

# NEWSLETTER

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GARY MCEACHERN



President Gary McEachern and Secretary/Treasurer Gail

Hello, Rocky Mountain Country Coachers!

Some six weeks have passed since we gathered in Tucson and launched our new sub-chapter of Country Coach International. During this time, Gail and I have attended the CCI pre-rally in Las Vegas and the FMCA International Convention in Pomona, where we met many of our new chapter members. Invariably, everyone is excited about our new organization, and looking forward to the opportunity to get to know one another better at future rallies. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the chapter members that gathered in February and for their willingness to endure those organizational meetings with such a positive attitude. It is so nice to see a group come together and reach a reasonably quick consensus with respect to the spirit and direction of this sub-chapter.

Again, our thanks to the Colclaziers and the Pontslers for

chapter logo to review with everyone at our Colorado rally in June.

Just for your information, there were 140 coaches at the Circus Circus in Las Vegas and approximately 2770 coaches in Pomona. World events and fuel prices apparently impacted attendance; each event was thoroughly enjoyable.

their input and guidance throughout the process. And, while on the subject of extending thanks, I would like to again say thanks to Don Rau for volunteering to accept the editor's position for our RMCC Newsletter. And, to Guenter and Theresa Kippschull, my sincere appreciation for hosting our next rally in Fort Collins, CO in June. Also, my gratitude to Yvonne and Don Rau, Ray and Brenda Brandon, and Rod and Betty Woods for hosting the September Rally in Newport, Oregon. Details on the dates and locations for these future events will be covered elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, I have several drafts of our

I, again, want to thank everyone for their cooperation in launching this exciting new club. Vice-President Bruce Battey, Secretary-Treasurer Gail McEachern and I are looking forward to contributing to the continued development of this great group of Country Coachers. We are all looking forward to getting to know one another at the future events, and remember ... "half the fun is getting there!"

*(Editor's note: I think I can speak for all the RMCC members who were at Beaudry when I say: Thanks to Gary and Gail for an outstanding job of getting this sub-chapter going!) w*



Country Coach Tech Support was very helpful



Vice President Bruce Battey and wife Jane

## ABOUT THIS ISSUE OF THE RMCC NEWSLETTER

BY DON RAU

I hope this first issue of the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Newsletter is informative and interesting to you all. I have tried to make it look good and yet keep it fairly simple in design. If you have any suggestions regarding the design and/or contents,

please feel free to share your thoughts with me.

There is a lot to pass along to you with this first issue, and so I have chosen to send some of it as an enclosure. You will find (1) a copy of the proposed Chapter By-Laws

which need to be voted on; also included is (2) a copy of the Minutes of the two meetings we had at the Chapter Formation Rally at Beaudry Resort Park in February. You will find (3) a copy of a RMCC

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The name of the club, Rocky Mountain Country Coachers, was unanimously approved.



Guenter and Theresa Kippschull  
Fort Collins Rally Hosts



The Meeting Hall at Beaudry

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES OF RMCC FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Included with the Newsletter as an enclosure are the Minutes of our RMCC Formulation Meetings, held at Beaudry Resort Park, Tucson, AZ on February 14 and 15, 2003. This article is an attempt to give you the highlights of those Minutes. Be sure to read the Minutes in their entirety before the June meeting so you can make additions or corrections if needed.

Forty-two members signed up to be at the Beaudry Rally to help review the "spirit and intent" of the club — to have an opportunity to enjoy Country Coach friends at rallies in the region and to promote social and recreational activities which provide for the

enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member Country Coachers.

After some discussion, a motion was made to form the club under Country Coach International, and it was unanimously approved.

The name of the club, Rocky Mountain Country Coachers, was unanimously approved.

Dues were set at \$25 per new family unit plus a \$25 initiation fee. It was unanimously approved that the initiation fee would be waived for the 42 charter members present at the rally if they paid their \$25 yearly dues before the end of the rally.

The By-Laws of CCI, included

with this Newsletter, will be reviewed by Bill Pontsler, distributed to the members by mail, and voted upon at the June rally.

An election of officers was held with the following elected to hold office until the next general membership meeting, or until their successors are elected:

Gary McEachern President  
Gail McEachern Sec/Treas.  
Bruce Battey Vice President

A membership application will be created and a membership roster assembled. All applicants must be members of CCI, FMCA and be owners of a Country Coach Motorhome.

See Minutes on page 3

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

And that's where we'll be in June. The Rocky Mountain Country Coachers really know how to make things happen. At 46 members and growing, their next rally is scheduled from June 3 thru 6, 2003 at the North Wellington KOA, Fort Collins, Colorado. The resort has large pull-thru sites, spectacular mountain views with nearby Rocky

Mountain Outlet Stores, as well as fishing, hunting, rafting and hiking close by. You can enjoy side trips to Estes Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Poudre Canyon, and Fort Collins Old Town. There will also be some fine food at a dinner playhouse to enjoy and great RMCC fellowship as always.

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## V FUN AFTER FORT COLLINS V

RMCC Charter member Reggie Knight has come up with a suggestion for those who will be at the next RMCC Rally in Fort Collins, Colorado that sounds like something really different and fun. After our Fort Collins rally, Bill and Reggie are going to Casper, Wyoming to attend the College National Finals Rodeo, which will be June 8 thru 14. The Knights happened on the event last year when they

stopped in Casper while the Rodeo was being held. It was interesting for them to see "kids" working for points that would go toward a college scholarship.

Hey! Football and basketball players get college scholarships, why not rodeo participants? The rodeo is for both men and women who must be in excellent physical condition.

If you are interested in joining

Bill and Reggie this year at the rodeo, get in touch with them via e-mail at RegLK@att.net or log on to rodeo's web site at www.cnfr.com and get all the details. The Knights will be at the rally in Fort Collins to answer any questions you might have.

Hope a lot of you will be able to join Bill and Reggie Knight at the College National Finals Rodeo. w

**MINUTES**

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It was approved that the club initially will hold 3 rallies per calendar year with the general meeting to be held at Beaudry Resort Park in Tucson in the first quarter of the calendar year. The fiscal year will begin January 1 and end December 31, with dues payable on January 1.

A discussion of the rally structure concluded that 3 rallies would be held annually with the rally time to be a minimum of 3 days. A schedule of this year's rallies is included in the Minutes. (The schedule is also included in this Newsletter on page 3.)

A logo for the club to use on stationery, nametags, jackets, Newsletter, etc., was designed by a media artist at

the Beaudry RV shop and will be modified and reviewed again at the June rally.

Don Rau was appointed RMCC Newsletter Editor. A contest to name the Newsletter will be held with voting for the best name to take place at the June rally. The contents of the Newsletter were also decided upon. w



*On the Lighter Side*

*Does this fit anyone out there?*

An older couple is lying in bed one morning, having awakened from a good night's sleep. He takes her hand and she responds: "Don't touch me."

"Why not?" He asks.

She answers back, "Because I am dead!" The startled husband says, "What are you talking about? We're both lying here in bed together and talking to one another."

She says, "No, I am definitely dead."

He insists, "You're not dead. What in the world makes you think you are dead?"

"Because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts!"

Laughing is good exercise. It is like jogging on the inside.

And a little light Iraqi humor:

- What is the Iraqi air force motto? I came, I saw, Iran.

- What's the five day forecast for Baghdad? Two days. w



Coffee and donuts were served each morning

**NEWPORT, OREGON BEACH RALLY**

BY DON & YVONNE RAU

Plans are still being worked on for the September rally at the beautiful Outdoor Resorts Pacific Shores Motorcoach Resort in Newport, Oregon. The dates are September 8 thru 10, 2003. The resort park has an outstanding view of the beautiful Pacific ocean and great facilities for conducting our meetings. The

area is an interesting place to just wander and enjoy the Oregon coast. Also available are saltwater fishing, heated pool, golf, game room and rec. field. The Raus, with the help of the Brandons and the Woods, are looking at several different planned activities that will interest everyone. A package of information will be

mailed to you as plans are finalized. If you have some thoughts on this rally, you are welcome to share them with:

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(360) 430-0046 cell phone

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After June 15 (360) 423-1460  
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*Don't forget to mark your calendar so you won't miss the*

**Fort Collins Rally**

**June 3, 4, 5, 2003**

*And the*

**Newport, Oregon Rally**

**September 8, 9, 10**

*Lot's of fun, good food, and a chance to visit with other great*

*Country Coachers!*

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Club Membership Application. Please keep a copy handy to give to Country Coach owners you meet in your travels, especially in the Rocky Mountain area. If you need more applications, contact Gail and she will be glad to forward them to you.

In the near future, we should have a logo that I hope to be able to include in the Newsletter masthead.

And remember, we are having a contest to name our Newsletter. I have received several good suggestions from some of you already, but the contest will not be over until the June rally when you select the name. More suggestions can be made at the rally, but it would help to have most of them ahead of time. So be sure to e-mail or "snail-mail" me with your ideas. A very

nice prize will be donated by Mike Cocci to the winner. w



Beaudry Resort Park Entrance



## TECH TIP — GENERATORS

If you don't operate your RV's generator enough to run a tank of fuel through it each month, schedule a time to "exercise" it on a regular basis, to prevent fuel varnishing and all the ills that come with it, including hard starting, smoking and surging.

Like any engine, storage and non-use is sometimes harder on your generator than regular or daily operation. Regular operation of your generator keeps gum and varnish from

forming in fuel lines, fuel pump and carburetor, and keeps lubricant circulating to protect metal surfaces. When your generator sits idle for weeks or months at a time, fuel varnishing takes place. This gummy residue clogs the generator's fuel system, and can begin forming in as little as 30 days, depending on fuel quality and storage conditions.

Consult owner's manual for all recommended mainte-

nance and service procedures for your generator model. It is your best reference for a smooth-operating, dependable generator. In fact, instead of the Sunday paper, you may wisely choose to read your generator owner's manual on one of the days you are exercising your generator! w

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Prior to, and after the RMCC rally at Beaudry Resort Park in February, our Secretary, Gail McEachern, sent several *Thank You* letters to people who have been a big help to us RMCC folk while we were getting our chapter started. The following are excerpts from those letters.

1. Ms. Sherry Fanning, Editor Country Coach Destinations.

Dear Sherry, We would like to thank you for all of your assistance in helping us get this new chapter, Rocky Mountain Country Coachers, off to such a great start with your:

- Great coverage in Country Coach Destinations
- On-going e-mail and web site support
- Generous cash donation
- Gifts from Country Coach Casuals.

2. Larry Sherwood, Service Manager, Country Coach Corp.

Dear Larry, We would like to extend our personal thanks and sincere appreciation for sending us two factory service technicians to the organizational meeting of a new sub-

chapter of Country Coach International—Rocky Mountain Country Coachers—held in Tucson, Arizona February 13–17, 2003.

We are extremely grateful for the support from the Service Department at Country Coach and their renewed commitment to serving Country Coach owners. Mike Fuller and Randy Baumann did an outstanding job of providing this service to the club attendees and we greatly appreciate their time and effort.

We are enclosing gift certificates for Mike and Randy and offer them, on behalf of all our club members, our thanks and appreciation for their hard work in helping us make this rally a great success.

3. Mr. Bob Lee, President, Country Coach Corporation

Dear Bob, We would like to thank you for taking the time to attend the organizational meeting of the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers on February 14, 2003, and to personally participate in the formation of this club as a satellite or subchapter of Country Coach International.

We were very pleased to hear

the positive changes now being implemented at Country Coach and of the renewed commitment to serving Country Coach owners. This was, of course, best demonstrated by the unprecedented presence (at an area club rally) of two Country Coach factory technicians who provided free service to all club attendees.

We are extremely grateful for the support from Country Coach and feel that with your generous support and our shared commitment, this new club has started with a resounding success; and we offer our thanks to you on behalf of all members.

Memo to: Marty Holman, Vice President, Beaudry RV

From: Gary McEachern

Subject: RMCC Rally

The "Rocky Mountain Country Coachers" Formation Rally, which ran from February 13-17, was a huge success. We had 42 coaches plus one passport couple attend this event (80 people). It was decided that this club would be a satellite chapter of Country Coach International (CCI). The officers were

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*"Thank you Bob Lee,*

*Larry Sherwood,*

*Sherry Fanning*

*And*

*Marty Holman*

*For your great help!*

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### Officers—2003

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#### Vice-President:

Bruce Battey  
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#### Secretary-Treasurer:

Gail McEachern  
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*The main purposes of the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Club is to promote the aims and objectives of CCI and FMCA and, through creative activities, further the fellowship and enjoyment in the Club, provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas and experiences of motorboming and to represent ourselves as good, careful and responsible Motorhome owners and operators.*

*The specific purposes shall be to: Promote and further good fellowship and cooperation among our Club members, promote periodic rallies that will effectively provide for the exchange of information for the common good, carry on such business activities as deemed necessary on behalf of members at periodic meetings.*

*For further information you may contact the RMCC President, Gary McEachern or the Secretary-Treasurer, Gail McEachern at PO Box 27047, Tucson, AZ 85726, or Vice President Bruce Battey, at 17370 S Camino Confianza, Sabuarita, AZ 85629, or feel free to phone them.*

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elected as follows:

Gary McEachern President  
Bruce Battey Vice-President  
Gail McEachern Secretary-Treasurer

It was also determined that the Chapter would schedule three rallies per year, with the first rally being the general membership meeting held in the first quarter of the calendar year at the Beaudry RV Resort. This decision arose from a chapter-wide expression of appreciation for Beaudry RV's sponsorship of this new chapter.

As you know, Bob Lee was

able to schedule a visit to Beaudry RV during the rally, and the participants were very pleased to hear of the positive changes now being implemented at Country Coach. Bob spoke of the renewed commitment to serving Country Coach owners and that was best demonstrated by the unprecedented presence (at a chapter rally) of two Country Coach factory technicians who provided free service to all club attendees. The food, provided by the Jumpin' Cholla Cafe, was outstanding and generated a great deal of praise by all club members. The facilities at the resort also prompted a lot of positive comments and the conven-

tion center, with the Country Coach Lexa inside, created an impressive atmosphere for our meetings and dinners. Two new Country Coaches were sold during the rally to Charter Members:

'02 CC Magna 37' Journey

'03 CC Intrigue 40' Suite Sensation

Gail and I felt that with your generous support and our shared commitment this new chapter has started with a resounding success and we offer our thanks to Beaudry RV on behalf of all members. w