-982-8898 (K) or  
678-925-8985 (E)

*Summer 2017 FMCA's 96th International Convention, Indiana State Fairgrounds Indianapolis Indiana, July 12 -15, 2017. Get more informtion in FMCA magazine or at <http://www.fmca.com>*

**Beavers and Bridges (14)**  
September 1 - 6, 2017, Winterset IA, Roy & Patsy Boles  
(805) 975-5315  
bolesmail@sbcglobal.net

**Explore the Door (14)**  
September 10 - 14, 2017, Door County Wisconsin, Randy & Lonna Connell, 262-949-7552 (Lonna), 262-949-7553 (Randy)  
riverwo@hotmail.com

**Beavers BAC(k) to Anacortes (7)**  
September 11 - 15, 2017  
Anacortes, Washington  
Dean & Anita Johnson  
425-891-6430 or 425-891-6399  
svodj@comcast.net  
deanita@comcast.net

**Christmas and Chicken (15)**  
September 18 - 21, 2017  
Frankenmuth, Michigan  
Randy & Lonna Connell  
262-949-7552 (Lonna)  
262-949-7553 (Randy)  
riverwo@hotmail.com

**Close to Cleveland (15)**  
September 21-25, 2017, Roy and Patsy Boles, 805-975- 5315  
bolesmail@sbcglobal.net

**Shuffling off to Buffalo International Rally (4)**  
Sept. 27- Oct. 2, 2017, Hamburg, NY, Thomas & Joanne Fadale  
40tjmf@gmail.com  
716-574-7336, 716-574-9689

**The After Shuffle (26)**  
October 2 - 5, 2017, Hamburg NY, Thomas & Joanne Fadale  
40tjmf@gmail.com  
716-574-7336, 716-574-9689

**Distillery Run (25)**  
Oct 6 – 12, 2017, Bardstown, KY to Little Rock, AR  
Brent & Julie Lauderdale  
(J) 580-399-5931  
(B) 580-759-5091  
jbminv@hotmail.com

**"Tis the Season" at Disney World (26)**  
**December 3 - 7, 2017, Orlando, FL**  
Karl & Nancy Welhart,  
karl.welhart@gmail.com  
nancy.welhart@cox.net  
850-621-0000, 850-621-0001

**Comin' Up Roses II (12)**  
December 29, 2017 - January 2, 2018, Pasadena, CA. Tim & Diana Bentley, 858-829-4616  
timndiana1@gmail.com

**Viva Las Vegas (12)**  
January 7 - 14, 2018, Indio, CA,  
Mandy & Violet Canales  
760-946-0581 (H)  
or 760-221-8636 (C)  
mcanales31@gmail.com

**Florida's Old Canopy Roads (5)**  
Spring International Rally, April 6 - 11, 2018, Tallahassee, Florida  
Thomas & Joanne Fadale  
40tjmf@gmail.com 716-574-7336  
716-574-9689

Numbers following the rally names refer to the page on which the ad can be found.

## Rally Registration

To register for a rally, fill out a registration coupon on page 30 and mail it, with your check, made out to the Rally Masters listed in the individual ads. If you need more coupons, please copy the page or just send all the information required on a separate paper to the Rally Master.

There is also an online registration form on [beaveramb.org](http://beaveramb.org)

YOU MAY ATTEND ANY RALLY IN ANY REGION. IF RALLY IS FULL, SIGN UP ANYWAY AND GET ON THE WAIT LIST.

## Rally Registration Coupons

Send coupon with check or money order to address indicated in rally ad. Use an extra sheet of paper as necessary to provide additional information such as special requirements for handicapped, trailer parking, all electric coach or additional phones/email.

Rally \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_ # Slides \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Rally Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Remitted \_\_\_\_\_ Attending associated function? (e.g., rolling rally to/from, caravan to  
Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA, etc. Only if mentioned in rally ad.) Yes / No  
Preferred Cell \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies/Medical Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian?   
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Number and kind of pets: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred email \_\_\_\_\_ Extra-cost rally activities (e.g., golf): (include fees in total on front)  
Second email \_\_\_\_\_ Landline? \_\_\_\_\_ Activity Number Fees  
FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_ # in Party \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
**BAC Member?** Yes / No **1st Rally?** Yes / No **2nd Rally ?** Yes / No Early Arrival? Yes  No  Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Note: 1st & 2nd Timers. Please list name as you want it on your name badge.  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Please make arrangements with park unless otherwise noted in rally ad.  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 before joining, go to [beaveramb.org](http://beaveramb.org). 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. Beaver owners and Friends of Beavers (FOBs) may also attend one rally without joining the club. Call the Rally Master to see if the conditions have been met for you to pay your rally fees and attend as a Beaver Guest. We are sure you will enjoy the experience.

**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.

**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.** Complete the following application and mail to the BAC Membership Director. Include a \$40 check or money order payable to BAC (in U.S. Funds). If you are not an FMCA member, complete the FMCA application on the reverse side and include a \$60 check or money order payable to FMCA, or complete the online credit card form ([fmca.com](http://fmca.com)) for the FMCA dues only AMT ENCL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (no cash)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Mo./Day \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: Mo./Day \_\_\_\_\_

Primary mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ (street, city, zip+4, \_\_\_\_\_ telephone, "from/to" effective dates \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ (street, city, zip+4, \_\_\_\_\_ telephone, "from/to" effective dates \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es) \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Last 6 digits of VIN \_\_\_\_\_

### Friend of Beavers - Please complete this section

Name of sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Your Coach Make \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following information for membership name badges which will be presented when you attend your first BAC rally. Print first and last name (or nickname and last name), location, and FMCA number as you want them to be engraved on each badge.

Pilot Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the areas of expertise from work experience, education, and/or hobbies that you could share with the club:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application(s) and check(s) to:  
Beaver Ambassador Club, Attn: Membership Director  
62955 Boyd Acres Road, Bend, OR 97701

Email Questions to [Patsy Boles at bacclubmembership@gmail.com](mailto:bacclubmembership@gmail.com) or call 805-975-5315

D. Bentley, BeaverTales Editor  
 14454 Range Park Rd..  
 Poway, CA 92064

**FMCA New Member Application: \$60. BAC New Member Application: \$40. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

### FMCA Membership Application

Please complete the following application and mail to the BAC Membership Director. Include a \$60 check or money order payable to FMCA. The BAC Membership Director will process both the FMCA and BAC membership applications.

Last Name	Pilot First Name	Co-Pilot Name	Date
Address		Coach Mfr. _____ Model yr, _____ Approx. length _____	
City	State	License Plate # _____ State of registration _____	
(Area Code) Home Phone *		Cell Phone	
Occupation* (if retired, former occupation)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if former member: Member # _____			
How did you hear about FMCA? _____			
What member benefit interests you most? _____			

Production motor home  Converted coach Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTE: If motor home owned by applicant is not a production motor home, please include photo.

I enclose \$60 (US Funds) for a Family membership. The \$60 is composed of \$10 initiation fee, \$45 for one year's membership dues, and \$5 for a one-year subscription to Family Motor Coaching Magazine (includes coach identification emblems).

Make check or money order payable to: FMCA, Inc.  
**Please allow a minimum of four to six weeks for processing.**

I understand that upon acceptance of my application, I will be sent a copy of the FMCA Code of Ethics. I agree to read and abide by this code, which represents all our endeavors to be good neighbors, careful and responsible coach owners and operators, and good citizens of our communities. I own at least 33 1/3% interest in a qualifying coach.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my:  MasterCard  VISA  Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If charged must be signed here)

Please send commercial application.



A QUALIFYING COACH is a Type/Class A, B or C motorhome, or a bus conversion, that contains all of the conveniences of home (including cooking, sleeping and permanent sanitary facilities.)

Use this QR code to go to the FMCA web site using your smart phone.

FMCA membership dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.  
**\*For office records only - not for publication.**