



**North Florida
Regional Vice-President
Southeast Area Motor Coach Association
Family Motor Coach Association**



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Greetings to all North Florida Chapters,

It has been some time since we dropped a note in your direction, so forgive the absence of communication. Ms. Ann and I did some travelling, before and after, the 92nd FMCA Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase in Madison, WI, arriving home on August 30. Since then, we have been madly trying to catch up on things around the 'Ole Homestead.

It was a delightful rally and a very productive Governing Board Meeting as we continued to do FMCA Business with the membership at the forefront of our efforts. With the numerous proposals and votes the basic information came down to clerical in nature as it was affirmed that:

1. Chapters retain the right to determine whether individuals, or by membership number, have voting rights.
2. Chapter Presidents can appoint a Temporary Voting Delegate not later than seven (7) working days prior to the annual Governing Board meeting.
3. It was passed that Associate Members also receive member benefits and clerical changes will be in place to indicate such.
4. A proposal passed to clarify that the area national vice president arranges for staffing for booths at RV Shows and is not actually required to staff the booth themselves.
5. Unanimous vote was held to continue to fund FMCAssist from FMCA funds and continue to provide it as a benefit of membership, without any dues increase.

The Southeast Area also held a gathering, for information sharing, that was moderated by President Jim Duncan. We had over 27 chapters represented at the meeting and held discussion on the health of S.E.A. and our endeavors to date. In addition, we were able to provide several interested people with potential chapters for them to explore membership opportunities.

But the most important information that resulted from this was the presentation that the S.E.A. is alive and well. Since moving out of Brooksville our fiscal year ended with a

positive note on the balance sheet for the first time in many years. But the real proof in the pudding came after the dust settled from our Sarasota Rally where we realized a profit of about \$80,000. Many of us, on your executive board, became involved because we saw the need to “stop the bleeding”, so to speak, when it came down to our operations. So it was a pleasure to receive that information and to pass it along to everyone. Has the objective been achieved? In the short term, yes. But to paraphrase a famous man; This is not the end, or the beginning of the end. It is the end of the beginning. So keep an eye on the Southeast Area, as we continue to plan and do business with the membership in mind.

Our executive board has been adjusted as we move forward. Dick Schauland, the Central Florida Vice-President, had to step down for family and business reasons. I counted Dick as a good friend as well as a great counter balance on the board. It was a pleasure working with Dick, and his lovely wife Linda, over the years. In his place we have elected Vicky Ferrari as the New Central Florida Vice-President for the Southeast Area. Vicky is the former FMCA national Secretary and a very good friend of S.E.A. She will have a lot to offer us and will be a valuable resource for us as we proceed into the future.

Before we conclude, I want to remind everyone that the 93rd Family Reunion is being held in Perry, GA, March 17 – 20, 2016, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter. As the host area for this rally The Southeast Area is responsible for providing volunteer workers. So please mark your calendars and submit your registrations for the Perry gathering, and for a lot of fun and accomplishment, volunteer to be a worker. You’ll have a schedule to be productive and still have plenty of time to enjoy the events, seminars and shows as you do so.

Remember, the S.E.A. is not having a rally this year and this is our efforts to provide the fun and enjoyment to you and the national organization in one package. Our annual Southeast Area Business Meeting will be at Perry. Come and enjoy this great venue and activity.

Now, as the summer days disappear we look forward to the seasonal changes and fall/winter activities to ensue. Remember that Ms. Ann and I love to visit with our great members and we look forward to those invitations to rally with some of the finest people we know. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the road and out in the wonderful world of motorhoming.

Fraternally Yours,



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