

Great Lakes Area Newsletter



President Comments

Guess what? Our organization is embarking on a thrilling new adventure as Family RV Association! This new name perfectly describes our mission - we're all about creating a welcoming community for RVers of all kinds, where we can explore the great outdoors and enjoy the joy of RV travel and lifestyle.

The new name keeps the word "family," which has been at the core of the association since it started in 1963.

For association members, "family" means more than just a group of people. It means the whole RV community. I know my wife and I have made close friends with other members, and we're happy to call them family.

General News

♣ Volunteering

The Family RV Association, a non-profit organization, relies on volunteers to sustain its operations. If you're passionate about giving back, we have a diverse range of volunteer opportunities available, including officer positions, committee roles, and chapter officer positions. Among the Great Lakes Area officer positions we're currently seeking are:

- Treasurer, Great Lakes Area
- Secretary, Great Lakes Area
- Indiana Vice President, Great Lakes Area
- Ohio Vice President, Great Lakes Area

Pages four and five of this newsletter list each job description.

♣ GLAMARAMA 25, Great Lakes Area Rally

Families, get ready to embark on an unforgettable adventure as we journey "A Bridge to the Future" of the Family RV Association! Save the dates—June 4th through 7th—when we'll gather at the Allegan County Fairgrounds in beautiful Allegan, Michigan. This isn't just a rally;

it's a chance to make memories, share laughter, and build lasting connections as we celebrate the spirit of family and RV travel.

Your GLAMARAMA '25 committee has been hard at work to make this Great Lakes Area event truly spectacular! This year, we're excited to bring you four nights of camping, three nights of live entertainment, and a packed schedule of fun and family-friendly activities. Imagine enjoying morning coffee and donuts, a delicious Saturday breakfast, lively games, creative crafts, engaging seminars, card bingo, and so much more. And don't forget our special chapter activities designed to bring everyone together! We've already have one RV Dealer planning to bring some cool RVs to show and sell. Can't wait to see you there!

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♣ Chapter News

Chapters, if you would like to be featured in an upcoming Great Lakes Area Newsletter please send your newsletter, articles and photos to kwatters@fmca.com.

This issue is featuring the Hoosier Cruisers and their October Rally that took place at the Vigo County Fairgrounds in Terre Haute, Indiana. Everyone had a fantastic time.



Hoosier Cruisers learn about the origin of the iconic Coca-Cola bottle during the October Vigo County Rally.

GOBLINS AND CAMPFIRES IN SOUTHERN INDIANA



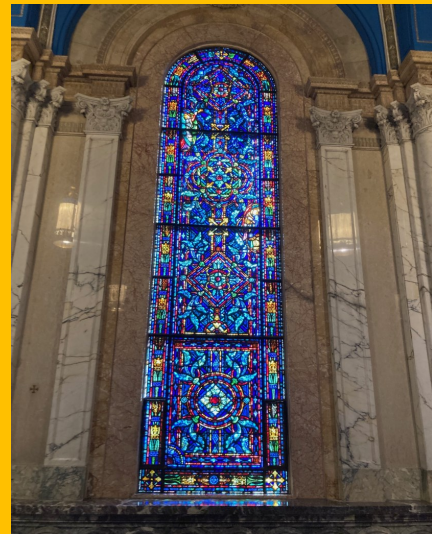
We were welcomed with a fun Halloween display by Tony and Margo Brandenburg.



The tour of the Vigo County Historical Museum was very interesting and we learned the history of the coke bottle design which originated in Terre Haute. See photo on front page. Of course, Hoosier Cruisers love sitting around the fire discussing the day.



We visited the shrine of Saint Mother Theodore and Chapel on the St Mary of the Woods College campus.



We enjoyed lots of good food and fellowship under the tent. Of course the nightly campfires were always a highlight.

A big thanks to Kevin and Denise Watters & Keith and Becky Curry for putting together a great rally.

A big thanks to Roberta Covington for the article and photos.

DUTIES of the SECRETARY

- Records and retains minutes of meetings of the Association and Executive Board.
- Provides copies of all minutes to the Newsletter Editor for publication.
- Registers, records, and certifies the Voting Delegates for Association meetings.
- Provides copies of Bylaws and Policy and Procedures to all members of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Area and informs FMCA of all changes and information as required.
- Provides to FMCA any required documentation to maintain active status of the Area.

DUTIES of the TREASURER

- Is responsible and accounts for all Association funds by maintaining records of financial information of the Association and provides required information and reports to meet government regulations.
- Is one of the signatories for withdrawal of funds from Association financial accounts. A signatory may not be the authorizer of payment to themselves.
- Makes reports of the financial position to the Association at meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board and files a copy with the Secretary and the Newsletter Editor.
- May only disperse funds of the Association upon approval of the President or in the absence the President approval of the Senior Vice President. The Payee may not be the Approver or Authorizer to insure prudent expenditures.
- Provides and cooperates with the Audit Committee for annual and special audits when requested.

DUTIES of REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

- Shall perform the duties as stated in the FMCA's National Constitution, Bylaws, Policy and Procedures and the Great Lakes Area MotorCoachAssociation's Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- Shall assist the FMCA National Great Lakes Area Vice President in communications within the Area and between Area Chapters and within FMCA.
- Shall visit each Chapter in their Region once during their term. Usually during their Rallies, to help cover their costs each Vice President will be reimbursed up to \$500.00 annually for expenses and mileage in accordance with FMCA policy and procedures. While there, meet with the Chapter's Executive Board to provide the function of liaison to the Association.
- Assist in the formation of new Chapters.
- Assist Chapters in recruiting new members.
- Perform other duties to assist Association Officers when requested