

SOUTHEAST AREA MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION



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We have just completed the 94th FMCA International Convention last evening here in West Springfield, Massachusetts, at the Eastern States Exposition, home of "The Big E," with country music artist Ayla Brown wrapping things up. She was a 2006 participant in "American Idol." The Texas Tenors and Dave and Daphne were other evening's entertainment.

The official coach count was 1,305 for the convention. This figure includes 1,059 family coaches and 246 commercial coaches. It has been a very good event with fairly good weather. We thought it might be a little cooler up here, but we were wrong. The only buildings that were air conditioned were the vendor building and one seminar room building.

It was warm in the Governing Board meeting, with chairs on a dirt floor in an arena. The main thing I want to let you know about the meeting is:

AN FMCA DUES INCREASE WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD TO INCREASE DUES OCTOBER 1, 2016, FROM \$40.00 TO \$50.00 PER YEAR.

This was going to take effect as of the meeting, but the motion was amended and passed to have it begin OCTOBER 1, 2016, to go along with FMCA's fiscal year. This will give us time to pay dues before then. You can do this even if you are paid up for several months, a year, or more. If you pay four (4) years dues, you get a year free, so you can pay \$160.00 and get five (5) years. You can call membership in Cincinnati, or go online, or mail it in before October 1. You can pay \$360.00 and get 10 years.

Our membership as of July 31 was 70,539.

The 2017 budget was approved with the dues increase. I have the report if anyone would like to review it.

Other items on the agenda that were voted on:

To approve the renewal of FMC Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Program for 2016-2017, from the investment account. Motion was made and passed.

To recommend to the Governing Board to bestow the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer's Award to Jean Pryor, L12913. Motion made and passed.

To hold FMCA's winter 2019 convention in Chandler, Arizona, pending successful negotiations. Motion made and passed.

To hold FMCA's summer 2019 convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, pending successful negotiations. Motion made and passed.

To hold FMCA's 2020 winter convention in Perry, Georgia, pending successful negotiations. Motion made and passed. (Perry also will host the 2018 convention.)

Please make note of FMCA's international conventions for next year. The 95th International Convention will be in Chandler, Arizona, March 7-10, 2017, and the 96th International Convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana.

It also was moved and approved, after much discussion, to authorize the Executive Board to initiate and supervise the amendment of the purpose statement in the Articles of Incorporation so that it is as broad as possible to avoid an overly restrictive constraint on FMCA's mission (which may evolve over time) and activities, in serving the needs and expectations of its members. This requires a vote of the entire membership. A ballot will appear in the October issue of *Family Motor Coaching* magazine. The deadline for returning it is December 31, 2016. These articles were originally filed in the state of Ohio in 1971.

We are planning to stay for several days in the New England area to visit some points of interest, and hope to see everyone soon.

Don't forget our SEA SUN'n FUN rally is coming up February 2-5, 2017. Registration is now available through FMCA Cincinnati or online at FMCA.com, and a registration form will be in the October issue of *Family Motor Coaching* magazine. Dry camping is \$185.00 and a space with 30-amp electricity is \$350.00. More to follow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Duncan".

Jim Duncan, F253901
President, Southeast Area Motor Coach Association
National Vice President, Southeast Area

SEA Lands in

LAKELAND

FEBRUARY

2-5

2017

SUN 'n FUN Expo Campus
Lakeland Linder Regional Airport
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

4 NIGHTS CAMPING (Feb 2-5)

Early Arrival (Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1) At \$30.00 Per Night Payable On-Site

Friday Box Lunch with Entertainment • Saturday Full Breakfast
Coffee and Doughnuts • 3 Nights of Entertainment
Crafts • Ice Cream Social • Sunday Super Bowl Party
Photo Contest • Chapter Fair • Seminars • Coach Display
Commercial Exhibits • Tours and Much More!



Southeast Area Rally Registration Form

Permanent changes to membership files cannot be made from this form.

Member Number:	Last Name:	Pilot:	Co-Pilot:
Address (if this address differs from your billing address, please call):		City:	State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:
E-mail:		Telephone:	Cell Phone:
Coach Make:	Coach License:	Coach Length:	<input type="radio"/> First Time at a SEA Area Rally
Hold at Will Call? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Are you parking with a chapter? <input type="radio"/> Yes Chapter Name:		

1. Guest/Child's Name/Age:	2. Guest/Child's Name/Age:
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Registration Fees	Early Bird	After 1/15	Qty.	Total	Parking Descriptions
Coach with Electric Up to 2 Adults	\$ 350	\$ 370		\$	Electric – 30-amp electric sites. Not available until Tuesday, February 2, at 10:00 a.m. Non-Electric – Generator between 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Handicapped Parking – State-issued handicap placard must be displayed in windshield. Passport – Allows access to entertainment, vendors, seminars, coach displays, food events (No RV parking on the grounds.) Tour – Mon., Feb. 1, 9 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Sun. arrival required. Limited to 56 people. Includes transportation and boxed lunch. Note: Family members are not allowed to sell merchandise, do any service work, or solicit. You MUST be a paid vendor with a booth in the exhibit area.
Coach Non-Electric Up to 2 Adults	\$ 185	\$ 205		\$	
Each Additional Guest 13 & Over	+\$ 50	+\$ 50		\$	
Children Under 13	FREE	FREE		FREE	
Passport for Two Adults	\$ 125	\$ 125		\$	
Passport for One Adult	\$ 85	\$ 85		\$	
Fees Below Priced Per Person					
Florida's Natural & Bok Tower Tour	\$ 50	\$ 50		\$	
Ladies' Luncheon	\$ 15	\$ 15		\$	
ROMED (Retired Old Men Eating Out)	\$ 15	\$ 15		\$	
Total				\$	

Payment Information *Please call if your billing address differs from the address above.*

Please Charge:

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Make checks payable in U.S. funds to FMC, Inc.

Mail to: FMCA; Attention: SEA Rally
8291 Clough Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45244

Place Your Credit Card Registrations

By Phone: (800) 543-3622
(513) 474-3622

By Fax: (800) 543-4717
(513) 474-2332

Online: www.fmca.com

Handicapped Parking (Placard Required)

Do you require handicapped parking? Yes No

Volunteers

Yes, I would like to volunteer. Contact Eloise at (385) 295-0645 • tomeloiserapsas@bellsouth.net

Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be given upon written request and if received by January 25, 2017, with return of confirmation materials. After January 15, 2017, a \$112.50 cancellation fee will be applied to all electric refunds. No refunds after January 25, 2017. A \$15 processing fee will be charged.

Rally credentials are not transferable and must be displayed to enter rally grounds.

Registrations received after January 25, 2017, will be held at Will Call.

Visit www.fmca.com to register or for more information • www.seafmca.com