



National Directors Report

Kathy and I journeyed to Albuquerque NM for the FMCA winter convention in March. Albuquerque is a very interesting city located on historic Route 66. Before we arrived at the convention, we spent a few days in Santa Fe. Another very interesting city situated at 7000'. We had snow at our campsite in Santa Fe but the days were quite pleasant. One of our side trips was to Sandia Peak (the ski resort) at 10,000+'. The views were spectacular and the road to the peak was lined with probably 10' of snow.

Our parking spot at the convention was great. We were in the front row overlooking the Rio Grande Valley and the Balloon Fiesta Park. Seeing up to 15 hot air balloons going up is really spectacular.

While at the convention, we volunteered to help with seminars. Les and Sue Naylor volunteered for trams. Also Kathy and I manned the Ontario Overlanders table at the chapter fair. While there we were able to give out 2 applications to join our chapter.

The weather in Albuquerque gave new meaning to the term "winter" convention. One morning we woke up to 2" of wet snow. The weather in general covered all four seasons.

Entertainment was very good and one new idea was movie night. We were treated to the Academy Award nominated movie "Up" complete with popcorn, candy bars and soft drinks. A real treat!!

The "Dozen Does It" campaign is in full swing. If a chapter recruits 12 new FMCA members, it receives a gift package with door prizes to be given out at rallies. Also in the May magazine is a coupon giving \$10 off a new membership. This can be photocopied as many times as you want. The decline in membership has decreased but we still need every member to recruit a new member.

Happy travels to all and we hope to see you at GLASS or one of our other planned rallies. Remember those that offer to do rallies put a lot effort into them. Lets please show our support by attending.


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