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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BETTY WOODS

For those of you that joined us at Boardman, what fun we had thanks to Reggie & Bill as well as Mel & Carol Sapp. The four of them did so much work on this rally and it was greatly appreciated. Please check the web site for all the photos.

We have been adding extra committees so that we are assured of "covering all bases". We have a Membership Committee with Dan Durham as heading it. On the Committee is: Don Barr, Mary Granone and Marie Schmaltz. They are contacting members who have not been attending for a while to see what their membership status is as well as current FMCA membership numbers.

We also have two new members Carol Woodman who was at Boardman and Jimmie and Karon Eisberg who live in Prescott. We welcome them and hope that they have many years of enjoying the club with all of us.

New membership badges will be given out at our Ft. McDowell meeting in March so if you have any changes on them please let Vern Weldy know so that we get them made out correctly. On the sign up form you will see and extra charge of \$10.00 which will help defray the cost of the badges. The Club is paying for the difference.

It is getting time to send in your dues which is due by December 31st. If you have changes to the Directory contact Don Barr. Below is the internet site for getting the forms you need for renewal.

www.rmccusa.com.

Look under "Join our Club", then "Membership Renewal" for the form

Happy Trails,
Betty

THE COLUMBIA RALLY SIT AND SIP RALLY

Boardman, Oregon
September 12–15, 2011

The weather gods were fickle in mid-September in Boardman, OR along the Columbia River. We began with warm afternoons, cool evenings and no wind, but by the third day of the rally the winds had picked up and we had to "batten down the hatches". Fourteen coaches arrived the day before the rally began and we had a pizza party while watching the spectacular sunset. There were a total of 23 coaches at the rally, which filled two circles and a few spaces along the internal road. At registration, members selected what times they wanted to leave for the Winery Tour the next day. The personnel of the tasting rooms of the wineries requested that the group size be limited to 12 people each, so each of the four groups left at different times and often to a different winery of the four that we were going to visit. Also we were going to stop at Chukar Cherries in Prosser for sweet delights. During Happy Hour, we had the Purple Pumpkin and six prizes were awarded; there was a "catch" question. The Men's Wildest Hawaiian Shirt Contest was a blaze of color competing with the dazzling sunset. Roger Herr won the contest, but some members questioned if Roger's shirt of a voluptuous female wearing a bikini was really a Hawaiian shirt, but it received the most attention and most votes, so he was the winner. This was followed by our Cookout of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and the usual sides and ending with ice cream. Paul Craig, Mel Sapp and Bill Knight were the grill masters. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault.

Tuesday morning The River Lodge provided a breakfast of French toast, bacon, scrambled eggs, fruit and coffee. After our hearty breakfast, the groups began to leave on the Winery Tour at their appointed times. Some members had lunch at restaurants in Prosser and others had picnic lunches at the Wine Park near more tasting rooms where they bought more wine. Everyone stopped at Chukar Cherries for samples and dropped our raffles tickets into their basket. Karen Burnett was the winner of a box of assorted cherry and chocolate delights. Back at the Park, a catered dinner of beef, chicken and sides was waiting for us. For dessert we had birthday cake – it was Carol Sapp's birthday. It was a tiring day for all of us and after a few oh's and ah's at the fantastic sunset, we headed for our coaches. The political debates were going to be on TV and many were interested and others were not.

Wednesday morning, Mel and Bill got up very early and drove to Hermiston to get the fruit and goodies for our Continental Breakfast. After we ate, Ron Lee, CEO and owner of Country Coach Corporation, spoke to us about the future of CCC. We enjoyed his talk and seeing his Bentley sports car. Betty Woods, our President, had a short and very informative Business Meeting. After lunch we had our version of The Amazing Race. No one had to go to a foreign country to participate. The farthest point was the gazebo at the opposite end of the Park with a relaxing view of the river. That evening we had an Italian Pot Luck. We started with appetizers, followed by garlic bread, salad, entrees and finishing with desserts. RMCC doesn't have Pot Lucks, but we decided to do it in an organized manner and it seemed to go well. Ron Lee brought Country Coach apparel that was auctioned off for the benefit of The New Life Center that we assist. We raised \$350 to be given to the Center. Also at this time, the door prizes were given out. The wineries we visited provided most of the door prizes that were given to the members.

We began Thursday with a Continental Breakfast and windy weather. During the day we had our version of the Olympics. Nothing strenuous, just full of fun and somewhat silly, especially trying to throw a Frisbee into a head wind. Our trip to McNary Dam was not as successful as we had hoped. Mid-September is supposed to be the height of the salmon swimming upstream, but we only saw a few salmon. Maybe they were two weeks late just as the weather was two weeks late that affected the cherry and other fruit picking. All the wineries told us that grape picking was two weeks behind schedule and they were concerned about the wines from these grapes. Our "formal" dinner was held at the Desert River Inn in Umatilla. The room was tastefully decorated and the food was served efficiently and hot. Everyone agreed that the food was very tasty. On Friday morning, most members left after breakfast. As usual there were calls of "See you in March" and for those of us near Phoenix "See you in December".

GOLFING IN OREGON

A couple of "Chicks with Sticks" (June Mastors and Vanessa Hays) were determined to pit their skills against another worthy opponent - the Big River Golf Course in Umatilla, Oregon. They were expertly aided and assisted by Ron Woods and Duane Hays and cheered on by "Master Bird-watcher", John Mastors. We arrived at the 18-hole golf course built in 1968 with clubs in our hands and balls in our pockets, only to learn that the back nine holes were closed for maintenance. With a "what the heck" attitude, we teed off on #1. Alas, it became readily apparent we were out of practice (and in serious risk of running out of golf balls). Nonetheless, we pressed on. There were bunkers and water hazards, sloping greens, and, a very large bird of prey - an eagle John believed - that made our adventure complete. In fact, we had so much fun playing holes 1 - 9; we decided to play them a second time ... indeed getting our 18 holes of play. Our scores improved the second time around and we even found some of our long-lost balls from the first trip. The day was beautiful - warm and sunny and the group decided to have a bite to eat at the clubhouse afterwards. As a friend once said to me - you meet the nicest folks at a golf course and it's usually the prettiest place in town! By the way, no one seriously kept score; it was mostly a day of fun and relaxation. Contributed by Vanessa Hays

THE AMAZING RACE - RMCC MODE

Five teams completed in the RMCC Amazing Race. All teams were enthusiastic and one team was extremely competitive and took advantage of opportunities. The teams were June Mastor and Marie Schmaltz, Roger Herr and Ken Burnett, Jack Kelly and John Tanzi, Rod Woods and Jim Moreland and Don Barr and Jack Kraft. Among the silly tasks they had to perform were finding a Panamanian coin in a box of foreign coins, determine mathematically the number of ice bags that could fit into the park's ice chest, find the pink golf tee in a box of packing peanuts and other tees, hit three whiffle balls and a few other silly tasks. As befitting the silly games, all contestants received silly prizes.

WINERY TOUR

On Tuesday morning we divided into four groups to tour four wineries. They were Columbia Crest, Snoqualmie, Ponte Del Roza and VineHeart. All the wineries were in Washington and we were in Oregon so it took anywhere from 45 minutes to 90 minutes to arrive at the first winery assigned to our group. At Columbia Crest, we were given a short tour of the wine making process. The white wine grapes and red wine grapes are processed at opposite sides of the processing facility. The white wine grapes are crushed and the collected juice is processed and stored in huge stainless steel vats. Chardonnay is the only white wine that is stored in oak barrels. Usually these oak barrels have been used before in another alcoholic beverage and this past usage enhanced the flavor of the wine. White wines are aged 6 - 12 months and then bottled for shipment. For red wines, the juice and red grape skins are processed together to give red wines a red color. The red wines are stored in oak barrels and are aged from 1 - 10 years. Columbia Crest had a very nice selection of whites and reds for tasting. Management had brought in extra personnel to serve our groups in a short amount of time. They also gave us 8 - 10 items for door prizes.

Only two groups were able to visit Snoqualmie Winery due to time constraints. Those two groups were greeted graciously and served a variety of whites and reds. Snoqualmie gave us a bottle of wine for a door prize. They are part of the Columbia Crest Corporation.

Ponte Del Roza began as a Future Farmers of America project. The gentleman who was in the tasting room serving us needed a project as a child and since his grandfather had vineyards and made wine in Italy, the boy asked his grandfather to help him grow grapes and make wine as his project and that is how Ponte Del Roza began. Their white wines this year weren't as good as they usually are, but the red wines were excellent.

VineHeart Winery is usually closed on Tuesdays, but Patricia opened it just for us. Everyone enjoyed his or her visit to VineHeart especially because Patricia is a very friendly person. She has named a few of her wines after her tea-totalling aunts. Philomena is a slightly sweet rose that has been enjoyed for years. Her wines are mostly roses and reds. She also gave, those that asked, a few gala apples. Not only does she grow grapes and apples, but cherries, other fruits and hops for making beer. That area of Washington grows a large amount of hops. Patricia is on a national agricultural board that promotes safe usage of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. She is not a proponent of organic farming. She doesn't approve of using chicken poop as fertilizer as many organic farms do.

Bill and I have been visiting these four wineries and a few others in this area for the past nine years and return to Arizona each October with at least six cases of wine, which we refer to as our winter stock. The wineries in Washington and Oregon cannot ship wines to Arizona, Arizona law. Patricia always remembers us because she has a brother-in-law by the name of Bill Knight.

Eileen Blakemore entered Hospice Care on November 7, 2011. Please remember Eileen and Jim in your thoughts and prayers. Eileen has put up a valiant fight and Jim has the courage to support her in her fight.

RMCC OLYMPICS

Even though the wind didn't cooperate with us and interfered with the games, everyone gave it a good try. The winners were as follows:

Hit Whiffle Ball Farthest

Men - Bo Lee

Ladies - Marie Schmaltz

Shot Putt

Men - Bo Lee

Ladies - Shelley Herr

Chop Stick Race

Men - Bob Colclazier

Ladies - Mary Ganone

Discus Throw

Men - Mel Sapp

Ladies - Vanessa Hays

Lawn Bowling

Men - Duane Hays

Ladies - Kathy Lee

The winners received plastic medals and small plastic trophy cups - Small Budget.

MEL and CAROL SAPP—CO-HOSTS

Mel Sapp

A long, long, long time ago, (Jesus Christ was in the 3rd grade) I was born in Phoenix, AZ. My mother's parents came through the Salt River Valley in 1876 with a herd of horses bound for Oregon. They were very impressed with the area, returned and homesteaded there in 1881. My mother was born there in 1894; my father came to the Valley in 1907. He was a carpenter and we farmed some of the old homestead until around 1950. I was born there in 1933 and left there in 1973. I went to college at Arizona State in Tempe. I majored in Animal Husbandry and minored in Veterinary Science. I have been in the beef industry all my life and worked for Swift Co.; at that time it was the largest meat packers in the world. I worked for them 25 years and traveled all around the west running a variety of meat plants. During New Year's weekend of 1977, I came to Las Vegas and have been here ever since. In 1980 I closed the Swift plant in Las Vegas and joined some local people in a food distribution business in Vegas. I retired in 1972 and have been RVing ever since.

Carol Sapp

I was born in Kansas City, MO, but was raised in Southern California. I got married and had three daughters. For the next ten years I spent my time at home taking care of my husband and girls and I loved that life. Then with the girls in school full time, I decided to go to work. I worked at a couple of different companies; one was HR Textron. It was a very diversified company with many different products. I was the shipping inspector; I enjoyed the job and stayed there until I retired and we moved to Las Vegas. I was happily married to a wonderful man for 47 years.

While living in Las Vegas, we made many new friends including Mel & Marlene Sapp. We enjoyed spending time together, including traveling to Alaska. After we both lost our spouses, our friendship developed into much deeper feelings. I feel very fortunate to have the life I do now.

NEWSY NEWS

Items discussed at the business meeting:

- The club's financial record will be audited annually by Jim Moreland, Mike Cucci and Roger Herr.
- A \$25 point system will be assigned to members attending each rally. These points can be used at the next rally or saved, but must be used within 15 months or lose them. If a member leaves the club, they lose any points accumulated nor can the points be transferred to a member of the club.
- Bill Pontsler is Parliamentarian and Honorary Historian of the club.
- If you know of a member who is ill or who has lost a family member, please notify our secretary, Donna Tanzi.
- In order for the club membership to expand, there is an option of accepting SOB members. These persons will have to be invited to become a member, attend at least one rally as a non-member and be reviewed by the membership committee. Qualifications to be RMCC members are being developed by Bill Pontsler.
- Membership Committee currently consists of Mary Ganone and Kay Colclazier and they will also inquire why some members have not been attending rallies.
- The new website developed by Rod Woods is done, but not ready to show; minor problems need to be cleaned up.
- Jim Moreland will be pursuing Commercial Sponsorship to generate money to reduce increasing rally fees. His goal is to raise \$1000 per rally.
- FMCA Rally was in Wisconsin this summer, neither Carl Luschwitz nor Dan Durham were at the Boardman Rally so a report wasn't available, but there were approximately 1800 FMCA coaches and 200 vendor coaches at the rally.
- Margie Moreland has passed the Scrapbook to Marie Schmaltz.
- Don Barr will continue with the directory until the website is complete; then we will be able to print out the directory ourselves.

RALLIES HOI

Dec 8 - 11, 2011 - Christmas Campout, Ray and Harriet Van Den Berg's house lot

March 8 - 12, 2012 - Business Meeting Rally, Eagle Nest RV Park, Fort McDowell, Phoenix, AZ

June 6 - 9, 2012 - "This is the Place" Rally, Pony Express RV Park, North Salt Lake City, UT

Sept 26 - 30, 2012 - Circle B RV Park, Ruidoso, NM

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The Christmas Campout won't be in Litchfield Park as planned. Jack Kelly's friend owned the property where we were going to dry camp and wouldn't charge us for the usage. The property was sold to a man who was going to charge us an exorbitant fee for us to park there - No, Thank you! Ray and Harriet Van Den Berg have graciously extended us an invitation to camp on their property as we did last year. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

December 8, Thursday - Arrive at Camp Van Den Berg in the afternoon and after all the hugging and greeting, grab a chair and gather on the patio for Happy Hour. A Potluck Dinner will follow. We will be informed what to bring closer to the date.

December 9, Friday - Breakfast on your own

9:30 am - Carpool to New Life Center in Goodyear for tour. Jack will provide us with a list of needed items at a later date. They would appreciate a toy donation, approximately 80 children are there at one time - more information will be coming.

2 pm - We will gather at a location determined later for a trip to Layton Woolf's Farm for a tour of his rose growing operation.

4 pm - Happy Hour at Jack and Wanda's home in Litchfield Park. Dinner on your own or at any of the fine restaurants in the area.

December 10, Saturday - Breakfast on your own

Carpool to Litchfield Park for "Christmas in the Park" Event.

Booths open at 9 am

Parade starts at 10 am

Lunch on your own

4 pm - Happy Hour at Camp Van Den Berg and Auction for the New Life Center Auction items - please bring your little treasures or craft items

5 pm - Mexican dinner by Roland and Gloria

6 pm - White Elephant Gift Exchange, maybe the owl or swan will show up again and other silly items

December 11, Sunday - Breakfast on your own

Carpool to Litchfield Park for Farmers' Market, hours are 8 am - 1 pm

Wigwam serves breakfast at the Farmers' Market

12 noon - Farewell and Merry Christmas

BUSINESS MEETING RALLY

Eagle Nest RV Park – Fort McDowell Casino, Phoenix, AZ

March 8 - 12, 2012

March 8 – Thursday – Registration 1 – 3 and Happy Hour 4 – 5, Bring appetizer to share

March 9 – Friday – Breakfast at Eagle Mountain Golf Course, followed by Business Meeting

Spring Training Major League Baseball Game and Cookout – Baseball Theme Food

March 10 – Saturday – Free Day (Golf, visit Sedona, Payson, shopping and window-shopping in Scottsdale)

The casino usually has a delicious Crab Buffet, Call 480-837-1424 for information and reservations.

March 11 – Sunday – Continental Breakfast; Renaissance Festival during the day and in the evening a “formal” dinner at We-Ko-Pa Golf Course Restaurant

March 12 – Monday – Continental Breakfast and Farewell

Those signed up for Rocky Point will leave after breakfast.

THIS IS THE PLACE” RALLY

Salt Lake City, Utah - June 6th thru June 10th 2012

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday June 6th

12 - 4 pm - Registration

5 pm - ?? - Happy Hour, Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres supplied by club and members, Purple Pumpkin and entertainment

Thursday June 7th

8 - 9 am - Catered Breakfast

9:30 - 11 am - Club Business Meeting

11 am - noon - Motostat seminar

1 - 3 pm - Games, horseshoes, etc.

3:30 pm - Board buses for tour of Salt Lake City, includes dinner and a live performance of The World Famous Tabernacle Choir

Friday June 8th

8 - 9 am - Catered Continental Breakfast

9 am - ? - Day on your own, Visit the many attractions in and around Salt Lake City. Golf, Antelope Island, Hill Aerospace, Discovery Gateway & Gateway mall, Red Butte Garden, this is the Place Heritage Park, Utah's Hogle Zoo, Utah Olympic Park, and many more great attractions.

4 - 5 pm - Happy Hour for those who may be at the park

5 pm - Dinner on your own, Enjoy many of the fine restaurants around Salt Lake City.

Saturday June 9th

8 - 9 am - Catered Continental Breakfast.

10 am - Car pool to Park City for shopping and dining, your registration includes a guided tour Of the Park City Museum. Half to attend in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.

Sunday June 10th

8 -9 am - Catered Continental Breakfast

FORT McDOWELL CASINO

"The excitement at Fort McDowell Casino includes our Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, which is located within Maricopa County just north of Mesa, east of Scottsdale and only 24 miles from Phoenix. We're near the confluence of the east-west flowing Salt River and the north-south Verde River that flows gently through our reservation. The majestic Four Peaks rise to 7,000 ft. above the desert floor some 30 miles to the east, gracing the reservation with a magnificent sight year round.

The community was created by Executive Order September 15, 1903. The 40-square mile reservation is home to 600 community members and another 300 members live off reservation. This land was once part of the ancestral home of the nomadic Yavapai people, hunters and gatherers in the vast surrounding area of desert lowlands and the mountainous Mogollon Rim.

In recent years, Fort McDowell won two historic victories reaffirming its tribal sovereignty. In the early 1970's, construction of the Orme Dam was proposed at the nearby confluence of the Verde and Salt Rivers, which would have flooded the reservation and forced the community from what little remained of its ancestral homeland. With limited financial resources, individuals from the community spearheaded an opposition movement, rallied the support of fellow tribal members, and brought in other Indian tribes and non-Indian groups also opposing the dam.

In a 1976 referendum, the community voted 144 to 57 against selling their land to the federal government for the dam site. On November 12, 1981, after consulting with the Fort McDowell Tribal Council and the Governor's Advisory Committee, Interior Secretary James Watt announced that Orme Dam would not be built. Each year, a tribal fair and rodeo is held to commemorate that galvanizing event.

During the early 1990s, several tribal casinos, including Fort McDowell, were operating in Arizona. In accordance with the provisions of the Federal 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the tribes were waiting to sign gaming compacts with the state government. At the time, however, the governor opposed Indian gaming and called upon the U.S. Attorney's Office for support. Unannounced raids by FBI agents on five Indian casinos were ordered.

At the first light of day on May 12, 1992, agents invaded the Fort McDowell Casino, seizing the community's 349 gaming machines and loading them into moving trucks. Community members witnessing the raid took immediate action and called other community members, tribal leaders and the news media. Soon, using every available car, truck, and piece of movable heavy machinery, a blockade of the casino's access road was organized. A three-week standoff between the tribe and government followed. The Arizona governor ultimately was persuaded to sign a gaming compact with the tribe, thus paving the way for Indian gaming in Arizona. May 12 is now a tribal holiday.

The reservation is governed by a Tribal Council elected by tribal members pursuant to the Tribe's Constitution. The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation takes pride in its economic development and the expansion of direct services to meet the changing needs of all tribal members while preserving traditional values."

Information provided from Fort McDowell website

RON LEE - CEO COUNTRY COACH CORPORATION

Ron and Cookie Lee joined us for dinner on Tuesday night and he spoke to us about the future of Country Coach Corporation on Wednesday prior to our Business Meeting. Ron joined Bob Lee at Country Coach in 1975. Bob had been a partner owner of Monaco and started his own business as Country Camper. When they began manufacturing motorhomes, the name was changed to Country Coach. They purchased 45 - 50 acres of land for construction of manufacturing facilities. Bob worked in Sales and Marketing and Ron worked in Engineering and Manufacturing. When Country Coach became part of National, Bob fired Ron after 21 years of service for CC.

Ron has been retired for 15 years and is now rejuvenated and wants to get back to work. In October 2010, he joined with Bob Lee to purchase CC's intellectual property; Bob owed the physical property. Ron bought Bob's share of CC and his goals were to (1) save the property, (2) save CC and (3) make jobs for the former CC employees. Currently he has 20 employees with 400 years of experience. At the present time they are repairing coaches, supplying replacement parts to other service facilities and consignment sales.

Ron and Cookie own Country Coach Corporation and all funding is coming out of their own pocket. Even though big coaches are history for the most part, Ron will continue to build the Magna model for a few years to provide the revenue to build new models in a few years. He wants to build a hybrid coach (diesel - electric) able to get 18 - 20 mpg, a length of 20 - 30 ft with a tag axle and with less glass in the body. His goal is to be in production by 2013 producing 50 coaches by the second year and 100 coaches by the third year.

Other topics he covered:

- External finish - Many coach manufacturers using Corning siding for the body, which was inferior to fiberglass. Monaco sued, won and passed the financial award to the coach owners affected. CC sued, won and used the award to pay CC's bills.
- Monaco has moved all their services out of the Eugene area.
- The Veranda was the straw that broke the camel's back at CC.
- CC apparel can be purchased at their website at cost or less.

Ron Lee is working for no salary, but pays all taxes on the physical property, utilities and maintenance.

COUNTRY COACH FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL—Formation Rally, June 13-16, 2011

Riverbend Resort, Harrisburg, Oregon

It was wonderful seeing so many old friends at this rally for the formation of a new Country Coach Chapter in FMCA. Sixty Country Coaches were in attendance. There were four of our RMCC members (Barr, McKenzie/Chelew, Pontsler and Sieverkropp) present. Fifty of those present joined the new Chapter. Anyone who joins before the first of the year will be considered a Charter Member. The new Chapter of FMCA is formally named Country Coach Friends International (CCFI) and is the only CC club that is chartered with the FMCA as a CC International Club. Its bylaws were passed and all paperwork submitted to FMCA.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Jerry O'Connor; Treasurer, Gary Wallstrom; Secretary, Sherry Vincent; FMCA Director, Bill Vincent; Alternate FMCA Director, Pat Detloff; Northwest VP, Vern Meighen; Southwest VP, John Malabicky; Midwest VP, George Shallbetter; South Central VP, Joe Smith; Eastern VP, Kevin Holmes.

There were lots of seminars, service, FOOD and visiting. The three service facilities in the Junction City area all supported the rally with tours and service. We toured Country Coach Corporation, Oregon Motorcoach Center and Premier RV Services. All have employees who were formerly CC Inc. employees.

A fund raising event was held to help support the local food banks in Harrisburg and Junction City. The area has been devastated by the shut down in the RV industry and many of the techs and assembly workers that were employed make use of the food bank. Over \$8000.00 was raised. All of the latest Club news and information, including a membership application, can be viewed at their new website www.countrycoachfriendsinternational.com.

BILL AND REGGIE KNIGHT HOSTS

Bill and Reggie think they have done well for being a son of a farmer and a daughter of a steel-worker. Bill was born in Stillwater, Maine, lived on the farm in Richmond and went to middle and high school in Auburn, Maine. He earned his Chemistry degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, PhD in Physical Chemistry at Princeton and did post-doc work at Harvard. After teaching Biophysics at U of Pittsburgh he was employed in the medical diagnostic industry in California and Florida. His hobbies are photography, reading, woodworking and traveling. His favorite campgrounds are Boardman RV Park, Cape Kiwanda in Pacific City and Banff National Park in Alberta, Canada.

Reggie was born in Allentown, PA and lived in Bethlehem, PA for 23 years. She earned her Medical Technology degree at Moravian College and was employed in a local hospital laboratory until she headed for warmer weather in Miami, FL where she was employed at a medical diagnostic company for 22 years. While in Miami she earned degrees in English and Industrial Engineering, took MBA classes but couldn't understand debits and credits and then took law classes. When they moved to Mission Viejo, CA, she worked as a proposal analyst for a civil engineering firm and later in accounting and data management for a non-profit organization. She attended a local college and took the required accounting classes to be eligible to take her CPA exam. At about that time, Bill suggested that they take early retirement and buy an RV - Great Idea! Her hobbies are reading, photography (black and white film), loom knitting and creative cooking to be done later on the RV. She likes the same RV parks as Bill and includes Lake Powell.

They currently live in Sun City West. On the last day of the Boardman Rally, their cat went to catnip heaven and now they have two beautiful and cute kittens, George and Gracie, who will be traveling with them. Their fifteen minutes of fame was when they were Grand Marshals of the Disney World Magic Kingdom Parade on January 1, 1991, their 10th anniversary. Reggie knew for months, but Bill found out 20 minutes before the parade. He was surprised that she could keep it a secret.

Ruidoso, NM TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 26: Check in: Circle B RV Park, Heavy hors d'oeuvres/Pizza

Thursday, Sept. 27: Catered Breakfast

Tour of Spencer Theater or/golf, Lunch on your own

Hubbard Museum of the American West

Nations Buffet Casino/Inn of the Mountain Gods

Friday, Sept. 28: Continental Breakfast

Lincoln/Billy the Kind, Lunch/Dolan House - Lincoln, Fort Stanton

Catered/Mexican Food

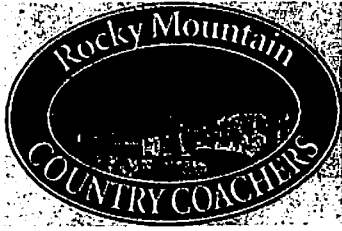
Saturday, Sept. 29: Catered Breakfast

Business Meeting, Lunch on your own and Shopping

Flying J Chuck Wagon Show and Dinner

Sunday, Sept. 30: Continental Breakfast

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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.

FROM THE EDITOR

My apologies for being late with this newsletter, but our little darlings have bonded with me and think it is a great game to chase my fingers on the keyboard. I learned to "save" after every sentence. This issue is packed with information, especially about upcoming rallies in 2012. Now that you know the locations of the rallies, you can plan your summer trip around them or make other plans for the summer. At the Business Meeting Rally, Betty and Jack will probably be asking for suggestions for rallies in 2013 and for hosts. I was a host for the fall rally and the planning and preparation wasn't a hard task, it was the work of the actual rally that we anticipated, but as usual, many of the members pitched in and helped and everyone was fed and everything was cleaned up. There is always the possibility that everything won't go according to plan, but who knows? And who cares? The Boardman host, Jim, and the staff were impressed how neat we kept our area during the rally in spite of the wind. The Park's maintenance crew didn't have to do any cleaning up after us. Jim has invited the group back. So if you plan to attend any of the rallies in 2012, please send in your reservation form and check (might be able to do it on the website) so that the hosts can inform the park's management, caterers and other event coordinators how many people will be attending. It also might be a good idea to inform the hosts if you are going to arrive at the rally site prior to the start of the rally.

We saw Gary and Shannon Gross from Albuquerque in late summer. They are former members of RMCC and are hoping to attend a few rallies this summer. Gary has had health problems, but appears fit and able to travel again.