



GREAT AMERICAN RV CLUB

A Family Motor Coach Association Chapter



STANDING RULES

(Standing Rules do not relate to parliamentary procedures, as do bylaws, but refer to operating procedures. Standing rules are adopted by a majority vote, are amended by a two-thirds vote without previous notice or by majority vote with such notice. This action may be done at any regular meeting by a vote of those present. If passed, the amendments will be effective immediately. Standing rules may be temporarily suspended for the duration of a meeting by a majority vote. Other rules that the chapter may not wish to put in bylaws may be created as needed by the chapter. While standing rules are not the same as bylaws, and should not be used to circumvent bylaws and they are easily changed, the chapter should use discretion to insure that a rule is really necessary and not frivolous.)

1. The Great American RV Club Chapter will have two general membership meetings per year. Meeting dates to be set by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.
2. The Homecoming Rally will be designated as the annual election of officers' rally.
3. Only persons owning a new or used Motorhome (Motor Coach) purchased from the Great American RV Dealership or persons sponsored by a current Great American RV Club (GARV Club) member are eligible for membership in the GARV Club.
4. There will be no reimbursement of fees paid to attend a rally unless requested at least seven days prior to the start of a rally. Refund requests, not meeting time requirements because of unusual circumstances, may be honored at discretion of club officers. Normally, there are little or no refunds if monies have been committed for purchasing food, supplies, caterers, camping fees, etc.
5. GARV Club members receive first consideration for rally attendance. Guests may be invited to attend if RV spaces are available after a cut-off date, as established by the 2nd V.P. (Rallymaster). Guests who stay in the member's motorhome are not affected by cut-off dates. They will, however, need to pay the appropriate fees as stated on the rally registration form.
6. The number of motorhomes that can attend a rally is determined by the size of the RV Park. Club policy is to limit a maximum of 50 motorhomes except for Homecoming.
7. Most rallies are located within a radius of approximately 150 miles of Seattle/Fife. There may be times, however, when the location exceeds 150 miles.
8. Members are expected to pay the full price for a rally and strive to be present for the entire rally.
9. Annual dues (January 1 through December 31) are \$25.00 or such amount as the Executive Board may establish. Only one dues renewal notice is sent to members at the end of the year. Dues are due and payable January 1. Those who have not renewed by April 1 are dropped from the membership roll. Anyone joining on or after September 1 will be paid through the

following year. A person who renews after an absence may need to re-establish eligibility with FMCA current membership information and pay a \$35 reinstatement fee the GARV Club.

10. All pets brought to rallies by members or guests must be kept on a leash at all times. Pets are to be left in the motorhome during social hours and meal times. Owners must clean up after their pets.
11. Good etiquette calls for members to wear their nametags at GARV Club functions.
12. Out of respect for our neighbors when dry camping, electrical generators and gas hot water heaters should not be run after 10 PM or before 7 AM.
13. FMCA Membership Application Forms provided to new GARV Club members should reflect the current GARV Secretary's F # as the referring FMCA member. Any gifts received from FMCA as a result of referrals should become club property to be used as door prizes etc.
14. Standard GARV Club letterhead logo should be used for all written communications.
15. Newsletter WEB site posting and/or mailing dates are March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1. Information to be included in the Newsletter needs to be submitted to the Editor two weeks prior to the posting/ mailing date. Rally information needs to be available two months prior to the event.
16. Advertising should not be allowed in the Newsletter.
17. The "AAHshit Award" will only be given for "AAHshit" award worthy events occurring during GARV Club rallies. Information will be included in the Newsletter. Recommendations must be approved by a Board member and the current Award holder notified
18. *Effective through the 2007 Rally Year*, the weekend rally fee for two Wagonmasters will be paid by GARV club for all rallies. (One Wagonmaster for Homecoming) Half of all weekend rally fees for the Assistant Rallymaster will be also be subsidized by the club as an administrative cost, not a rally expense.
19. Entertainers will be paid the contracted price only. No meals or site fees are to be included on top of the contracted price. Entertainers are welcome to stay and pay the rally fee prices for meals and sites. Tipping is allowed when approved by those Board members attending.
20. Vendors will all pay the site fees if they are staying in their rig in the park. If the vendor is presenting "information" only (at a table, in booth or during a seminar) then they will be invited to join us for dinner at our expense. If the vendor is selling something (at a table, in booth or during a seminar) then they will be invited to join us for dinner at their expense. Vendor = one person and one guest. *This Policy will be available to the Vendor Chairperson for the Homecoming Rally.*
21. Members who no longer own a motor coach who wish to continue a relationship with the chapter may continue as a member so long as FMCA membership is in good standing and GARV Club dues are current. Such members become Family Associate Members of FMCA;

however, such members may not vote or hold office in FMCA or GARV Club Chapter. A former member may not attend a chapter event in another type of recreational vehicle (i.e. 5th wheel or trailer).

22. Vacancy in Office: Any vacancy, except for President, is filled by appointment of the Executive Board for the unexpired term. The Vice President fills a vacancy for the unexpired term of President.
23. Conducting Virtual Business: The GARV Club Executive Board may conduct business by electronic means (phone; fax; Email) provided that a quorum of responses exists and minutes are kept according to the Secretary's guidelines.
24. Safety: The elimination of accidents is a responsibility which all members share.
25. In the event of dissolution of this Chapter of FMCA, by majority vote of the Chapter, all the remaining assets of the Chapter shall be returned to the members of the Chapter in equal shares or contributed to a qualified non-profit charity or charities as decided and voted on by the Chapter membership.