

# 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

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*Nottie Pierce*

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

January 3, 1997

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Rocky Mountain Chapter  
1783 Ura Lane  
Northglenn, CO 80234

Dear Rocky Mountain Chapter Members:

Congratulations on the occasion of the THIRTIETH anniversary of your chapter! As you know, chapters are the lifeblood of the Family Motor Coach Association. Our surveys tell us that FMCA members who belong to one or more chapters are more likely to remain members of the association. Since you have already discovered the joys of chapter membership, I would guess that you know better than anyone why that statistic holds true. Being affiliated with a chapter enhances all that FMCA membership has to offer and strengthens the bonds that develop among members of the association. The fellowship and camaraderie that are so much a part of membership in FMCA become apparent when one signs on as a chapter member. And, being a member of a chapter gives you a voice in the association. We realize that keeping a chapter active involves much hard work, too, and for that we commend you and those who have come before you.

We join your chapter in celebrating this milestone and extend our wishes to your group for many more years of fun and fellowship.

Sincerely,

FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dottie Pierce".

Dottie Pierce, F57064  
National President

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER**  
**THIRTY YEARS WITH THE**  
**FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATIO**

by B. J. Smith, F106207

and

Billy Shonyo, F66373, Historian

*When the Ferrin Family, A436 invited every motor coach owner they could locate in the Denver, CO area to their home in Golden, CO (a suburb to the west) on July 23, 1966, little did they realize what they had started!*

*They gathered for several months of meetings and outings and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. While at Camp Hosa located in the foothills thirty miles west of Denver in October 1966, the participants decided to join a new organization called the Family Motor Coach Association. National sent out organizers in those days to advise and guide prospective clubs into membership. The Miller's, F620 and the Scott's, F63 from National Headquarters were dispatched to help them. Bob Miller was National Treasurer and Bob Scott was an Executive Director. The organization had fewer than 2000 members since its inception two years prior to this time. Finally, the brand new club aptly named the "Rocky Mountain Chapter", had a charter, issued on January 3, 1967. The area of operation included the states of Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, Western Nebraska, Western South Dakota, and Western North Dakota. The RMC was the eighth chapter received into FMCA, and second, only behind California, west of the Mississippi River. The membership was so scattered that there were separate*

*groups of the RMC formed to meet to the north, south and west of Colorado. Therefore, many "spin off" clubs were instigated from the original club, mainly, due to travel time of members, 300 or 400 miles is a long distance to drive for a weekend! Since then twenty-two new Chapters have been initiated in the Western states.*

*Throughout the years our membership has fluctuated from the original eighteen couples to a membership of 200. Many former members are now unhealthy, infirm and unsure of their driving ability, and, unfortunately, many have passed away. We now have approximately 110 members; many of them not retired yet who will be able to perpetuate the club in the future.*

*We have been active in assisting National at the international conventions and supporting them in any way possible. One of our own, Chet Stewart, F23883, was our Rocky Mountain area Vice-President, and still serves on committees at the National level. We have hosted several regional Rambles in Colorado with help from fellow chapters and have caravanned large groups to the National International conventions, and our area Rambles. We really have a lot of fun together. I can't believe the caring, loving people in the RMC, they always seem to be there when you need them. They are a tremendous support group for anyone, and I'm certain the other chapters are exactly the same.*

*RMC members have rallied at many historic areas in Colorado and surrounding states. They celebrated their fifth anniversary at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Colorado. Five years later the chapter celebrated its tenth anniversary in Durango, Colorado and ten years later with a considerably larger membership, its twentieth year in Estes Park, Colorado. The largest*

*attendance in chapter history was recorded at this meeting with 80 member coaches and 19 visitors ranging from Florida to California. The 25th Anniversary was also marked in Estes Park, Colorado with many members attending and guests from the Wyoming Chapter.*

*At this time, the Rocky Mountain Chapter is planning the festivities for our 30th reunion. We plan to hold our commemorative rally on the weekend of April 18-20, 1997 at Dakota Ridge RV Park, 17700 W. Colfax Ave, Golden, CO 80401, phone number 1-800-398-1625. A dinner in honor of all of our members, but, most especially the long-time members, will be held Saturday evening, April 19th. (Ironically, although this rally was scheduled last year it is to be held in the city of our birth.)*

*We are searching for former (and original) members who for various reasons have had to discontinue membership with the Rocky Mountain Chapter and/or the FMCA. We would like to invite them for the weekend. (We have only been able to locate two charter members: Herb vanWyk, F1217 and Paul Bishop, F1496, who is still a member although he has moved to Arizona.) If you know of anyone, please help us by contacting Don or B.J. Smith, F106207, 1783 Ura Lane, Northglenn, CO 80234, phone number 303-457-1081.*