

# **BYLAWS**

## **GMC CLASSICS CHAPTER**

**Family Motor Coach Association, Inc.**

Effective January 2005

### **ARTICLE I - CHAPTER NAME**

The Name of this non-profit organization shall be the GMC Classics 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 which provide for enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member coaches.
2. **AREA/SCOPE:** This chapter shall be authorized to function in the South Central United States, mainly in the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, with a special interest in the care and preservation of the TZE motorhomes manufactured by General Motors from 1973 to 1978.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERS**

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for and to maintain full membership in this Chapter, a person must own a GMC motorhome, be in good standing with FMCA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the by-laws of this Chapter. Membership in the Chapter shall not be denied any person because of race, religion, color, martial status, age, nationality or disability.
2. 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. 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.
4. The term "member" is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitute a membership. The voting rights of each member are defined in the description of each category.

**5. FAMILY ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:**

A. In order to perpetuate long-standing friendship, good fellowship and cooperation among members of this Chapter, this classification is available on request by a member in good standing that no longer owns a qualifying coach (GMC). Benefits and duties of associate members are spelled out in Article 111, Paragraph 3 (g) of the FMCA National Bylaws.

**6. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:**

This membership may be bestowed on those members who have provided outstanding service to the Chapter while holding full membership in the Chapter. These members must be nominated by the Executive Committee and presented to the Chapter for approval at the next scheduled business meeting. No dues are required and no voting rights will be extended to an Honorary Member.

**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 this Chapter and FMCA. The annual dues for membership in this Chapter shall be an amount the membership shall establish from year to year by resolution at a general meeting. In no event shall dues be less than twenty (\$20.00) per year. (See Standing Rules).

**B. RENEWAL:** Renewal dues from Chapter members become due and payable at the beginning of the fiscal year, 1 January.

**C. INITIAL APPLICATION:** Application for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual Chapter and National dues (unless already a FMCA member). If an initial application is accepted during the last (3) months of a fiscal year, the dues shall be regarded as covering the next membership year.

**D. ARREARS:** Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than (2) months after becoming due shall be deemed to have forfeited membership and will have no further right, title, or interest in the affairs, conduct or property of this Chapter.

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

**1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:** The duties of elected officers shall be defined in the STANDING RULES of GMC Classics.

**2. TERMS OF OFFICE:** The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a term of at least one (1) year, or until their successors are elected.

**3. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:**

- A. An individual FMCA member may hold Chapter office(s) in only one (1) Chapter.
- B. Individual FMCA members may hold no more than two (2) offices in the same Chapter.
- C. Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any elective office.
- D. Only Full Members, Full Lifetime Members or Life Members of FMCA have the right to hold office in this 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 COMMITTEE:**

- A. The officers of Chapter shall constitute the Executive Committee. (See Standing Rules)
- B. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter between its business meetings. The Committee 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 or any other gatherings suitable to the function of the Chapter and duly announced to the Chapter membership. Members shall not be required to attend any number of meetings nor any meetings at all; however, members are encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible.

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 14 days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.

C. **ANNUAL ELECTION:** The general membership is to elect Chapter officers, including a President, Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a National Director, an Alternate National Director and other officers as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee with approval of the membership. (See standing Rules) This annual election shall be held at the Fall Rally. The Nomination Committee shall place in nomination their slate of officers, then nominations from the floor shall be called for. Installation to take place at the following Winter Rally.

D. **QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly-called Chapter meeting is twenty-five percent (25%) of the Chapter family unit membership or fifteen (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, present and voting, shall be required to approve or disapprove any matter.

The Chapter has established that voting will be 1 vote for each adult member.

Balloting by mail/e-mail may be undertaken when 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 **ROBERTS 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 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 at each winter rally. The Chapter President shall appoint a committee of three (3) members in good standing to perform said annual audit.

**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 at or prior to the Summer Rally. Said Nominating Committee Members shall serve until a new slate of Chapter officers are elected and a new Nominating Committee is elected.
  
- B. Election of an individual to the Nominating Committee shall not prohibit that person from being nominated for elected office.

### **2. NOMINATION COMMITTEE DUTIES:**

- A. To select one of its members as Nomination Committee Chairman.
  
- B. To nominate candidates for the Chapter Officers of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Director, Alternate National Director and other Chapter officers as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee with the approval of the membership. (See Standing Rules)
  
- C. To report their slate of officers at the Fall Rally.
  
- D. To obtain clear acceptance of the nominees to serve the Chapter should they be elected.
  
- E. To make sure that nominated candidates are members in good standing and qualified under applicable National and Chapter bylaws.
  
- F. 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:**

A. These Bylaws may be amended by a Two-Thirds  $2/3$  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 to the proposition(s) to amend. Balloting may be by mail in lieu of a duly called meeting.

B. Any member of the Chapter may propose changes in the Bylaws by submitting them to the Executive Committee for consideration. Proposals must be in writing and clearly state the proposed change(s). 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**

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 the Chapter is organized, or to a qualified non-profit charity or charities.

## **ARTICLE X - STANDING RULES**

Standing rules may be adopted to establish or clarify Chapter policies and practices not related to parliamentary procedures and are subordinated to and in accordance with Chapter bylaws. Standing rules are adopted by a majority vote, are amended by a two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) vote without previous notice or by majority vote with such notice. This action may be done at any regular meeting by a vote of those present. Standing rules may be temporarily suspended for the duration of a meeting by a majority vote.