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Greetings from beautiful Casa Grande, Arizona in the center of the Sonoran desert. As I write this message Spring is still officially two weeks away, but we have been enjoying remarkably nice weather for nearly two months now. I wrote my last note just before the holidays while we were in the Coachella Valley of California. We spent the holidays in Indio after which we attended the Western Area Rally at the fairgrounds there. The area rally was fun for us as we had the chance to represent the Full Timers Chapter at the Chapter Fair, and also were able to present the Full Timers Seminar at the rally. We were really pleased with the turnout at the Seminar and were even able to recruit some new members. I am not sure if this was the first time our seminar has been put on at an area rally, but given the great response we received in Indio, maybe it should be something we think about doing at other Area rallies.

After the Western Area Rally we headed into Arizona, a couple weeks in Ehrenberg, taking in some of the Quartzsite experience, then on to Yuma for a month. We just



moved from Yuma to Casa Grande, and will be heading to Camp Verde, Arizona in a couple weeks. About halfway through our stay in Yuma is when we started with the great weather, seemingly the only place in the country that wasn't being pummeled with ugly, cold winter weather. We have been running around in shorts watching the rest of the country freeze solid. Life is good and this lifestyle is fabulous!

We were able to meet many of our Chapter members in Indio, including the Underhill's, the Bullock's, the Babcock's the Goetszinger's, and the King's. I have no doubt I forgot someone that we saw there, so please forgive me, I'm old. We have been traveling in tandem with the Bullock's since the rally, and spent the whole month in Yuma

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. with the Babcocks also. This has been a great winter with friends.

As I write this Jack and Sally Friedlander are in Georgia just finishing up as Wagon Masters for the Full Timers Pre-Rally to the Perry FMCA Convention. No doubt everyone who is there is having a great time. We are sorry we couldn't attend, but our plans kept us in the Southwest this winter. Speaking of Full Timers rallies (said the master of smooth segues), Jackie and I will be Wagon Masters for our Oregon Pre-Rally to the Redmond FMCA Convention. The rally will be held July 27-30 at the Seven Feathers RV Resort in Canyonville, Oregon. Somewhere in this newsletter you will find an application form for the rally which will provide you more detailed information. The \$130 rally fee includes three nights of parking at the Resort with full hookup, 30/50 amp sites, free wifi and cable, as well as a welcome dinner on

Sunday night, the 27th. We will have activities and games on Monday, concluding with a pot luck dinner and a night of music and karaoke. Tuesday will be a free day to enjoy with friends or to explore historic and beautiful Douglas County.

We look forward to seeing many of our members there. Because of the requirements of the Resort, we have a firm registration deadline of June 20, 2014. We currently have 20 sites on hold, but should we have more coaches register, we can expand our commitment. Please don't delay, because by the time the next newsletter comes out it will be too late to register. Come on in for what we are calling A Simple Gathering of Friends.

I will close with my usual reminder that we can only continue as a viable Chapter by bringing in new members. This past year we have had a number of our members drop out because they are no longer traveling for one reason or an-

other. While such attrition is natural and not unexpected, it will drain the Chapter of active members if we do not continue to seek out and recruit new people. There are always people to recruit out there, people new to motor home traveling who are looking for a resource like our Chapter to help them out. Talk to people, *Roy Holt* let them know

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TO ALL OF YOU
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http://woodalls.mytripjournal.com/annechino_travels

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<http://handproamingnomes.blogspot.com/>

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www.travelswithgusandfriends.blogspot.com/

Roy and Jackie Holt:

<http://www.travelingholts.blogspot.com/>

Donald and Deborah Potts

<http://ddwt.us>

Bob and Sandi Swanson

<http://mytripjournal.com/rvswansons>

Roland and Charlene Jones

<http://Bradyplus2.tumblr.com>

Jim and Chris Guld AKA Mr & Mrs Geek

<http://www.geeksontour.blogspot.com/>

Notes from your National Director

Well, Sally and I have just returned from a real round robin in Georgia and it feels nice to finally be able to relax and put everything in perspective. Our chapter pre rally was nice but the weather was a major factor just as it was and always is at Perry. Both rallies were fun and informative.

While there was no Governing Board meeting many items came to light that I feel you, as members of FMCA, need to know. First, I am very proud as a participant and volunteer to point out that despite the weather many volunteers made Perry happen. I feel it was a success as many attendees were first timers and seemed to get a great deal out of the "Reunion." I was impressed by the increased support from the vendors and the number of new coaches and products which seem to suggest the overall market may be improving. Among specifics for FMCA I am happy to point out that for the first time in many years January and February saw MORE NEW MEMBERS JOINING than members leaving FMCA. This is a major turn and

if it continues we may be on our way to rebuilding our organization. There is a plan being orchestrated to reintroduce MEDEX or FMCA ASSIST as a "free benefit" if details can be worked out. The Governing Board will have to vote in favor of accepting the program as presented at the upcoming rally in Redmond to have it go into effect in October. It is a bit early and some work remains but indications seem positive that we may be able to once again offer a significant benefit like this to members.

As I mentioned in my last notes FMCA actually showed a profit last year by basically holding revenues and seriously cutting expenses. While we have not seen the actual audited figures we can feel good about the direction our financial path is headed. One area of concern created by our austerity package is in the area of personnel. Our FMCA staff is over worked, under paid, stressed, and we are losing valuable staff due to general conditions in Cincinnati. We must replace good qualified staff with good and better qualified staff which is difficult at best. This is an area of great concern and hopefully will be addressed by management, Executive Board and the Gov-

erning Board.

I hope these musings bring you up to date on our FMCA.

Please let me know your feelings, concerns, and questions concerning YOUR FMCA. I will be happy to take all your points to the Governing Board meeting at Redmond this summer and will keep you informed of any developments in the interim.

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Travels with chapter members : Jim and Pat Goetzinger

We had great Christmas Day and New Year's Eve parties in Lake Havasu City, AZ and then traveled to the Palm Springs area for the Western Area Rally in Indio. In Indio we met the Holts and Neighbours as well as friends from other FMCA chapters. The Holts presented a great seminar for the Full-timers Chapter at the rally. We spent time in Thousand Trails Preserves this winter (Palm Springs, Menifee-Wilderness Lakes, and San Diego--Pio Pico. We are currently at Emerald Cove (Parker/Earp) on the Colorado River and will be going to Camp Verde before stopping in Albuquerque to get the coach serviced. Then it will be on to Colorado Springs to see the kids and grandkids before embarking on the Alaska adventure. We are scheduled to be at the FMCA Rally in Redmond, OR, just days after our return from Alaska. Hope to see many of you there.

Our Condolences to...

Unfortunately we don't always get word about the losses suffered by our members. If you have lost a loved one, our sympathies are with you. Also, if you know someone who has suffered a loss please let us know.

Former Member, Dick Leuch passed away on Feb 9

The prayers and sympathy of all of your full Timer friends are with you and your family in your time of sorrow.



WHERE IS THIS LANDMARK?

A contest for Full Timers

Tell us where this landmark is and **win one year's dues** in the FMCA Full Timers Chapter. To enter, e-mail Suzy Livesay at sslivesay@gmail.com or mail a postcard (no envelopes please) with your name, F number, address and phone number to: Suzy Livesay, 418 Sunset Trail, Bandera TX 78003. All correct entries will be placed in a hat or other suitable receptacle, such as an empty Margarita glass and one entry will be drawn to win the prize. The winner will be announced in the July Newsletter.

Congratulations to Robert and Susan Berger for correctly identifying the Lincoln's Tomb Memorial as the Landmark in the last issue. This well known Landmark is the site where our 16th President and members of his family were laid to rest. The Monument is very moving and the volunteers very knowledgeable. Springfield is the home of all things Lincoln. His law office, home, Presidential Museum and Library and the State Capitol building where he started his political career. A fun fact: His home in Springfield, which is now preserved as a museum was the only home that Lincoln and his wife Mary ever owned. For more information on Lincoln go to www.nps.gov or just type Lincoln/ Springfield into your favorite search engine. **Here is this issue's selection.**



Here is a great desert treat that Sally made for us at the recent Full Timers Rally. If you have a favorite recipe or treat that you would like to share please send it to us for a future edition.

Lime Jell-O Pie From: Sally Friedlander

1 sm. box lime Jell-O
2 – 6 oz. containers of Key Lime yogurt
8 oz. Cool Whip
¼ cup boiling water
1 Graham cracker pie crust
Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Slowly add
Yogurt, mix in cool whip, pour into pie crust.
Cool in fridge for at least an hour

If a bit more tartness is desired, add the juice
of a half of freshly squeezed lime.

Hand Lotion

27 oz. baby lotion (scented or unscented)
8 oz. Vitamin E (available at Wal-Mart)
3 Tbs. Vaseline
Blend thoroughly with blender or mixer.
Lavender oil or lemon essence can be added
for fragrance if unscented lotion is used.

I have seen a few different recipes for this
lotion and this is the one I like the best.
Darlene

Recipe from Sally and Darlene

Future Rally

Dates

Apr 29-May 4
May 2-6
July 18-21
Jul 27– 30
Aug 13-16

Rocky Mtn Ramble
INTO Area
Northeast Area
Full Timers
90th Family Reunion

Farmington NM
Lebanon TN
Essex Jct VT
Silverton OR
Redmond WA

2015

Mar 26-29

91st Family Reunion

Pomona CA

A little bit of pun: Send me your favorites. I'll print the best ones.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

Broken pencils are pointless.

Jokes about German Sausage are the Wurst.

There are now 84 newsletters being sent via email. You can be added to the list by emailing mikedar@gmail.com. This is also the email address to use if there is a problem receiving your newsletter or you have something to include in the newsletter. Advantages of receiving the newsletter via email are that some of it is in color, pictures are clearer, you don't have to pay to have it forwarded (if you use a mail forwarding service) and you receive it more quickly. **Sign up today.**

News from the Grapevine.....The first item for this edition is news about long time FMCA and Full Timers member **Jean Pryor**. After a serious heart attack, surgery and setbacks, she now appears to be on the road to recovery at the Orlando Regional Medical Center in Orlando FL. I'm sure she would love to hear from fellow travelers and please keep her in your prayers for a speedy and complete recovery. Special thanks to Judy Czarsty for keeping us up to date on her progress.....We had lunch with **Howie and Pat Bates** in Sun City AZ last month. Howie is still undergoing chemo treatments until June when they



hit the road again and get out of Geezer Gulch. He is responding well to treatments and his prognosis as well as his attitude is very positive....**Ed Moliniski** is recovering from his surgery and may even be on the road by the time this goes to press....**Art & Jo Savoy** volunteered for six weeks with the NO-MADS in FL then attended FMCA rallies in Georgia. A highlight was talking to reenactors at Andersonville Prison where her great-grandfather was a POW in 1865. . They look forward to seeing spring arrive before working their way north to Michigan....**Jerry and Sandy Sweeney** are once again guarding the oil fields in south TX. They enjoy it and it pays. They are heading to NC and VA and ultimately to the FMCA Rally in Redmond in Aug....**Pat Ruese** sold her coach last fall and has been "hitch-hiking" to rallies and functions. She said she has a site with hookups and welcomes anyone passing thru the Verde Valley to drop in....**Bud and Barb Dabney** had to back out of the Full Timers pre-Rally and FMCA Rally due to health issues. We missed them and hope for improvement so they can participate once again....On a personal note, this winter was a lot of fun for Darlene and I as we met many of you in our travels in the southwest, both at the Indio FMCA Rally and at Quartzsite....The **Holts, Goetzingers, Gillespies, Mayers, Underhills, Canterinis**, to name a few. If I missed anyone it was truly accidental or possible age related CRS.

This great emergency card idea came from Russ and Jan Hein. Feel free to use it yourselves.

RV Travelers Emergency Card

We are visiting from out of town in our Recreational vehicle and we are staying in a campground in this area. In case of emergency, please contact my spouse, son or daughter listed below.

Date: _____

Our names: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Son/Daughter: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

RV Description:

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

License #: _____ State: _____ Color: _____

Campground Name: _____

Campground Address: _____

Campground phone #: _____

Campground site #: _____



Full Timers Chapter being presented with their 30 year award by FMCA Officials

PAST PRESIDENTS

FMCA Full Timers Chapter

1984-85	Ed Ruese
1985-86	Phyllis Gill
1986-87	Phyllis Gill/ Pete Codones
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1988-89	Ray Smith
1989-90	Charlie Robinson
1990-92	Jim Valentine
1992-93	Jim Livesay
1993-94	Bob Herge
1994-95	Bill McCall
1995-96	Ralph (Mac) McElroy
1996-97	Richard (Dick) Leuch
1997-98	Richard (RJ) Baum
1998-99	Gary Payne
1999-2000	Sherrill Livesay
2000-01	Perce McMillan
2001-04	Bud Dabney
2004-07	Freda Cerney
2007-09	Sandy Story
2009-11	Jack Friedlander



Great web sites and/or apps:

<http://www.allstays.com/> - Also a smartphone app - Great app for finding places to stay, includes Wal-Mart, Elks, campgrounds and much more. One of my most useful apps.

Speedtrap.org. Identifies speed trap locations on roads and highways in the USA and Canada.

Manufacturer's Recalls and Equipment Alerts

Airstream Inc. has announced NHTSA recall 13V632000, which involves model-year 2013 and 2014 Interstate Type B motorhomes manufactured from August 2012 through October 2013. The potential number of vehicles involved is 552.

The affected motorhomes have a defective propane system. The installation of the propane tank and regulator could allow liquid propane to enter the regulator, which will result in failure of the first stage of the regulator. If the first stage of the regulator is damaged, it will allow propane to escape from the safety release vent if it experiences an over-pressurized situation. If the vehicle is parked in an enclosed storage area, the escaping propane can collect and potentially cause a fire and/or an explosion.

An Airstream dealer will replace the regulator on the propane tank with a new regulator that contains a flexible lever arm that can handle an extreme rise in propane pressure. The repair is expected to take approximately 1 hour. However, because of service scheduling times, the service department may need the vehicle for a longer period of time.

For more information about this recall, contact Airstream Inc. at (937) 596-6111. Owner notification was expected to begin in February 2014.

vertently installed on one of the two battery cables. As a result, the cable that was not routed through the "P" clamp may rub against the "P" clamp, which, over time, could result in a short circuit. A short circuit could lead to a vehicle fire.

A Prevost dealer will remove the "P" clamp and inspect the battery cable. If the battery cable shows chafing damage, the cable will be replaced. The inspection and repair are expected to take approximately 45 minutes. However, because of service scheduling times, the service department may need the vehicle for a longer period of time.

Owner notification began in December 2013.

The third is NHTSA recall 13V650000 (Prevost #SR14-02), which involves model-year 2012 and 2013 X3-45 VIP, H3 VIP, and XLII-45 Entertainer Coach Shells, and model-year 2012 through 2014 X3-45, H3-41, and H3-45 coaches manufactured from June 6, 2011, through May 17, 2013, equipped with JAKO windshield wiper motors (model SWF403195). The potential number of coaches involved is 682.

On the affected coaches, the windshield wiper motor housing may crack, resulting in a loss of windshield wiper function. Without functioning windshield wipers, driver visibility may be reduced, increasing the risk of a crash.

A Prevost dealer will inspect and replace the windshield wiper motor if model SWF403195 is found. The repair is expected to take approximately 2 hours. However, because of service scheduling times, the service department may need the vehicle for a longer period of time.

Owner notification was expected to begin in February 2014.

For more information about these recalls, contact Prevost Car Inc. at (418) 883-2888

Prevost Car Inc. has announced three NHTSA recalls.

The first is NHTSA recall 13V532000 (Prevost #SR13-72), which involves model-year 2008 H3-VIP coaches; model-year 2009 H3-41, X3-45, XLII Converted Coach Shells, and XLII-45 Entertainer Coach Shells; and model-year 2009 and 2010 H3-45 coaches. The potential number of coaches involved is 81.

On the affected coaches, the mechanical springs used to return the accelerator pedal to idle after the driver lifts his or her foot off the pedal may break. Should the springs break, the pedal may not return to the idle position and could lead to unintended acceleration, increasing the risk of a crash.

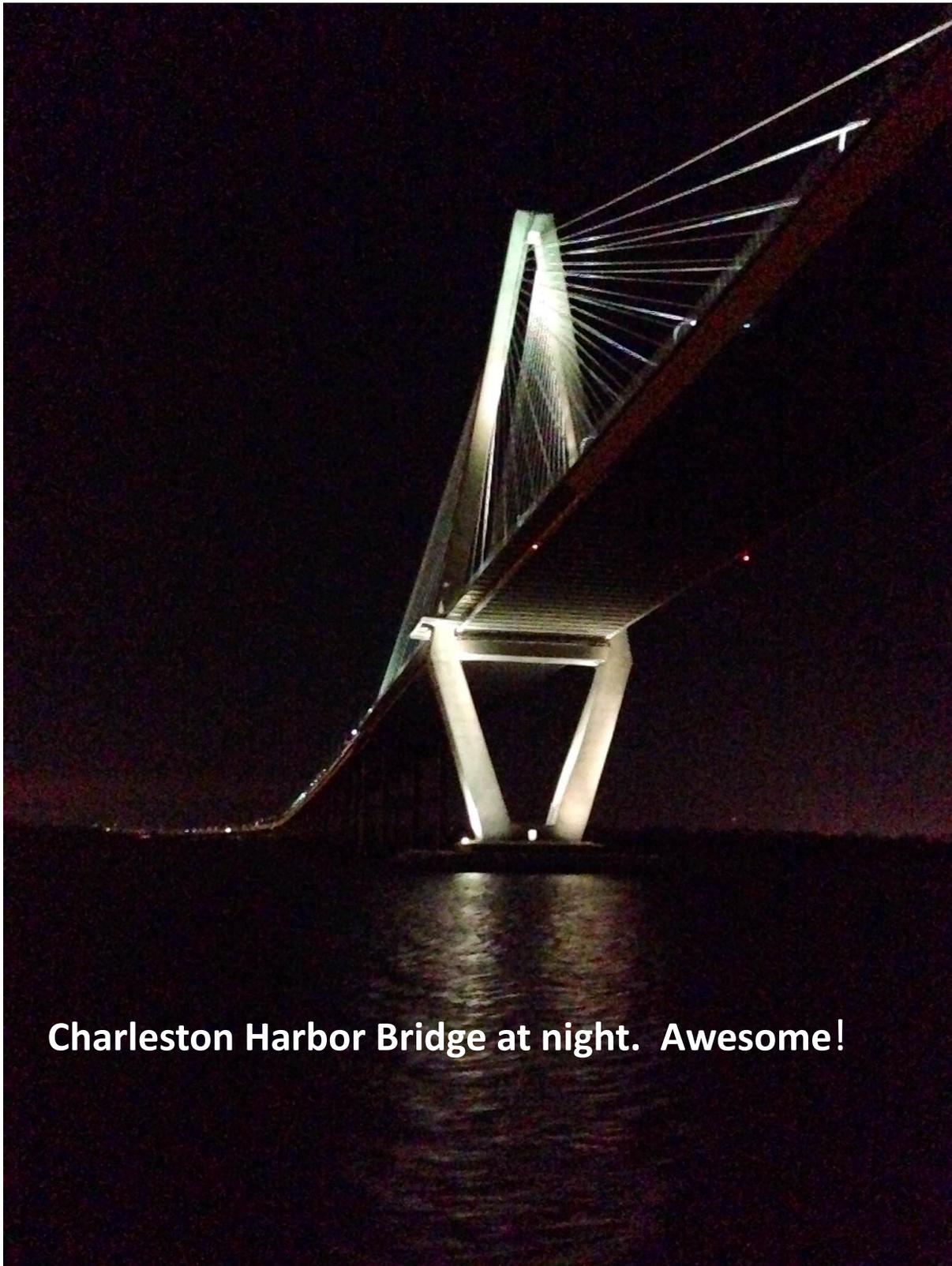
A Prevost dealer will replace the affected accelerator pedal. The repair is expected to take approximately 45 minutes. However, because of service scheduling times, the service department may need the vehicle for a longer period of time.

Owner notification began in December 2013.

The second is NHTSA recall 13V534000 (Prevost #SR13-73), which affects model-year 2008 and 2009 X3-45 Coaches and XLII-45 Entertainer Coach Shells built from November 2, 2006, through November 27, 2008. The potential number of coaches involved is 142.

On the affected coaches, a "P" clamp may have been inad-





Charleston Harbor Bridge at night. Awesome!

Gas prices are down slightly from last year at this time. That's good news as they did not increase. The National average is \$3.529. Regular ranges from a low of \$3.13 in Billings MT to a high of \$3.98 in CA . Diesel averages about \$.45 a gallon more in most areas.

Tech Talk With the Geeks:

Collecting Travel Ideas with Evernote

Posted by [Chris Guld](#)



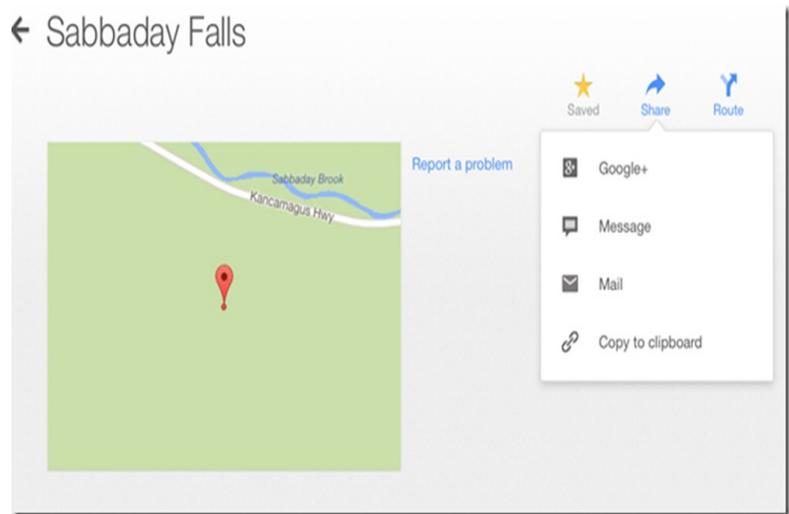
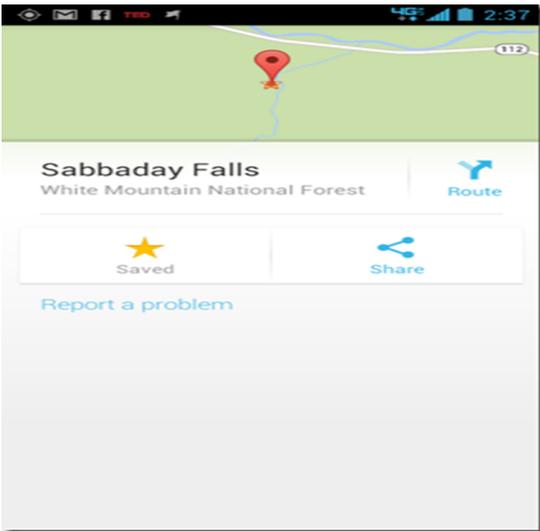
Evernote is not specifically an App for travelers, but I can't think of another App that is any more useful for travelers! If you have not yet been introduced to Evernote, I'll consider it my pleasure! Just go to Evernote.com on your computer and sign up for an account (there is a free version as well as a premium), then download the App for an Android device, or an iPhone or iPad – you will be so glad you did! Then you can start using Evernote to keep track of anything and everything! You can type notes into it, you can

take pictures with it, scan documents and business cards, clip web pages, even record sound notes. I've been using Evernote for a year or so and I'm trying to train myself to use it more because it remembers everything so I don't have to. Keep your medical records, keep receipts, todo lists, book recommendations, recipes, and all of those ideas that flit in and out of your head. The only hard part is remembering to use it!

Whenever I hear myself say, "I want to remember this, where shall I put it?" The answer is ... Evernote. Remember, the elephant never forgets. In this article I want you to consider keeping all your travel ideas in Evernote.

Remembering Map Locations

Let's say you're having coffee with a friend who just returned from a fabulous trip to the New England area. They're telling you of a place called [Sabaday Falls](#) that they just loved. You get out your smartphone and look it up on Google Maps, and then your friend starts telling you about another spot. How to keep this map location in a master list of all travel ideas? Once you find a location on Google Maps, just tap on the Info Card for the place – right below the search box – the Search Results if you will. This should take you to a screen that includes the icon for Share.



Storing Handwritten Notes

The next time you talk to a friend about travel recommendations, they write you a note on a napkin about a wonderful RV park where they stayed. Evernote will remember this for you by taking a picture of the napkin! Then, before you save it, add a note about who you got it from and tag it with *travel ideas* and maybe *RV* and also *Florida*. Here's how:

With your smartphone or tablet, open the Evernote App and tap the icon of the camera. You are now looking thru the lens to take a picture .. using the Evernote app ... to snap the picture, tap the round green button, then tap the checkmark to finish. Notice that Evernote has automatically titled the note with the word 'snapshot' and the location where you were when you snapped it. You can change that title to something like "Chris' RV park recommendation" and then find the link to "Add Tag" and choose tags for travel ideas, RV, Florida. If these tags don't exist, just type them to create new tags.



The Power of Search and Tags

Once you have notes stored in Evernote, you can find them by searching for anything in the note. A search for Travel would pull up both of these notes because we tagged them with "Travel Ideas." Searching for "Sarah" would pull up the note on Sabbaday Falls because we added that the recommendation came from Sarah and Rob. And, a search for "Lauderdale" will even pull up the picture of the handwritten note on the napkin.

I'm hoping that this article sparked some ideas for you. To learn more about Evernote, read thru the [Official Evernote Getting Started Guide](#). They even have a page dedicated to promoting [Evernote for Traveling](#).

Full Timers Rally:

The Full Timers had a small (10 coaches) but fun-filled Pre-rally at Florence Marina State Park in GA just prior to the FMCA Family Reunion in Perry. What we lacked in numbers was more than made up for by the camaraderie shared. It was great to see old friends and make new ones. The Park, which is really worth checking out if you are in the area, provided us with a clubhouse facility for our entire stay and once we got the heat working it was just what we needed given the weather. Jack and Sally did a terrific job as Rally Hosts, including a 30th Anniversary cake at the Ice Cream Social. In addition to receiving the chapter's 30 year FMCA membership award we were treated to some terrific Southern Style comfort food catered by Michelle's, a great little Mom and Pop restaurant in the area. The weather did not cooperate for most of the time so the outdoor games were cancelled. New member Bob Henry and Gordon Wiebe won the Bean Bag event in a close final match with yours truly and partner Wanda Trash. The Cerney's introduced us to indoor "Horse Racing" and Al Vormittag taught us the fine art of "mass-production" marshmallow roasting.

All in all, we had a ball (poetic license) and look forward to seeing you this summer in Redmond.



Al Vormittag and his "Mass Marshmallow Roaster"



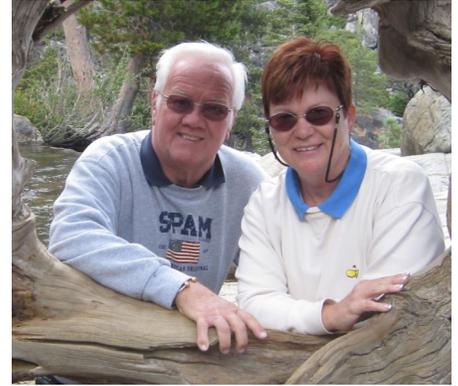
A NOTE ABOUT YOUR DUES!

Many members have not yet paid their dues for 2014. Dues (**\$15.00**) are payable by the **first of each year**. I have inserted a code after your name showing when your dues are paid through. I know, in most cases, this is an oversight and you do want to maintain your membership in the chapter. You may also pay your dues in advance. Dues must be current to continue receiving this newsletter. Remember, we do not maintain summer and winter addresses for our members. If you must use a different address for part of the year, please submit this address change at the appropriate time of the year. Make checks payable to Full Timers Chapter, FMCA, and mail to:

Sally Friedlander 3853 CR 331 Beeville, TX 78102-8131

From the editors,

Happy New Year, Saint Patrick's Day, and Easter. We hope this finds you all motoring down miles of smooth dry roads. The winter rallies are behind us and it is time to hit the road again. It was really nice to see as many members as we did this winter and we hope to see many of you again in our travels.



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of your new members to the Full Timers family. Between the Pre-Rally and the Full Timers Seminar (BTW, thank you to all my fellow panelists and moderator for a job well done) at the FMCA Rally we added a total of 7 new members.

Bob and Loretta Henry are brand new full time RVers. They are from PA and joined us at Florence Lake Marina. They jumped right in and helped out at the Ice Cream Social at FMCA.

Marvin and Cheryl Borne joined us in Perry. They have been full timing for about a year and a half and are from LA.

Ron and Nancy Rienshe are from FL and have been full-timers for about two and half years. They also joined us in Perry.

Tim and Darlene Phillips are from MI. Tim is retired Air Force and Darlene from Blue Cross.

Marv and Linda Thompson are from FL. They have been "off and on" full timers for about 5 years. They too joined us at Perry.

Gerald and Linda Roosa joined us in Perry as well. They have been full-timing for just under a year.

Phil and Cheryl Roberts have be full timers for over three years. They hail from TX and joined us at Perry.

We will do more in depth profiles in future issues as space allows as they all have interesting backgrounds and stories. When you meet these folks at functions or any place on the road, please make them feel welcome and a part of our chapter.

In the meantime,

Happy Trails and Safe Travels,

Mike & Darlene

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