

FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION CONVENTION FACTS

What is Family Motor Coach Association? Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) is an international organization for families who own and enjoy the recreational use of motorhomes. The association maintains its national headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, and currently has approximately 70,000 active member families. FMCA offers its members a number of benefits, including a subscription to its monthly magazine, *Family Motor Coaching*; group discounts on a roadside assistance program, motorhome insurance, and member-only RV tours and caravans; a tire purchasing program; and a medical emergency and travel assistance plan that is included with paid membership dues and is valued at \$105 per family. The association also hosts two conventions each year, which is what will bring the group to Perry, Georgia, in mid-March. The event, which will be the group's 93rd Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase, has been dubbed "Find Your Pot of Gold" in recognition of the fact that the event kicks off on St. Patrick's Day.

Convention dates and location: The "Find Your Pot of Gold" Family Reunion will take place Thursday through Sunday, March 17 through 20, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter.

Convention activities: Association members will gather to enjoy activities such as a sizable motorhome exhibition. Leading manufacturers and dealers will bring new motorhomes for viewing. A variety of motorhomes will be on display. In addition, companies will exhibit RV components, accessories, campground information, home products, and more. Other options will include informative seminars, entertainment, social activities, and an opportunity to visit and explore the local area.

How many people are expected to attend? Approximately 2,500 motorhomes and some 6,000 people are expected to gather at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter.

Can the public attend? Area residents are welcome to come view the motorhomes and the RV components and accessories that will be on display. Daily admission for exhibits is \$7 per person; children 12 and under admitted free with an accompanying adult. Individuals with an active military ID will be admitted free. A Daily Passport that provides admittance to the exhibits, seminars, and evening entertainment is available for \$65 per person (\$55 for FMCA members). On Thursday, March 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., a special viewing of only the motorhome exhibits will take place. Regular hours for the motorhome displays will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 18, through Sunday, March 20. Components/accessories display hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. March 18 through 20.

Again, the cost to view the motorhomes and displays of RV components and accessories is \$7 per person. Thursday's admission ticket is good on Friday, March 18, as well. Other admission options are available for those who want to take part in more activities. And all owners of self-contained RVs are invited to sign up to stay in their RV at the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter. The \$265.00 gate registration fee grants a motorhome owner a one-year FMCA membership, while non-motorhome owners receive a one-year subscription to *Family Motor Coaching*.

Free public parking will be available at the North Entrance of the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter off Larry Walker Parkway. Follow the signs to Lot F.

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