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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY SHIRLEY MCKENZIE

Happy 5th Anniversary
to Rocky Mountain
Country Coachers!



RMCC continues to thank Gary and Gail McEachern for the outstanding job they did to organize our club. In February, 2003 a group met at Beaudry and launched our new subchapter of Country Coach International. The club was established to promote social and recreational activities which provide for the enjoyment and pleasurable use of family member Country Coaches. I've been told that clubs tend to lose their enthusiasm after the first few years, but I think our group continues to grow stronger. It was special to see all the charter members recognized at the Arizona Inn brunch and to welcome the many new members who joined RMCC at this rally.

A very special thanks to Bill and Tanna Flomer for all their hard work on the Old Pueblo V Rally. Paul and I enjoyed working with them to plan this fun event. We appreciate the graciousness of the moving Cocktail Party Hosts who decorated their coaches and patios. This got the rally off to a great start as we moved from



RMCC President
Shirley McKenzie

site to site and enjoyed the food and drinks while having a chance to look at the quilts, photography, gourds and other art work of our talented members. A

special treat was the bag pipes played by Carl Luschwitz. Thanks to Reggie for organizing this and to everyone who participated. I was so impressed with the lovely brunch at the Historic Arizona Inn. The food was special and the service perfect. What fun to see all the yellow bingo cards being carried throughout the rally while we all looked for signatures. I am still suspicious of the square supposedly signed by Bob Lee.

We were also appreciative that Country Coach did not have our rally participants move out of their sites at the end of our rally and back into the park. Thanks to Sherry Fanning for making this happen. We were able to go from our morning breakfast to pick up the registration packets from Country Coach

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The Old Pueblo V Rally

It was short, but oh so sweet! Our fifth Old Pueblo Rally was held at our usual first quarter of the year official meeting place at Beaudry RV Resort in Tucson, AZ. This rally was in celebration of our fifth year of existence as a CCI sub-chapter. Most of our charter members still remember Gary and Gale Mc Eachern doing a great job of putting this fine RMCC Club together at that 1st rally. Who would have thought we'd have grown to the level we have? But, there we were, 45 coaches nestled into our sites at the Beaudry resort park for this fifteenth rally of RMCC. This rally also produced six new members who attended for the first time. Welcome to you new members; we hope you will enjoy your membership as much as we who were there from the start.

Sunday, February 17 was our registration day. As usual, several coaches had arrived earlier for this event which preceded the CCI Rally which followed our rally. As we registered, we were given a baggy filled with all of the information we needed for this rally and some booklets to help us decide what we'd like to do in our free time. Also our hosts gave each coach a souvenir gift of Prickled Pear Honey in a little hot pad folded up like a cup. Clever!

At 4:00 PM we enjoyed a progressive cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres. Seems everyone was given about 15 minutes to go from one cocktail party host's coach to the next. There were 6 of these coaches to attend, so there was good opportunity to see and greet old and new friends and taste the fruit of the vine, etc. This was also a time for our craft minded members to display their handy work for the rest of us non-crafty types. Unfortunately several folks forgot to include their works of art in their coaches when they packed to come to the rally. What was there was certainly beautiful and showed a lot of hidden talent. Dinner, if you were still hungry, was on your own this evening.

Monday morning we gathered at the head coach in carpools to go to the Arizona Inn for a

superb brunch. This lovely old Inn was opened in 1930 by Isabella Greenway, who served Arizona very effectively as the State's first Congress-



woman. The Inn was opened on December 18, 1930 in the face of the Great Depression. So you can imagine there is a lot of interesting history surrounding this establishment.

We arrived at the Inn at about 10:00 AM and were offered a cash bar for those who wished to enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa before brunch. Then at 10:30 we were treated to a lavish meal of so many tasty items it would take half this page to name them; and oh, were they good! Never let it be said that RMCC doesn't eat well at our rallies. This was real class: surroundings as well as the food!

Our business meeting was held in this same room after we had had enough coffee and food. I'm not sure, but there may have been a few heads nodding off during the meeting after so much good food. The acoustics were so superior to that in the Patio room at Beaudry that the meeting was more enjoyable for all 80+ of us.

Shortly after 5:00 PM we were treated to a delicious BBQ Dinner (chicken and beef with all the trimmings) and a cash bar available back at the Beaudry Patio. Since Beaudry no longer has their Bistro in operation, we had the dinner catered by a private person who knows how to cook very well and certainly did so.

After dinner prizes were given to those whose Bingo Cards were drawn from a box. The Bingo

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- ♦ A great time was had by all.
- ♦ We didn't go hungry.
- ♦ The weather was perfect.

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cards were filled out by each member during the time we were enjoying all of our other activities. Reggie has more on that elsewhere in this Newsletter.

On Tuesday morning the same caterer provided us with a full, tasty breakfast on the Beaudry patio where no one can hear themselves think. *But who wants to think while we are eating anyway.* The meal was composed of sausages and scrambled eggs, fruit, sweet rolls, coffee, tea, etc. A short meeting of the "board" was held after breakfast to dis-

cuss future plans for the club. (They sound fantastic to me.)

Once that was over the rally was complete. Those who were not planning to stay for the CCI rally were required to hit the road so that the place could be filled to overflowing with Country Coaches meeting for the CCI Rally. Many thanks to our rally hosts, Tanna Flomer and Shirley McKenzie, for doing an outstanding job. I can say without a doubt everyone enjoyed it even if it was a short one. Ω

OLD PUEBLO PICTURES



These pictures include:

1. At the Moving and Looking cocktail party.
2. Some of the craft items on display.
3. At the beautiful Arizona Inn brunch.
4. These are all of our new/first time members who came to the OPR V. Welcome!



B-i-n-g-o

By Reggie Knight



Reggie Knight,
Assistant Newsletter
Editor

In the welcome packets that we received at the registration for the Old Pueblo V Rally, was a yellow Bingo Card for each member. This wasn't just an ordinary Bingo card with *B-I-N-G-O* across the top and numbers down the side. OH NO!! RMCC members are special people so we had a unique, special Bingo card. In each block was information about a member who was at the rally, or at least signed up to be at the rally. This information was provided in our last RMCC Newsletter or on our RMCC website. (So see? *You should be reading the Newsletter more carefully and checking the website better.*) We had to obtain the signature of the person for whom the information pertained in that specific block. The Bingo cards were then turned into Madam President on Monday evening prior to our catered dinner.

The planned purpose (do we need a purpose to have some fun?) was to encourage us to talk to and quiz other members to discover if they fulfilled the information provided in the block. No one said anything about being secre-

tive, not looking on others' cards or just telling members, (especially the newbies) whom to look for. It did serve the purpose! There were small groups in conference comparing cards along our two major parking areas. It was very beneficial to the new members; not only did they meet everyone, but they saw how we could take a Bingo game and turn it into 1 1/2 days of craziness.

At Monday's dinner, Madam President, Shirley McKenzie drew the Bingo cards, spot checked them for accuracy and handed a prize to the person who was responsible for that card. In most cases, all the correct answers were provided, but then there were Carol and Tom Anderson. A few of their answers included Rudolf the Red Nose, Santa Claus, and several other fairyland characters. Is it age or the high altitude in Northern New Mexico?

We had a good time; many laughs and we made new friends and renewed old ones. There is a Girl Scout ditty (for old Girl Scouts), that says "Make new friends and greet the old. One is silver and the other is gold." With the price of precious metals these days, we are all very rich. Ω

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.

2008

- RMCC Big Sky Magic Rally will be held June 16 to June 20 in Helena, MT (Lincoln Road RV Park). Limited number of sites available so register early! Form is attached to this Newsletter. Colclaziers and Pontslers are rally hosts. Cost \$250 for 4 nights.
- For those attending the 22nd Annual

Country Coach West Coast Reunion in Albany, Oregon 27-31, 2008: Please watch for an announcement in the daily newsletter for a pizza party for all RMCC members and potential new members to be held on the free night. A sign up sheet will be posted at the area clubs table.

- Rocky Mountain High RMCC Rally will be held September 25-28 2008 at Pendaries RV Resort, New Mexico. This is a pre-rally to the Trinity Site Rally. Tom & Carol Anderson are our hosts.
- Trinity Site Rally will be held in Alamogordo, NM, October 1 to 5, 2008. (Four nights) Ed and Jean Grabman are rally hosts.

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**Mark your
Calendar**

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.
- Teri Smith is now our Scrapbook/Historian Manager.

In the future you should send pictures, memorabilia, etc. to Teri at:

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 E-mail: wks@pc.net

P.S. I apologize for misspelling Teri's name In the last edition of this Newsletter. Note there is only one "r" in her first name.

- Please help us keep our records up to date! If you change your address, phone number, or e-

mail address, please let our Treasurer, Tanna Flomer, 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!

- RMCC hangers that attach to your CCI badge are available from Bill Pontsler.
- RMCC apparel will be available at the RMCC rally in Helena, MT and the Country Coach Class Reunion in Albany, Oregon. Sam and Pat Estok will have the clothing with them for your purchase. The list includes fleece jackets, fleece vests, and polo shirts for both men and women. Long sleeve men's T-shirts and unisex caps are also available while supply lasts.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Remember RMCC Refund policy
- ☺ Teri Smith is our new Historian/Scrapbook manager
- ☺ Help us keep our records up to date
- ☺ Bill Pontsler has RMCC hangers
- ☺ RMCC apparel is available while supply lasts

Moving and Looking

By Reggie Knight

We tried something new at our Old Pueblo V Rally, and had a grand time doing it. Shirley and Tanna organized a moving cocktail party.

Six coach sites were designated as party sites and members moved to four different sites or more, during the evening. Not everyone went to the same site each time, so we met and talked to different people at each site. The party hosts were Jack and Wanda Kelly, Dan Durham, Carol and Tom Anderson, Pat and Sam Estok, Jay and Lyle

Wetherholt and John and June Mastor. The food varied from veggie platters to shrimp to cheeses and don't forget the miniature cream puffs topped with hot fudge. And everyone wants Wanda's recipe for her pecan bars.

To curtail the constant chatter about coach problems, members were asked to bring examples of their hobbies and arts and crafts that occupy their leisure time. We have a

bunch of very creative people in our midst. Loudean Barr and Betty Wilcox do painting; Jean Grabman does needlework. Carol Anderson does gourd design and burning and Tom does wood turning. Mary Jane Kaye and Jane Luschwitz do quilting. Bill Knight does digital color photography and Reggie does black and white film photography the old fashion way, in a dark room. Will Stewart displayed photos of himself substituting for Santa Claus and also played the banjo. Carl Luschwitz also



plays the banjo and other instruments and, dressed in full formal Scottish regalia, visited all the cocktail sites playing his bagpipes. Don Rau displayed two of his model airplanes.

Now you don't see that in other clubs' rallies! Thank you Shirley and Tanna and all the hosts and exhibitors.

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and gear up for the Fiesta de Tucson rally. That made the transition very easy.

Stay informed by checking the rmccusa.com web site for updated information on rallies in 2008. The registration forms are also online so you may register early. They are also included with this Newsletter.

We are planning the 2009 Old Pueblo VI rally and are thinking of another short rally at Beaudry in March and then moving to the Tombstone area for a different experience. Let Bill Smith know what you think of a moving rally.

Our current board will have served two years (longer for some) by the 2009 OPVI rally. Mike Cocci has agreed to chair a nominating committee and has some great members to help in selecting the next officers. Let Mike know if there is a position in which you would like

to serve. I have enjoyed this year, and working with an exceptional board. We do want to involve other people and think the club will benefit from the new ideas and energy others will bring. While the board serves for two years, our committee chairs serve as long as they wish. We have a new committee chair for games. John Mastor has agreed to post a list at each rally for those who want to meet after the formal activities to play cards or other games. The board also decided to establish a committee for the rally coordination role that Bill Smith now has as Vice President. Bill will assume that role as he is enjoying working with the rally planners and wants to continue. Sam Estok has agreed to be appointed Vice President and will be ready to step in as President in 2009. All our board meetings are open and we welcome members attending and making suggestions to improve our organization.

Safe travels and enjoy the journey as much as the destination. *See you in Montana.*

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Special points of interest:

- * Stay informed on our website.
- * Tell Bill Smith what you think of a moving rally.
- * Mike Cocci is chairing the Nominating committee for officers in 2009—2010.
- * Board has decided to have a committee for rally coordination role.
- * Sam Estok has agreed to be nominated for Vice President in 2009.

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2009 Election is Coming Up

As our President Shirley McKenzie has said in her column in this Newsletter, we are now forming a committee to nominate officers to serve a two year term for our RMCC Club. They will be chaired by past President Mike Cocci. (No, he is not going back into office, is he?) When Mike approaches you to either serve on the Nominating Committee or to accept an office for the next two years please ... do not turn and run in the opposite direction at break neck speed! Give Mike an op-

portunity to give you all of the benefits of holding an RMCC office. Yes, the jobs take some time to do well, but not so much that you have to put off other activities you may enjoy. And remember, this club's members are quick to volunteer to help when major projects are in the planning. We have a lot of talent in this club, and we need you to step up and give us the benefit of your special talents and energy. Ω

**You can
do it!**

BIG SKY MAGIC RALLY ACTIVITIES

BY REGGIE KNIGHT

We are going to have our RMCC Olympics in Helena, Montana, June 2008 before the Chinese host the Summer Olympics in Beijing. At the Old Pueblo V Rally, I talked about the flags that I am asking each coach to make. I showed you all an example at that time. The directions are very simple: each flag, prior to hemming, will be 20 by 30 inches and will have your own personal design on it. The material can be any color or pattern. First make a small hem on the bottom (the 30 " side) then hem each 20" side, 1 1/2 in. Then make sure that the top hem is very secure across the top of the side hems. You will need to purchase/acquire 2 dowels 5/8 inch by 48 inches. (These dowel must fit into the side hems.) Dowels can be found at Home Depot or most hardware stores. If you have any questions or need an idea for your personal design, call or e-mail me. (agnesagnes41@lizardacres.net)

I have planned three athletic events. None are strenuous. If you hurt yourself, you are trying too hard to beat the other guy. You don't have to be reminded that you are not 22 years old anymore. The men will do their event first to show the ladies how it is to be done, then the ladies will follow and show the men how it really is to be done. The events are going to be the javelin throw, the discus throw and golf putting. If you are so inclined, you may do them from a sitting position.

If anyone has some old putters, please bring them along. We don't want these hackers ruining someones good putter, now do we?



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH RALLY STUFF

By Reggie Knight

Cool weather will greet us in Rodarte, New Mexico, in late September. To get us moving and our blood flowing, we are going to have an RMCC style scavenger hunt. We will not have to venture very far from the campground; so don't fear

you will get lost in the vast wilderness of northern New Mexico. Carol and Tom Anderson will be our hosts and are planning many great activities for us to enjoy.



TRINITY SITE RALLY GOODIES

By Reggie Knight

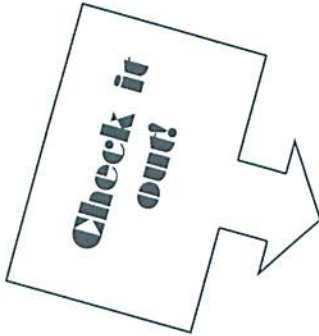
This rally in Alamogordo, New Mexico, has been in the planning for many moons and it looks like it is finally going to happen. Ed and Jean Grabman and Lyndol and Betty Wilcox are our hosts. The highlights of this rally will be the visit to the Trinity Site, but I have a few ideas for competition with them. Alamogordo is a military base where testing occurs, maybe on prototype airplanes. We might have a prototype to submit to the military ourselves. In your registration packet will be a plan and directions for a paper airplane and 2 pieces of

paper. Each coach will use those directions and one of the pieces of paper to make a paper airplane. The winner will be the person who can fly their plane the greatest distance. The other piece of paper can be used for test flights prior to competition. Also in your packet will be 6 airplanes, 3 straws and fishing line to make a mobile. The objective will be to make the most balanced mobile. Looking forward to a fun time!



Something New For You

By John Mastor



In the future, when you are attending one of our fantastic rallies and you don't know what to do during free time, just contact John Mastor and sign up to play a favorite card game or other

games like Mexican Train, Backgammon, etc., of your choice. John was asked, well, *coerced* into being our game activity chief coordinator type guru, and he agreed. Thanks, John!



On The Lighter Side



This is a long one because I needed to fill a lot of blank space.

A man was getting his hair cut prior to taking a trip to Rome. He mentioned it to his barber who responded "Rome? Why would you want to go to Rome? It is crowded, dirty, and full of Italians. You're crazy to go to Rome. So how are you going to get there?"

"We're flying TWA." was the man's answer. "We got a great rate."

"TWA?" exclaimed the barber. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are rude, and they are always late. So where are you staying in Rome?"

"We're staying at the downtown International Marriott."

"That dump! That's the worst hotel in the city. The rooms are small, the service is surly, and the rooms are overpriced. So what are you going to while you are there?"

"We're going to tour the Vatican and we hope to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the barber. "You and a million other people trying to see the Pope. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy! Good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You'll need it."

A month later the man came back for his regular haircut. The Barber asked about his trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the man, "not only were we on time in one of TWA's brand new planes, but it was overbooked

and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a beautiful 28 year old stewardess who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel—it was great! They'd just finished a 25 million dollar remodeling job and now it is the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us the President's Suite at no extra charge."

"Well." Muttered the barber, "I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder and explained that the Pope liked to personally meet some of the visitors, and if we would be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet us. Sure enough, a few minutes later the Pope walked through the

door and shook my hand. I knelt down and he spoke to me."

"Really?" asked the barber. "What did he say?"

"He said, 'Where did you get that lousy haircut?'"

(Ugh!)



More Old Pueblo V Rally Pictures



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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.

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

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From the Editor

Well, who would have "thunk it?" Here we are stronger than ever after a very fast 5 years have flown by. We still have a large contingency of Charter Members, those who were there at the very beginning of this fine club, too, which is commendable. So, here's to another 50 years! (I doubt there will be any Charter Members then, but you never know!

On a different note, I want to apologize for the delay in getting this issue of our Newsletter out to you. The main reason

is that President Shirley, had a computer crash and couldn't get her column to me as quickly as she usually does. Then I also had a major problem with my AOL hook up. I could get on line, but I couldn't seem to get it to download the information sent to me by several of you fine folk. I don't know how, but my internet connection started working again this morning. Whoooooowie!

Thanks for your patience. While I can't guarantee it won't happen again, I will try to prevent it. Type to you later. ☺