



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 West Springfield, Massachusetts, in early August. The event, which will be the group's 94th International Convention, has been dubbed “Celebrate Your Freedom,” in honor of the history of the host area and the freedom that RV travel brings.

Convention dates and location: The “Celebrate Your Freedom” convention will take place Wednesday through Saturday, August 3 through 6, at Eastern States Exposition, home of the Big E.

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? More than 1,000 motorhomes and some 3,000 people are expected to gather at Eastern States Exposition.

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 \$10 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). Show hours on Wednesday, August 3, will be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; hours on Thursday through Saturday, August 4 through 6, will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public parking will be available at Gate 9 off of Memorial Avenue. A facility parking fee will be charged.

Again, the cost to view the motorhomes and displays of RV components and accessories is \$10 per person. Wednesday's admission ticket is good on Thursday, August 4, 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 Eastern States Exposition. 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*.

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