



The Splash

Dolphin Chapter FMCA

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Newsletter for the Dolphin Motorhome Club

October 2009

President's Message

We are very happy to welcome Richard Mathis, our new Splash Editor! This issue of the Splash is the first published by Richard! Tom & Judi Sawyer worked with Richard on the Septembers Splash, so Rich could see how Tom has been putting the newsletter together. I am sure that after a few months, Richard will add some of his own touches to our newsletter. Welcome aboard, Richard!



We are getting closer to the end of 2009 and that means Elections! The Nominating Committee, Anna Byford, T.J. Hewlett and Carlyle Sherman have been hard at work putting together a slate of nominees for your selections.

We have six (6) Dolphins who are willing to serve the club as Treasurer. Any one of these members will carry out the task well, so it is up to you who will serve next year. Great to have a real election! Thank you to those willing to serve a second, or in the case of Dave & T.J., a sixth term!

Fill out your ballot, one per coach, and mail in as soon as you can. Make life easy for the Nominating Committee to tally the votes. Final results will be announced at the December General Membership Meeting at the Holiday Rally at Emerald Desert RV Resort.

When you read this, Carole and I and several of our RV friends will be headed to the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This will be our first trip there and we are excited to finally make it. After the Balloon Festival, we will work our way across New Mexico and Arizona ending up at the upcoming Chula Vista Rally. This is one of the most popular of our Dolphin Rallies, always attracting a sell-out crowd! If you have yet to make your reservations, I hope it is not too late for you to get in!

Also, when this is read the Pahrump Rally will be history. I understand that the registration is at 38 for this rally. Great job Brian & Adrian Forstmaier and Leon & Anne Schwartz! We will all look forward to reading your rally report and seeing pictures of the rally.

You may notice a new Rally scheduled for January 2010. The International Division of FMCA, INTO, is holding the INTO Rally in Quartzsite January 20 to 24, 2010. The registration form and instructions are posted on the website in the Calendar of Events section. Howard and Sally White are Trail Bossing this Rally. We are taking advantage of FMCA organizing everything for us, and all we need to do is show up! Sign up now and then let Howard know you will be attending, especially when you will be arriving. We are planning to camp as a group.

There is also a new rally planned for May at Desert Drums RV Park in Camp Verde, Arizona. This Rally is being hosted by Jim & Kay Thomas. The April 2010 Rally, originally scheduled for Las Vegas, had to be changed and will now be held at Oak Creek RV Park in El Cajon instead. We have been there several times and it is a nice place to visit. Howard & Karen Newman are Trail Bossing there.

Many activities are being planned for the enjoyment of the Dolphins. Rallies are being organized all over our area so more Dolphins will have the chance to participate, no matter whether you live in Southern

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Reminder

Membership Dues are due by January 1, 2010
Please see Page 11 for further information and application.

Welcome New Members!

NEW MEMBERS:

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317 Westminster Ave
Ventura, CA 93003-3950
805-644-3508 Home
805-218-7731 Cell
remohaynes@sbcglobal.net
'05 Dolphin

CHANGES:

(0477) F169435
Byford, Sydney & Anna
9432 Sandusky Ave
Arleta, CA 91331-5532
818-899-1085 Home
818-427-8824 Cell
sabyford1967@gmail.com
Email address change

(1964) F344581
Smith, Scott & Donna
PO Box 628
Oceanside, CA 92049-0628
760-519-5007 Home
760-519-5007 Cell
smithdonna31@gmail.com
Address & phone change

PRESIDENT...(Continued from Page 1)

California, Northern California, Arizona, or.....come up with somewhere new to go!

Hope to see you at the next Dolphin Club Rally!

Darryl Sobelman
President 2009

STRANGE FACTS

- Alaska law says that you can't look at a moose from an airplane.
- California law prohibits a woman from driving a car while dressed in a housecoat.

Dolphin Chapter FMCA

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Chapter Officers

President	Darryl Sobelman	(805) 484-1604 desobelman@msn.com
Vice President	Bob Frauzenzimmer	(949) 492-0660 frzmr@cox.net
Secretary	Frankie Weil	(760) 356-3563 marknfrankie@att.net
Treasurer	Kay Thomas	(951) 679-4144 thomaskayellen@aol.com
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Alt. Director	Dave Barr	(714) 528-2275 chiefdsb@aol.com

Area Representatives

No. California	Linda Sheeder	(408) 985-1203 rsheeder@sbcglobal.net
Central Coast	Brian Forstmaier	(805) 527-6461 bkforstmaier@sbcglobal.net
Arizona Area	Sally White	(951) 452-8427 wdesrose@aol.com

Appointed

Membership	Diane Rogers	(909) 627-1644 3460 Chino Ave. Chino, CA 91710-4714 drogers91710@msn.com
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Photographer	Paul Speaker	(909) 946-4836 spkrphot@aol.com



HEY PARDNER ... JOIN THE FUN

The Dolphins are going back to the Rodeo!!

November 13, 14, 15, 2009

SUNBEAM LAKE RV RESORT

1716 W. SUNBEAM LAKE DRIVE

EL CENTRO, CA 92243

760-352-7154 1-800-900-7154

Sunbeam Lake RV Resort is in Imperial Valley on Drew Rd. just 1/2 mile NORTH of I-8 - Exit 107, 8 miles west of El Centro. A peaceful setting with a beautiful mountain view.

We have 25 sites reserved. Check in Friday Nov.13th 12:00 Noon.

Mark & Frankie Weil and Marty & Emma Kalfus — Trail Bosses

marknfrankie@att.net

epkalfus@mac.com

Friday	11/13	5:30 PM	Happy Hour and Dinner in Club House - Main Course Provided; Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Saturday	11/14	9:45 AM	Cattle Call Parade in Brawley
		2:00 PM	Cattle Call Rodeo at Brawley Cattle Call Arena (\$14 per person, limited reserve seats)
Sunday	11/15	5:30 PM	Happy Hour in Clubhouse — Wine and margaritas provided
		6:30 PM	Catered Taco Dinner
		8:30-10 AM	Continental Breakfast and BYOC in Clubhouse—Say Good-bye to friends

Make checks payable and send payment with reservation to:

Mark Weil
2030 Fairway Drive
Holtville, CA 92250-9611

Phone 760-356-3563
Cell 760-554.6704
marknfrankie@att.net

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 15, 2009

CANCELLATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 31, 2009

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Will you have a pet? Yes ___ No ___

First Time to a Dolphin Rally? Yes ___ NO ___ FMCA # _____ Exp. Date _____

2 Nights (Friday & Saturday Night Dinner Included) \$ **110.00** _____ Rig Length _____

_____ Rodeo Tickets @ \$14.00 ea. \$ _____

Total \$ _____

The Dolphins An FMCA Chapter

Official Ballot to Elect Officers
For Club's Fiscal Year January 1 – December 31, 2010

In order for your ballot to count, you **must** put your FMCA # in the spaces provided here:

FMCA# _____ FMCA Exp. _____ (FMCA # Mandatory)

If you wish, you **may** place your last name in the space provided here: _____
(optional)

To vote for the one candidate of your choice for each office, please place an X in the box in front of the candidate's name (printed or write-in). If your candidate is a write-in, make sure he or she will accept the position if elected.

PRESIDENT

Darryl Sobelman
2nd Term

VICE-PRESIDENT

Bob Fraenzimmer
2nd Term

SECRETARY

Frankie Weil
2nd Term

TREASURER

Kay Bissonnette
1st Term

Howard Newman
1st Term

NATIONAL DIRECTOR

T.J. Hewett
6th Term

Leon Schwartz
1st Term

Judy Statham
1st Term

ALT. NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dave Barr
6th Term

Howard White
1st Term

IMPORTANT!!

Completed ballots **MUST BE RETURNED BY NOV. 15th, 2009**

Mail to: Anna Byford
9432 Sandusky Ave.
Arleta, CA 91331-5532

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Meet the Officers

Richard Mathis—Editor

I grew up in Colon, Michigan, The “Magic Capital of the World.” After graduating from High School I went to trade school in Detroit and learned how to program Unit Record Equipment (pre-computers.)



I moved to California in 1965 and set up several business computer installations in the San Francisco Bay Area, and continued to evolve with the 1st generation 1401 computers and then into the 360’s.. In 1972 I joined the Rohnert Park (California) Volunteer Fire Department; although at the time I was still involved in the computer field.

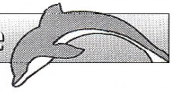
In 1976 I lost my job at a local company (through no fault of my own) and decided that I no longer enjoyed the computer field as it was then and it was time to move on. I was hired as a full-time Federal Fire Fighter for the Department of the Navy at Scagg’s Island near Vallejo and spent a few years there. In 1981 a job for a Community Service Officer opened in Rohnert Park and I gratefully accepted the position as it meant I could continue with my Firefighting, but now as a full-time firefighter for the City of Rohnert Park.

Since Rohnert Park is Public Safety, I attended the extended year-long Police Academy, graduating on December 23, 1983. I spent a total of 28 years as a firefighter, retiring as a Fire Captain, and 13 years as a patrol officer, all concurrent as we did both jobs at the same time.

After retiring from Rohnert Park DPS in 2002, my wife and I sold our home and most everything we owned and hit the road full-time in our 2003 Islander (our 7th RV.) We traveled in the summer and stayed in Arizona in the winter buying property at first in an RV Resort called Happy Trails. We then moved into a house on the golf course, which was probably a big mistake, as it tied us down too much.

In 2007 we moved to Oregon where we now live 2 blocks off the beach. We have 4 children that still live in various areas of Northern California. We still have the Islander, but unfortunately do not travel as much, and that is what affords me the time to do such things as being editor of the Splash.

Dolphin Marketplace



FOR SALE

2001
Dolphin 5332,
34-foot,

Two large slide-outs, new tires, HTD Leveling System. This is a top of the line gas unit!

Too many extras to list. All the bugs are out of this unit! It’s better than the new competition.



Asking \$44,500

For More Information

Call
Mike Gelsomino
(619) 561-2393

See It At:
9438 Riverview Ave.
Lakeside, CA 92040



Tech Tidbits

By Grumpy

(AKA Chuck McGaughy)

Bob Frauzzimmer has done a mod to his 2005 Dolphin that might be of interest to those of you with similar coaches. Bob likes to have a visual check of the water level in his fresh water tank. To do this, with his tank located above the storage compartment which houses his electrical cord, he cut a 3-inch wide by 8-inch long vertical window in the face of the black plastic panel at the top of the storage compartment. This exposes the end of the water tank and you can then mark the 1/2 and 3/4 full levels. The translucent color of the tank allows you to see the water level.

FMCA INTO RALLY

The Dolphin Club is returning to Quartzsite in conjunction with the FMCA INTO RALLY. The gathering of the Dolphins will be held within the location and activities being planned by "FMCA INTO". The Dolphin Club will be parked in a designated area. Howard and Sally White will be serving the Dolphin Club as Trailboss.

As directed by the FMCA INTO FLYER all registration and funds will be sent to FMCA. **DO NOT MAIL THEM TO HOWARD**. No funds will be collected by Trailboss Howard & Sally White. Use the form on page 9 to send your registration to FMCA. After you register with FMCA please fill out the form below and send it to Howard White or email us at wdesrose@aol.com. It is necessary for us to know that you will be attending the rally and the date that you will be arriving. We will have our parking crew set up to direct you to the Dolphin Club site.

Please place your Dolphin Club name plaque in the lower corner of your windshield on the driver's side.

Directions; Due to heavy traffic in Quartzsite we ask that you get off Highway 10 at Exit 19, make a right turn on Riggles Rd. and travel to the stop sign. Make a right turn onto Kuehen Road. Look for the FMCA INTO Rally signs.

Mail a copy of the form below to Howard White, P. O. Box 5171, Quartzsite, AZ 85359 or contact us by email at wdesrose@aol.com. Thank you.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL; _____

10TH INTO AREA RALLY

Rally Highlights
 4 Nights Dry Camping • 3 Hot Breakfasts
 Ice Cream Social • Games • Commercial Vendors
 & Display Coaches Nearby • Limited Seminars
 Ladies & Red Hatters Lunch (\$7)
 All You Can Eat Hot Dogs, Baked Beans,
 Potato Chips, Lemonade (\$5) • Geocaching
 Bingo • Crafts • Pet Parade
 Shop 'Til You Drop at the Big Tent!

JANUARY 20-24, 2010
 ROSE RV PARK
 QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

Early Arrivals
 \$15/Night
 Starting noon (12PM)
 January 18th

Evening Entertainment

BACK TO BASICS

Register
 Online at
 fmca.com

INTO AREA RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

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

Member Number: _____ Coach Make: _____ Coach License: _____ First Time at an INTO Area Rally

Last Name: _____ Pilot: _____ Co-Pilot: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____ Hold Confirmation Packet at Will Call

Are You Parking With a Chapter? Yes No If Yes, Which Chapter: _____

1. Guest/Child's Name/Age: _____ 2. Guest/Child's Name/Age: _____

	Early Bird	After 1/3/10	Qty.	Total	Payment Information
Coach with 2 adults	\$ 125.00	\$ 145.00		\$	I prefer to park in the following area (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> General Parking <i>Generator hours: 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped Parking <i>Limited to those with qualifying medical needs</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hour Generators
Coach with 1 adult	\$ 105.00	\$ 115.00		\$	
Each Additional Guest	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00		\$	
Children 12 & Under	FREE	FREE		FREE	
Non-FMCA Member (Add)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00		\$	
Ladies & Red Hat Lunch	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00		\$	
Hot Dog Bash (All You Can Eat)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		\$	
Total					

Payment Information

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

Mail to: FMCA
 Attention: INTO Area Rally
 8291 Clough Pike
 Cincinnati, OH 45244-2796

Place your credit card registrations

By Phone: (800) 543-3622 or (513) 474-3622
 By Fax: (800) 543-4717 or (513) 474-2332
 Online: www.fmca.com

Please Charge:   **VISA** 

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Early Bird deadline is 1/3/10. Your registration will be confirmed by 1/6/10 unless you specify to hold it at Will Call. Registrations received after 1/6/10 will automatically be held at Will Call. Refunds will be given upon written request and if received by 1/6/10 with return of confirmation material. There will be a \$15.00 processing fee.

For More Information Call: Rally Master - Sonny Gillespie • INTO President • (949) 422-6556 • sgillespie@fmca.com
 Assistant Rally Master - Jay Blumenthal • (714) 749-5701 • d2rtr@aol.com

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MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL FORM

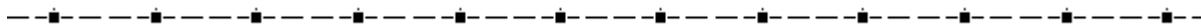
The Dolphins
A Chapter of
Family Motor Coach Association

DUES ARE PAYABLE BY JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR

Annual dues are \$25.00. All active members will continue to receive *The Splash* and an updated membership roster. *The Splash* will be mailed electronically to your email address, unless you select to have a copy mailed to you in the space provided below.

Please make your check payable to *The Dolphins* and mail to:

Diane Rogers
3460 Chino Avenue
Chino, CA 91710-4714



Return this portion

Yes, I wish to remain a member.

No, I do not wish to renew my

Enclosed is my check for \$25.00.

membership at this time because:

My FMCA expiration date is _____ / _____ (optional) _____

Mo Yr _____

Please fill in the information requested below. The information you provide will replace your previous information and will be printed in the Dolphin Membership Roster.

(PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: First _____ Last _____

NAME: First _____ Last _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & STATE: _____

9 DIGIT ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

RV MODEL: (i.e. Tradewinds, Dolphin): _____ YEAR: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

The Splash newsletter will be sent electronically each month to the above listed email address. It is also available on the website: www.dolphinclub.com. If you need a copy mailed to you, please check here .



The Splash

Rich & Lin Mathis
P.O. Box 375
Glenden Beach, OR 97388



Dolphin Club Calendar 2009-2010



Date	Location	Trail Bosses	Telephone	E-Mail
2009				
Sept. 24-27	Terrible's Lakeside Resort Pahrump, NV	Brian & Adrian Forstmaier	(805) 527-6461	bkforstmaier@sbcglobal.net
Oct. 15-18	Chula Vista RV Chula Vista, CA	Steve & Suzanne Justice	(909) 822-2823	sjwithpers@cs.com
Nov. 13-15	Cattle Call Rodeo El Centro, CA	Mark & Frankie Weil	(760) 356-3563	markfrankie@att.net
Dec. 3-6	Emerald Desert RV Resort Palm Desert, CA	Bob Frauentzimmer	(949) 4920660	frmr@cox.net
2010				
Jan. 20-24	Quartzsite INTO Rally Quartzsite, AZ	Howard & Sally White	(951) 314-5726	wdesrider@aol.com
March 22-25	FMCA 83 rd Int'l Convention Albuquerque, NM			
March 25-27	Wine Country RV Resort Paso Robles, CA	Jim & Mary Ann Stanley Bob & Marcy Pipczynski	(707) 539-2102 (805) 389-3183	ponimail@aol.com bobpip@att.net
April 16-18	Oak Creek RV El Cajon	Howard & Karen Newman	(951) 845-2449	thenewmans993@verizon.net
May 6-9	Distant Drums RV Park Camp Verde, AZ	Jim & Kay Thomas	(951) 679-4144	thomaskayellen@aol.com