

Vegas Blackjacks RV Club

President's Corner – May 2024

Welcome to another edition of the Vegas Blackjacks President's Corner, before we all head out for the summer or hunker down in the air conditioning at home in Las Vegas. Marsha and I will be on the road after Memorial Day, heading to upstate NY for my 50th high school reunion and seeing family, then across the northern US for various destinations until we reach Redmond OR for the FMCA Convention in August. I hope you will be able to enjoy your summer with your RV also. These RVs are not cheap, but they are really expensive if you don't use them – make sure to enjoy your rig and don't let it sit in storage.

I would like to welcome our new members who have joined us this year: Chris & Deborah Ben, Paul & Lisa Mitchell, and Jan & Sherry Thiry. In total, we have 42 active families, same as mid-year in 2023, so we are still doing well as a chapter.

Our Chapter has held 3 successful rallies so far in 2024, with weekend outings to AVI Laughlin in February (Pecoraro's hosting), Mesquite Trails in March (Sims' hosting), and Havasu Falls AZ in April (Cernie's hosting). Thanks to all of our Rally Masters for making these great events.

The next chapter rally is scheduled for Ely NV at the KOA the weekend of June 27-30 with the Rever's being your Rally Master. If you want to get up out of the heat, Ely is always pleasant in the summer and a lot to do in the area. Get your reservations in and make sure you let Rever's know that you are coming. In addition, the Evans have generously offered their home as the site of our summer staycation on August 3rd – that should be a good time and we are sorry that we will miss it.

FMCA is holding their 62th International Rally in Redmond OR on August 14-18. Our chapter will be represented at the Governing Board meeting by our National Director Steve Dummit. The Hill's have planned a pre-rally the Vegas Blackjacks attendees for the weekend of August 9-12 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds RV Park in Madras OR. Right now it looks like we have 5 to 6 members planning to attend, and we will be caravanning to Redmond to be parked together for the FMCA event. The Vegas Blackjacks will be participating at the Chapter Fair, looking to sign up new members.

I do want to thank Allan Evans for his work in helping the Vegas Blackjacks more forward in our electronic footprint. He set up the Vegas Blackjacks group email address members@vegasblackjacks.com that eliminates the need for each officer to maintain their own distribution list. And, in addition he has created a web page for our chapter: <https://vegasblackjacks.com/>. If you have any photos or other content for our web page, please let Allan know.

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of your Vice President Randy Sims for his excellent work in coordinating and scheduling our chapter rallies with the individual rally masters. This has been a great help to myself and the chapter as a whole.

Happy Travels,

John H. Hill

President