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Walking on the beach
Rocky Point

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MIKE COCCI

On Feb. 26th, 52 Coaches arrived in Tucson to attend the 3rd annual Old Pueblo Rally of the Rocky Mountain Country Coaches. Our membership list keeps growing and was evident in the number of new faces at the registration and welcome reception.

The business meeting culminated in the election of new officers: myself, Mike Cocci, as President, Rick Parks as Vice-President, Gail McEachern as Treasurer and Norma Holmesley as Secretary. I want to thank the nominating committee for their efforts in recruiting and selecting the candidates for our election. I also want to thank Tom and Carol Anderson for their work in preparing and updating our membership directory. Reggie Knight has also volunteered to assist Don Rau in the preparation and publishing of our newsletter. So much of our success depends on the support of these volunteers throughout the year.

Most importantly, I want to thank Gary McEachern for his leadership and efforts during our first two years.



President Mike Cocci

We have grown not only in numbers, but in personality and style as a result of Gary's charisma and organizational skills. Under Gary's direction we have visited and enjoyed many diversified and popular destinations. It is very obvious that our fun filled rallies have become a "Place to Be" for Country Coach owners throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

With the RMCC business taken care of, most owners took advantage of the Country Coach technicians that were on site to provide maintenance support. Because of the number of members attending our rallies, this support is provided at no cost to the club. We will continue to request this support from Country Coach whenever attendance levels meet the requisite numbers. Also, I would be remiss if I didn't express our sincere

thanks and appreciation to Beaudry RV for their support and sponsorship during all of our rallies.

While in Tucson, it seemed that most of the casual conversation around the meal tables and coach patios was about the continuation rally to Rocky Point, Mexico. Thirty coaches departed Tucson and headed for the Mexican border on March 1st. Another 11 coaches from Southern California joined us at Why, AZ for the trek into Mexico where Jack and Wanda Kelly and Ray and Harriet Van Den Berg had put together a fun filled event. Rocky Point was a "First" for most making this Trip into Mexico. Everyone seemed to have the same concerns about trying this on their own and RMCC provided them with the security and comfort of being able to make this excursion with experienced Wagon Masters and Rally Leaders. Being a native New Englander I thought that I was used to seafood. However, my shrimp consumption during this rally far surpassed my annual intake of lobster and steamers when I lived back in

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PHOTO GALLERY



Reggie Knight



Mel Sapp and Carol Lawrence Promoting the Las Vegas Rally



Business Meeting Old Pueblo II Rally



Belly Dancers on sunset cruise Rocky Point Rally

ASSISTANT EDITOR—REGGIE KNIGHT

Bill and I have been RV'ing since 1988 when we purchased our CC Intrigue from Beaudry RV in San Marcos, CA. We spent a few years researching and going to RV shows until I found the perfect coach for us. Four years earlier we had rented an RV from a travel company who arranged a caravan from Seattle, across Canada, to Yellowstone Park. I began very ill and hated every minute of the trip. Reggie was not a happy

camper! Bill kept telling me that I could have an electric blanket, quilts and my good pots and pans in our own RV. We have all that on board including a bread maker. We also travel with our cat, Macavity, who's extremely spoiled.

We retired to Sun City West where I'm a volunteer at the hospital's clinical laboratory's office. Black and white photography has become my latest hobby and I develop

and print film in the photography club's dark room. In my former life my main hobby was taking college classes and I've acquired a few degrees. I've worked as a Quality Assurance Scientist for a diagnostic manufacturer, a Proposal Analyst for an engineering firm and a Database Specialist for a non-profit organization, but I always wanted to write — I finally have the opportunity. ☺

LAS VEGAS RALLY

This rally is going to be fun, fun, fun from May 8-12. Carol Lawrence, Mel Sapp, the Nelsons, the Cundys and the Stadheims have organized an unforgettable time for us. Yet, we will have plenty of time to shop at the factory outlets, lose lots of money at the casinos and photograph

the natural sites in and around Las Vegas. In the mornings we will have coffee and goodies at the Hospitality Site and most late afternoons we will have Happy Hour at the Site. The golfers will try again to get the little balls in the little holes. One night we will have dinner and a show at the Gold Coast Casino.

Another day, lunch and tour will be held at "Sheri's Ranch Bordenello" - I can hear the giggles and jokes now. There is an optional trip to the Liberace Museum where lunch will be served. After five days of all that fun, we may either want solitude for awhile or we may never want to leave all that razzle-dazzle! ☺

RMCC OLD PUEBLO GOLF OUTING

By Mike Coochi

While many of the RMCC were stocking up on bottled water for the trip to Rocky Point, Mexico, 17 die-hard golfers headed for Arizona National Golf Course to test their prowess on one of the finest courses in Tucson. Arizona National is set in the foothills of the Catalina Mountains and is the home course for the University of Arizona golf teams. It provides a tough, but beautiful course to test your golf skills. With most of the usual golf crowd in attendance, we set out to complete our round with one major objective — Find more balls than we lose!

The desert-style course provided most of us with a challenge of trying to clear large desert waste areas in front of the tee boxes. For most, the 200+ yard carries and severe changes in elevation tested our abilities to the limit. However, one of our newest members, Steve Linnemeyer, found a way to tame this beast with the day's best score of 77. Those of us that didn't score as well as Steve found the course conditions to be pristine and the views of Tucson outstanding. A fun time was had by all. ☺

Golf Joke

Minor Senior Crises — or Grandmother O'Murphy's Law:

Your golf cart will stall in the middle of the fairway 150 yards from the tenth tee.

A golfer rarely needs to hit a spectacular shot unless the one that precedes it was pretty bad. (Harvey Penick)

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Boston. Our hosts provided a fun filled agenda of trips to town, Julio's shell art studio, five restaurants and exciting entertainment. Walks on the beach, sunbathing, shell collecting and bartering with the beach vendors filled the remainder of our days. A special Thank You goes out to the Kelly's and Van den Berg's for their success in making this a great rally.

While this was the first rally of 2005, it looks like the remainder of the year will be just as exciting. Mel Sapp and Carol Lawrence have the plans set for our trip to VEGAS, May 8-12, and Ron and Susan Williams, Rick and Marsha Parks and Rod and Betty Woods are working on a "Chile Fiesta" in Las Cruces, New Mexico, October 20-24th. I am looking forward to seeing all of you

at these rallies.

Mike Cocci, President



Will Stewart entertaining us at the block party.

OLD PUEBLO RALLY II

by Reggie

Right from the beginning all 108 of us knew that the Old Pueblo Rally II was going to be a success—it wasn't raining and the sun was shining! Registration was a breeze and very organized due to the efforts of a bevy of RMCC ladies. Those of us who arrived prior to the beginning of the rally went to The Desert Museum, Tupac for picture taking, shopping at Camping World or sought out new or favorite restaurants. The Annual Indian Arts and Crafts Fair was being held at the University of Arizona.

Saturday evening we had our block party on site. It was an excellent way to greet old friends and meet new ones. A lot of hugging took place! We had appetizers of veggie platters, shrimp and snacks. Then the main course arrived—PIZZA, this group likes pizza! When the sun went down we headed to our rigs, but still talking to our friends along the way.

Sunday morning pastries, fresh fruit and coffee were served on the patio where the Business Meeting was later held. The Minutes are

Included with this newsletter. Carol Lawrence and Mel Sapp, hosts of the Vegas Rally, had a table with a colorful Vegas sign and literature describing various entertainments and tourist attractions in or near Vegas. We had lunch on the patio followed by an Anniversary Cake provided by Beaudry RV. The rest of the day was ours to do whatever we wanted.

On Monday morning the pastries, fresh fruit and coffee were again available on the patio. The golfers took off to hit the little ball into the little holes. The rest of us relaxed or went exploring. We did get back in time for an ice cream social compliments of Beaudry RV. We had our choice of milk shakes, malted shakes or sundaes with various toppings which we all enjoyed. The golfers got back in time to join us on the patio for an Italian Dinner sponsored by Beaudry. We sure like to eat and Beaudry keeps us happy. After dinner Gary presented Mike Cocci with a "Presidential" jacket, he also got one for himself. Rick Parks and Mike were given CCI shirts for being officers. Gail was presented with a bouquet of roses of which she was greatly appreciative. All members who

bought their Country Coaches from Beaudry in Tucson were given a bottle of wine. Then it was time to say "Good Night", "Good By" and most importantly "Be Safe" to our friends. The next morning the rigs going to Rocky Point left early at set intervals.

As usual, everyone had a good time and are looking forward to future rallies. ☺



Registration

In Sympathy

Roger Fife passed away on March 17, 2005. Our condolences to Blanch Smith in Evanston, WY. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

If you would like, you may send a card to:

Blanche Smith
430 10th Street
Evanston, WY 82930



Anniversary Cake



Block Party
Lyndol looking for Betty

Photo Gallery

ROCKY POINT RALLY



Harriet and Ray VanDenBerg Hosted the Rocky Point Rally



Wanda and Jack Kelly Hosted the Rocky Point Rally



The Happy Couple Lotti and Steve Linnemeyer

Early Monday morning, March 1, we wished "Have a Good Trip" to the groups that were leaving Beaudry RV in Tucson for Rocky Point, Mexico. They were joined by 11 coaches from California in Why, AZ for a total of 42 coaches attending the rally. The Wagon Masters were Ray Van Den Berg, Don Becker, Rod Woods and Jack Kelly. Everyone got their insurance and made it through the border without a problem. The RV park in Mexico was built over 30 years ago and not designed for Big Rigs, but Ray and his brother, Jack, did an excellent job of getting everyone situated. The Party Animals put their bids in early for the choice sites around the Corona tent that was compliments of Beaudry RV. I heard that Gary and Gail got one of those sites. Party, Party, Party!

The Corona tent was very necessary to protect the Rv'ers from the damaging effects of the sun. It also protected the

beer, margaritas and snacks which are also an important part of a rally. Happy Hour began at 4 PM and entertainment was provide by Will and Pat Stewart strumming their banjos and leading the group in singing old standards.

Jack and Ray did a fantastic job of planning the meals and entertainment. At Pueblo del Sol a group of young dancers demonstrated several ethnic dance routines. At La Cuerva, a Mariache band serenaded our group. The entertainment highlight on the sunset cruise were the Belly Dancers.

Some of the guys went fishing, others had fun 4X4ing on the beach and almost everyone used their free time to visit the tourist area downtown. They also supported the local economy by shopping at "Shacks 5th Ave" and by purchasing trinkets and jewelry from the local vendors. There was a visit to the Julio's art shell studio. But this rally will always be

remembered by Lottie; Steve Linnemeyer proposed while they were parasailing. Good wishes from all of us.

As usual, a good time was had by all. ☺

Thank you!

Gail McEachern would like to thank all for the lovely bouquet of champagne roses she received for being secretary/treasurer of RMCC for two years. She is currently the treasurer.



RALLY HOO!

Mark your calendar!

The following is a listing of rallies that RMCC is involved in. For a list of other CCI Rallies look in the Destinations Magazine published by Country Coach.

2005

- May 8-12 RMCC VIVA Las Vegas Rally; Las Vegas, NV
- July 11-15 Great North American Rally, Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmonds, OR
- August 9-12 CCI Pre Rally to the FMCA Summer Convention at Red River Valley Fairgrounds, West Fargo, North Dakota
- August 15 - 18 FMCA International Convention at North Dakota State

Fairgrounds, Minot, ND.

- September 14-18 CCI 19th Annual Class Reunion, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, OR
- October 20-24 Chile Fiesta Rally, Hacienda RV Resort, Las Cruces, NM

2006

- February/March TBA Pueblo Rally, Beaudry RV Tucson, AZ
- June TBA Durango, CO

Fishing Contest

By Mel Sapp

At the Rocky Point Rally, a "fishing" contest was held. The object was to guess the total number of inches of fish caught by RMCC's fishermen. Eight able bodied guys went fishing and Dan Durham caught the most inches of fish. He also won the contest for guessing the number of inches caught and his prize was a tacky tee shirt. Even the losers had a good laugh. But in true fisherman spirit, there are no pictures of this winning fish, maybe just another fish tale. ☺

Fishing Joke

"Gerald has a penchant for catching enormous fish."

"What a great company to retire from! Whoever heard of getting a pension just to go fishing!"

Mark your Calendar

RMCC News Bites

By Gail McEachern

- Reminder: RMCC Club Rally refund policy: Cancellations received 30 days prior to rally start will be refunded fully. After that NO REFUNDS will be issued.
- Ann Sanders has agreed to be the Historian/Scrapbook Coordinator for RMCC. It would be appreciated if members could bring to a rally or send her pictures taken over the past two years,

since our first organizational rally in February 2003 and subsequent rallies—Fort Collins, CO June 2003, Newport, OR September 2003, Old Pueblo Rally I, Tucson March 2004, Moab, UT May 2004, Jackson, WY September 2004, as well as the last two rallies—Old Pueblo Rally II, Tucson February 2005 and Rocky Point March 2005. Please note that the photos will not be returned so make a copy for your-

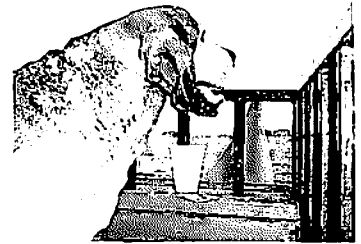
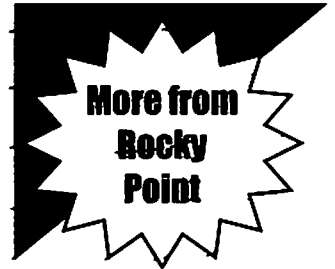
self. The Historian/Scrapbook Coordinator will be responsible for selecting the most appropriate photos for the album. For more information, please contact : Ann Sanders

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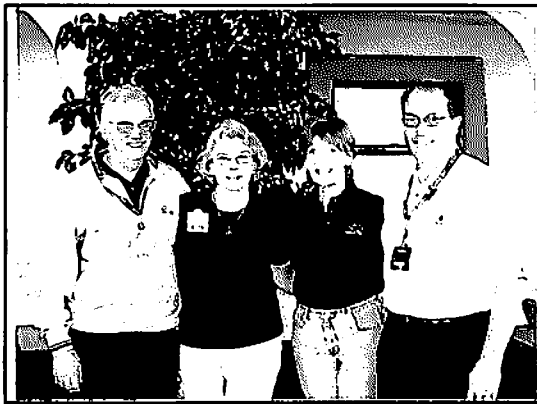
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Thank you, Ann, for taking on this job! ☺



Am I ever going to see grass again?



RMCC Officers for 2005/2006

Left to Right

Rick Parks—Vice President
Norma Holmesley—Secretary
Gail McEachern—Treasurer
Mike Cocci—President

Good Luck!



Gary trying to play reveille?

Notes from Members

To Gary -Jim and I want to thank you and Gail for the great job you have done establishing the Rocky Mountain Country Coach Group. You have worked endlessly and done such a super job. While we have not been able to attend some of the rallies, we certainly have appreciated all you have done at the ones we have attended. You are conscientious, friendly to all, and have established a feeling of camaraderie among the members. It is a pleasure to know you both and we want to extend our sincere appreciation. Gary, we also appreciate your offer of assistance in helping us purchase another coach, should the correct one come

along at Beaudry one of these days.

Sincerely,

Jim and Marian Dail

Hear! Hear!

Don't know who we should thank for such a lovely time in Mexico...We had great fun and enjoyed it all...Please send our Thank You's to the Rally Masters and anyone else who should be thanked...I don't think I will be having a margarita for awhile!!! Ha...I am margarite-ed out!!! But, they surely were good....

Ted and Terry Wright

"Classified Ad"

Country Coach Motorhome for Sale: 1998 40' Magna with slide,330 HP, Gillig chassis, 8K generator, many electrical upgrades, 4 cargo trays, coach armor, hydronic-heat, satellite TV and radio, washer/dryer, light oak cabinets, buddy seat, sleeper sofa, leather J coach, booth dinette table with under-seat storage drawers, shower/bathtub, safe, always garaged, non smokers. 66K miles, \$129,500 O.B.O.

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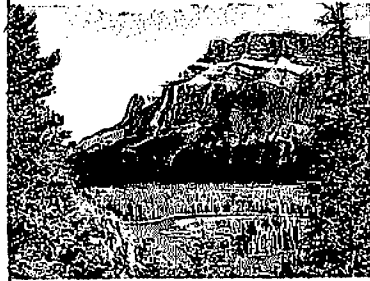
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Banff National Park... A Travelogue

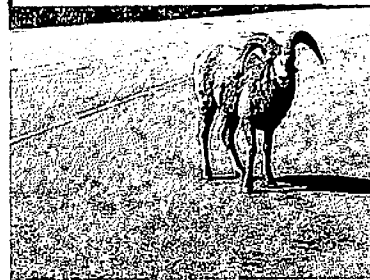
By Reggie and Bill Knight



Famous Banff Hotel



Mt. Rundle in Banff



Big Horn Sheep
Two Jack Lake, Banff

Last summer, 2004, we traveled through Western Canada. Our main stops were Calgary, Banff, Edmonton, Jasper, Revelstoke and Kamloops. In Banff we stayed at Tunnel Mountain Trailer Court which is in Banff National Park. There are three campground areas. One area has no hook-ups, another has water, electricity (30amps) and a dumping station and the third area has water, electricity (30 amps) and sewer. The 30 amps were strong and we never has weak power periods. The full hook-up campground is unbelievably huge with over 400 sites, but you don't feel crowded. There are eight roads in terrace design up the side of a hill. On both sides of the roads are pull-thru sites parallel to the road. The distances between the sites are a least 20 ft and the sites across the road are off-set. The shower and restroom facilities are well maintained and heated. There are no laundry facilities, but at a

resort two miles away is a public laundry and there is another one in town.

The town of Banff is less than four miles away and downhill. Bus service is available between the campground and various stops in town. Parking lots in town are small and scattered throughout the shopping area. Safeway is the main grocery store with limited selections. In the tourist information center are maps and literature for hiking, seeing wild life and viewing nature's beauty and majesty. Hikers can hike to the top of Tunnel Mountain and other trails within the Park. We enjoyed the drive to Two Jack Lake where a group of big-horn sheep regularly had been arriving around mid-day to lick the salt off the road. They were in the middle of the road and not even a Provost tour bus was able to convince them to be on their way. The Bow River Pky (Rt 1A) runs parallel to the Trans-Canada Hwy and is a very scenic

drive to Lake Louise. Along that road can be seen moose, elk, deer bighorn sheep and up on the mountains, mountain goats. At Peyto Lake you can photograph the scene millions of other have of the blue-green water. If you take the road to Lake Minnewanka, you come to Lower Bankhead, the site of an abandoned coal mine community. The most interesting photo here is of an old train. If you travel north on Rt 1 you join Rt 93 which is the Icefield Pky to the Athabasca Glacier in the Columbia Icefield.

In case you don't see any wildlife on your day-trips, come back to the campground where elk and deer wander on the lower roads in the evenings and everywhere and anytime are the Columbian ground squirrels.

I met many Europeans at this park and they were amazed at the size, beauty and geographic differences in North America. Lucky Us! ☺

OUR "GREAT WASHER AND DRYER"

BY REGGIE

TECH TIP!

This might not be a great Tech Tip, but it might be a good housekeeping tip. Almost all of us have the Italian combination washer and dryer in our motorhome. Remember the first time you read the instruction manual? I did a lot of giggling and rolling of my eyes. It is a translation from Italian and the word placement within the sentence was a laugh, almost as funny as the dryer's capabilities. Rod Woods described it best, "You put your clothes in and twenty hours later you might have dry clothes". I prefer to wash our undies, socks and polo shirts

in our washer rather than in a commercial washer, but then I face the problem of drying the clothes. Often on a traveling day, I throw in a load of wash so that it will be washed before we are ready to travel on to the next campground. I have two umbrella hangers that I hang from the door handles above the head of our bed and there I hang the small items. On plastic hangers, I place the polo shirts and hang those from the door handles in the kitchen and living area. The movement and swaying of the coach while we are traveling is suffi-

cient to move the items. Maytag uses this same concept in their new hanging dryer closet. When we get to our destination, weather permitting and there are no offensive odors outside, I open the windows and allow the fresh air to finish drying the clothes. Then I place the clothes in the dryer, a few at a time, to soften. By darn, sometimes the clothes come out of the dryer damper than when I put them in. Then I roll my eyes, but don't giggle. ☺

Do You Remember?

Okay, some fun for you older folks and your younger ones too!

The answers are at the end, but don't cheat.

01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind?

02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on the _____ show.

03. Get your kicks on _____

04. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed _____

05. In the jungle, the mighty jungle _____

06. After the twist, the mashed potato, and the watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the _____

07. N_E_S_T_L_E_S, Nestle's makes the very best _____

08. Satchmo was America's "ambassador of goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____

09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking _____

10. Red Skelton's hobo character was _____

and he always ended his television show by saying, "Good night, and _____."

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam war did so by burning their _____

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ & _____

13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, "the day the music died." This was a tribute to _____

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it; it was called _____

15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist; it was called the _____

Answers:

01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.

02. The Ed Sullivan show.

03. Route 66

04. to protect the innocent.

05. The Lion sleeps tonight.

06. The limbo

07. chocolate.

08. Louis Armstrong

09. The Timex watch.

10. Freddy the freeloader, and "Good night, and may God Bless."

11. draft cards (the bra was also burned)

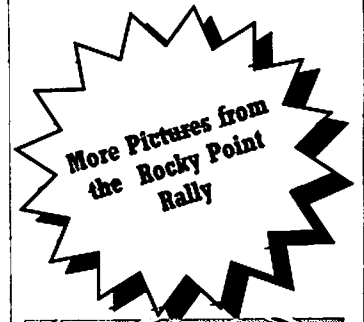
12. Beetle or Bug

13. Buddy Holly

14. sputnik

15. hula-hoop

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Congo Line on sunset cruise



Toasting with margaritas on the sunset cruise



Who is this guy?
Did I come in with him?

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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 motorbom- ing, 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 mem- bers at periodic meetings.

Rocky Mountain Country Coachers area includes: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and Wyoming.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Well, thanks for the Farewell Card; it was so nice, BUT you aren't rid of me yet!

It was my fault for confusing the whole situation. Yvonne and I have moved our home here in AZ to a nice house in Sun City West. When we were planning the move we figured it was time to sell the Mo- torhome. **WRONG!** After I had passed that information on to Gary & Gail, we had second and third thoughts about do- ing such. The message didn't get properly passed on to the McEacherns in time for the Old Pueblo Rally. **Sorry!**

However, it turns out to be a pretty good thing in the long run because I now have a very talented Assistant Editor which will make my job even easier than before. So let me take this opportunity to wel- come Reggie Knight as my Assistant Editor. I look forward

to working with her until our motorhome finally does die or move on to another home. As a matter of fact, Reggie is doing the majority of this edi- tion of the RMCC Newsletter as a little OJT for the future.

We were sorry to not be able to get to the Old Pueblo Rally and the Rocky Point Rally in Mexico in February, but they took place at the same time we needed to be making our move to our new home. (Please note our new address above. We were able to keep our same phone number.) If you are in the area, please stop by for a visit.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Las Vegas Rally in May. We are staying in AZ this year until June, so we plan to attend the Rally in Las Vegas. By the way, there is no regis- tration form for Vegas in this issue because if you haven't

registered by now you are al- ready too late. Sorry!

My congratulations to all the new officers. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months/years.

My personal thanks to Gary McEachern, our first Past- President and Founder, for do- ing such an incredibly fine job of bringing RMCC into existence and advancing it to where it is now — a thriving fun-filled RV club, filled with folks who truly enjoy getting together with each other. That is a job that not everyone could do. So, **THANKS GARY FOR EVERY- THING** you have done for RMCC. Our thanks also needs to go to Gail for all her work in the start- up phase of this club, too. What would we have done without her? Glad she is willing to con- tinue to labor as our Treasurer; not an easy job.

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