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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY MCKENZIE

A big Thank You to Mike and Mo Cocci for a terrific rally in Tucson. We really had a great time and appreciate all your hard work in organizing the events. A great job by Reggie Knight for taking us a bit out of our comfort zone and having us party in our jammies. What fun to see everyone in casual attire. The dinner at the desert museum was a special treat.



—
New RMCC President
Shirley McKenzie
—

I have been thinking of the first meeting back in 2003, held at CCI Class Reunion to see if there was interest in forming a Rocky Mountain Chapter. Little did we know at the time what a superb group would come together under the leadership of Gary and Gail and then Mike and Mo. They have done an outstanding job.

A special thanks to Ann Sanders for creating the beautiful RMCC scrap book. Be sure and check it out at the next rally. Much appreciation to Terri Smith who will apply her creative talents to keep our club history alive.

Our newsletters are so special and we are delighted that Don Rau will continue to publish these so that we can stay informed. Thanks to Reggie Knight for her great reporting and to Ron Wood for our web site.

We had our first board meeting in Tucson and I am excited to work with this energetic group.

This newsletter will introduce your new board members by having each of us write a short bio. Mine follows:

Introducing President, Shirley McKenzie:

I was born in Washington DC, and grew up on the North Carolina coast where I nurtured my love of the ocean and sailing. Living in Puerto Rico for three years gave me the chance to sail the local islands and enjoy scuba diving and shell collecting. A highlight of my sailing experience was crewing in a boat delivery from Baja to Hawaii and then a race from Hawaii to Miyajima,

Japan. So how did I end up living on an airport in the desert?? Well that is where Paul entered my life. We met at a sailing club party and I did not fully appreciate that he was more interested in aviation and *cruising* a land yacht than in sailing. In 2001 we moved to an airpark in Dayton, Nevada where Paul realized his dream of living with his plane. Ours is the only home here decorated with sailboats, lighthouses and sea shells. Well, a few airplane models too.

It has been a great 20 years for us.

Son Kevin and his wife Marissa live in Irvine, Ca. They both served in Iraq and he had a tour in Afghanistan. They also enjoy the beach.

My professional life was spent in Oncology Nursing and that was very rewarding for me. I miss it, but now am retired and free to travel as much as we can in our Country Coach.

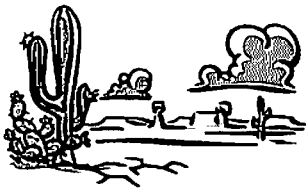
I look forward to serving as RMCC President and hope to be able to give back to the club that we have enjoyed so much.

Shirley McKenzie

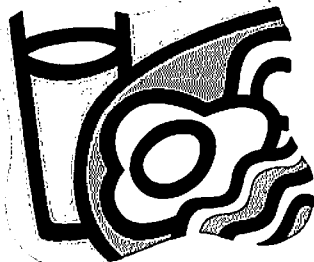
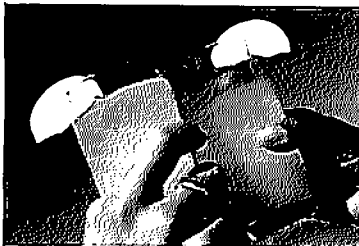
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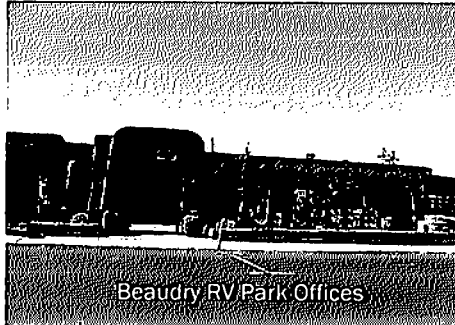
Old Pueblo Rally IV



- A great time was had by all.
- We didn't go hungry.
- We elected new officers.



On March 1, 2007, the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers did it again! We had our fourth Old Pueblo Rally at Beaudry RV In Tucson, AZ. And, as always, it was very well attended; 56 coaches made their way into the park by



early afternoon on a rather windy Thursday. Seems like wind in one form or another was to be with us throughout the rally. *Not that we had too many speeches or anything, you understand, it was just windy.* After checking in to the park, we all gathered around the Cocci's motorhome to pick up our canvas tote bag with the RMCC logo stamped on it, and with all sorts of goodies enclosed, including schedules, tickets to the theater, and some Reggie Knight game stuff. This, of course, was the time to greet old friends and meet some of the folks here for the first time.

Our first official activity began at 5:00 pm with a cash bar Happy Hour followed by, you guessed it, dinner. What do we do most of the time? We eat. And so we did eat a very nice Italian dinner on the Beaudry Patio. This also gave us our second opportunity to meet and greet each other, which we continued even after the dinner was over.

The next morning, Friday, we were right back at the food line again. This time it was for a full egg and sausage, biscuit and gravy breakfast. Everyone seemed content to chow down nicely, thank you. I'm not sure it was such a good idea, but right after filling up on that good breakfast, we sat down at the tables on the patio and conducted our annual business meeting which went very well and I didn't see too many heads bobbing down. Check the attached minutes of the meeting for the details. However, I will mention a few important items here that were decided at the meeting.

First, we unanimously elected a new slate of officers. Congratulations to the four Amigos who will lead us into the next two years of RMCCing. (Picture to

your right.)

Second, the question had come up at our last rally in Durango concerning the possibility of RMCC switching from being a sub chapter of CCI to a sub chapter of FMCA. Sam Estok looked into this situation and convinced us all that we

should stay as we have been — a sub chapter of CCI.

Third, we replaced the Anderson's, at their request, as our Directory managers with June Mastor. Good job Tom and Carol and thanks June for stepping in for this important job. Also, Terri Smith will take over the job of scrapbook caretaker since Ann Sanders asked to be relieved. Great job Ann and thanks Terri for picking this job up.

Fourth, on a rather sad note, Mike Cocci reported that our founders, Gary and Gail McEachern, have decided to get out of motorhoming and build a house in California and settle down for awhile. They will surely be missed by all. Where would we be without them? Good luck Gary and Gail, we will miss you both. Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers!



Our new slate of officers from left to right: Tanna Flomer, Treasurer; Shirley McKenzie, President; Bill Smith, Vice President; Bill Knight, Secretary. Get to know them; they are a great group!

Old Pueblo Rally IV Continued from page 2

Well, after the meeting was completed, what else should we do but go over to the new Beaudry Events Center and eat. This meal was on Beaudry RV who was celebrating Mexican Fiesta with a buffet lunch. This was open to everyone, so we got to talk to folks who aren't fortunate enough to be RMCCers. Dinner in the evening, if you could still eat after all the good food at Beaudry, was on your own. At 6:30, or shortly after, we all gathered at the Gaslight Theater in Tucson for a really fun-filled evening seeing the live play "The Two Amigos." This was a spoof on the Steve Martin movie "The Three Amigos," which Yvonne and I happened to watch on TV next evening. The actors at the Gaslight Theater were very good and full of fun.

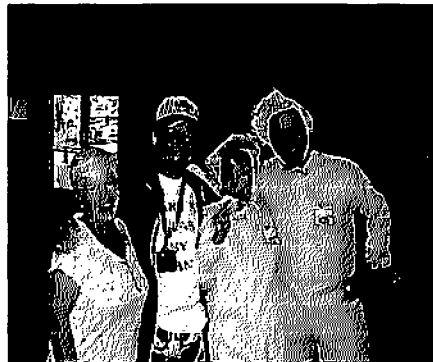
Next morning, we were treated to a pleasant light breakfast on the patio, followed several hours later with the Mexican Fiesta Lunch again in the Beaudry Events Center where coaches were also on display for us to purchase, or just look at. At 2:00 in the afternoon, behind Mike Cocci's coach, we were served an outdoor Ice Cream Social sponsored by Beaudry RV. Beaudry, of course, took the opportunity to display 2 Country Coaches at this social with a sales person or two around for our purchasing pleasure. Saturday evening was the Reggie Knight special evening, with the entire RMCC crowd dressed in nighties and whatever, gathered in the Beaudry tent for a combined Pajama Party, Texas Hold'em contest, Pizza party followed by the Robin Williams movie, "RV." This turned out to be quite a blast with the



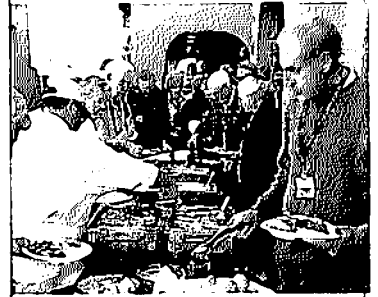
finest display of sleepwear ever seen in public. (Perhaps that should read: weirdest display of possible sleepwear never to be seen in public again.) It was a fun time seeing our dear friends make fools of themselves. You really have to wonder about Frank Phillips who, at Durango's Halloween Party, came

dressed as a lady of questionable character, and again came to the PJ Party in women's attire even down to the bedtime facial makeup and curlers. He was quite a sight as were the Stokes who came with little kiddies PJs that had the flap in the back and the large buttons for quick action and the pacifiers for calming their nerves, or whatever. Forevermore!

Sunday morning and noon were the same as Saturday with light breakfast on the patio and lunch, if you could handle the fourth day of the same Mexican Fiesta food, in the Events Center. At 3:00 pm we were to meet at the Arizona Desert Museum for touring via docent the beautiful desert laid out before you. A real treat. After tiring us out, the Museum folks treated us to a Desert Garden Cocktail Reception after closing hours. Two Docents displayed birds for us; one was a Kestrel and the other a Barn Owl. Both birds were beauties and the Docents were nice, too. Another Docent displayed and told us about foods that come from desert plants. Though the reception was outside and a bit windy and chilly, we all enjoyed it. But, what followed was more than we expected. We were ushered into the Desert Museum's Ironwood Terraces Restaurant for a most wonderful dinner including a large and tasty salad followed by a chicken dinner that couldn't be



beaten; at least we thought it couldn't until the dessert was served. It was a very decadent piece of chocolate moose cake that melted in your mouth. (I'm drooling as I write this!) And the service was excellent. What a way to end a really superb rally! ☺



Dinner



Breakfast



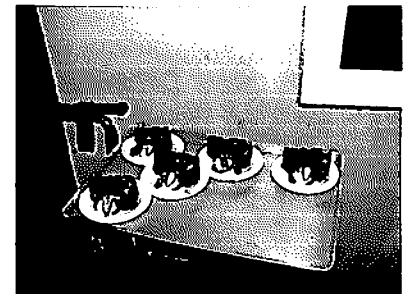
Lunch



Dinner

See what I'm saying?
We EAT!

Old Pueblo Rally Pictures



RALLY HO!

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, International.

2007

- RMCC's next scheduled rally is not until October 7 – 10, 2007 at Lake Powell, AZ. This will be called the RMCC Dam Rally & Oktoberfest. (I don't name 'em, I just report 'em.) We will have a pet parade and a beer stein contest as well as fabulous prizes and a Beer and Brats thing. All are "Velcome."
- The CCI Homecoming is scheduled for July

28 through August 1, 2007 and will be held in Albany, Oregon this year instead of the Eugene Fairgrounds. Look for the RMCC folks attending so we can have a special gathering while we're there.

- An informal RMCC rally was talked about for just after the CCI Homecoming, but was dropped due to lack of interest..
- Ed & Jean Grabman are planning an RMCC Rally at White Sands, Alamo-gordo, NM in October of 2008. More on this rally later. ☺



RMCC News Bites

- **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 asked to be relieved of her job as Club Scrapbook Manager/Historian. We certainly do appreciate her hard work in starting this project and we are sorry to see her relinquish the job. BUT, life goes on and we are so happy that Terri Smith has agreed to take over this tedious job. Thanks Terri!

In the future you should send pictures, memorabilia, etc. to Terri at:
 Terri Smith
 P.O. Box 694
 Creed, CO 81130
 E-mail: wks@pc.net
- Please help us keep our records up to date! If you change your address, phone number, or e-

mail address, please let our Treasurer, Directory Manager and/or our Newsletter Editor know as soon as possible. We need to keep our records straight so you will get all correspondences on time. Thanks for your help on this!

- Our thanks also should go to Carol & Tom Anderson for doing such a good job with the club's Directory. They also are seeking new interests and need to turn this job over to another member of RMCC. Fortunately June Mastor has agreed to do this job. Thanks June for accepting this busy job. Let's help her keep this directory up-to-date by letting her know of any changes in your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.
- RMCC hangers that attach to your CCI badge are available from Bill Pontsler.

Special points of interest:

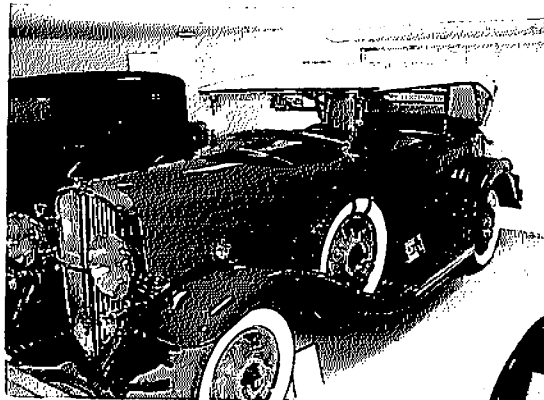
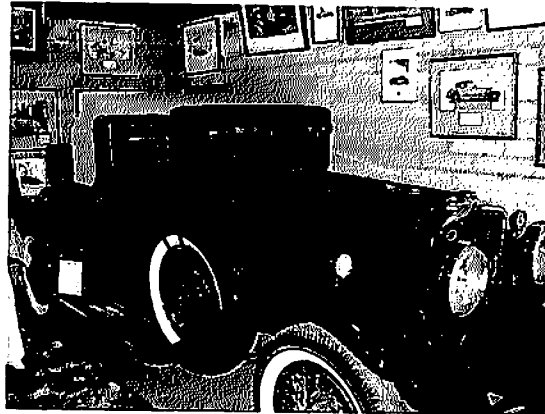
- ☺ Remember RMCC Refund policy
- ☺ Terri Smith is our new Historian/ scrapbook manager
- ☺ June Mastor is our new Club Directory caretaker
- ☺ Bill Pontsler has RMCC badges

Bob Colclazier's Rally Treat

Our good buddy Bob Colclazier was kind enough to put together a side trip for us during the rally. Bob had visited the Franklin Antique Car Museum at some point in the past which is located not too far from Beaudry RV. So a number of us old car enthusiasts, car pooled over to the H. H. Franklin Foundation Museum, which is a member of the National Association of Automobile Museums, for a few hours of learning about the Franklin automobile. Some of us had never heard of this auto.

The Franklin automobile was built in Syracuse, NY, from 1902 to 1934 as a landmark air-cooled car. The museum is the legacy of the late Tom Hubbard — collector, restorer, and one of the pioneers of the classic car movement.

The cars on display in the museum were mostly restored beauties that were built to last and have lasted very nicely in many cases. The man in charge of the museum showed us a short video concerning the Franklin autos and also about Mr. Hubbard, the man who started this museum. He was very helpful and gave us a lot of information about the cars we saw, as well as some history of the car industry. He was quite interesting and knew his stuff. ☺



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Franklin Auto was built from 1902 to 1934.
- They were originally built on wood frames.
- One of the most innovative cars of it's time
- It had an air-cooled engine.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW OFFICERS

Our New President, Shirley McKenzie, suggested that I include a biographical sketch of each of our new officers in this issue of the Newsletter and I am more than happy to do so. As you noticed, Shirley has introduced herself in her "President's Message" on page 1, so here are the introductions of the other three folks.

Introducing Vice President Bill Smith:



Bill and his lovely wife, Terri, live in Creede, Colorado, along the edge of the Rio Grande River — and they encourage RMCCers to visit this gorgeous country. *(Maybe they'll have a rally in their back yard sometime?)*

They have two sons. Ryan lives in San Antonio, TX with his wife, Marni, and their newly-arrived daughter, Hannah Joelle. Son number 2, Daryl, still single, lives in Southern California.

The Smiths lived most of their lives in Southern California, primarily in Mission Viejo where Bill served as General Counsel for a major developer of planned communities. They started motorhoming over twenty years ago, although they finally reached the Country Coach plateau in 2003, after going through a few SOB's. When Bill was able to retire almost ten years ago, they started their migration to Colorado, where they had vacationed since 1976. Colorado is now home, although their coach allows them to "escape" some of the very cold times (they live at almost 9,000 feet!) during the winters.

Good luck to Bill and Terri as they begin this two-year sentence. (OOOPS, that should read, term.)

Introducing Treasurer, Tanna Flomer:



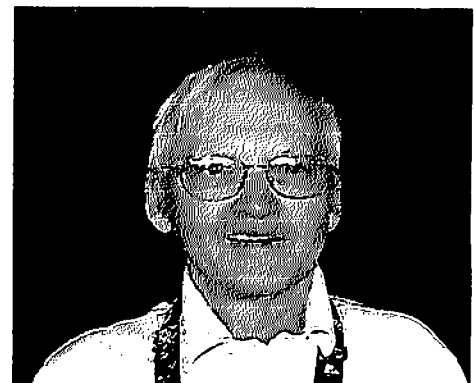
Tanna is a third generation Arizonan; grandfather was born on the Butterfield Trail before the Gadsden Purchase. Her father was born in Douglas when it was still Arizona Territory.

Tanna claims to be a Jill of many trades as a result of being an Air Force Wife for twenty years, which necessitated many career changes, i.e. family nurse practitioner, mid-wife, school teacher, interior designer and antiques dealer.

Volunteer activities have included Treasurer of several philanthropic organizations, chair of several clubs and fund raisers, and a member of RMCC since 2005.

Good luck to you, too, Tanna in your job of taking care of our money and keeping me informed of address changes, etc.

Introducing Bill Knight, Secretary



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Bill Smith is a member of the RMCC and lives in Creede, Colorado. He and his wife Terri have two sons, Ryan and Daryl, and a daughter, Hannah Joelle. Bill served as General Counsel for a major developer of planned communities in Southern California. They started motorhoming over twenty years ago and finally reached the Country Coach plateau in 2003. Bill is now retired and lives in Colorado. He and Terri have vacationed in Colorado since 1976. They live at almost 9,000 feet during the winters.

INTRODUCTIONS

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While traveling to archery tournaments in California in a friend's RV, Bill Knight thought that motorhome travel might be the best way to see the USA. As the time for his retirement as a Project Leader for Immunodiagnosics Systems approached, he convinced Reggie that they should look at RV's. They purchased their first and only motorhome, a Country Coach, from Beaudry in San Diego.

Bill is a Maine farm boy and went to college at Rensselaer and Princeton and then taught Biochemistry subjects at Pittsburgh before joining the business world. After retiring, Bill and Reggie moved from California to Arizona and each summer travel in their Country Coach. They spend most of their travels in the Western states and have ventured to the East Coast and the Maritime Provinces occasionally. ☺



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The Year's best (actual) Headlines of 2005

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
[No, really?]

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
[Now that's taking things a bit far!]

Wanda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
[What a guy!]

Miners Refuse to Work After Death
[No-good-for-nothing, lazy so-and-sos.]

Juvenile Court To Try Shooting Defendant
[See if that works any better than a fair trial.]

War Dims Hope For Peace
[I can see where it might have that effect.]

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge
[You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?]

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
[Did I read that sign right ?]

If Strike Isn't settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile
[Do you really think so?]

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
[Who would have thought it?]

Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
[They just might be on to something]

Man Struck by Lightning Faces Battery Charge
[He probably is the battery charge!]

New Study of Obesity Looks For Larger Test Group
[Weren't they large enough?]

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
[Taste like chicken]

Local High School Dropouts Cut In Half
[Chainsaw massacre all over again]

Hospitals Are Sued By 7 Foot Doctors
[Boy, aren't they tall?]

Hope this lightened your day.

F.Y.I.

A SAD FAREWELL FROM ALL OF US RMCCERS

Gary and Gail MaEachern

- Gary and Gail nearly single handedly got RMCC on it's feet.
- They did an outstanding job.
- We love you both!

To Gary and Gail McEachern, we give you special thanks for so many hours of hard work that you both have contributed to getting RMCC underway. You did a great job and we will miss you from our midst. It just won't be the same without your smiling faces and your cheerful selves joining us at our rallies. Please be assured, you



are certainly welcome to join us at any of our future events.

We wish you Godspeed in your new activities and in your new home. Perhaps we could have a rally in your back yard? Well, maybe that's pushing it a bit, but we will hope to see you both in the not-too-distant future so we can say farewell to you personally. ☺

MIKE STEPS DOWN AS PRESIDENT

Mike and Mo Cocci

- Mike with First Lady, Mo were the first to follow the McEacherns into the president's chair
- They served 2 super fun filled years expertly.
- We're glad you both will still be with us in the future.

At our Old Pueblo IV Rally, Mike Cocci made a parting/farewell speech which I thought was very appropriate to include in this edition of The Newsletter. So here it is:

"I thought it appropriate as the outgoing President to make some final remarks. I guess that is a bad choice of words, because those of you who have gotten to know me realize that I'll always have something to say.

First, I would like to pay TRIBUTE to all those I have worked with. My fellow officers; Gail McEachern, Norma Holmesley, Dee Cundy, Rick Parks, and Bill Knight; my support staff; Rod Woods, Carol and Tom Anderson, Don Rau, Ann Sanders, and Reggie Knight.

I was INSPIRED by all of the volunteers who took on the role of Rally Masters before and during my tenure and I hope Maureen and I were able to live up to those expectations at this rally.

When I took over as President, I took the job with INTRIGUE, wondering what was in store for me. Could I do what Gary Mac did, being the outgoing type of guy necessary for this job? Heck, I'm no MAGNA Cum Laude, just a well educated kid from UMass.

During my tenure I endeavored to develop an AFFINITY with all of our

members and to make them feel comfortable with me and the club. I hope I succeeded.

I looked to my idol, Arthur Fiedler, famous conductor of the Boston Pops orchestra. I would think of him conducting a RHAPSODY in front of all those people and tried to emulate him in doing the job of President of the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers. I hope I did well.

Thank You!"

Well, Mike was able to use the model names of several of the Country Coaches as he gave his ALLURING farewell speech which did INSPIRE each of us with the INTRIGUE necessary to be of help to our new slate of officers. (Oh, my! It's catching.) ☺



Mike & Mo Cocci

THE GASLIGHT THEATRE

By Reggie Knight

On Friday night of the Old Pueblo IV Rally, we attended a melodramatic performance of "The Two Amigos" or aka "All Swords of Trouble" at The Gaslight Theatre in western Tucson. The interior of the theater was similar to the theaters of the west in the 1800's and our group had great seats in the center. In a more prestigious theater district, it would have been called an intimate theater setting because of the closeness of the audience to the stage, except in this case, it was also the closeness to your neighbor. For those of us who didn't eat before going to the theater, we were able to avail ourselves with food from an extensive menu. The choices were pizzas, nachos, salads, fries, chicken and shrimp baskets, sundaes, shakes and on and on. Since the tables were so small and there was so much food, some of us had to hold our plates on our laps, but no one seemed to mind since the food was so good, but yet, so fattening. And don't forget the endless bowls of popcorn. At the end of the play, people who were celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, or the birth of the first grandchild received an ice cream cone or sundae.

Before the beginning of the play we were entertained by a trio of musicians. The lady playing the honky-tonk piano was extremely talented and we enjoyed her music throughout the evening.

The plot of the melodrama was that an evil, greedy, corrupt, wicked, unsavory, dishonest and malicious (a really bad guy) Commandante (Boo! Hiss! Boo!) was elected Governor of the Territory (he stuffed the ballot box) and planned to tax the people excessively to stuff his money-box. His cuchi-cuchi gold digger girlfriend convinced him to have a fiesta to celebrate his election and to gain the confidence of the people. Two circus performers, Reynaldo and Paco, who billed themselves as "The Two Amigos" agreed to provide entertainment at the fiesta. While performing their act, they accidentally became involved in the political affairs of the townspeople. That is when the fun began! Reynaldo, dressed as a Zorro-like character, is mistaken for a hero and feels that he has to save the townspeople from the evil Commandante (Boo! Hiss! Boo!). Not only did the Two Amigos save the townspeople from the evil Commandante (Boo! Hiss! Boo!), but they also won the love of two young ladies of the community.

The second part of the evening's entertainment was singing by the actors of the play impersonating famous country western singers. Therefore, "Willie Nelson," "Elvis Presley," "The Judd's," "Dolly Parton" and others entertained us. It was a very pleasant evening and we all enjoyed booing and hissing the bad guys and encouraging the good guys of the play, the singing of country western songs, the music of the trio and the tasty food.

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THE PAJAMA PARTY

BY REGGIE KNIGHT

Many of us haven't been to a Pajama Party for many years unless we went with our children or grandchildren. We had an opportunity to get into appropriate and comfortable nightgowns and PJ's and have a party at the Old Pueblo IV Rally. A few RMCC'ers went beyond ordinary sleepwear. The cutest couple was dressed in pink and blue-footed sleepers with "back doors". Their outfits included baby bonnets and the baby girl had a rather large pacifier to daunt any crying (Freud could have analyzed that). Frances, from Durango, was there with curlers in her hair and a facial mask to preserve her peaches and cream complexion. It appeared that she had a fitting in Nordstrom's foundation

department, but another visit is needed for alignment. We snacked on hot hors d'oeuvres, pizza and popcorn. Magic Fingers Mike Cocci was the dealer and instructor of our Texas Hold 'Em games. The winner was Diamond Dick Sanders and the runner-up was Marvelous Margaret Day from Melbourne, Australia. Margaret is a long-time friend of Susan Biestek. We then watched the Robin Williams film about RVing. It was an exaggeration of a novice RV'er - I'm sure none of us have ever had those problems! It was a long and tiring night and all the kiddies were glad to get into their beds and go nightie-night. ☺

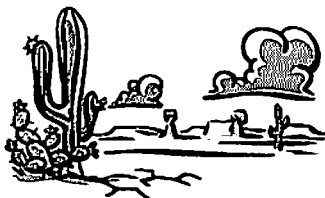


New rally sites being considered for the future.

1. Helena, Montana considered for June of 2008.
2. Alamogordo, New Mexico considered for first weekend in October 2008.
3. Your idea considered here!

Rocky Point Rally II

By Reggie Knight



Ole'! Very little Mexican Spanish was needed for our visit in Rocky Point. The vendors of jewelry, pottery, T-shirts and etc that were along the beach wall, at the fish markets and many of the waiters at the restaurants spoke passable to excellent English even if they brought you the menu when you were asking when you would be getting your food. On Monday, March 4, the rally members left Beaudry RV Park in Tucson in two caravans. Ray Van den Berg led the early group and Mike Cocci led the group that left a half hour later. CB's were our security blankets once we were south of the border. Everyone arrived at Playa Bonita RV Park and then the trip really became exciting when we maneuvered into our sites under the expert directions of our trustworthy leaders.

Some of us got the lay of the land, or in this case, the lay of the beach and others relaxed in their coaches until it was time for Happy Hour at the decorated Corona Tent. Marian and James Monnahan helped to decorate the tent with raffia fringe, starfish and parrots - Jimmy Buffet would have been proud! After a few brews, chips and dips, it was time for us to meander to the Playa Bonita Restaurant for Margaritas and shrimp cocktails while we watched the shrimp boats prepare to sail out at sunset. Here we received our rally mementos of very pretty shell soap dishes from Julio's shop.

Every morning we had juice, coffee, fruit, toast and pastries served by a waiter who might have had aspirations of appearing on "Saturday Night Live." It was enjoyable to be greeted with humor so early in the morning. At low tides in the mornings, a few of us walked the beach exploring the tidal pools. Some of us picked up shells which we thought were empty - Wrong! There were little sea creatures in the shells. Teddy Beers heard scratching noise coming from her Styrofoam cup and saw the little legs and quickly dumped her shells back into the foamy brine. I always pour a Clorox solution on my shells as soon as possible and then I noticed the little legs - I killed them.

For those of us parked along the sidewall, we were entertained by watching the construction of a condo within 25 ft of our rigs. We were especially anxious when the cement spraying apparatus wobbled above us and hoped the operator of the crane with the concrete panels didn't push the button at the wrong time. OSHA would have run out

of paper writing up construction safety violations. We all remarked about the wooden ladder on the upper floor that bowed when the worker climbed up it.

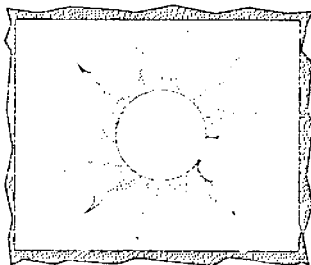
The hat-decorating contest was held at our Jimmy Buffet Margaritaville Happy Hour. To the accompaniment of Jimmy Buffet music, we exhibited our hats to the other members who laughed and giggled as we strutted our stuff. There was a flock of parrots, feathered birds, a shark, many bright flowers and the final appearance of Frances' red hat. The winner of the contest was Lisle who was wearing a straw bowler accented with a multitude of colorful flowers, which looked chic against her black wavy hair. The designer of the hat was Margaret Day of Melbourne, Australia. We were very fortunate to have an international designer at our rally. Margaret is a long time friend of Susan Bistek and Lisle is Jim and Susan's Giant Schnauzer.

As sunset approached, we caught The Pirate Ship for a cruise of the harbor. It really was a Pirate's ship because the captain was a pirate and had a live green parrot and he may have wanted to throw a few of the passengers overboard before the cruise was over. There were four college boys from Toledo who wanted to be the center of attention. Also aboard were the film and audio crew of Telemundo Arizona who filmed the entire cruise and entertainment without blocking our view. There were two dances that were a part of the Mexican culture that most of us weren't familiar with. The first one was an "elderly" couple dancing with the aid of canes and the other one included audience participation of dancing with a "skeleton." Two young ladies performed classical Mexican dances and later a hula.

One morning our fishermen went fishing for bottom fish. On an average, they caught six fish each, which the boat crew cleaned, filleted and packed for them. They went home with fish in their refrigerators or freezers. Those that didn't go fishing got their fish at the fish markets or went with Ray to Frederico's for shrimp, flounder and clams. There were also two vendors that came into the park with shrimp. One sold them out of the back of his SUV and the other sold from a bucket.

Ray and Jack took us to "Shacks Fifth Avenue" to shop and later to The Reef for lunch. We got back in time for Happy Hour and then on to La Curva where most of us had the Drunken Shrimp - medium size shrimp in a thick creamy vegetable broth or grilled colossal shrimp wrapped in bacon

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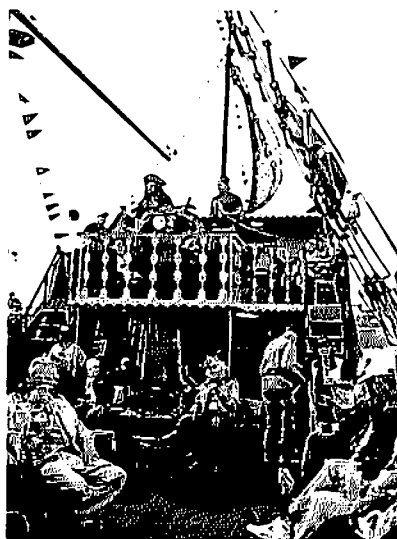
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and fried ice cream for dessert. It was Mike Stokes' birthday and he was presented with a cupcake and a foaming tequila drink that he downed in one gulp and lived to talk about it.

Ray and Jack were the perfect hosts schlepping us downtown to shop, grocery store, fish market, bakery and Julio's shell shop. The bakery is in an old low wooden building and operated by two men. The younger man works with the dough and the older man works the oven. The brick oven is extremely large with a wood fire and the man uses a long flat paddle on a long handle to move the pastry around the oven. The pastries were made from basic sweet dough with different flavorings and design. They cost \$.25 each and were so good. We stopped at a corner vendor for tamales, which was next to an outdoor tortilla factory.

The last night of the rally we ate at The Lighthouse from which we had a great view of the harbor at sunset. As it got darker, the lights came on and we were presented with a storybook view. Most of us ordered the shrimp scampi, which was served with vegetables cooked al dente, and the dessert was flan. It was a very appropriate ending to our Rocky Point Rally II.

On Friday we left singularly or in small groups. Before we crossed the border, we got fuel at \$2.09 per gallon - when did we last see that here? At the border we were asked a few questions and were on our way home.



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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 motorhomeing, 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.

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From the Editor

It is a pleasure to congratulate the new officers of our RMCC group. They are all talented and have shown a desire to volunteer for jobs prior to their election to office. I am sure we can look for a continuation of fine club management from these four folks. Let us get behind them and do whatever it takes to make RMCC the best of the best CCI clubs, whether they be FMCA or CCI oriented.

And to you officers who have served your term and are handing over the tasks of running this club, we applaud you and thank you for the many hours you have spent making our club so enjoyable. You can rest assured that we do appreciate all you have done.

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