THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello to my fellow Dolphins. I hope you all are in good health and are ready to log some miles on your rigs to old and new destinations that the club would also enjoy. I am hoping that we will have members step up and set up a rally. I would like to see a full rally schedule for next year.

It's time to think about the club elections for a new board of officers. We have a nominating committee in place with Ken Kohornen, Don Mruk and Christie Cozart and I’m asking that you step forward when asked to run for office.

This may sound like a broken record but we still need a club historian. This position requires that you keep our photos, awards and history safe and set up a display at our anniversaries, etc.

We have three more rallies this year. In April the Smith’s will be hosting in Hemet and in October our traditional Chula Vista rally hosted by the Mruk’s and Engelbart’s. We will not be able to attend the rally as we will be out of town and we will really miss it. In November the Stuart's and Loud’s will host us in Palm Springs at Emerald Desert.

Since our calendar is sparse this year we will have only one club meeting at Chula Vista chaired by Don Mruk with a board meeting prior. This meets FMCA standards.

Please read the information coming from the governing board of the FMCA and passed on to us by our National Directors Dave Barr and Ken Kohornen about possible changes in the type of RV’s able to join FMCA (mainly towables). Membership has dropped a lot and to keep the benefits the FMCA provides in our membership the member base must grow. For myself I support the change as we must get younger people into the organization. Most young RV’s tend to buy towables (just my thoughts). Please check it out and give your feedback to Dave or Ken so if it comes to a vote of the governing board you will have had a voice.

Until next month be safe and have fun.

Brian Forstmaier - President
The Dolphins
Hi all,

Last month I thought we had seen most of the rain we were going to have. Boy was I wrong. Again, I hope you all have dried out after all the storms.

This month I’m re-addressing battery maintenance. Your motor home batteries need maintenance to stay in good order and continue to serve you well when needed. Batteries will suffer from corrosion on the terminals. Even a bit of corrosion can cause a voltage drop, especially under a load. Battery corrosion generally looks like a white or greenish-blue powder that forms around the wire connections. Flooded cell batteries (those with water in the cells) will out-gas when charged and the gasses contain sulfuric acid that corrodes anything it touches. Prevention is a key part of RV battery maintenance, so cleaning the terminals and applying an anti-corrosion agent is your first line of defense. After cleaning and reassembling, apply dielectric grease to the post and cable ends to help prevent new corrosion. Auto parts stores will also sell a convenient anti-corrosion spray, usually red or blue in color but plain old Vaseline works too. Because of the out-gas process, our house batteries also need to have the water in the cells replenished occasionally. The liquid in the cells is a mix of water and acid, but just the water evaporates and needs to be replaced. Check the water in the cells by removing the caps. The liquid should be 1/8” to 1/4” above the top of the lead plates inside. If it is not, add distilled or de-ionized water to bring it up to that level. The water produced by reverse osmosis purifiers is also ideal for this purpose. Check your batteries monthly until you have an idea how quickly the water evaporates, then adjust your schedule so that you always refill before the water reaches the top of the plates. Keep in mind the older your batteries the more often you will need to refill them.

I’m having full knee replacement on February 28th so Lorrie and I will not be able to attend the March rally. Unless someone hosts a May rally, our first trip will be our summer trip to Oregon.

Safe travels,

Don
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS:

RE-INSTATED MEMBERS
RON & CAROLYN HITCHCOCH
ROY & JO ANN MCCAIN

ROSTER CORRECTIONS:
NONE

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP COACHES AS OF 3/1/2017 - 85

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Enclosed is the Dolphin Club Membership list for 2017. The club lost about 20 members this year due to health issues or selling of their motorhomes. Our thanks to Christie Cozart for her efforts to maintain our club membership each year.

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Golden Village Palms RV Resort
3600 W. Florida Ave
Hemet, CA 92545
951-925-4123
April 6th – April 9th

Thursday
Check in April 6th 5:00 PM
2:00 – 4:30 PM
Happy Hour in the Clubhouse – wine provided
Dinner on your own

Friday
April 7th TBA Golf
8:30 AM Breakfast Goodies and Coffee will be provided
5:30 PM Bring your favorite Hearty Hors d’ oeuvres to share. BYOD
Dinner on your own

Saturday
April 8th TBA Golf
8:30 AM Potluck Breakfast – Bring your favorite dish to share – Coffee provided
5:00 PM Happy Hour in the clubhouse – wine provided
6:00 PM Catered Dinner in the Club house
7:00 PM Bingo in the Clubhouse (By Lee Haeberlein)

Sunday
April 9th Good Bye to All – Safe Travels
8:30 AM Continental Breakfast in Clubhouse

Trailbosses: Dave & Sandy Smith EMAIL: sndsmith1@msn.com
Phone: 562-863-7325 – Cell: 562-884-3839

Reservation /Cancellation Deadline March 15, 2017
Make checks payable to Dave Smith
Mail to: 10641 Foix Ave. Norwalk, CA 90650

Name ______________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________
City, State, Zip 1st Time Dolphin Rally 1
Phone _______________________ Cell Phone _______________________ Yes ____ No ____
Email _____________________________________________________ FMCA # _________

To arrange for nights before and after the rally contact Golden Village Palms RV Resort

April 6th – 9th Thursday – Sunday (3 nights) $ 200.00
Pets $2.00 per pet per night # Pets ___ $ _______
Total enclosed $ ____________________ $ ___________
Golf ________ How Many ________

March Air Museum Tour (interested) - Yes _____No ____ How Many ____
(Tram available for Flightline)
FMCA NEW PROPOSALS

FMCA PROPOSED CHANGES

The FMCA leadership has been wrestling with some big decisions. They believe we are at a crossroads, and need to make some significant changes to ensure FMCA's future, and allow us to continue to meet the needs of members.

One of the proposals (#3) that is going to be presented at the governing board meeting is: to eliminate the current requirement to own a "Motor Coach" and to allow owners of any "Recreational Vehicle" to be eligible for membership in FMCA. If approved other proposals will address changes to the bylaws, etc.

A key element of this change is to provide opportunities for the over 8 million RV-owning households to be exposed to the many facets of "RVing" so they may enjoy and appreciate the RV lifestyle as they evolve from travel trailers to motorhome ownership.

Following are some facts that FMCA has provided to help us to make a decision before the governing board meets in Indianapolis, Indiana, in July. Dave Barr (the club National Director and Ken Korhonen (the Alternate Director) want you to have this information as you talk within the Dolphin chapter and with other FMCA members. The FMCA leadership wants us to see the picture as they see it, so that club members can make a knowledge-based, business decision.

- FMCA peak active membership level, in the year 2004: 130,000 member families. FMCA membership today: 70,500 member families.

- Motorhome sales today represent a much smaller piece of the RV pie. In 1986, motorhomes represented 37.7% of all RVs shipped to dealers; in 1996, 22.3%; in 2006, 14.3%; and in 2016, motorhomes made up only 12.7%.

- The average age of FMCA members seems to have gone up, even as more young people enter the RV market. 2001 FMCA membership survey: average age of an FMCA member, 65. 2015 survey, average FMCA member, age 71. On the other hand, RV industry statistics show that the average RV owner is age 48.

- As with any business, FMCA has both fixed and variable costs. FMCA currently is spending more per member than it is bringing in. Adding members would help with this equation by lowering the per-member costs. With growth to 125,000 members, for instance, revenue per member would exceed the per-member expense.

- The cost of providing FMCA member benefits continues to go up. For the past few years, FMCA has been funding the FMC Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance program from FMCA investments. FMCA has also been funding marketing efforts from investments. In fiscal year 2015, FMCA withdrew $406,141 from investments to pay for those two expense items. In fiscal year 2016 (with an increase in the FMC Assist premium, plus added marketing activity), FMCA withdrew $794,712 from investments.

- Premiums for the FMCA Assist Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Program have increased from $4.32 per year per member family in October 2014 to $8.52 per year per member family currently. With the loss ratio the program has experienced, as a result of more members than expected using the program, we are projecting that the premium likely will increase to as much as $11.24 per member per year in fiscal year 2018

Please express your opinions and your voting preferences to Dave Barr (chiefdsb@gmail.com) and Ken Korhonen (retiredfinn@cox.net) .
GOOD SAM RALLY ARIZONA

At the Good Sam RV Super Show Rally held at the Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Arizona there were 5 Dolphin Club Member coaches who attended. Four of the members (Byfords, Haebereins, Oberlanders, and Smiths) met up in Morengo, CA for lunch. We then stayed one night in Quartzsite, AZ where we met up with the Snavelys, and then on to Avondale, AZ. The rally was a little disappointing for most of us as we expected more events but we all had a good time. The one highlight was we got to see Lee Haeberlein (shown below) ride as a passenger in one of the Sprint cars.

Article by Dave Smith
Dolphin Clothing Items:
Just a reminder that Embroidery in Motion, the company that provides the clothing items with the Dolphins logo, is still in business and has our logo items available. We placed an order and received it with no problems. So, if you want to order Dolphin logo items, the order form is on the website.

Do you have something to sell, give away, donate? If so, put your ad here. Word of mouth is one of the best ways to advertise and that may start right here. Send your ad, with pictures, to the editor and see your listing for 3-months, FREE.

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**Deadline Date for Items for the April issue of the Splash:**

**March 27th - 4 PM**
Dolphin Club Members Randy & Diane Foreman were at Refugio State Beach recently and were told to evacuate due to heavy rains. They had to tow one motorhome out of the mud.