## **Keeping in Touch**



A Chapter Services newsletter

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SECRETARY

#### Spring 2025

Terry and I are preparing for our trip to Perry, Georgia, in March! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Family RV Association 110th International Convention. I will facilitate a Secretary's Roundtable in Perry on Wednesday, March 12, at 2:30 p.m. in Seminar 5 (Room 107 in the Roquemore Building). The Roundtable is a great opportunity to discuss topics of interest and areas of concern that Chapter and Area Secretaries may have. To make the Roundtable as productive as possible, I would like your input for the agenda. Please let me know if you have any special topics that you would like to discuss or if you have any areas of concern. The Roundtable is open to everyone. So, if you have someone who is interested in becoming a Secretary, please ask them to join us.

Chapter Certifications were completed at the end December. There were a few Chapters that were unable to hold their annual meeting due to the Hurricanes in the south last year. These Chapters have scheduled to meet in Perry; please don't forget to complete your annual meeting forms once you have held your meeting. Also, several Chapters have changed their status from Associate Chapter to Full Chapter or vice versa. Please review your Chapter bylaws to determine if any updates are necessary to remain in compliance with Family RV Association.

It is time for everyone to start planning their summer road trips. Registration for the 111th International Convention in Gillette, Wyoming, is open. Please consider at trip to the beautiful West this July and join us in Gillette. The Family RV Association Annual Governing Board meeting will be held in Gillette, Wyoming, during the 111th International Convention. It is very important that we have a quorum for the Governing Board Meeting. If you are a National Director, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please work within your Chapter to elect a Temporary Delegate. The election of a Temporary Delegate will ensure that your chapter is represented during the Governing Board meeting.

If you are in Perry and you have some free time, stop by or give me call. I would love the opportunity to spend some time and get to know my fellow Secretaries.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at prichard@frva.com or 513-220-6350.

Safe Travels,



#### **CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES**

#### January, February, & March



#### **5 YEARS**

#### Certificate

Diablo Ramblers (1/20) Komfort Kruisers (2/5)

#### 10 YEARS

#### Certificate

Frostee's (2/13)

#### 15 YEARS

#### Certificate

Military Veterans (3/23)

#### 20 YEARS

#### Certificate

Red Rock Rovers (1/25)

#### 35 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$200 Check

Suwannee Valley Vagabonds (1/13)

Colonial Virginians (2/10)

Texas Road Runners (3/17)

Roamin' Rigs (3/26)

The Challengers (3/28)

#### 40 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$250 Check

GMC Mountainaires (3/7)

#### 45 YEARS

#### Certificate & \$300 Check

Prevost Prouds (2/1)

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- All chapter officers MUST have an email address and phone number on file with Family RV Association!
- Chapter contact must be someone who will quickly respond to inquiries.
- Please check your chapter's description online and make sure it is up to date. We recommend it be very short; no more than five sentences. Members looking for chapters may only read the first two sentences unless they are looking for your specific chapter!
- Copilots MUST be on the FRVA membership record to be covered by the Medical and Travel Assist Program! This is FRVA's medical emergency and travel assistance program included with all family membership for all members. Please ask your members to update their membership record. If a copilot is not listed in the member record, they are not covered by the policy!
- The "CHAPTER BYLAWS FORMAT" is intended to serve as a reference for FRVA chapters forming or revising their bylaws. The model document contains the basic provisions that conform to the National Bylaws and are binding upon chapters. The Chapter Bylaws Format is available on FRVA's website in the Documents and Forms section, which requires a member sign-in.
- (NEW) CHAPTER AFFILIATE PROGRAM Newly approved is the Chapter Affiliate program, which enables chapters to gain \$10 per every new member who joins Family RV Association using the specific Join/QR code created for that chapter. Contact the Chapter Services team to discuss this new program to help recruitment for Family RV Association and bring new members to your chapter! Chapters who participate are able to gain funds for your chapter's treasury. (Funds can be distributed by check or electronic payments via PayPal, only.)
- 2024's Chapter certification is complete!
   Thank you to all chapters who certified in
   2024! We appreciate you and your dedication to Family RV Association.



#### Family RV Association's Governing Board Meeting Wednesday, July 16, 2025

The Roll Call Sheet that details your chapter's current Governing Board voting delegate along with a postage-paid return envelope will be mailed out to each secretary very soon.

The Roll Call Sheet will have your chapter name, area of representation, and the names of your chapter national director and alternate national director, if you have one. If the names are correct, simply sign and date the sheet and return via the postage-paid envelope. If the names are incorrect, or if your chapter has elected a temporary delegate, please fill out the information with the correct name and member number. Then sign and date the form and return it in the postage-paid envelope.

The chapter secretary is responsible for notifying the National Secretary (in care of the national office) in writing via USPS mail, email, or fax by June 6, 2025, of any election held that would result in a change to the national director, alternate national director, or temporary delegate who will be attending the Governing Board meeting.

Both the national director and alternate national director are invited to attend the Governing Board meeting, but it is not necessary that both be in attendance. The national director will be the voting delegate for your chapter. If the national director is unable to attend the meeting, the alternate national director would assume this duty and would receive the voting credentials when he or she checks in for the Governing Board meeting.

If **neither** the national director nor alternate national director can attend the Governing Board meeting, another chapter member may be elected as a temporary delegate for this Governing Board meeting only. A temporary delegate may be elected if your chapter would not have representation otherwise. If it is necessary for your chapter to have a temporary delegate, he or she **must be elected**, must be a member of your chapter, and can only represent one chapter.

If an event occurs after the 21-day notice requirement has passed that prevents the national director, alternate national director, or temporary delegate from attending the Governing Board meeting, the chapter president may appoint a member of the chapter as a temporary delegate to represent the chapter for the next Governing Board meeting only. Notice of the chapter president's appointment of this temporary delegate shall be received by Family RV Association at least seven working days prior to the Governing Board meeting to be valid. Change must be received by close of business June 21, 2025.

Notice must be in writing. Fax or email is acceptable.

#### Reminder!

Please don't forget to sign up for the Chapter Fair in Perry, GA. You don't want to miss a great opportunity to get the word out about your exciting chapter!

March 11, 2025

Email chapters@frva.com to sign up!

# CHAPTER SERVICES IS HERE TO HELP

Items we can help you with are listed below:

- Area Newsletters
- Bylaws
- Chapter Anniversary Materials
- Chapter Certification
- Chapter Directory
- Chapter Formation
- Election Questions
- Rally Insurance Certificates
- Recruitment Mailings

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# HOW DO I UPDATE MY CHAPTER MEMBERS' INFORMATION?

Please note that individual members are responsible for updating their own information with Family RV Association. They can update information online at FRVA.com or email membership@frva.com.

## MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?

Call (800) 543-3622 membership@frva.com



### **Upcoming Events**

FRVA 110th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO March 12-14, 2025 Perry, Georgia FRVA 111th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & RV EXPO July 16-19, 2025 Gillette, Wyoming

GREAT LAKES AREA RALLY

June 4-7, 2025 Allegan, MI June 17-21, 2025 Elkhorn, WI NORTHWEST AREA RALLY

June 18-21, 2025

Albany, OR

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA RALLY

Sept. 24-27, 2025 Mineola, TX ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA RALLY

Oct. 1-5, 2025 Farmington, NM NORTHEAST AREA RALLY Oct. 8-11, 2025

Essex Junction, VT

EASTERN AREA RALLY

Nov. 5-9, 2025 Myrtle Beach, SC

#### IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

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Please feel free to use any articles in this newsletter.

#### DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Please send letters, comments, and articles to the Chapter Services team, 8291 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45244;

fax them to 513-474-2332; or email them to chapters@frva.com.

Please let us know if we can use articles from your area's/chapter's publications.

Articles used for publication may be edited for space and clarity.

and they will also appear on FRVA's website: www.frva.com.