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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BETTY WOODS

Hope this finds all of you enjoying the year so far.

If you didn't come to the Ft. McDowell rally take a look at the photos that Rod has e-mailed you. Notice all the smiling faces as a good time was had by all. As normal, we had plenty of food, adventures and great comradeship. Next, we will be looking forward to North Salt Lake City June 6<sup>th</sup> thru June 10<sup>th</sup> and then Ruidoso September 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please sign up early. For those that plan way ahead, the next annual business meeting will be held in Tucson at Lazydays, February 28, to March 4, 2013. After Tucson some of us will be traveling to Rocky Point, Mexico. If you are thinking about it and haven't been, please give Jack Kelly a call for more information. We've been going for years, caravan together and have never had a negative incident.

Remember, our motto is "fun, fun, fun". Drive safely, have great times motor homing and hopefully, we will see you soon in Salt Lake.

Best Wishes, Betty

When you receive your new RMCC directory, please shred your old one!

Use photo as a guide and follow manufacturer's instructions for all products used.

Cotton duster covers are great because they are easy to wash. Make a variety of colors to ensure you always have a clean cover on hand!

**BUSINESS MEETING RALLY**  
**Eagle Nest RV Park – Fort McDowell, AZ**  
**March 8 – 12, 2012**

We must just be living right, or something, because again we had beautiful weather for our rally at the Eagle Nest RV Park – even the birds were singing! RMCC has had 26 rallies or approximately 104 day of rally time and for the entire time, we have had less than four days of nasty weather. Whatever magic or voodoo someone has, it is working.

Many of us arrived at Eagle Nest a day or more before the start of the rally. Except for the Christmas Campout, many of us hadn't seen each other since Boardman and that was six months ago. Other members hadn't been seen since the Business Rally last year so there was a lot of news to be shared and also a lot of love.

Thursday afternoon was registration and rally packets were distributed; new directories were included. **Please shred the old directories.** A few tried their luck at the casino; didn't hear of any big winners and no one ever says how much they lose. At Happy Hour, half of the attending member brought appetizers, which included various chips and dips, meat balls, egg rolls, spiral sandwiches and much, much more and then the club provided sandwiches – “the diet begins next week”.

Friday morning we carpooled to Eagle Mountain Golf Course for breakfast and our annual Business Meeting. The view from the reception hall of the valley below us with the cityscape was spectacular. After our bellies were full and the business part of the rally was accomplished, we attended a spring training baseball game. The game was held at the Salt River Stadium and the game was between the Colorado Rockies and the Oakland Athletics. It was perfect baseball weather; the temperature was in the low 70's with a very slight breeze coming in from the outfield and we had seats directly behind home plate. We were able to see the balls and strikes as well as the umpire and at times we thought that we could see them better than he could. Many of us left the game early and came back to the Park to rest for a few minutes until it was time to “wet our whistle” and fill our plates from a laden table of appetizers that the other half of the attendees brought. Then we had the auction for the New Life Center and it was a very successful auction to the tune of over \$5000. Many thanks to the members that contributed items and to those that “bought” the items with the highest bid.

Saturday was a free day to do whatever you wanted. Some went shopping in Scottsdale, always an enjoyable event, and others tried to go to the Scottsdale Arts and Craft Show, but couldn't find a parking place. A few visited Saguaro Lake and the Salt River testing the water and some just relaxed with a good book. We all got back for Happy Hour with left-over appetizers, which were still delicious and hamburgers, hot dogs and chili.

Sunday morning we went out for breakfast at Denny's and ate too much, but it was so good and we would never prepare all that food for breakfast at home. Hopefully we walked it off at the Renaissance Festival. It was an experience observing a different life style, maybe even culture shock. That evening we had a fabulous dinner at the golf course dining room affiliated with the casino complex. We had our choice of salmon, chicken or flat iron steak (one of the best preparations of flat iron that I have ever had!). The test of any great kitchen is if they can prepare green beans to retain the crispness without being raw, We-Ko-Pa Golf Course Restaurant cooked the perfect green bean!

Monday morning members began leaving early and the members heading to Rocky Point left in a group. During our farewells we reminded each other to meet in North Salt Lake City and Ruidoso.

## ***PET DIRECTORY***

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>SERVANTS</u>
Liesl	Canine	Jim & Susan Biestek
Twinkle	Canine	Mike & Dannilee Butler
Roscoe	Canine	Margita Clark
Annie	Canine	Margita Clark
Casey	Canine	Paul & Barbara Craig
McKenzie	Canine	Bob & Alta Daniels
Wiley	Canine	Roger & Shelley Herr
Vinnie	Canine	Roger & Shelly Herr
Roxy	Canine	Jack & Wanda Kelly
George	Feline	Bill & Reggie Knight
Gracie	Feline	Bill & Reggie Knight
Phantom	Feline	Bo & Kathy Lee
Ben	Canine	Jim & Margie Moreland
Chase	Canine	Jim & Elizabeth Nelson
Tank	Canine	Daren & Marie Schmaltz
Shorty	Canine	Lyndol & Betty Wilcox
Abby	Canine	Rod & Betty Woods
Champagne	Feline	Rod & Betty Woods

If I have not included all your furry family members, email me and they will be included in the next issue.

## NEWSY NEWS

This section is often a repeat of the Secretary's report, but it won't hurt you to read it in both editions.

- FMCA requires an annual financial audit of its members' clubs. Mike Cucci, Jim Moreland and Roger Herr conducted the audit and Mike sent a letter to FMCA stating that an audit was performed according to their requirements.
- New Members:
  - Jim & Elizabeth Nelson are from Virginia, but now live in Buckeye, AZ. Jim is Regional VP for CCI and Rally Master
  - Duane & Vanessa Hays live in Colorado Springs and winter in Yuma.
  - Ron & Sharon Brandt live in Fallon, NV and summer in Oregon; Ron likes to fish.
  - Don & Linda Kammerer are from Huntington Beach, CA. They came to the rally as guests and probably left as members.
  - Jimmie & Karen Eisberg live in Prescott, AZ
  - Bill Evans & Ginny Schnekenburger reside in Scottsdale, AZ
  - Janice Gould lives in Livingston, TX.
  - Annetta Gray & Logan Largent live in Box Elder, SD
  - Gary & Shannon Gross are back as members and live in Albuquerque, NM
  - Carol Woodman came to the Boardman Rally and lives in Spanaway, WA
  - Dewayne & Holly Tripp live in Tucson, AZ
- Jack Kelly introduced Kathy Hernandez from the New Life Center, whose residents are mainly abused women and children. Kelly spoke to us about the domestic abuse center in Goodyear, AZ. The center began in 1991 with eight beds; now it has 108 beds. The residents participate in a 120 day plan to prepare them for a life away from their abuser. A video was shown of past residents and they were all success stories. The center is the second largest domestic abuse center in the U.S. and one of the few that will take teenage boys. The video and her talk moved many of us emotionally.
- Vern Weldy, Treasurer, distributed the proposed 2012 budget and a comparison of the 2011 proposed budget with the actual 2011 expenditures.
- Rod Woods discussed the new website. The public section is currently up and running, but the private section is on hold due to questions about maintenance in the future. The old website is no longer available; use [www.rmccoachers.com](http://www.rmccoachers.com) to access information about the club news, pictures of rallies and future rally information.
- Reggie Knight said that there were only two members that couldn't access the newsletter by computer and they received theirs by snail mail. She told the members that she wanted to "see the money" for the upcoming auction for the New Life Center.

- Jim Moreland has tried to obtain commercial sponsors for the club, but he has not been very successful and will try another approach.
- Jack Kelly explained the "Point System for Rallies". If you attend a rally, you can deduct \$25 from another rally within 15 months. For those that attended the 2012 Business Meeting Rally, they can deduct \$25 from the North Salt Lake Rally or the Ruidoso Rally or the 2013 Business Meeting Rally. There is an entry on the rally registration forms for this purpose.
- Bill Pontsler explained the purpose of the nominating committee. A nominating committee talks to members to solicit them to run for club offices and presents a ballot to the membership. A nominating committee will be announced at the North Salt Lake City Rally.
- Bill Smith spoke about future rallies and introduced Jack Kelly and Susan Frost who discussed the schedules of their rallies.
- Jack Kelly is working on club membership cards.

## **RALLIES HO!**

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

Sept 26 – 30, 2012 – Land of Enchantment Rally, Circle B RV Park, Ruidoso, NM

March 14 – 18, 2013 – Business Meeting Rally, Lazydays RV Park, Tucson, AZ

May 2013 – Las Vegas, NV, Need Hosts

Fall 2013 – Creede /Wolf Creek, CO

## **"THIS IS THE PLACE" RALLY**

**North Salt Lake City, Utah - June 6<sup>th</sup> thru June 10<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Tentative Agenda – Hosts - The Kelly's & The Herr's**

**Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**12 - 4 pm - Registration**

**5 pm - ?? - Happy Hour, Pizza Party supplied by club, Purple Pumpkin and entertainment**

**Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8 - 9 am - Catered Breakfast and Mimimosas, Keep wine glass for etching**

**9:30 - 11 am - Club Business Meeting**

**11 am - noon - Motostat seminar**

**Noon - 1 pm - Lunch on your own**

**1 - 2 pm - Coach Discussion group**

**2 - 3 pm - Wine glass etching class**

**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 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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, bring hors d'oeuvres**

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

**Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**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.**

**5 pm - Happy Hour at the club house**

**6 pm - Catered Bar-B-Que dinner and entertainment.**

**Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**8 - 9am - Catered Continental Breakfast**

## **SOMETHING EXTRA !**

If you haven't registered for the North Salt Lake City Rally, please do so as soon as possible. Information and registration forms are on the new web site [www.rmccoachers.com](http://www.rmccoachers.com). It will be a fun rally!

Also Vern Weldy is putting together a mini rally leaving phoenix to SLC. All are invited to participate for some or all of this mini rally... Please contact Vern with your inputs so reservations can be made.

Vern has put together a schedule as listed below.

5-26 Wikiup, AZ Lunch at the BBQ 12:00 Noon  
5-26 Kingman, AZ KOA 1 night  
5-27 Las Vegas, NV Oasis RV Park 4 nights  
5-31 Mesquite, NV Solstice RV Park 2 nights  
6-2 Beaver, UT KOA 2 nights  
6-4 North S.L. City Pony Express 7 nights  
6-6 to 6-10 Rally

Vern has 4 coaches planning to attend this pre rally so far. Because travel will be during the Memorial Day Weekend Vern wants to book the Parks ASAP. Please let Vern know if you are interested in joining in at any point of this pre rally trip. Vern Weldy, [vweldy@aol.com](mailto:vweldy@aol.com)

## **GOLF IN FOUNTAIN HILLS**

By Vanessa Hays

The metro Phoenix area boasts over 110 golf courses (112 in fact - it's amazing what you can find on the internet), but we were having so much fun socializing, we almost didn't get to enjoy any of them! Fortunately, our newest member, Don Kammerer, came to the rescue. He booked us a tee time at Desert Canyon Golf Course. I just recently learned it's been voted the best public course in the greater Fountain Hills area for eight straight years. The course is challenging with many elevation changes and scenic views. Susan Frost, Vanessa Hays, Duane Hays and Don Kemmerer got under way late in the morning ... without naming any names, one of the group is not an early riser J. At the end of the round, Don declared that this was the best round of golf he had played in months; he soundly beat the rest of us. Perhaps we subconsciously didn't want to scare off a potential new member to RMCC - or maybe the rest of us are really just duffers.



## HISTORY LESSON

In ancient times, Utah was inhabited by various Native American groups. The ancient Pueblo People, also known as the Anasazi, built large communities in southern Utah from roughly 1 to 1300 AD. The Ute Tribe, from which the state takes its name and the Navajo Indians, arrived later in this region. The Salt Lake Valley was inhabited by the Shoshone, Palute and Goshute Native American tribes. At the time of the founding of Salt Lake City, the valley was within the territory of the Northwestern Shoshone, who had their seasonal camps along the streams within the valley. Father Silvestre Velez de Escalante, a Spanish Franciscan missionary, is considered the first European explorer in the area in 1776, but only came as far as Provo. The first US visitor to see the Salt Lake area was John Chugg in 1824. US Army officer John C Fremont surveyed the Great Salt Lake and the Salt Lake Valley in 1843 and 1845. The Donner Party traveled through the Valley a year before the Mormon Pioneers and those that followed in later years used the same trail that the Donner Party blazed.

Salt Lake City was founded on July 24, 1847 by Mormon Pioneers lead by Brigham Young and were the first non-Native Americans to settle permanently in the Salt Lake Valley. The founding group numbered 143 men, three women and two children and settled in the northern area of the valley. On the day that they arrived in the valley, they tilled the soil and planted crops and within a few days they planned the City of Salt Lake. The blocks were arranged on a grid pattern 10-acre squares, separated by streets 132 feet wide - "wide enough for a team of four oxen and a covered wagon to turn around".

In 1849 more emigrants came to the valley, but a late frost, drought and a plague of crickets nearly destroyed the harvest. A flock of seagulls (probably the Ring-billed gull) ate the crickets and enough of the crop was saved to enable the settlers to survive the winter of 1848-1849. In gratitude the seagull was later designated Utah's state bird. The Pioneers worked out a system of communal crop sharing within the Valley and survived by maintaining a very tight-knit community.

When the Pioneers first arrived, the region was part of Mexico and in 1850 the "State of Deseret" became the Utah Territory when Mexico ceded it to the United States. Deseret means honeybee, the symbol of industriousness and Utah's state symbol is the beehive. The California gold rush brought emigrants through Salt Lake City (SLC), the transcontinental railroad connected Utah with the East and West and copper, silver, gold and lead mines opened in nearby canyons. These people brought their cultures, languages and skills to the Valley, building SLC into a cosmopolitan center.

In 1857 when the Mormons' practice of polygamy became nationally known, President James Buchanan sent soldiers to Utah to investigate the Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS) and installed a non-LDS governor to replace Brigham Young. In response, Brigham Young imposed martial law; sending his own men to act as guerrilla fighters and harass the soldiers. He also formed alliances with the Native American tribes to prevent the movement of federal soldiers and personnel into Utah. Eventually, Young surrendered to federal

control when a new territorial governor arrived. Most troops pulled out of Utah at the beginning of the American Civil War. There continued to be great political, economic and social unrest between the LDS and non-LDS factions mainly over the practice of polygamy. Utah became a state in 1896 after the LDS Church agreed to ban polygamy in 1890.

In 1911 SLC adopted a non-partisan city council. As LDS/non-LDS tensions eased, people began to work together for the common good, improving roads, utilities and public healthcare. The Great Depression hit SLC especially hard with about 36% unemployment and an annual per capita income in 1933 of \$276 compared to \$537 in 1929. During WW II the economy was boosted due to an influx of defense industries, demands of raw materials from the mines and several military installations.

SLC began its bid for the Winter Olympics as early as the 1930's. The City tried again throughout the decades until 1995 when the International Olympic Committee announced SLC as the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics. But, scandal rocked the city when it was discovered that millions of dollars were used as bribes to International Olympic Committee members. SLC still struggles with its identity - trying to strike a balance between being the capitol of a major religion and a modern secular city.

North Salt Lake City (NSLC) was settled when Brigham Young sent settlers north to find pastureland for cattle and establish settlements. They were not very successful with finding pastureland for cattle because in the southern part of the area were hot springs and ponds; to the west flowed the Jordan River and the land was swampy and covered with swamp grass. To the east they found that the low mountains were covered with tall grass that hid deep crevasses large enough to be of danger to cattle and many of the hillsides were also rocky and sand and not well suited to crops or cattle. The first homes were crude dugouts, which offered protection from the winter storms. Later homes were made of adobe and because of the vast clay deposits, several brickyards were started. Animals that were raised in the area were pigs and dairy cows. Stockyards for cattle and meat packing plants were built because of the convenience of the railroad. Today NSLC isn't distinguishable from the other communities along I-15 from Provo.

## THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT RALLY

RUIDOSO RALLY – SEPTEMBER 26 – 29, 2012 – CIRCLE B RV PARK

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE – Hosts - The Wilcox's & The Frosts

### Wednesday, Sept. 26:

- 1 – 3 PM - Registration
- 4 – 5 PM - Happy Hour
- 5 - ? – Pizza

### Thursday, Sept. 27

8 AM – Catered Breakfast

9:30 AM – Leave for Spencer Theatre; Tour of Spencer Theater; Mrs. Spencer grew up in this area and had the theater built for approximately 22 million dollars and gave it to the community as a non-profit. Lunch is on your own.

2 – 4 PM - Hubbard Museum of the American West, affiliated with the Smithsonian in D.C.

5 – 6:30 PM - Nations Buffet Casino/Inn of the Mountain Gods, with your dinner voucher, you may select from eight different restaurants. The salad and dessert bars are common to all. For a beautiful view of the lake, visit the lounge at the lower level.

### Friday, Sept. 28:

8 AM - Continental Breakfast

9:15 – Leave for Lincoln, the Lincoln County War occurred here in 1876 and some of the historic characters of the Old West were involved such as Billy the Kid, Pat Garret, the Murphy/Dolan faction, John Tunstall, Alexander McSween, John Chisum, Charles Goodnight and many others

Lunch – Catered at the historic Dolan house by Susan Frost's friends.

1 – 3 PM – Tour Fort Stanton, which originally was a cavalry outpost for protection from the Indians. In WWI, it became a recovery hospital for the wounded.

4 – 5 PM – Happy Hour

5 PM - Catered Mexican dinner at the Park by Lucy

### Saturday, Sept. 29:

8 AM - Catered Breakfast at the Park

9:15 – 11 AM - Business Meeting, Lunch on your own and Shopping

5:15 PM – Leave for Flying J Chuck Wagon Show and Dinner

### Sunday, Sept. 30:

8 AM – Continental Breakfast

Announcements, if any

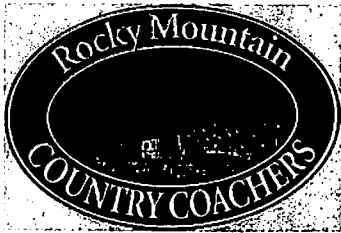
Decamp and have a safe trip home

Other options of things to do, which are not included in your fee  
Drive to the top of Sierra Blanca, approx. 12,000 feet high, very scenic.  
Hurd-La-Rinconada Gallery - Art by five artists on display  
N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Peter Hurd, Henriette Wyeth, Michael Hurd,  
Also if you feel lucky, the Inn of the Mountain Gods casino is always open.

## RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

On Sunday, after the big breakfast, we carpoled to Apache Junction to the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival & Artisan Marketplace. It was an experience and almost culture shock since many of the "workers" and visitors dressed in costumes similar to what was worn during the Tudor and Elizabethan times, but I bet the costumes were cleaner today. Many spoke in a language that we assume was similar to what was spoken in Henry's and Elizabeth's day, but I doubt if we today would be able to understand Henry or Elizabeth (remember reading Shakespeare?). These workers travel throughout the US and Canada to various Renaissance Festival performing and selling their replicas of Old English goods. They are similar to circus or carnival people; this is their profession or vocation in life; they seem to enjoy their work much more than someone working in an office. There were some very talented people among them such as the glass blower, weavers, wood carvers, blacksmith, leatherworkers and a few were teaching their craft to younger adults. There were also fire eaters, sword swallowers and what about the guy with the big screw up his nose? The shows were varied; maybe something for everyone. Some audience members left the shows right after they started because the shows weren't for them. In fact, the Schedule of Events brochure stated that the risqué humor tends to go over the heads of young children (do you really believe that?) and that some adults might not understand it either - that I can believe. Some shows did have a rating of LC (Loose Cannon) and parental discretion was recommended. The Joust Tournament was very entertaining for all, the belly dancers weren't offensive but, I daresay that The Wench Auction and the Bawdy Ballads raised a few eyebrows. The "nobility" of the festival were dressed in elegant and very beautiful garments while the "trade people" wore various bits and pieces of attire. It must have been extremely painful for the women to wear those corsets that pushed their mammary gland up to their necks.

It was fun, but I don't think any of us would have liked to live at that time.



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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 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

#### I SAW THE MONEY!

The auction for the New Life Center was a howling success, all due to the generosity of our members. A big thank you is extended not only to the members who bid and paid the highest, but also to the members that donated items. Items included new golf clubs, candelabra, multiple bottles of wine, scotch, liquor and other spirits, gift baskets, wooden bowls, clothing and many more items. We contributed \$5025 to the New Life Center and I hope you saw the photo that Rod posted via email of Jack and Vern presenting a huge check to Kelly Hernandez. My gratitude goes to Mo Cucci for "presenting" the items for viewing to our members. Last year we voted to sponsor the Center and at the Christmas Campouts we had been having auctions; now we took it big time. Personally, I am so happy that the auction was a success, even though I had a sore throat the next day. At the "This Is The Place Rally" we are going to have a silent auction. In front of each item will be a paper where you will write your name with your bid, which is higher than the previous bid on the paper; you may bid on as many items as you would like and as many times providing the bid is always higher. We're all in it together!