

FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER BYLAWS

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THOR DIESEL CLUB CHAPTER

ARTICLE I - CHAPTER NAME

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the Thor Diesel Club Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Chapter and FMCA.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

1. **PURPOSE:** This Chapter exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches.
2. **AREA/SCOPE:** This Chapter shall be authorized to function in the International Area with a mutual interest in and/or location of in North America.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the Chapter, a person must own at least 1/3 of an FMCA-approved coach, be in good standing with FMCA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter.
2. Membership in this Chapter shall not be denied any person because of race, sex, religion, color, marital or family status, age, nationality, or disability.
3. The term "Family Unit," is defined as a person; his or her spouse, or partner; dependents of each, regardless of age; non-dependent grandchildren and great-grandchildren aged 18 and under.
4. The term "Membership," is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a Qualifying Motor Coach who share a membership number.
5. The term "Member," is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitutes a membership. The voting rights of each member are defined in the description of each category.

6. The term "Qualifying Motor Coach," is defined as a Thor Motor Coach Class A diesel motorhome that is self-propelled, completely self-contained vehicle that contains all the conveniences of a home, including cooking, sleeping, and permanent sanitary facilities, and in which the driver's area is directly accessible in a walking position from the living quarters. The terms motor coach and motorhome may be used interchangeably.
7. DUES AND FEES:
 - A. ANNUAL DUES: Annual payment of Chapter and National dues enables persons to become active members and entitled to all rights and privileges of the Chapter and FMCA. The annual dues for membership in the Chapter shall be an amount as the membership shall establish.
 - B. RENEWAL: Renewal dues from Chapter members become due and payable January 1.
 - C. INITIAL APPLICATION: Application for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual Chapter and National dues (unless already an FMCA member). If an initial application is accepted after October 1, the dues shall be regarded as covering the next membership year.
 - D. INITIATION FEE: New and reinstated members may be required to pay an initiation fee in an amount to be established by the Chapter membership.
 - E. ARREARS: Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than three months after becoming due shall be considered delinquent; after six months the membership is canceled.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The duties of elected officers shall be as defined in the Member and Volunteer Handbook.
2. TERMS OF OFFICE: The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a two year term of office. The initial term of the President and Treasurer will be (3) three years in order to offset the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer all leaving office at the same time.
3. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:

- A. An FMCA member may hold no more than two chapter offices simultaneously. A member may hold an office in two chapters, however he/she may not hold the offices of national director or alternate national director in more than one chapter.
 - B. Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.
 - C. Only Full Members, Full Lifetime Members, Life Members, or Honorary Members who have advanced from one of these classes have the right to hold office in this Chapter.
 - D. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Chapter property, except as required by law.
 - E. A member must own a qualifying motor coach (motorhome) or at least 1/3 interest in a qualifying motor coach (motorhome) in order to vote or hold office in this chapter.
4. EXECUTIVE BOARD:
- A. The officers of the chapter shall constitute the Executive Board.
 - B. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the chapter, and none of its acts shall be in conflict with the chapter or FMCA.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

1. APPOINTMENT: Committee members and chairperson (except Nominating Committee) shall be appointed by the President.
2. DUTIES: All committees shall function within the policies of the Chapter and (except Nominating Committee) under the direction of the President. Financial reports, vouchers, and monies due the Chapter shall be submitted on a timely basis.
3. QUORUM: A Committee quorum shall be a simple majority.

ARTICLE VI - CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

1. **AUTHORITY:** This Chapter shall be democratically self-governed, deriving its existence and authority from the consent of its membership assembled in meeting or, in certain instances, by mail vote on stated propositions.
2. **ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR:** The fiscal and membership year of the Chapter shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.
3. **CHAPTER MEETINGS:**
 - A. **Types:** The term “meeting” shall include coach rallies, campouts, dinner meetings, and any other gatherings suitable to the function of the Chapter.
 - B. **BUSINESS MEETINGS:** The Chapter must hold at least 1 business meetings each membership year at which a quorum is present. Said meetings shall be duly announced in advance to the membership.
 - C. **ANNUAL ELECTION:** The business meetings held during the annual International Rally will hold the election of Chapter Officers. The voting general membership that are present are to elect Chapter officers when required, including a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a National Director, an Alternate National Director, and two (2) At-Large- positions.
 - D. **QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Chapter meeting is 25% of the Chapter family unit membership or 15 family unit members, whichever is less.
 - E. **VOTING:** Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, a simple majority vote of members in good standing and voting shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter.

The Chapter has established that voting will be one vote for each adult member.

Balloting by mail may be undertaken when a proposed matter is voted to be of such importance or urgency that a total membership vote is advisable.
 - F. **PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS:** The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern this Chapter’s proceedings to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA, and the Bylaws of this Chapter.
4. **MAINTAINING AFFILIATION:** This Chapter must maintain a minimum of 15 family unit members. The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of

FMCA, no later than the last week in December, a membership list, a list of chapter officers, and assurance that a business meeting was held.

5. ANNUAL AUDIT: An annual audit of the Chapter's financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.
6. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: This Chapter accepts and agrees that the Chapter Bylaws shall conform to any mandatory requirements stipulated in the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:

- A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than (3) three Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected yearly by the chapter membership.
- B. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit that person from being nominated for elected office.

2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES:

- A. To select one of its members as Nominating Committee Chairman.
- B. To nominate candidates for the Chapter Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director and the At-Large positions that are due to be filled for the new year to be presented for voting by the Chapter membership.
- C. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the Chapter should they be elected.
- D. To make certain that nominated candidates are members in good standing and qualified under applicable National and Chapter bylaws.
- E. To nominate candidates to fill vacancies that occur in elected Chapter offices.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

1. **MANDATORY AMENDMENTS:** National FMCA Bylaw Amendments applicable to Chapter operations shall be automatically adopted by the Chapter and are not subject to a vote by the Chapter membership.
2. **AMENDING PROCEDURE:** These Chapter Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a duly-called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least 30 days has been given of the proposition(s) to amend.

Any member of the Chapter may propose amendments to the Chapter Bylaws.

Approved amendments to these Chapter Bylaws become effective immediately upon their adoption, or at such time as specified in the amendment.

3. **DISTRIBUTION:** Copies of changes, additions, amendments, or revisions to these Chapter Bylaws shall be forwarded to the National Office and to the National Area Vice President.

ARTICLE IX - LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this Chapter of FMCA, by majority vote of the chapter, all of the remaining assets of the Chapter shall be contributed to the purpose(s) for which this Chapter is organized, or to a qualified non-profit charity or charities.