

**BYLAWS  
of the  
GMC MOUNTAINAIRES CHAPTER  
of the  
FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION**

**As adopted and amended 5/17/08**

**ARTICLE I - CHAPTER NAME**

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the GMC Mountainaires 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 of activities that provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of the GMC Motorhome.
2. **AREA:** This Chapter shall be authorized to function in the Rocky Mountain Area.
3. **SCOPE:** This chapter will have members with a mutual interest in the GMC Motorhome and drawn from the geographical area of a 500 mile radius from Denver, Colorado.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERS**

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the Chapter, a person must be in good standing with FMCA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the Bylaws of this Chapter.

To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the GMC Mountainaires Chapter, a person must own one-third (1/3) of an original (1973-1978) or remanufactured GMC Motorhome. A GMC Motorhome is defined as a GMC Motorhome with front wheel drive, Class A and the vehicle identification number beginning with the letters TZE.

Former GMC Mountainaires may retain club membership regardless of GMC ownership: other former GMC owners may be considered for membership at the discretion of the GMC Mountainaires Chapter.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERS  
CONTINUED**

Membership in this Chapter shall not be denied any person because of race, sex, religion, color, marital or family status, age, nationality, or disability.

To be eligible to vote or hold office in this Chapter, a member must comply with the eligibility requirements.

2. **DEFINITIONS:** 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.

The term "Membership," is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals who share a membership number and comply with the eligibility requirements.

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.

3. **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 on Dec.1 of each year.

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 September 30, 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 two (2) months after becoming due shall be considered delinquent; after five (5) months membership is canceled.

## **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

1. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:** The duties of elected officers shall be as defined in the FMCA Member and Volunteer Handbook and any written policies of the Chapter
2. **TERMS OF OFFICE:** The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a one (1) year term of office, or until their successors are elected.
3. **RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:**
  - A. An individual Chapter member may hold office(s) in only 1 chapter.
  - B. Individual Chapter members may hold no more than 2 offices in the same chapter. The Chapter President may not also serve as Secretary during the same organizational year.
  - C. Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.
  - D. Only Chapter members in good standing have the right to hold office in the Chapter.
  - E. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Chapter property, except as required by law.
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 Chapter President.
2. **DUTIES:** All committees (except the Nominating Committee) shall function within the policies of the Chapter under the direction of the Chapter President.

Financial reports, vouchers, and monies due the Chapter shall be submitted on a timely basis.

3. **QUORUM:** A Committee quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the committee members.

## 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 Dec. 1 and end on Nov. 30.
3. **CHAPTER MEETINGS:**
  - A. **DEFINITION:** 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 two (2) business meetings each membership year at which a quorum is present. Said meetings must be at least fourteen (14) days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.
  - C. **ANNUAL ELECTION:** The last regularly scheduled business meeting of the organizational year shall be the Annual Meeting at which the voting general membership is to elect Chapter officers, including a President, One (1) Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a National Director, an Alternate National Director, and a Wagonmaster.
  - D. **QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Chapter meeting is twenty-five (25%) of the Chapter family unit memberships or fifteen (15) family unit memberships, whichever is less.
  - E. **VOTING:** Except as specified elsewhere in these Bylaws, a simple majority vote of FMCA F# and L# members in good standing and voting shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter.

The Chapter has established that voting will be one (1) vote for each adult GMC Mountaineers 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.

## **ARTICLE VI - CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION CONTINUED**

G. GUESTS: Guests of the Chapter Members or GMC Motorhome owners who are interested in membership are invited to attend one rally per calendar year. Guests may attend all rally functions, but may not vote during meetings

4. MAINTAINING AFFILIATION: This Chapter must maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) family unit memberships.

The Chapter Secretary shall furnish to the National Office of FMCA, no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> each year, a membership list, a list of chapter officers, and assurance that two (2) business meetings were 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 three (3) Chapter members in good standing, nominated and elected yearly by the Chapter membership at its annual meeting.

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, one (1) Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, an Alternate National Director, and a Wagonmaster for the new term 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.

**ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS  
CONTINUED**

- 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 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 Bylaws may be amended by a sixty-five (65%) affirmative vote of the members present and voting at a duly-called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least thirty (30) days has been given of the proposition(s) to amend.

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

Approved amendments to these 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 Bylaws shall be forwarded to the National Office and to the National Area Vice President.

**ARTICLE IX - LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION**

This Chapter of FMCA may be dissolved by a majority vote of chapter members. All of the remaining assets of the Chapter shall be contributed to the purpose(s) for which the Chapter is organized, or to a qualified non-profit charity or charities.

EFFECTIVE: May 17, 2008

