

## NEWSLETTER

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY GARY MCEACHERN

"We are on a roll"... as the saying goes! Our second rally, "Rocky Mountain High" in Fort Collins, was a blast. Don Rau, our Newsletter Editor, has devoted plenty of coverage about the particulars, so I would like to focus on another aspect — the genuine friendliness that our chapter members demonstrate toward one another.

It appears to me that, for whatever reasons, this group of motorhomers has a great spirit ... and thoroughly enjoys one another. You know how it is in so many other clubs and organizations; members start breaking up into sub-groups (clicks) and competition or politics may start to dominate



President Gary McEachern and Secretary/Treasurer Gail McEachern

the group's behavior. Now, some might say that we are simply on the "honeymoon" at this stage, but I strongly feel we are simply blessed to have a great group of people. Of course, the common thread of owning a Country Coach and living this lifestyle is the bonding factor, but the essence of

our success as a club is the members themselves, and they create the culture.

It is so nice to see how we all help one another in so many ways. Whether it relates to technical things about our coaches or sharing decorative ideas, we seem to have much to offer ... and this is what it's all about. I appreciate your patience in wading through so many of the initial organizational things we must do at these rally meetings, but it will only get easier once they are finished.

Gail and I are already looking forward to the next rally in Newport, Oregon in September — how about you?

*Gary McEachern w*



Vice President Bruce Battey and wife Jane

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH RALLY, FORT COLLINS, CO

BY DON RAU

At our first post "formation-meeting rally," 30 coaches had arrived in Guenter and Theresa Kippschull's KOA Kampground in Wellington/Fort Collins, CO by Tuesday, June 3. It was great getting to see everyone and to renew our friendships. The cheerful and very helpful staff at the park made our arrival so easy. After happy hour, where we got yet another chance to visit with everyone, our hosts, the Kippschull's and Anne and Helmut Roy, had a wonderful prime rib dinner catered for us. Because of unsettling weather, our hosts moved us inside to

the recreation room for dinner so we'd be real cozy. The meal consisted of prime rib cooked to perfection, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed veggies, tossed salad, and rolls. For those who could still move, dessert was served: apple pie, brownies, and cookies. No one left feeling hungry! (The trouble with a meal like that is, two or three days later you're hungry again.) The rec. room was left open until 10 PM so some of us could play cards or just visit.

Wednesday morning we enjoyed coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts and mixed fruit



Guenter and Theresa Kippschull Rally Hosts

while storm clouds began to form outside. (Wouldn't you know a KOA Kampground would serve Krispy Kreme donuts? It's the "K" thing, I'm sure!) We

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINUTES OF RMCC JUNE MEETING



Clubhouse at Pacific Shores  
Resort Park



Pacific Shores Resort Park  
Entrance



The name of the  
Newsletter, "Rocky  
Mountain Country  
Coachers Newsletter,"  
was approved by  
majority vote.

After quickly approving the minutes of the February 14th and 15th club meetings and the Treasurer's Report showing a current balance of \$4,600 in the treasury, we moved on to a critique of the proposed by-laws as written by Bill Pontsler. Several modifications were suggested and will be made and re-submitted to the club at the September meeting in Newport.

Next, the Newsletter was addressed. (Editor's note: Thanks for your kind words for the first edition of our Newsletter! I truly appreciate your encouragement.) The editor asked the club members to be sure to e-mail any news-

worthy items so that they can be included in the various issues of the Newsletter in the future.

The Newsletter Name Contest vote was taken and the official name will be "Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Newsletter." Bob & Janie Pinkleton won the contest and will receive the Parker pen donated by Mike and Mo Cocci.

RMCC name tags will be made by Beaudry RV to attach to the CCI tags. The Logo was also discussed and voted on. Gary will have the Beaudry Media Department finalize the changes.

Under old business the secre-

tary reported that 21 new members have joined since the organizational meeting and three more joined at the Fort Collins Rally.

Wells Fargo has approved a debit card for RMCC.

A letter from Bob Lee tells us that effective July 1, 2003, CCI will support local chapter rallies financially.

Three couples are working on the details of the Newport Shores Rally. They are the Rau's, the Woods', and the Brandon's. Forty (40) sites are being reserved by the park management.

Tom & Carol Anderson volunteered to take pictures and

See Minutes on page 3

## "SHORES RALLY," NEWPORT, OR

Hope you are looking forward to the next big Rocky Mountain Country Coachers rally, to be held at the beautiful Pacific Shores Motorhome Resort in Newport, Oregon, because it's going to be a good time. Tasty catered meals and good company always help to make for a fun time and that is what the Raus, the Woods, and the Brandons have

planned for you. You should have received your Rally registration forms by now. I hope you have filled them out and sent them in so you will be guaranteed a good site at the park and all that goes with it. We have enjoyed planning this rally with the very cooperative management of the park. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## NEWSLETTER NAME CONTEST RESULTS

You folks did a **great job** submitting suggestions for the name of our Newsletter. I got 14 suggestions and we had one more suggestion from the floor at our club meeting at the Fort Collins Rally in June. Any one of the suggestions would have been really good. The voting also showed that you all were very interested in picking an appropriate name

for our Newsletter.

As it turned out, the winners were not at the rally. Bob & Janie Pinkleton won with the suggestion "Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Newsletter." Yes, that's right. It is the name I used on the first issue of this Newsletter, which I guess means most everyone liked the name as it was from the start.

Bob & Janie received a beautiful Parker roller point pen, which was generously donated by Mike & Mo Cocci. Thanks a lot, Coccis!

I have since informed Bob & Janie about the contest results, and needless to say, they were delighted.

I also put the pen in the mail to them. w

**MINUTES**

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prepare a pictorial directory for the club. Rod & Betty Woods will assist with the picture taking at the September rally.

The CCI pre-rally (March 9 – 12, 2004) to FMCA's 71st International Convention in Albuquerque, NM (March 16 – 18, 2004) will be held at Beaudry RV Resort in Tucson. Gary will contact Larry Broadway, VP of CCI Rocky Mountain Region, to offer our club's support. The RMCC annual business meeting will be held at this rally.

A motion was made to adopt the CCI club "rally refund policy" which states that refunds can be made if cancellation is made 30 days prior to the rally, but not after that.

Our hosts, Guenter and Theresa Kippschull, were given a warm round of applause for the great job they did to make the Fort Collins rally a great success. Their staff was also thanked for their part.

Several suggestions have been made for future rally sites. w



*On the Lighter Side*

Ida Mae passed away and Bubba called 911. The 911 operator told Bubba that she would send someone out right away. "Where do you live?" asked the operator. Bubba replied, "At the end of Eucalyptus Drive." Then the operator asked, "Can you spell that

for me, please?" After a long pause Bubba said, "How 'bout I drag her over to Oak Street and you pick her up there?" \*\*\*

Nine-year old Joey was asked by his mother what he learned in Sunday School that morning. Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across safely. The he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters and called in an air strike. They sent bombers to blow up the bridges and all the Israelites were saved. "Now Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you never would believe it!" w

**William Rigsby Had A Bad Fall**

Just after the first Newsletter was published, the McEachern's received an e-mail from Jan Rigsby informing us that William suffered a compacted compound fracture of his wrist as a result of slipping

backward and landing hard on his wrist. He was treated by an orthopedic surgeon and is now the proud owner of some metal threaded rods, pins, and nuts which were used instead of a cast.

While he is expected to fully recover, the injury will certainly exclude the use of their motorhome for perhaps 12 weeks or more. William, all of us RMCC's wish you a speedy recovery! w



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH RALLY**

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were on our own today, although we all had the experience of being pelted by a T-storm which had some snow mixed in. Nevertheless, some played golf, some white water rafted, others shopped (that was mostly a "girl-thing"), and some toured the Budweiser Brewery nearby.

Wednesday evening our hosts served us beer and pizza for supper. During this time Guenter told us about the KOA Care Camps program that makes it possible for underprivileged kids to go to camp during the summer. When he asked for contributions, several people responded, including Lyndol & Betty Wilcox who gave a very

generous gift.

President Gary McEachern brought out some nice gifts provided by our sponsor, Beaudry RV, which were distributed to each family as their name was drawn from a cap. For dessert this evening, we were treated to a birthday cake furnished by his wife, Ann, to celebrate Dick Sanders' 66th Birthday. (Oops, I shouldn't have mentioned his age, but ...!)

The two lady golfers, Mo Cocci and Anita McEnroe, who "challenged" the men on the links today, were honored by being awarded their choice of any piece of apparel from the KOA gift shop. A real nice touch by

our generous hosts!

Thursday morning began with plenty of coffee and those KK donuts, accompanied by some welcome sunshine. After our morning coffee, President Gary and the executive team took us through a very busy and profitable business meeting, which you can read about in the club minutes enclosed with this newsletter.

The free afternoon was so pleasant! Many of us just "hung-out" waiting for the dinner scheduled that evening. Guenter informed us that the dinner theater he originally planned for us to attend had called just a few weeks before

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*Don't forget to mark your calendar so you won't miss the*

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Betty & Lyndol Wilcox Contributed Generously to KOA Care Camps!

# 2000 Allure Dust Control Device

By Lyndol & Betty Wilcox

Most of the dust coming up from under your coach is caused by the air discharged from the tips of the radiator fan blades as it reaches the roadway at very high velocity. The roadway is only 13" to 14" below the tip of the fan blades.

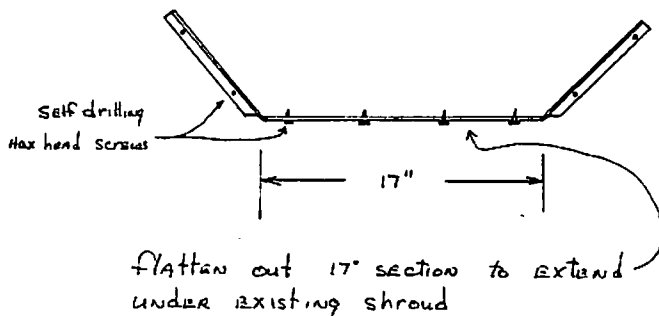
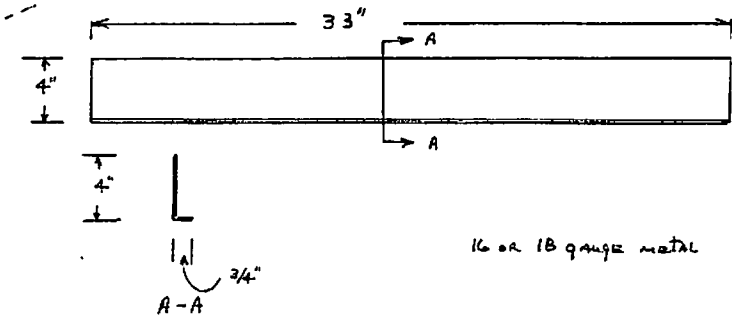
The baffle redirects the air horizontally into the side of the engine or up and around the engine cavity. In either case, it slows the air to a much lower velocity before it reaches the roadway and the dust.

We found no change in the engine running temperature due to this baffle. At lower RPM the baffle reduces the dust blowing by 80 to 85%.

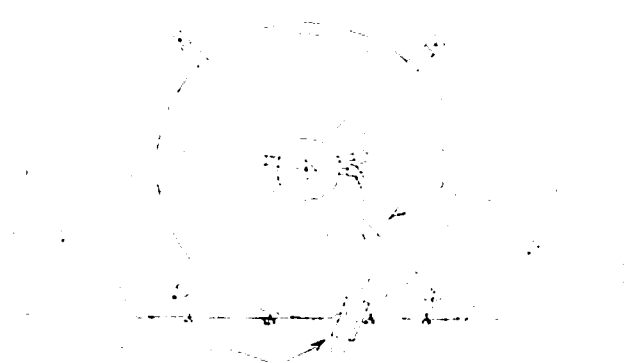
Material cost was under \$15.00 and the project took about 4 hours to complete.

Editor's Note: This is an article submitted by Lyndol and Betty Wilcox. It includes 2 drawings that I was able to scan into the newsletter so you mechanical types can construct this device that keeps the radiator fan from blowing up lots of dust. I regret that the drawings, especially the bottom one, did not reproduce better than they did. It wasn't Lyndol's fault.

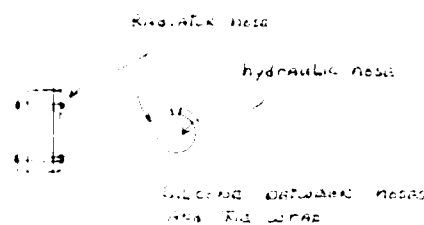
Feel free to contact Lyndol if you have any questions about this dust baffle. (Your Newsletter Editor pleads total ignorance!) w



Flatten out 17" section to extend under existing shroud



This nose is about 1/2" from the shroud extension and must be protected from rubbing.



## Rocky Mountain Country Coachers

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WELLS FARGO - RMCC

6/11/2003

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
1/14/2003		Opening Balance cat: [WELLS FARGO - RMCC]		R		0.00
1/14/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: RMCC memo: Rally Fees Feb 13-17, 2003 @ Beaudry, Tucson, AZ		R	4,650.00	4,650.00
1/14/2003	93	Melvin D. Sapp cat: Overpayment memo: Rally Fee Feb 13-17, 2003 \$400-250 Refund \$150	150.00	R		4,500.00
1/21/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: RMCC memo: Rally Fees Feb 13-17, 2003 @ Beaudry, Tucson, AZ		R	1,250.00	5,750.00
1/23/2003	94	William Rigsby cat: Overpayment memo: Rally Fee Feb 13-17, 2003 \$400-250 Refund \$150	150.00	R		5,600.00
1/28/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: RMCC memo: Rally Fees Feb 13-17, 2003 @ Beaudry, Tucson, AZ		R	3,025.00	8,625.00
2/7/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: RMCC memo: Rally Fees Feb 13-17, 2003 @ Beaudry, Tucson, AZ		R	1,200.00	9,825.00
2/10/2003	95	Douglas S. Darlington, DVM cat: Refund memo: Rally Feb 13-17, Unable to attend, refund rally fee	150.00	R		9,675.00
2/17/2003	96	Earl & Jean Urbanovitch cat: Refund memo: Rally Feb 13-17, Unable to attend, refund rally fee	250.00	R		9,425.00
2/18/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: RMCC memo: Annual Membership Dues/Rally Fees		R	1,375.00	10,800.00
2/19/2003	97	BEAUDRY RV RESORT cat: Meals & Entertn: Rally/Sites memo: Rally Feb 13-17, 2003 @ Beaudry, Tucson, AZ	7,082.01	R		
2/20/2003	Withdr...	Cash cat: Meals & Entertn memo: Candy & Flowers, Rally Feb 13-17, 2003	17.99	R		3,700.00
2/27/2003	Withdr...	Cash cat: Meals & Entertn memo: Gift Certificates \$50x2 (Randy/Mike--CC Tech	100.00	R		3,600.00
3/28/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: RMCC memo: Initiation Fee & Dues (5)		R	250.00	3,850.00
4/7/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: RMCC memo: Initiation Fee & Dues (14)		R	700.00	4,550.00
5/13/2003	98	Don Rau cat: Office: Newsletter Expense	382.15			
5/14/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: -SPLIT- memo: Initiation Fee & Dues (1), Newsletter Reimbursement		R	412.15	4,600.00
6/9/2003	DEP	DEPOSIT cat: RMCC memo: Initiation Fee & Dues (4)			200.00	4,800.00

*Gary M. Eichen,*  
Treasurer

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH RALLY

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our rally and cancelled us because "they were now planning to close for the summer and so wouldn't be open for us after all." A big "BOO!" to them!

Being the good host, Guenter and crew found a local country western bar, the Sundance Bar and Saloon, which had a live five-piece band and large dance floor, to say nothing of the good food and extensive menu from which to choose.

Again, we all enjoyed a delicious meal, good fellowship, and some fine entertainment. Many of us did enjoy getting out there on the dance floor and "doin' our thing," whatever it was! That was truly a great ending to our three-day rally in beautiful Fort Collins. Thanks again Guenter, Theresa, Helmut and Anne, and the rest of the Fort Collins staff. w



The Fort Collins KOA friendly staffers

## CCI ANNOUNCES RALLY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Country Coach, Inc. announces a new CCI area club chapters rally sponsorship program. Rallies held by a satellite chapter of the Country Coach International Club with a rally enrollment of 20-30 units will receive \$750 toward their event. Sponsorship will increase by \$10 for each unit over 30 to a maximum of \$1000 sponsorship per event. Effective July 1, 2003 all local chapter rallies held after this date will be sponsored in accordance with this new company policy. This

replaces all previous commitments.

Factory service support is available for CCI rally events only, not chapter rallies.

This is really good news for our next rally in Newport. We have taken advantage of this sponsorship offer in our cost planning for the "Shores Rally." It is one way we could keep the costs to a minimum and still provide what we hope will be a great rally.

President Gary McEachern has responded to this an-

nouncement by sending Bob Lee, President of Country Coach Corporation, a letter of appreciation. To quote Gary's letter: "Our chapter is pleased to be a part of the unique relationship between Country Coach and its Club, and to participate in the Rally Sponsorship Program as a sub-chapter of Country Coach International. We offer our thanks to you on behalf of all members." Gary goes on in his letter to partially update Bob Lee on our chapter's activities. w

## TECH TIP — HOLDING TANK CLEANING

While attending the FMCA Rally in Tucson last February, my wife and I were impressed with some information that one of the vendors was passing out. It has to do with the cleaning of your holding tanks. Thought you might like to try it.

To clean the sensors— When leaving an RV park and traveling at least 20 miles to your next destination (this may need to be done 4 or 5 times for best results):

- Drain tanks

- Close tanks and put 1/3 tank of clean water in each tank, then add 1/3 to 1/2 cup of regular Blue Dawn dishwashing detergent.
- When you reach your destination, dump the tanks, refill and flush (dump) again.
- Add 2-3 gallons of fresh water to each tank, crumble 1/2 slice of bread, bread crumbs, or yeast into each tank, add 1/2

oz. of a good quality bacterial waste digester.

Here is another suggestion having to do with hooking up to the park's water connections. Since you have no idea what has come in contact with the spigot at your camp site, you should do what you can to eliminate harmful bacteria. Here's one easy way to do that: use a small spray bottle containing 1/2 chlorine bleach and 1/2 water to spray the water spigot and the surrounding area before you hook up. w



*Don't forget to get your registration in so you won't miss*

*the*

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Don Rau,  
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*The main purposes of the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Club are to promote the aims and objectives of CCI and FMCA and, through creative activities, to further the fellowship and enjoyment in the Club, to provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas and experiences of motorhomers, 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, and 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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## FROM THE EDITOR

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Well, we did it! We got the Newsletter up to 8 pages, which is about where I think a newsletter for a group of our size and quality should be. Our RMCC enrollment has reached sixty-five (65) coaches, which is pretty good since we just got started in February. And as for the quality, I think our President addressed that aspect quite well in his "President's Message" column where he states: We are a group "of motorhomers with a great spirit that thoroughly enjoys one another." I know you all join Gary in hoping that attitude will continue for years to come. With the

kind of leadership we now have, I am sure it will.

Having said all that, here comes my request to all of you. And, yes, it is what I already said at our Fort Collins HIGH rally. Please, keep me, your Newsletter Editor, in mind when something happens that all of our other members would be interested in hearing about. I am thoroughly enjoying putting this Newsletter together as it comes due. But, I can't do it very well without your help. I need news items to put in the newsletter from YOU!

I was very pleased to have

several items from several different people for this edition. I know you have enjoyed reading them. So, as I said at the June rally, "feed me, feed me, feed me those news stories." I will do my best to get them in the very next edition of our newsletter.

By-the-way, if you have any suggestions pertaining to the way I do the Newsletter, please share them with me. I will be glad to discuss it with you.

Until next time, feed me, feed me, feed me!

*See you in Newport! w*