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March, 2014 GLAMA NEWSLETTER

Knowing that there would be several items to include in the March newsletter from the convention at Perry, Georgia I waited until the end of March to write this.

First of all, a big THANK YOU to all the members of GLAMA chapters who stepped forward and volunteered at Perry. What a challenge the heavy rain and cold temperatures “offered” you and you managed to find the experience another memory maker. As we already know the opportunity to volunteer to help make the rallies successful also enables everyone to share the “work load” and make new friends along with catching up with friends made at earlier conventions or rallies. The more volunteers registered means the less each volunteer works. Again THANK YOU!

For the first time there was a **Boomer Bash** attended by FMCA members under the age of 60. They have been organized as members of the Under 60 Task Force hoping to bring fresh ideas to the rallies and conventions. The crowd was estimated to be around 200 members. What a great time they had!

DID YOU KNOW? **Michelin** now has added light duty trucks (including Class B and C motor homes) and tow vehicles to their program. This is great news for all of us.

FMCA RV Insurance will be ready by April 1, 2014. No matter what state you reside in they can hopefully offer you a plan that fits your needs. Go on line to www.fmcarvinsurance.com or call 877-589-3599 for your free quote today.

During the Perry Family Reunion at Perry the **Great Lakes Area Gathering** was held on Wednesday, March 19th. The meeting was attended by a large number of members. Out of the 21 chapters in GLAMA there were members from 15 chapters present. Three couples in attendance were not currently members of a GLAMA chapter. They were given information and strongly encouraged to find a chapter that fits their needs.

During 2014 Hoosier Cruisers and Tri-State Traveliers will celebrate their 40th anniversary along with Coaches for Christ Great Lakes Area who will mark their 10th anniversary. Congratulations!



While reading the March 2014 Family Motor Coaching magazine you should have seen for the first time the registration for GLAMARAMA 2014 (Page 87). While many members have already signed up to attend the area rally there are still sites available. FMCA employees are anxiously awaiting your call or email to "make the list". The registration phone number is (800) 543-3622. You can also register online at <http://www.fmca.com>.

Be sure to add your name to the list as a VOLUNTEER. Each volunteer will receive \$10 worth of vendor coupons AND be invited to a catered meal by EssenHaus. The need for volunteers is in all areas so don't worry we will add you to the list of your choice.

Don't forget to give your name to your chapter's parking representative. Rick Hahn, parking chair, will get from each chapter's parking representative their list which will insure that you are parked with your chapter.

REDMOND OREGON, August 13 through 16, 2014

I realize that the trip to Redmond, Oregon, is a long trip but what beautiful additional sightseeing that part of the country offers all of us on the way out and back. Don't forget we have wheels and have enjoyed putting them to use no matter where our destination is.

It was announced that one of the issues the Governing Board members will vote on will concern whether to offer FMC Assist again to the members and if offered how it can be funded. This is one of the many important items on the agenda for the convention scheduled in Redmond OR in August. As always the proposed budget for 2015 will be presented to the Governing Board members needing approval. We need to have representatives from all chapters. If the National Director or Alternate National Director is not able to attend this convention your chapter can vote a member to be Temporary Alternate National Director. Their name must be submitted to FMCA office by July 18, 2014.

There is a need for volunteers to help the YOUTH COMMITTEE at Redmond, Oregon in August. Please contact Dave Marlowe at dmarlowe@wildblue.net or call 816-797-4404.

One of the best attractions that the rallies and conventions offer is for all members to park their coach and start making friends and/or seeing friends they made while traveling. Each one of us has experienced making friends and memories while on the road. No matter where you park it doesn't take long before you are approached by someone who makes you feel welcome. Life is precious and we need to make each day a good one for ourselves and those we meet along the way.

Safe travels and I am really looking forward to seeing all of you at GLAMARAMA 2014

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