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I would like to introduce my family. I am George Schremp; my wife, Maxine; and our 2 dogs are Digger and Lily. We have been members of FMCA since 1983. "Thank You" to the National Directors for electing me to the position of FMCA National Area Vice President/President of the International Area, or what most members call the INTO Area. On July 22, 2018, at the FMCA International Convention held in Gillette, Wyoming, I was sworn into my office as the INTO AVP. My challenging journey started as I took on the business responsibilities of making good decisions for the INTO Area; FMCA corporation; and you, the FMCA members.

Next year's FMCA Conventions will be held in Perry, Georgia, March 13-16, and Minot, North Dakota, August 14-17. I hope to see you at these conventions. For your planning purposes, the following is a tentative list where the FMCA International Conventions are planned to be in the next few years. Keep in mind the following future proposed sites are pending successful negotiations and approval by the National Directors. The sites will be voted on at our business meeting in Minot.

Winter 2020	Tucson, Arizona-Pima County Fairgrounds
Summer 2020	Rock Springs, Wyoming
Winter 2021	Perry, Georgia
Summer 2021	Gillette, Wyoming, or St. Paul, Minnesota
Winter 2022	Tucson, Arizona
Summer 2022	Rock Springs, Wyoming
Winter 2023	Perry, Georgia
Summer 2023	Sedalia, Missouri, or Gillette, Wyoming
Summer 2024	Syracuse, New York

I would like to give a special mention for the Northeast Area Rally, which will be held July 25-28, 2019, in Syracuse, New York. The Northeast, for many years, had their Area Rallies in Essex Junction, Vermont. Maxine and I have been there many times. The last year or so, they have not been able to have an Area Rally but in 2019, their Area National Vice President, Barbara Smith, and her team were able to find a new location in Syracuse, New York - with all 50-amp hookups!

If you are planning to be in the area cooling off from the summer heat you might want to attend this special Area Rally. Look for me while you enjoy the rally. I will be working as a volunteer.

Let's talk about what is happening in the INTO Area. First thing, I would like to introduce our newly elected INTO Board:

George Schremp, President
Paul Mitchell, Senior Vice President
Jim Fitzpatrick, Treasurer
Dick Lowman, Secretary
John McPherson, Vice President
Rodger Donnelly, Vice President
Bob Weithofer, Vice President
Mike Neighbours, Vice President
Maxine Schremp, Newsletter Editor

Each of the above officers will have an article in this newsletter.

We have a new website which has been created by Senior Vice President Paul Mitchell. Please go out and take a look. The website is www.fmcainto.com. Enjoy looking around.

Did you know that the INTO Area is the only area that puts on two (2) different types of rallies? The first is the conventional rally that we are all familiar with. Typically, this type of rally will have show RVs, vendors, seminars for everyone to attend, an ice cream social, and nightly entertainment. The second type of rally that only INTO has for our attendees is called a Destination Rally. A Destination Rally goes to a specific place that has a specialized type of entertainment that attracts people. A Destination Rally is limited to a specific number of attendees depending on the number of RV parking sites and entertainment tickets. If you are planning to attend one of our Destination Rallies, please bring your tow vehicle. We always try to carpool if possible. The INTO Area's first Destination Rally was held in Branson, Missouri, May 2017. 150 prime RV parking sites at a campground in downtown Branson were filled with our attendees. We had an ice cream social, hot dog bash, and we went to see five shows. This rally sold out in just 2½ months! This coming October 21-25, 2019, we will be having our 2nd Destination Rally in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We have made our camping reservations at the Lakewood RV Resort located right on the ocean. Only 200 RV sites were reserved, all with 50-amp full-hookup sites. For more specifics on the Myrtle Beach Rally read the **Senior Vice President's Message** in this newsletter.

Since the vote by our membership in December 2017, FMCA has and is still going through a process of change. As with many things in life, change is not always the easiest thing to accept, but change is inevitable! Sometimes it even takes me a while to understand the pros and cons of changes but in most cases over time, change is a good thing. We currently have a little over 3,000 families with towables that have joined our FMCA family. This provides us the opportunity to meet and enjoy new RV friends. Each chapter should be reviewing their bylaws and see if your membership wants to make changes to permit towables to be a part of your chapter family.

In closing I want to wish everyone a haunted Halloween and a non-fattening Thanksgiving. Enjoy each day, have safe travels and we will see you down the road.



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Senior Vice President's Message

Hello to all the International Area Chapter members. I am your newly elected Senior VP for the International Area Organization (INTO). My name is Paul Mitchell and I have been one of the INTO Vice Presidents for the past 4 years. I want to thank all the members who voted for me. I am looking forward to working with George Schremp, our newly elected President, as we build on the legacy of our Immediate Past President, David Kessler.

My spouse, Lisa, and I have been FMCA members since 1992 and have attended numerous local, regional, area and International Rallies from coast to coast. We are active in multiple chapters and have attended and volunteered at the rallies of seven FMCA Areas plus the International Conventions.

George Schremp has brought together a super group of experienced members to fill INTO's board positions. They are already hard at work setting up our next rally and looking for new and exciting locations for our future rallies. We plan on continuing with the concept of Destination Rallies every other year, much like our Branson rally in 2017.

Our next rally will be a Destination Rally and will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from October 21st to October 26th, 2019. We will be staying at the Lakewood RV Resort located on the ocean. We only have 200 RV sites reserved and all are 50-amp full-hookup sites. We encourage everyone to arrive early to enjoy the ocean and all the activities in the area. Early parking is available on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of October and an additional night on the 26th. Each of these optional nights would be an additional fee of \$40 per night and would be collected on arrival.

During the day you can enjoy the beach, explore the Myrtle Beach area, attend the ice cream social, and morning coffee, go golfing and enjoy the fellowship of the other attendees. We plan to have one vendor that can sell and solve your TV/satellite problems and another vendor that can work on heating problems such as Aqua-Hot. The camping cost is \$200.00 for five nights of 50-amp full-hookup RV parking in walking distance to the ocean, and \$162 per person for five nights of live entertainment and two meals. Please keep in mind, we anticipate this rally to be sold out by the end of January 2019. Fifty sites have already been sold although the rally has not been officially advertised until now. For more information go to the website www.fmcainto.com to see pictures of the area and download the registration form for "INTO 2019, Rally at the Beach."

The INTO Board is working on our future rally in 2020 which will be a conventional rally. When we have a site selected we will let you know. In 2021, the INTO Area Rally will again be a Destination Rally going to the Calgary Stampede. We are working on the details to be announced in the future.

Each of you, as a member of INTO, is the driving force for our future events. Your ideas and suggestions would really be appreciated by the board. Our job is to make this the best, most innovative area in FMCA and we can't do that without you. We appreciate your past support and are looking forward to some exciting rallies in the future.

Paul G Mitchell
INTO Senior Vice President/Rally Master

Vice President's Message



Let's start out by sayin', "Howdy." The first time you heard from Diana and me was in the July 2016 newsletter. We had just picked up our last coach number #3 with 28K on the odometer. Well, with our last trip we rolled 72K on The Narily Rum Runner as we completed a three-month adventure to TX, OK, MO, SD, WY, MT, ID, AB and BC Canada, AK, WA, OR, CA, NV, AZ, UT, NM, and back home to Texas. While on this trip we visited relatives, antiques shops, and caravanned with our friends. We also went to the FMCA International Convention in Gillette. We went with Paul & Lisa to check out the possibility of a Destination Rally for INTO in Calgary Canada. How cool would that be? So get your Passports ready and we will continue to make arrangements for 2021.

While at the Convention we visited the Monaco International Chapter and had some fellowship with many of the members. And while in Las Vegas we attended the RaceCar Fans Chapter enjoying themselves at the motor speedway for NASCAR. Now that was fun. Another thing on my Bucket List that I checked off was cruising the Inside Passage to Alaska. We parked our motorhome in Washington and flew our Son, Daughter in Law, and Grandson up to enjoy a week in our motorhome while taking care of our pets. They really enjoyed that. We also went to Zion, Capitol Reef, Bryce, Staircase of Escalante, Dixie National Forest, and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. These are truly amazing places to visit. I encourage you to follow me on Facebook because I do post a lot of pictures of our adventures. You can also check me out on RVillage to see where I am at any given time.

We have been full time in our RV since 2007 and in the June 2017 Newsletter we wrote about building a house. Well we completed the house in April of this year and it is awesome. We don't plan on slowing down with our travels. We just have a place to display all our stuff (especially my Rocks) we collect while on our travels. If you're passing through North Texas area and need a place to stop, feel free to give us a call. We have two full hookup sites and five electric-only sites.

We are planning to be home for as long as we can stand it, but after Christmas we will be heading west to celebrate bringing in the New Year and the Tournament of Roses Parade with the S.O.I. Motorhome

Club Chapter. Then a little R & R before we attend the FMCA Western Area Rally, and then check out Beaver Ambassador Club Chapter in Quartzsite before heading back to Texas. In June 2019 we plan to join the S.O.I. Motorhome Club Chapter again for a Rolling Rally to Alaska. Just living the Dream and checking off items on my Bucket List.

Our first attempt of having a different type of Rally at Branson went very well, so well that we are doing it again, this time in Myrtle Beach in October 2019. I'm looking forward to the fellowship, then shows, Ice Cream Social, shows, and more shows. Maybe I'll get a Miniature Golf Tournament going. Love to see y'all there.

Until then, Happy Travels.

Rodger Donnelly
INTO Vice President

Vice President's Message

We flew out to the "Wanted in Wyoming" FMCA 98th International Convention, July 18-21, 2018, in Gillette, Wyoming, where I was installed for my second two-year term as an INTO VP. At this rally I was also the temporary delegate for the INTO Blue Bird Chapter which I represented and am a member of. I sent in a report to their editor. I thought we had a good representation of INTO Chapters at the Governing Board meeting.

Safari International, a chapter that I represent and have been a member of since 1994, held their 30-year anniversary rally in Shawnee, Oklahoma, about 30 miles east of Oklahoma City, August 27-Sept 1, 2018. We drove the motorhome out to this special rally. I talked about INTO at the annual business meeting, that needed some history and information about our new officers that were recently installed. I passed out the registration forms for our next INTO rally at Lakewood Camping Resort, October 21-26, 2019, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and the urgent need to register for one of the 200 sites. Several took advantage of that advice. My teammate and I won the 2-day cornhole event.

I helped host the INTO Vintage Birds Chapter Rally here in Williamsburg, Virginia, October 1-6, 2018, again a member since 1987 & I represent this INTO Chapter. Then it was on to the INTO Blue Bird Family of Friends Rally, October 9-14, 2018, for the "Family Gathering in the Smokies" in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, at the Riverside RV Park & Resort.

I am currently the President of the INTO Singles International Chapter and you can visit us at www.FMCA-SI.com.

John McPherson
INTO Vice President

Vice President's Message

With a career of over 40 years in the consumer electronics industry, including starting my own sales and marketing company, I retired in 2010. For many of those years I was a National Account Director with Philips, selling TVs and other electronic equipment to the likes of Sears, Circuit City, Best Buy and Target. Prior to that I was a parts and or service manager in the auto industry. I served a hitch in the USAF during the Vietnam era but was stationed in Alaska instead.

Darlene and I married in 1979. We have two adult children and three grandkids. Our daughter lives in California and has a teenage son. Our son lives in Tennessee and has two daughters. This geography made the RV lifestyle a very practical decision for us.

In May of 2010 we became Full Time RVers. We travel cross country at least once and most years twice visiting friends and family along the way. In eight years on the road we have put over 110,000 miles on our coach and have visited all 50 states, half of Canada and driven to Alaska and back. Along the way we have gotten involved with several FMCA Chapters as well volunteering at FMCA rallies. I published the newsletter for the Full Timers Chapter for 5 years and am currently in my second term as president of that chapter.

Mike Neighbours
INTO Vice President

Vice President's Message

Thank you to all those who ran for an officer position in the INTO Area and to all those who cast votes. We had a great group of candidates and I feel humbled and fortunate to be elected.

Pat and I have owned an RV since 1997 and are in our seventh year of full timing. Not having a stick home allows us to attend rallies across the country while still leaving us time to visit family and friends along the way. Of course, we don't travel alone. We currently have three dogs to keep us company. We plan our travels around the FMCA international conventions, INTO rallies, chapter rallies (we belong to six) and family events. We fill in with visits to natural and historic sites and minor league baseball games. It is a great life and we feel lucky to have the freedom to live it.

I hope to spend time getting to know the chapters in the INTO Area by attending the chapter get-togethers. I hope to learn what is important to each chapter and keep them informed about what FMCA and the INTO Area are doing to support them. If you see our Boulder with the FMCA egg F253844 during your travels, please stop by and say hello.

Safe Travels,

Bob Weithofer
INTO Vice President

Secretary's Message

It was great seeing everyone in Gillette for our Annual Meeting. Hope to see all of you in Perry, Georgia.

I would like to thank each of you for giving me another term to serve as your INTO Secretary. It is great fun to meet so many people at these conventions and learn about your travels. I don't know where the summer went. We were very busy. I would also like to thank the retiring INTO Officers for their time and talent. WELCOME the NEW INTO OFFICERS. I look forward working with them.

As you are aware INTO is planning a Destination Rally in October 2019, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I hope you are planning some travel during the fall season. The mountains of North and South Carolina have several great highways to tour the coloring. (Blue Ridge Parkway/Skyline Drive). So get out on the road and tour this great country of ours.

Again, thanks, and see you down the road.

Dick Lowman
INTO Secretary

Treasurer's Message

Hello. My name is Jim Fitzpatrick and I am your new International Area Treasurer. I grew up in California and, after graduating from Fresno State, spent 21+ years as an Air Force officer. I was an instructor navigator on KC and RC-135 aircraft. I also served as Inspector General at 2 different bases, and retired in 2000. Following my retirement, my wife and I bought a hay/cattle ranch in Eastern Oregon, where we raised 2 children, Kelly and Jared. Both Kelly and Jared graduated from Oregon State University (Go Beavers). I received a doctorate from Auburn (WAR EAGLE) and taught Alternative Education in eastern Oregon. I am a solo RVer with my adopted greyhound, Baxter, and enjoy traveling, work camping and meeting new people in my travels.

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INTO 2019

Rally At The Beach

OCTOBER 21-25, 2019

Lakewood Resort

MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

Early Parking starts October 18th

After Rally Parking available on October 26th

Rally is limited to a total of 200 RV's



FMCA Number: _____ Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Co-Pilot Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Primary Cell Phone: _____ Alternate Cell Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Type of Rig: _____ Length: _____

COST BREAKDOWN

\$200 for 5 nights of full hookup 50 Amp

\$162 per person for 5 shows and 2 meals

\$40 per night for early and follow on Beachside RV Sites

DESCRIPTION	COST
<input type="checkbox"/> \$362.00 – Total for 1 person in a rig	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$524.00 – Total for 2 people in a rig	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$162.00 – Extra person in a rig _____ x \$162 =	_____
TOTAL COST	_____

CANCELLATION FEE

Cancellation fee of \$25 till October 1, 2019.
No refunds after that date

EARLY/AFTER RALLY PARKING

Early Parking (3 Days) and after Rally Parking (1 Day) will be available for \$40.00 per day Payable on arrival

Number of extra parking days I would like: _____

PAYMENT ACCEPTED BY CHECK MADE OUT TO INTO AND MAILED TO
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