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FRVA - EASTERN AREA

Dear new members,

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to the Family RV Association and to our Eastern Area Family. From the Mississippi River to the Outer Banks and the Atlantic shores, the mountain views and colors of the Appalachians, the Amish Country of Pennsylvania to the Low Country of Charleston, South Carolina, there is a chapter waiting to welcome you. The Eastern Area covers Delaware, D.C, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

I encourage you to take two very important steps that will help you develop a sense of belonging in both the Eastern Area and the association at large.

First, FRVA membership does not require you to join a chapter, however chapter participation provides you with a voice in the future sustainability of the association, and you will have the opportunity to develop life-time friends at their many rallies and events.

The chapters in the Eastern Area cover a wide array of interests. You will find a list of [Eastern Area Chapters](#) with descriptions and contact information at www.fmca.com, under Chapter tab, Locate a Chapter, and search by Area – Eastern. As you can tell by some of the names, some Chapters are specific to a location or region, others may be oriented by a special activity. I am sure you will find great chapter to join in the Eastern Area. My wife and I actually have memberships in three chapters across the Eastern Area and elsewhere in the US.

Second, explore the Events Calendars, published in *Family RVing* magazine, online at FRVA.com, and our Eastern Area website at fmca-ea.com. These events calendars list rallies that you might be interested in as you travel throughout the Eastern Area, or across the nation. You are welcome to attend any rally listed, with no obligation to join the sponsoring chapter. I encourage you to contact the rally host to ensure that there is space available. Our annual Greater Eastern Area Rallies (GEAR) are typically held in late October to Early November within various states in the area and are filled with plenty of activity, and opportunities to become acquainted with the Eastern Area Chapters. Who knows, you might even have the opportunity to help form a new chapter!

Again, welcome to the FRVA family and the Eastern Area. We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our rallies in the future. Whether you measure your RV experience in days or decades we likely have a chapter you can call home.

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