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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BETTY WOODS

Hope this finds all of you well and enjoying the summer. For those of you that couldn't make Zion it was a wonderful rally. The weather could have cooperated a little better, but it didn't stop any of us from having a great time. Donna and John were terrific hosts and you only have to go to the web site to see the beautiful pictures and great fun.

One of the things we did do was adding a couple of new committees. We have always been a successful club, but the Board felt we could use some of our member's great expertise and, therefore, we now have two more committees. The first one is the Membership Committee, which is chaired by Dan Durham. This is such an important part of our club to obtain and retain our membership. Dan is also the FMCA alternate. The second is the Commercial Committee headed up by Jim Moreland. Jim's goal is to get us commercial sponsors that, not only, will be able to give us discounts for services but provide us with possible seminars, etc.

As you probably know, Carl Luschwitz is our FMCA Delegate and will be representing us at their Wisconsin rally. He is a voting member of our Board and if he is not in attendance at our meeting then Dan would be alternate voting member.

I keep 'GOOFING' up our meeting next year in Ruidoso, New Mexico. I keep saying it is in Alamogordo (don't know why and it's not). It is in RUIDOSO. Jack & Susan Frost as well as Lyndol & Betty Wilcox will co-host. This is the first time that we have had rallies planned a year ahead and now going into 2013.

We still have some openings in Boardman. If you are attending, you might consider attending the Southwest Country Coachers rally in Paso Robles on September 30<sup>th</sup> thru October 4<sup>th</sup>. Let's face it, most of us enjoy wine and this is another wine tasting event. Rod and I are going as well as some other club members. You don't need to be a member in their club to attend.

We will have a Club article in the July issue of FMCA. Some of the things I would have changed in content, but, nevertheless it will be good Club awareness and, hopefully, maybe some new members. FMCA has a lot of perks I didn't even realize. Another great one is that they will do a mass mailing to people in our area to join the club. I will have them do that probably in December closer to our annual meeting.

Check out the rallies and thanks to Reggie for doing our great newsletter.

Happy Trails,

Betty

# ZION RALLY

Zion River Resort, Springdale, UT

May 19 - 23, 2011

It was obvious that the weather gods didn't get Donna and John's email about the rally, or if they did, someone must have offended them because no matter which way you traveled to Zion you hit bad weather. If you came from the north, you probably drove through snow, rain, sleet, hail or all of it. If you came from the southwest through Las Vegas, you had really bad wind and rain on Wednesday, but Thursday's travel from that direction was pleasant in the morning. Those that came from the east and spent the night in Jacob's Lake woke to snow and low temperatures. Once we all got to the RV Resort, we still had rain, wind and March temperatures. But once we were all together and spreading hugs and kisses around, we were ready for heavy hors d'oeuvres. Some of us were still on Arizona time and needed a special invitation for Happy Hour in the Social Hall.

On Friday morning it looked as if we were going to have a nice day to explore Zion National Park. We fortified ourselves with a hardy breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast (that toaster has to go!) and coffee. Most of us carpoled to Zion's Visitor Center where we boarded the Park's shuttle that stopped at various locations and hiking trailheads within the Park. A few of us saw deer and a male wild turkey in full display trying to attract female wild turkeys, didn't see any of those around. About noon it began to rain, some of us got on the shuttle to our cars and returned to the RV Park and others returned to their cars and drove through the tunnel and hairpin curves to the end of the Park. Other brave souls continued their hiking and got slightly wet. Everyone dried out in time to carpool to the Switchback Restaurant in Springdale. The entrees were roasted half of chicken or ribs. The ribs were uniquely presented. The rib rack was rolled and standing with a skewer in the top with onion rings stacked on it. Jerome and his two accompanists entertained us. There was a problem with the sound. The ceiling of the room was very low and with the amplifiers, the sound "bounced" around and members with hearing aids were in physical pain, so they turned their hearing aids off. We closed the place and it was almost 11 by the time our heads hit the pillow. We were exhausted after a busy day.

The weather gods finally opened their email and gave us a clear and sunny day on Saturday. After a breakfast of waffles, French toast, bacon and sausages, we waddled back to our coaches to relax until the afternoon's activities. We began with the ladies' custom designed T-shirt contest. Celine Weldy was the winner with her original French designed T-shirt with a parrot on her shoulder and French sayings printed on the shirt - Nordstrom's should have them in their fine sportswear department by this time. Dan Durham was the winner of the men's

T-shirt contest with his Hunky Man T-Shirt. Even though the shirt showed him having six-pack abs, whenever he stuck out his chest and the shirt rode up, his abs looked more like a small keg rather than a six-pack. A few of us were skeptical when Donna said that we were going to have a wet T-shirt contest – we had nothing to fear. All we had to do was with one hand, pick up a wet T-shirt from a bucket of water, compact it and throw it as far as we could. Mighty Minnie Mouse Margita Clark threw it the farthest for the ladies and Jeronimo Jim Moreland nearly threw the shirt the length of the pool to win it for the men. Donna had been taunting the men and when they tricked her into approaching them, they hit her with four wet shirts. In her mad rush to escape the barrage, her sunglasses fell into the pool, but were retrieved intact. The Resort treated all the guests to an Ice Cream Social. For the toppings were nuts, syrups, M&M's and pseudo M&M's – have no idea what they were, but you could have chewed them until the cows came home and you still couldn't swallow them. Horseshoes was the next excitement of the day. The men were very serious about it and followed the rules. To the ladies it was a game to have fun with. They didn't follow the rules, but there was a lot of hooting and hollering, even when the horseshoe went into the tree. Donna kept score for the ladies and hid behind a wall to avoid getting hit by the erratic throws, just peeking out to see if a point was made. Jim Moreland was the men's winner with the most points and Mighty Minnie Mouse Margita and Invincible Ima Helm (Loretta Murray's sister) were the winning team. That evening we went to the Tanner Amphitheater for an evening of music by the Lieto Choir. It was a delightful evening of show tunes and other songs familiar to us.

Sunday was a free day for us. After a Continental Breakfast some of us went into town, others relaxed in their coaches and others grabbed a few breakfast items and went back to Zion to hike a few more trails. That evening we had a Cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs and all the extra stuff that this club is so famous for. Jack made a New England Clam Chowder that was EXCELLENT! Got to have that recipe! There were salads, veggies and desserts that would make any Weight Watchers cry. There were at least four different kinds of brownies, cakes, pies and so much of everything else – and it was all so good! Then we went on a bouncy Sunset Jeep Safari. We went on the back roads and saw the mountains and buttes of Zion from afar where you can really feel the beauty of them. There were a lot of "Wow"'s. We even passed strange looking cows along the way. Their markings were strange, but I'm sure their mothers loved them.

On Monday morning, we packed it up and with calls of "See you in Boardman", we went our separate ways, always to meet again.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY COACHERS (RMCC)

### STANDING RULES

#### A. Chapter Membership

1. The Chapter initiation fee of \$25.00 and current dues of \$25.00 per year are payable in U.S. funds.
2. Members who have been dropped from the rolls may be reinstated by meeting the Chapter requirements and paying a reinstatement fee of \$5.00 U.S. funds.

#### B. Chapter Finances

1. The Chapter shall be non-profit mutual benefit but may choose to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.
2. All monies received on behalf of the name of the Chapter shall be entered into the financial records and be deposited in the name of the Chapter in a depository selected by the President and approved by the membership.
3. Depositories must be a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF).
4. The Chapter budget shall be prepared by the Chapter Executive Board and adopted by the membership at the annual meeting.
5. Expenditures for Chapter fixed assets must be within the limits of the approved budget.
6. Disbursements for Chapter obligations shall be made by check, petty cash, or debit card in the event the expenditures are of a minimal amount.
7. Checks used for disbursement of Chapter obligations require the signature of one of the following: President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary.
8. Financial reports will be prepared by the Treasurer and submitted for each meeting.

9. The Chapter will pay the conference registration fee for the National Director or his/her alternate to attend the Annual FMCA Governing Board Convention.

C. Members Rights and Duties

1. Members shall promptly notify the Chapter Secretary of any change in name, address, telephone number or E-mail address or other status that could affect their qualifications to remain a member.
2. Qualified members, whether part or full owner, or husband and wife of a family unit, or their signed proxy in attendance at any meeting, will have the right to vote. Each family unit or proxy will have one vote.
3. All members shall have the right to attend business meetings. Additionally with prior notification to the Presiding Officer, members shall have the right to present their views on the subject(s) at hand on new topics.

D. Officers

1. The President supervises and oversees the affairs of the Chapter. The President chairs all regular or special meetings of the Chapter. The President may appoint a Rally Master to assist Rally Hosts in organizing a rally and may also appoint a Parliamentarian to ensure that meetings are conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The President may appoint committees as required. The following are suggested:
  - a. Activities
  - b. Audit
  - c. Newsletter
  - d. Historian
  - e. Membership
  - f. Hospitality/Sunshine
  - g. Website
  - h. Special

The Vice President will assist the President on Chapter matters and serve as the presiding officer in the absence of the President. Upon the inability or refusal of the President to perform his/her duties or responsibilities, the Vice President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President until a President can be elected by the membership for the unexpired term.

## RMCC NEWSY NEWS

- Our President, Betty Woods, declared that the motto of RMCC was “Fun, Fun, Fun with short meetings.
- The Secretary’s minutes of the Tucson rally was approved by the membership.
- There are two new member to the Board of Directors
  - Carl Luschwitz – FMCA Delegate
  - Dan Durham – Alternate FMCA Delegate
- At the Board Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, new committees were formed
  - Membership – Dan Durham
  - Commercial Sponsorship – Jim Moreland
  - Parliamentarian – Bill Pontsler
- RMCC’s Philanthropic Support will be to The New Life Center for domestic abuse.
- Vern Weldy read the treasurer’s report and it was accepted by the membership. Tucson’s rally came in \$114 under budget.
- Rod Woods explained the possibilities of the new RMCC website that he and Jack Kelly have been working on. There will be a public access route which anyone can have access to. For the private access route a user name and password will be needed. Included in this access location will be directory information, ability to renew membership, register for rallies, rally descriptions, club forms, coach maintenance references, By-Laws, Meeting Minutes, For Sale section and other items will be added as needed. Currently, Rod and Jack are 90% done and hope to be able to introduce it at the Boardman Rally. Instructions will be sent to each member on how to initially access the site. More information will follow as the project is completed.
- Marge Moreland had the scrapbook.
- Even though Dan is the chairman of the Membership Committee, it is really a total club effort to enlist new members. Membership forms are on the current RMCC website – print a few and give them to CC owners you encounter on your travels and also say good things about the club.
- Bill Pontsler – FMCA Liaison
  - March 8, 2011 – By-Laws and Letter to FMCA requesting membership as a FMCA chapter
  - April 1, 2011 – Bill spoke with FMCA official and four minor changes needed to be made to our By-Laws
  - April 14, 2011 – Discussion again with FMCA and By-Law changes sent
  - April 20, 2011 – FMCA accepted our By-Laws and RMCC officially became a FMCA chapter as of March 8, 2011
  - Standing Rules – Operational procedures of the club, don’t need FMCA’s approval (contained elsewhere in this issue)
- Possibility of Lazy Dayz purchasing Beaudry – if this is fact, Jim will approach them to be our sponsors and request that they pass on names of Country Coacher buyers.

- **Audit Committee – FMCA requires an annual internal financial audit. It requires three non-board members for this task. CCI also required it, but it was never done.**

### **RALLY HO!!!**

**June 12 – 15, 2011 – Friendship Rally, Country Coach Owners, Riverbend RV Park, Harrisburg, OR**

**September 12 – 15, 2011 – Columbia Sit & Sip Rally, Boardman Marina and RV Park, Boardman, OR, Bill & Reggie Knight and Mel & Carol Sapp**

**October 11-15, 2011 – FMCA Rally, Rocky Mountain Ramble, Farmington, NM**

**December 8 – 11, 2011 – Christmas Rally (dry camping), Litchfield Park, AZ, Jack & Wanda Kelly and Ray & Harriet Van Den Berg**

**March 8 –12, 2012 – RMCC Annual Meeting, Eagle View RV Resort, Fort McDowell Casino, Fountain Hills, AZ, Betty & Rod Woods**

**June 6 – 10, 2012 – Pony Express RV Resort, North Salt Lake City, UT, Jack & Wanda Kelly and Vern & Celine Weldy**

**September 26 –30, 2012 – Circle B RV Park, Ruidoso, NM, Lyndol & Betty Wilcox and Jack & Susan Frost**

## RALLIES

### Columbia Sit & Sip Rally - September 12 - 15, 2011

The schedule and registration form are on RMCC website. An Amazing Race contest has been added to schedule. If you are interesting in playing golf, please contact Mel Sapp. There are still sites available. One of the wineries is usually closed on Tuesdays, but they are going to open just for us. Chukar Cherries will have a drawing for their merchandise for the members of our club that visit their store in Prosser - a stop between visiting the wineries before or after lunch.

### Christmas Rally—December 8—11. 2011

Plan to come to this rally a day earlier and enjoy Happy Hour at Jack and Wanda Kelly's house on Thursday night - maybe Jack will prepare his delicious New England clam chowder. Friday is a free day; on Saturday is "Christmas in the Park" - an upscale arts and craft show on the Wigwam property. On Saturday evening is the lighting of the Christmas Tree and on Sunday is Litchfield Park's famous Farmers' Market. During the rally we are going to have another White Elephant gift exchange - last year we had so much fun that it must be repeated; some of us got really great gifts and some of us got hilarious gifts that we all remember and might appear again this year. Also we are going to have an auction for the benefit of the New Life Center. Look around your house for something that is very nice and someone will pay big bucks to have. We raised over \$3000 last year; I think we can beat that.

### Annual Business Meeting—March 8—12, 2012

Our annual business meeting will be held at the Eagle View RV Resort, Fort McDowell Casino, Fountain Hills, AZ. Betty and Rod have planned a luncheon and play for us and there are many other things to do. Spring Baseball Training is in Mesa, Surprise, Peoria and Goodyear. The ladies can go "window shopping" in Scottsdale and if the Fashion Center Mall is having sales, you are in luck. The Renaissance Fair is close to the resort or you can visit the casino. Betty and Rod aren't promising, but they hope to have a Mexican fiesta at their house. After the rally, Jack Kelly is planning a caravan to Rocky Point. If you are interested contact Jack; there are no planned activities, but real fun is never planned. In Rocky Point you may stay as long as you want.



### Salt Lake City - June 6 - 10, 2012

Jack and Vern have volunteered again to host a rally for us. The rally will be in North Salt Lake City at the Pony Express RV Resort. They have planned for us to attend a public performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Cathedral Choir. We will have a city tour of Salt Lake City and a bus trip to Park City where there still might be snow. More details will be available later, but only 25 sites are reserved.

### Ruidoso, NM—September 26—30, 2012

Betty & Lyndol Wilcox and Susan & Jack Frost will be hosting a rally at the Circle B RV Park. This area was a hangout for Billy the Kid and his rowdy friends. More details will be available later. **CAUTION:** The altitude is at least 6100 ft; if you have respiratory problems, please consult your medical advisor.

## **COMING ATTRACTION – BOARDMAN, OR**

Boardman is in northeastern Oregon in Morrow County and along the shores of the Columbia River. The city has a population of 3,400 and is primarily an agricultural community. The port of Morrow is Oregon's second-largest port and is a major hub for transportation of produce and manufactured goods.

Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark passed by Boardman on their way to the Pacific Ocean. In the first third of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, mountain men and fur trappers traveled through here to trade at the Hudson Bay Post in Vancouver. By 1843 the first major wagon train on the Oregon Trail passed near present day Boardman. Approximately 50,000 emigrants traveled the Trail over the next decade. The earliest steamboats passed here between Castle Rock landing to the west and Umatilla Landing to the east.

In the 1880's the railroads came to the area and Boardman was connected to Portland to the west and Minneapolis - St Paul to the east. By 1917, irrigation water turned the great plain around Boardman to a truck garden area. In 1903 Samuel Herbert and Anna Boardman homesteaded here. Other homesteaders flocked to the area and the town was platted on a part of the Boardman Homestead.

Oregon was building the Columbia River Highway from Portland and Sam's civil engineering skills were put to good use. Anna opened a school on their homestead. Later, Sam was the first Superintendent of the Oregon State Park System, as well as the creator of "rest stops". He began planting trees to make little parks where travelers could stop and rest in shade along the country's first highway.

The first commercial development in Boardman was related to travelers on the Columbia River Highway - gas stations, motel and restaurants. Then the city moved entirely in 1964 when Lake Umatilla behind the John Day Dam flooded the former city site.

## HISTORY LESSON

### Springdale, UT

Springdale is a town in Washington Country, Utah and had a population of 457 in 2000. It is located immediately outside the bound areas of Zion National Park and is oriented around the tourist industry. The community was originally settled as a Mormon farming community.

## ZION NATIONAL PARK

People have lived in what is now Zion National Park for thousands of years. From the beginning, people sought this place; this is a sanctuary in the desert's dry reaches. The very name *Zion*, a Hebrew word for refuge, evokes its significance. Zion's first residents tracked mammoths, camels and other mammals through the open desert and sheltered canyons. With climate changes, disease and over hunting, these animals died out 8,000 years ago. Hunters then began hunting smaller animals and gathering food. A desert culture evolved over the next 1,500 years as farmers and this culture is now known as Ancestral Puebloans. The diverse geological setting gave this culture a combination rare in deserts – terraces to grow food, a river for water and an adequate growing season. Zion is on the Colorado Plateau and crops grow best between 5,000 and 7,000 feet, which makes Zion's elevations nearly ideal. But droughts, resource depletion and migrations eventually decreased the Ancestral Puebloans' dominance. The Southern Paiute people who followed brought traditions suited to the harsh desert climate and thrived here. In the early 1860's, early Mormon pioneers built small communities and farmed the river terraces and named the river, Virgin River, for the Virgin Mother of Jesus.

John Wesley Powell visited Zion on the first scientific exploration of southern Utah. The towering cliffs of Zion Canyon were so remote and inaccessible, that the nation was not introduced to this landscape until the turn of the twentieth century. One of the first paintings of Zion was by a veteran of Powell's second expedition of the Colorado River, Frederick S Dellenbaugh. Dellenbaugh visited Zion Canyon and completed a series of paintings, which were exhibited at the St. Louis World Fair and introduced the fair visitors to Zion. He also wrote a magazine article about Zion, which was published in Scribner's magazine and read by many households more than one hundred years ago.

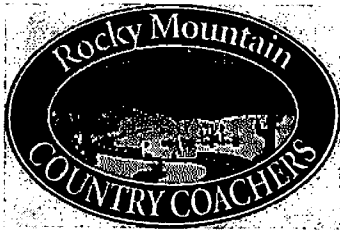
Geologically, Zion is on the Colorado Plateau and appears to be in the desert, but water created most of the beauty of Zion. Long before today's landscape even appeared, streams, oceans deserts and volcanoes deposited thousands of feet of mud, lime, sand and ash. The immense pressure and heat of accumulating sediments turned lower layers to stone. Later, underground forces uplifted the Colorado Plateau, a 130,000 square-mile mass of rock, over 10,000 feet above sea level. Rain then worked into the Plateau's minute cracks, loosening grains and widening fractures – and eroding into today's mighty canyons. These processes continue today; rivers still deposit sediment that turn to stone and earthquakes still punctuate the Plateau's upward journey, and erosion pries rock falls from the cliffs. Today water flows into Zion from Bryce Canyon in the north, collects in the Virgin River, which joins the Colorado River that helped to

form the Grand Canyon. Zion usually has between 15 - 26 inches of rainfall a year, but to date for this year, it has had over 200% of that amount. We saw evidence of flash flooding with uprooted trees and natural debris along the Virgin River and along the trails there were minor mudslides.

Zion became a National Park in 1909. In 1933, during the Great Depression the government developed the Civilian Conservation Corps to put young, unemployed men to work on public lands and provide them with skills needed to obtain future employment. Without CCC's contribution to this park, many visitors would not get to see the extensive beauty that Zion offers. During their nine years at Zion, they built and improved many of Zion's Canyon's trails, created parking areas, fought fires, eradicated invasive plants, helped build campgrounds, built park buildings and reduced flooding of the Virgin River. Today, because of their work in the past, we are able to enjoy the wonders of nature.

### BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW!

- Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible. A bee must collect nectar from over two million individual flowers to make about one pound of honey.
- Catfish have over 100,000 taste buds.
- The Flaming Fountain in South Dakota is fed by an artesian well with natural gas content so high that it can be lit.
- The moon moves approximately 2 inches away from the Earth each year.
- George Washington is the only man whose birthday is a legal holiday in every state of the US.
- An adult porcupine has approximately 30,000 quills, which are replaced every year.
- On average, the temperature drops three degrees F for every one thousand feet of elevation.
- The largest gold nugget currently in existence was discovered with a metal detector and weighed 61 pounds, 11 ounces.
- When a miner's wife complained that none of the family mines had ever been named in her honor, her husband named a mine "The Holy Terror".
- One buffalo will eat approximately three to four percent of their body weight in a day and will require 10 - 20 gallons of water daily.
- The temperature inside a cave will be the average year-round temperature of the surface above it.
- Gold is the only metal that will not oxidize, even if it is buried in the ground for thousands of years.
- The King of Hearts is the only king without a mustache on a standard playing card deck.
- The Eisenhower Interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are useable as emergency landing strips.



## Rocky Mountain Country Coaches Organized March 2003

*The main purposes of the Rocky Mountain Country Coaches 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 Coaches area includes: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Montana and Wyoming.*

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### FROM THE EDITOR

Kudos to Betty Woods, our President! She wrote job descriptions for each of the officers, something our club has never had. Now each officer knows what his or her responsibilities and duties are. The Board also created committees for membership and sponsorship. Just because you are not an officers or chairperson does not mean that you don't have any responsibility toward the success of the club. Members are volunteering or accepting when asked to do "club work" and this is a positive sign of success. One event that spurred this positive attitude was becoming a chapter of FMCA. For more than two years, the status of CCI was questionable and we were losing confidence in CCI and also maybe in our own club. The confidence is back and RMCC will continue to have fun rallies. I hope all of you will support New Life Center for domestic abuse.

Paul Gibson, a member of RMCC from Durango, CO, is a Ranger at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. He recognized us before we recognized him. There was a long line and I couldn't ask him any questions about how long he has worked there. Good to see RMCC members!