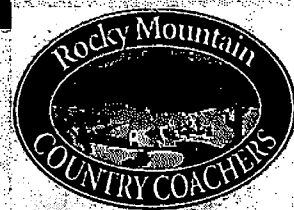


# Rocky Mountain Country Coaches

# NEWSLETTER



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## NOTICE

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Don Barr

## The President's Message

by  
Betty Woods

Thank you for all your support with the changes in our Presidency. With regret, we accepted Tanna's resignation and thank her so much for all the hard work she has done for our Club. We want to wish Tanna and Bill the best and hope that they both can continue to enjoy our rallies and, as Jim and Margie Moreland said in Colorado Springs, have "FUN, FUN, FUN", because that is what this Club is all about.

We will have our last mini rally planned for 2010 with the Christmas Campout at the Van Den Berg's. (See the web site for information [www.rmccusa.com](http://www.rmccusa.com))

In 2011, we start out with the business meeting in Tucson at the Voyager with lots of activities and where the slate of officers will be voted on which are: myself, Betty Woods, President; Jack Kelly, Vice President, Donna Tanzi, Secretary and Vern Weldy as Treasurer.

What a negative surprise we had when we went to Beaudry's to finalize the rally and found out they would be only open at the RV park for three more days. The personnel on the RV side had only one day's notice and had not been paid for two weeks. We decided to get out of there and quickly went to the Voyager and they were terrific. They not only gave us extra spaces, but also helped in the planning. Sorry about the raising of the rates. Unfortunately, had we stayed at Beaudry's we would have had to raise the fee anyways for two different taxes, sales tax as well as room taxes that had not been taken into consideration. A great rally is planned with lots of great food, comradeship, touring and most of all, FUN.

From Tucson some of us will be going on to Rocky Point, Mexico for a few more days of "fiesta", if you're interested in going, call or e-mail Jack Kelly. Further rallies in 2011 will be Zion and Boardman.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2011. The form is on the website as well as the rally information and registration form for Tucson.

Safe Travels and if we don't see you at the Christmas rally, HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

## **"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL RALLY"**

Colorado Springs, CO - Garden of the Gods Campground  
September 15 - 19, 2010

We must have done something very good in our lifetimes because the weather gods again gave us warm weather with a slight breeze. The purpose of the Rally as dictated by our Rally Hosts, Jim and Margie Moreland, was to have FUN. The fun began two days before the Rally started when members began to arrive at the Park. A circle of folding chairs and patio chairs formed in the road near the picnic area and expanded as more members arrived. Gab sessions were held and in the evenings our hosts provided the "meat" of the meal and members provided a plethora of side dishes - so much food!

The first day of the Rally "The Circle" became the center of greetings, catching up on the latest news and telling of coach woes. That evening "heavy hors d'oeuvres" were provided by the members and Jim Moreland welcomed us to the Rally and asked us to remember Eileen Blakemore in our thoughts and prayers during her serious illness and also to remember Jim Blakemore by giving him our support while he comforts Eileen. Jim might have been a tough Marine, but when loved ones are concerned, Marines need love and prayers also. Tanna Flomer, our President, also welcomed us to the Rally and introduced new members and guests. Reggie had her "Purple Pumpkin Contest". The rest of the evening was spent socializing and a few played Jokers.

Thursday was to be a cooler day, but we were blessed again with perfect weather. After a Continental Breakfast, we had an informal club meeting and then carpooled to Woodland Park for a trip over the Rampart Range Road. It was a rough dirt road, but the view of Pike's Peak was worth it. We stopped at the Garden of the Gods Trading Post where some of us ate in the restaurant and others ate in the picnic areas. Then many of us returned to the Park to relax while a few took their cars to the car wash. At Happy Hour members provided hors d'oeuvres and as usual the tables were laden with food. Door prizes were distributed and Duane Hays explained our adventure to Cripple Creek the next day.

After an early Continental Breakfast on Friday, we were on the road again, but no gravel or dirt roads. We carpooled to the Cripple Creek/Victor area. At the Cripple Creek and Victor Mining Company, we loaded onto a bus and were given a tour of the open pit gold mining area. After the tour we drove to the Wildwood Casino where we were provided with a very nice complementary lunch. Our thanks to Duane Hays for using his "connection" to provide us with the tour and lunch. Before you knew it, we were eating again. Howard provided a "Bodacious BBQ" and many napkins to wipe the sauce from our lips, faces and fingers. Pete Byam entertained us with his music and jokes.

Most of us relaxed on Friday morning except for a few men who went fishing, but the fish heard that they were coming and refused to take the bait or lure or fly, or whatever they were using to entice the fish. After noon, several ladies and a few male escorts drove to Glen Eyrie Castle for a tour and tea. We were shown a film of the history of the property and Castle and then proceeded through very well manicured landscape to the Castle. The landscape appeared to be in the Berkshires rather than Colorado. We were only allowed to see a few rooms since many are used as administrative rooms for the ministry group that owns the property and the bedrooms are B & B facilities. Many of the ladies were very proper and wore hats to the tea. A waitress was asked to select the most appropriate hat for the occasion and she chose Wanda Kelly's hat. Wanda's hat was

her mother and it was a beauty with a wide brim with layers upon layers of thin black lace covering the entire hat. Wanda looked marvelous in it! For tea we were offered two teas; one was a bland black tea and the other was a tropical tea with infusions of coconut, passion fruit and other tropical delights. (You could hear the waves gently breaking on the beach as we sipped our fragrant tea.) Also served were blueberry scones with clotted cream and jams, Brie, tiny quiche, fresh fruit, pastries and chocolate candy. It was a delightful afternoon. That evening we carpooled to the Flying W Ranch for dinner and show. The food was good, but the plates were too small to hold all of it. The entertainment was good, but those of us who attended the rally in Jackson thought that the show at the Flying J was better, but Babe Humphrey (boss) was a member of RMCC.

The next morning we had a fabulous breakfast of fluffy pancakes, sausage patties and ham. What made the pancakes extra special was the hot maple syrup that was absorbed by the pancakes - YUM-YUM! Some members were going to stay a few more days, others were heading to Creede and others were heading home by way of Santa Fe. It was a great Rally and we all had FUN, which we were told to have by Jim Moreland on the first day. We left with words of "Have a safe trip", "See you at the Christmas Campout" and "See you in Tucson".

## **NOMINATIONS FOR RMCC OFFICERS**

President - Betty Woods  
Vice President - Jack Kelly  
Secretary - Donna Tanzi  
Treasurer - Vern Weldy

Voting for these offices will take place at the Tucson Rally or if you cannot attend, you can vote by sending an email or letter to Bill Pontsler.

No Golf was played in Colorado Springs, the course fees were extraordinarily high as was the altitude.

## INFORMAL MEETING

RMCC did not have a formal business meeting at this rally, but just an informal meeting to pass on information about future rallies.

- Tanna read a letter from George and Pat Anderson saying that they sold their CC motorhome, but would continue their membership in case they purchase another motorhome.
- A card for Eileen Blakemore was available for the members to sign and write a special message.
- Betty Woods, who has been in charge of promoting new memberships, found that RMCC business cards are the best way to promote membership. Business cards were available for members to take and give to CC owners who we see on our travels.

## FUTURE RALLIES

### CHRISTMAS CAMPOUT

December 3 -5, 2010

Van Den Berg's - 12120 W Southern Ave, Tolleson, AZ

The Kelly's and the Van Den Berg's have planned a great weekend for us at Ray and Harriet's spread in southwestern Phoenix area.

#### Friday evening - Pot Luck Appetizers & BYOB

**Saturday** - Continental Breakfast and New Life Center, Domestic Abuse Home Tour  
Each coach is asked to provide a check, gift certificate or gift card in a Christmas card, which will be given to a child with instruction to the staff that the gift is to pay for a toy for the child. Also the Center could use personal hygiene articles (tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, diapers, deodorant and such items), what we take for granted, others need.  
Among the members there will be a **White Elephant Gift Exchange** - each member will bring a wrapped item that they no longer want and hope that they don't get it to take home with them. Happy Hour followed by catered Prime Rib Dinner

**Sunday** - Pancake breakfast followed by non-denominational religious service.  
Jack is still fine-tuning this rally, so there will be more announcements before December.

## TUCSON ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING RALLY OLD PUEBLO VIII RALLY

The Voyager RV Park - March 3 - 7, 2011

Tucson, AZ

Due to the closure of Beaudry's, Rod and Betty Woods were very successfully able to arrange for us to have our Annual Business Meeting at The Voyager RV Park, 8701 S Kolb Rd, Tucson, AZ. The managers at the Voyager were extremely cooperative in rearranging several of their planned activities to make room for us.

**March 3, Thursday** - Happy Hour, BYOB, Purple Pumpkin Contest and Light Appetizers followed by Mexican Dinner

**March 4, Friday** - Continental Breakfast, Lunch at Oracle Inn, Tour Bio Sphere, Happy Hour of Heavy Appetizers, Entertainment by Magician Comic

**March 5, Saturday** - Pancake breakfast, rest of day free

**March 6, Sunday** - Formal breakfast and Business Meeting, tour of Titan site, Dinner at Pinnacle Pete with a cowboy "shootout"

**March 7, Monday** - Continental Breakfast and departure

The Voyager has a nice area for your pets - I think that means only dogs.

More of this information can be found on our website, [www.rmccusa.com](http://www.rmccusa.com).

## Rocky Point

MARCH 7 - 11, 2011

Jack Kelly and Ray Van Den Berg are planning another one of their fantastic trips to Rocky Point, Mexico. This will not be a rally, once you get there, you are on your own with Jack's and others' help. Jack has reserved 20 spaces at Playa Bonita. You need to send Jack a check for \$20.00 for the deposit and once you are there, you will go to the office and pay for as many days as you wish to stay. Rocky Point is about 1 hour or 60 miles from the Arizona border. The federal police protect the road and the green angels provide emergency service. Jack and Ray have been going there frequently for 10 years and have never had an unpleasant incident. Contact Jack if you would like to be included in this trip. They will leave Tucson in groups and each group will have a Wagon Master and Tail Gunner. You can have your coach washed and waxed for \$1.50 a foot and many members have had bodywork and interior work done there and were happy with the results. Also diesel is cheaper.

**Don't forget your passport and do not take firearms into Mexico!!!!**

**Zion RV Rally**  
**MAY 19 - 23, 2011**  
**Zion River Resort, Springdale, Utah**

John and Donna Tanzi will be hosting a rally in the beautiful Zion National Park area.

**May 19, Thursday** - Golfing at Sky Mountain Golf Course, Registration, Happy Hour with Heavy Appetizers, Purple Pumpkin Contest

**May 20, Friday** - Catered Breakfast, explore Zion, Dinner at Switchback Restaurant with entertainment by Jerome

**May 21, Saturday** - Catered Breakfast, Business Meeting, Poolside Wet Tee Shirt Contest, Horse-shoe Tournament, Happy Hour, Dinner on your own, Show in Springdale

**May 22, Sunday** - Continental Breakfast, free day or optional Jeep Safari, Crazy Tee Shirt Contest at Happy Hour, BBQ

**May 23, Monday** - Continental Breakfast and Bye-Bye

The Tanzi's have a whole lot of fun planned and can't wait to see you Zion zealots at the Rally. Information and registration form are on our website.

**COLUMBIA SIT and SIP RALLY**

**Boardman Marina and RV Park - Boardman, OR**  
**September 12 - 16, 2011**

Reggie and Bill Knight and Carol and Mel Sapp are hosting this rally at a beautiful park along the Columbia River. Boardman is in northeastern Oregon, Route 84, exit 164, about 180 miles east of Portland. The Park is a municipal park with acres of well-maintained grass.

**September 12, Monday** - Registration, Happy Hour with light appetizers and Men's Wildest Hawaiian Shirt contest, Purple Pumpkin Contest and Cookout

**September 13, Tuesday** - Catered Breakfast, Drive to four wineries and various tasting rooms, Happy Hour and Men's Cowboy Hat Contest, Catered Dinner

**September 14, Wednesday** - Continental Breakfast, Business Meeting, Golf and/or trip to McNary Dam to observe salmon going up stream to pass on their genes. Happy Hour and Italian Pot Luck, more about that later.

**September 15, Thursday** - Continental Breakfast, Olympic events though out the day between sitting and sipping and watching the Columbia flow by, Happy Hour, Plate Dinner at The River Lodge

**September 16, Friday** - Continental Breakfast and sorrowful good-byes.

Plus a few other surprises that Reggie thinks up when she can't sleep. Reggie has to make reservations for specific sites during the week of Thanksgiving. If you have not contacted her by November 10, she won't be able to make additional reservations until January 3, 2011. This is an extremely popular park.

## **RALLY HO!**

**December 3 -5, 2010** - Christmas Campout, Van Den Berg's, Tolleson, AZ, Jack Kelly and Ray Van Den Berg

**March 3 - 7, 2011** - Old Pueblo VIII Rally, Voyager RV Park, Tucson, AZ  
Betty and Rod Woods

**May 19 - 23, 2011** - Zion Rally, Zion River Resort, Springdale, UT  
Donna and John Tanzi

**September 12 - 16, 2011** - Columbia Sit and Sip Rally, Boardman Marina & RV Park, Boardman, OR, Reggie & Bill Knight and Carol & Mel Sapp

**September 15 - 18, 2011** - CCI - Calistoga Wine Country Rally, Napa County Fairgrounds, Calistoga, CA

All information and registration forms for RMCC Rallies can be found on the RMCC website.

**REMEMBER: Cell Phone Numbers Go Public this month.**

**REMINDER.....** all cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls.

**YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS**

To prevent this, call the following number from your cell phone: **888-382-1222**. It is the National DO NOT CALL list It will only take a minute of your time.. It blocks your number for five (5) years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked. You cannot call from a different phone number.

**HELP OTHERS BY PASSING THIS ON ..**

Contributed by Jim Blakemore

## Cripple Creek/Victor Mining Company (CCV)

Historically this is a unique gold mine. The gold and silver deposits were brought to and near the surface during an ancient volcanic activity. The volcano didn't erupt with matter being blown into the air, but just "percolated" and brought the mineral deposits to and near the surface. During the late 1880's and early 1900's, the mining was beneath the surface with usual tunneling methods. In those days, there were pockets of 90% pure gold. More than 23 million troy ounces of gold, along with silver, have been recovered from the District since 1890. Eventually, the tunnels filled with water and as the tunnels went deeper, it became too expensive to pump the water out. The current owners have combined hundreds of old claims into one operation and now do open pit or surface mining.

In 1891 the Mining District was formed including mines in Cripple Creek, Victor and Goldfield. At the peak of the early operations, Cripple Creek had a mining population of 60,000 and Victor had 15,000. Victor had a social hall for the miners. On the first floor were the library, game room and other recreational facilities. The sleeping quarters were on the second floor and in the basement was a swimming pool. There were 43 saloons in the town and other forms of recreation. But, less than a mile up the road was Goldfield, which was a family town with no saloons or "loose" entertainment. The highest mine in the district was the American Eagle Mine at 10,540 ft altitude in Cripple Creek and the deepest mine, Ajaz, at 36,100 ft deep was in Victor. Today the mine operates around the clock and everyday of the year. The employees work a two-shift type of operation where the mining operations, mine maintenance, processing departments operate on two 12-hour shifts. Four crews in each department are required to provide coverage throughout the year. Over 300 employees combine to provide these unique operations.

When we got on the tour bus we were shown a safety film and needed to sign a form stating that we viewed the film and released the company from any liability. We had to wear hard hats and safety goggles - we were a sight to behold! The day before Duane Hays had told us to wear closed toed shoes and long pants and that was the first time we saw Ray Van Den Berg in long pants! Many pictures were taken! On the bus we drove around the upper level of the open pit where broken rocks or "muck" were being dug up to be hauled to the crusher and processed from there. Each truckload contains about 0.5 Troy ounce of gold. In 2008, 24,037,481 tons of ore produced 257,722 Troy ounces of gold. CCV uses a sodium cyanide solution in the processing operation. The solution is applied to the mounds of crushed rock using agricultural-type irrigation tubes, which are buried under the crushed rock surface to dissolve the gold. The gold-bearing solution is captured at the bottom of the lined area and is called "pregnant solution". The gold is removed with a carbon adsorption process. The solution is reconstituted and used over and over until it is an inactive solution and then is disposed of according to OSHA regulations. CCV has a reclamation policy and works with the state and federal agencies to return the area to its original natural appearance. It was a very interesting tour and we all learned something that we never knew before.



## HISTORY LESSON – COLORADO SPRINGS

The history of Colorado Springs is the history of two very different communities, one wild and rowdy and the other a model of controlled growth. The area was first discovered by settlers of European descent in 1806 when Zebulon Montgomery Pike came upon a mountain he named Pikes Peak and attempted to climb it. Later, several tribes of Native Americans, namely the Ute, Arapaho and Cheyenne, lived and fought in the area. They declared the area that is now called the Garden of the Gods to be sacred ground where the tribes could meet in peace and bathe in the mineral springs.

The mountains were rich in silver and gold and brought miners into the area. A settlement developed and was called El Dorado City because of its proximity to the gold mines. This later became Colorado City, a rough town full of saloons where frequent brawls and gunfights raged. In 1871 the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, the first narrow-gauge line in Colorado, came to the region. General William Jackson Palmer, who began to plan a community near Colorado City, directed the railroad. Palmer envisioned the town as a playground for the rich, rivaling the elegant resorts on the East Coast. First called the Fountain Colony, the town was incorporated as Colorado Springs in 1872. According to what was called "The Palmer Pattern of Responsibility," Colorado Springs was planned with schools, libraries, churches, parks and a college. Citizens of "good moral character and strict temperance habits" were purposely sought; intemperance and industry were relegated to Colorado City across the railroad tracks.

Tourists from throughout the country flocked to Colorado Springs and the spa at nearby Manitou Springs. By the turn of the century Colorado Springs was the wealthiest city per capita in the United States. At this time it earned the nickname Little London, reflecting the number of Tudor-style houses constructed in the area. During this age of elegant hotels, the rich and the titled were drawn to the Rocky Mountains, especially Colorado Springs, to play polo and hunt foxes. Colorado City, after suffering great economic downturns tied to the mining industry, was absorbed by Colorado Springs in 1971.

Since World War II, Colorado Springs has become an important focal point of the U.S. military. Fort Carson Army Base was established in the early 1940s and the United States Air Force Academy was completed in 1958. In 1966 the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) was installed inside the Cheyenne Mountain as the first warning system for North America against a nuclear missile strike. The United States Olympic Committee created an Olympic Training Grounds in Colorado Springs in 1978. Athletes come from throughout the world to train there surrounded by the beauty of the Rocky Mountains. With a young, educated work force, beautiful weather and an expanding military and high tech economy, Colorado Springs hopes its future as a growth center in the West will continue.

## GLEN EYRIE CASTLE

Glen Eyrie began as the estate of William Jackson Palmer, founder of several railroad companies and Colorado Springs. He was born in Delaware, but raised in Pennsylvania in a Quaker home. He was fascinated with steam locomotives and at the age of 17 went to work for the engineering corps of Hempfield. He studied railroading and coal mining here and abroad.

When the Civil War started, he was against warfare being a Quaker, but his hatred of slavery compelled him to enter the Army. During a reconnaissance mission, he was captured and imprisoned as a suspect spy. After his release in a prisoner exchange, he returned to his cavalry and by the age of 29 became the second youngest brigadier general commissioned in the Civil War, second only to General Custer. He returned to the railroad business after the Civil War..

While with a survey party of Union Pacific Railroad, he became aware of the magnificent scenery around Pikes Peak and discovered a beautiful valley four miles north of Colorado Springs and close to the Garden of the Gods. Palmer chose this valley to build his estate and family with Mary Lincoln Mellen, nicknamed "Queen" by her grandmother. He purchased 10,000 acres in that valley for \$1.25 per acre to establish the proper and respectable town of Fountain Colony. Closer to the Garden of the Gods, he bought 2,225 acres where he began construction of their estate. They lived in the carriage house while they built a 22 room frame house. Later it was remodeled to include a tower and additional rooms. Palmer hired a Scottish Landscape architect to improve the grounds. One day the architect saw an eagle's nest high in a cleft of the rocks and said, "Ah, Glen Eyrie, Valley of the Eagle's Nest." Palmer officially named his estate Glen Eyrie.

Palmer and Queen had three daughters, but Queen had a mild hear attack and her doctor suggested that she move to a lower altitude. She and the girls moved to Delaware and then to England. Queen died in England and Palmer brought her remains and their daughters back to Colorado Springs. Because he promised his wife that he would build her a castle, he made plans to remodel the house into the Castle we see today. He and his daughters traveled to Europe to find fireplaces, artifacts and heirlooms to complete the castle along with skilled artisans. The Castle has been fully electric since 1882, his telephones were among the first in the west and one of the finest milk pasteurizing plants in the U.S. was installed in his creamery. The estate enjoyed many luxuries unknown at that time to the rest of the area.

He was an excellent horseman, but was thrown by an unfamiliar horse and was paralyzed from the third rib down. He died three years later. His daughters had no interest in keeping the estate and offered it to the city, but it was too expensive to maintain. A group of Oklahoma businessmen bought the estate for 0.05% of its value planning to use it as a private resort, country club and luxury homes. World War I was at its height and no one had the money or the interest in a home in a private country club estate. The property was sold and bought frequently, but the castle remained unoccupied most of the time and the original furniture, artifacts, heirloom and even linens and drapery were looted.

In 1953 a real estate broker contacted Rev. Billy Graham about the estate since he was looking for a headquarters for his ministry. Dawson Trotman, founder of The Navigators and responsible for the counselor training and follow-up for the Bill Graham Crusades, saw the property and told Graham that if he didn't want it, The Navigators did. The estate is now used for administrative purposes and as a B & B.

## Rally Hosts

Jim Blakemore got the ball rolling for the Colorado Springs Rally more than two years ago and due to Eileen's illness was unable to attend the rally. Jim Moreland took the ball, ran with it and did superb job.

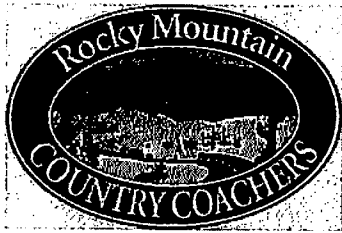
### Margie and Jim Moreland

Jim Moreland was born in Eastern Colorado in Sugar City where sugar beets was the main industry. His father bought a John Deere dealership, which became the family business. Jim graduated from Colorado A & M (Colorado State University) where he was a scholar and a gentleman; he never spent a night in jail. He met Margie in college and they married before he entered the Army when they moved to El Paso, TX. She received her degree in Retailing in Textile and Clothing, but taught grade school when they lived in Texas. After the Army, they returned to East Colorado to join the family business. "Nothing runs like a Deere." She took computer classes and joined the family business. They have three sons, one grandson and two granddaughters. They spent many hours sitting in the bleachers and gymnasiums cheering their sons and grandson on. Now with granddaughters, they attend dance and piano recitals along with gymnastic meets. Jim and Margie have been camping all their married life and since the 1970s have owned five motor homes. Margie has always enjoyed outdoor athletic activities and now has added pilates and yoga to her routine. Her favorite RV parks are the Colorado state parks and the mountain parks. They hope to continue enjoying travel, hobbies, their home, family and friends in their retirement.

### Vanessa & Duane Hays

### Marie & Duane Schmaltz

Space doesn't permit me to write a proper introduction to these two couples. This was Vanessa and Duane's first rally with us and they were so helpful and delightful that we hope that they continue to come to our rallies. Marie and Duane have been at a previous rally and are also delightful people. We are getting to know them better and after this rally, they are part of the RMCC family. Both of them just seemed to know when we wanted something that was not on the breakfast table, they hopped to it before we could go looking for it.



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## Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Organized March 2003

*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 motorhoming, 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, Wyoming and Montana.*

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### FROM THE EDITOR

I regret the lateness of this newsletter; I usually have it done a month after the rally, but I did my annual visit to my mother in Pennsylvania where I acquired an unfamiliar virus and was feeling rotten for more than a week. Now all is well and I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

In February 2003, RMCC had its first rally and thirty-six coaches attended. Of those coaches, 21 or 58% are still members of the club. That is a good percentage considering that we are getting older (and everything that involves), the price of diesel is twice what it was in 2003 and our coach manufacturer went out of business. Yet we continue to keep ourselves and our coaches in running order. With our new members, we get together 3 - 4 times a year for rallies and campouts for comradeship and fun. This coming year, 2011, FUN is going to be the highest priority of our rallies. We are going to do new and interesting activities in Tucson, explore the natural wonders of Zion National Park and after wine tasting, laugh at ourselves competing in Olympic competition. I'll be doing my part to help you have fun and you do your part by participating.

### NO SNIVELING!