



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



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Greetings to all North Florida Chapters and Members,

Another great year in Family Motor Coaching is rapidly coming to an end. We started it with visitations to chapters and celebrating “S.E.A. Rolling into Sarasota”. As we continued to do the business of the Southeast Area Motor Coach Association we were also holding our collective breaths to see if our work and endeavors were going to pay off. In doing so we, as your executive board, continued to travel and have visitations with chapters and the membership to keep them actively engaged in SEA and FMCA objectives and goals. Ms. Ann and I alone have travelled over 4500 miles on behalf of North Florida Chapters and SEA. Every one of those miles filled with some great sites and fantastic “Family” events.

As the smoke had cleared, at the end of FY-2015, we celebrated that ability to inform our membership that S.E.A. is once again operating in the Black. As our fiscal year closed out we enjoyed the fact that we have concluded our second year in a row on the plus side of the ledger, rather than debit side. A dramatic turnaround has been achieved as we move forward with the membership at the heart of all our efforts.

But before we get too happy and fall back in admiration of our achievements, we must continue to look forward with responsible action to continue this age of growth and caring for our members. We, your executive board, will meet in January and review a location and potential contract details for the S.E.A. rally of 2017. We’ll continue to plan that event to make the most of the venue and the time afforded for gathering at another great rally.

As we lead up to that, we’ll be at the RV Super Show in Tampa, continuing to represent FMCA to the thousands of potential members for the FMCA family. If you’re in attendance, please stop by the FMCA booth and say hello. It is always great to re-new friendships and continue to share experiences. As you do that, bring along a friend that could take advantage of a FMCA membership.

Then there will be the 93<sup>rd</sup> Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase, March 17-20, 2016, in Perry, GA. Since we won’t have a S.E.A. rally in 2016, this event is our one effort to make the difference. Always a heavily attended rally, we are the host area for FMCA here and we are depending upon our members to volunteer and help us to put our best foot forward.

We estimate that we’ll need between 577 and 638 volunteers to make this event a complete success. As much as we would love to just go to this and sit back and enjoy the rally without that

burden upon us, the fact remains that without these volunteers we would not be able to conduct these Family Reunions, and without them our organizations would suffer. The more volunteers we have the easier it is on all of us to have the rally, and to enjoy the events too. The more volunteers we have, the better the experience is for those in attendance.

At present we are at about 50% of our needs. Some chapters have stepped up in mass with their commitments. Many individuals have stepped up on their own to help out. But we have plenty of vacancies left to enjoy. So when you “register” for the event be sure to check the box that says: “Please contact us regarding volunteer opportunities”.

Or, if you would like to cut straight to the chase, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Maxine Schremp at [mschremp2002@yahoo.com](mailto:mschremp2002@yahoo.com) . I know she would love to hear from you and would be glad to share the opportunities that are available in Perry. You could make the difference between someone who had a nice experience to someone who had a “Great” experience.

For those of you who have already made that commitment, let me be among the first to offer my sincere gratitude for your interest and willingness to “Make the Difference”.

Until we meet on the road, let me close with letting you all know what a great privilege it has been to be a part of you and your chapter’s experiences and objectives. We look forward to another fun-filled year of sharing with some of the finest people we know. FMCA Chapters and their members! May the joys and blessings of the Holiday Season be with you.

Fraternally Yours,



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