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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BETTY WOODS

I am sending you this message from Chula Vista, California. Rod & I have our two grandchildren with us ages 4 & 6. Now I know why young people have children with all their endless energy. Been to Sea World twice in one week, the beach and will be going everywhere that San Diego has to offer to entertain young ones. Seriously, not complaining as I wouldn't change a thing as they grow up way too quickly.

We, unfortunately, missed the Salt Lake rally because Rod's brother-in-law passed away in Tucson. I know they had an absolute great time as you will see in this newsletter.

Please remember we changed the web site to:

www.rmccoachers.com.

It still is not on the search engines so you need to insert the web address directly into your browser.

Hope we have a great turn out in Ruidoso. Jack & Susan Frost and Betty & Lyndol Wilcox have planned so many wonderful activities in the Land of Enchantment and the one great "plus" is reconnecting with friends. The signup sheet is on the web site.

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

Best Wishes, Betty

“This the Place” Rally – Pony Express RV Park

North Salt Lake City – June 6 – 10, 2012

Hosts: Jack & Wanda Kelly and Roger & Shelley Herr

For some reason the weather gods were angry the day before the rally began and punished us with cold, windy and rainy weather or they were just teasing us. On Wednesday, the weather was perfect with temperatures in the 70's and slightly overcast. Registration began at noon and later two groups went on a tour of Sweets Candy Factory. Happy Hour was planned for the tent area, but since the weather began to become cool, it was moved to the meeting room/dining room in the RV office. After light appetizers the Purple Pumpkin appeared. There were so many wrong answers; there was one prize that wasn't awarded. We dined on various varieties of pizza followed by homemade ice cream made by Vern Weldy. Pizza and ice cream – two favorite foods containing the major food groups. We try to eat healthy!

Thursday morning we were greeted by Apollo in his chariot streaking brilliantly across the tops of the snow laden Wasatch Range. A catered breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage patties, watermelon, apple and orange juice, coffee and mimosas was offered. Roger Herr reminded us to keep our mimosa glasses because later in the day we were going to have a lesson on etching. Due to a death in Betty Woods' family, Jack Kelly conducted the Business Meeting. In the afternoon, the men gathered for a discussion about RV problems and the “cures” and the women had a lesson on etching. All the rally attendees now have two very nice etched wine glasses.

Friday was a free day for us and the time was used to wash clothes, golf, shopping, attempting to fix RV problems or just relaxing. On Saturday two groups drove up windy roads to Park City to tour the Historic Museum. After the tour, some of us had nice lunches, visited the cutsie shops or outlet mall, or just walked around Park City, but the cold wind sent us back to the RV Park. That evening beginning at the Happy Hour Roger Herr announced the highest bids of the photographs, clocks and games. We were able to send a check of \$324 to the New Life Center. Entertainment was by the Tortuga Knights and crooner Roger Herr. Many couples took advantage of the music and danced. Arvid and Virginia Unterseher danced a mean Polka and weren't gasping for air at the end of the music.

Sunday morning, after a light breakfast, we hugged and bid each other farewells with the hope of seeing everyone at Ruidoso and safe travels.

SALT LAKE CITY TOUR

On our tour of Salt Lake City, while listening to very informative narrations from our drivers, we drove around the University of Utah's campus, to a few monuments commemorating Utah's Mormon history. We stopped at "This is the Place" center to see a film on the journey of the Mormons Pilgrims from Illinois to Salt Lake City. We stopped at the Capitol and admired the murals, statues and emblems depicting the Utah and Mormon history. We even saw Utah's governor as he posed for a photo with other dignitaries. The interior stairways, floors and columns were made from quartz mined from local quarries. The stairways are used for formal bridal pictures and special arrangements can be made to have formal group photographs in the historic "Gold Room", which at one time did have real gold inlay in the ceiling décor. Then we drove around Temple Square and stopped at the convention center to attend a rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. By that time, the air conditioning in the bus began to work, but it had been a busy day for us and we all slept very well that night.

Cohosts – Roger and Shelley Herr

Roger's family moved to Alaska in 1950. His father was a heavy duty mechanic working construction in Anchorage, Soldotna and Mcgrath on the Kuskikwim River. At the age of 14, Roger worked on the river boats as a cook for a crew of nine men. He worked in the building business for 45 years and has two sons. Shelley grew up in Pocatello, ID and her father retired from the post office. She has a son and three daughters, a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, which the oldest is 10 years old. Roger and Shelley have two Maltese, Vinnie is 9 years old and Wiley is 6 years old. Roger does wood working as a hobby and Shelley sews.

Golf in Salt Lake City Utah:

By Vanessa Hays

Yes, it's been said that golfers are strange birds..... We played at Bonneville Golf Course. Built in 1929, it is located in the foothills above Salt Lake City. For those of you who were on the city tour, the golf course is just behind the zoo. At under 6900 yards from the longest tees, this course is very playable... but the greens can be tricky. Don Kammerer, Duane Hays and Vanessa Hays went out on Friday – a "bluebird" morning compared to the weather the rest of the week. Don definitely had the upper hand, but a fun time was had by all !

PARK CITY

On Saturday we carpoled to Park City to tour the Historic Museum. Not all of us found the easy way to Main Street where the Museum was located because we got delayed by road construction and a detour that took us to the other end of town – some of us saw more of Park City than others.

Park City began as a Mormon community to build a toll road through the mountain pass. Many of the prospectors heading to California for the “gold rush” came through the pass and while they were resting before continuing their westward trip found minerals – gold, silver and lead. This discovery turned Park City into a booming mining town in the 1860’s. Colonel Patrick Connor, US Army, was sent to the area with his men to control the rowdiness. He encouraged his men to prospect for these minerals hoping to encourage an emigration of non-Mormons into the Territory to dilute the control and power of the Mormons. The Army did not forget the Meadows Massacre.

In the Museum we saw the tools and equipment that were used in the early mines. There is also a very detailed cross-section of a mine with mechanical parts showing the operations at different levels of the mine. We saw the jail and it was a spooky jail where the drunks and other minor offenders were held. No medical care was provided for injuries occurred during fights and as a result many misdemeanor offenders died. One of the more prosperous silver mines was the Ontario Mine owned by George Hearst, who was the father of William Randolph Hearst, the founder of the Hearst publishing dynasty.

In 1898 the town was almost totally destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt, but in 1902 thirty four miners were killed in an explosion and the town never completely recovered after that. The combination of the World War I economy, strikes, the Great Depression and the drop of the price of silver almost turned the city into a ghost town. While the mines were active, \$500 million in silver, gold, lead and zinc were removed from them. A group of miners presented to Utahians Inc. a proposal for a ski resort called Treasure Mountain which saved the town.

Park City was rebuilt in 1980-1990 to promote and expand the tourist business. It is the home of the largest independent film festival in the US started by Robert Redford (who is really short) – Sundance Film Festival. There are three main ski resorts in town Park City Mountain Resorts, Deer Valley Resorts and Canyon Resorts. During the 2002 Winter Olympics, the ski and snowboarding events were held at Park City Mountain and Deer Valley Resorts. Park City is also the original home of Mrs. Fields Cookie chain (the only eatery in the outlet mall was a Mrs. Fields Cookie store). The city is one of the wealthiest cities in the US having a large number of Northern and Central European immigrants. It is also the most liberal city in ultra-conservative Utah.

Many of us would have liked to spend more time walking along Main St and looking into the cute shops, but time and the wicked wind sent us back to our RV’s.

MONOSAT SEMINAR

Not really sure what this seminar was about, but here goes.

- In 1946 A.C.Clark proposed that if a satellite is placed in an orbit 22,300 miles from the earth that the satellite wouldn't fall out of orbit and will be able to receive and transmit a signal.
- 1976 – TV satellites were introduced
- 1994 – Direct TV introduced an 18 inch dish – birth of Monosat
- Each TV satellite is assigned an orbital location within the Clark belt – need two or three satellite signals for a good reception. Each part of the country has its own group of satellites.
- There are three manufacturers of dishes:
 - Wynnguard has a good reputation, but it is the heaviest at 69 lbs.
 - Monosat weighs less and is the most popular.
 - RF Mongul is too new to evaluate. There are 300 being field tested. It weighs 39 lbs. and has a 75mm dish.
- Dome vs. Open Dish
 - Open dish
 - Can see more than one satellite
 - Bigger dish collects more signals
 - Wind can move it and lose signal
 - Dome
 - Moisture (rain) prevents signal getting through dome
 - Smaller dish collects fewer signals
 - Wind doesn't both it
 - No HD
 - Can only see 1 satellite at a time, but with DISH can receive signal
 - No maintenance required, just keep dome clean.

Newsy News

- New members were introduced:
 - Don & Linda Kammerer
 - Arvid & Virginia Unterseher
 - Betty & Larry Steffensmeier – guests
- Treasurer's report is available from Vern Weldy
- There was no new information about our web site due to Rod Woods' absence.
- Bill Pontsler revised RMCC's By Laws concerning Associate Members and this became active June 7, 2012. A copy of the revised By Laws will be sent to FMCA and the President of the FMCA's Rocky Mountain Region by RMCC's secretary. Bill also advised the members to read the By Laws and Standing Rules.
- Dan Durham discussed the new RMCC cards given to current members attending the rally to pass on to Country Coach owners whom we meet at RV parks and elsewhere. Also it would be a good idea to give them a membership application, can be printed off from website.
- Dan will attend the FMCA Rally in Wisconsin.
- Carl Luschwitz has resigned as FMCA Director for RMCC.
- Margie Moreland was absent so Marie Schmaltz assumed Scrap Book duties.
- Three members volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee:
 - Reggie Knight – Chairperson
 - Donna Tanzi
 - Roger Herr

They will approach members about becoming candidate for officers of the club. The ballot will be presented to the membership at the Ruidoso Rally and will be published in the newsletter for that rally. Without officers – no club.
- Jack, Vern and Roger attended the CCI Rally in Tucson.
- Vern and Jack attended the Caterpillar RV Rally in Texas. They highly recommend joining the Diesel RV Club for \$15 a year. The club provided excellent information on their website by an authority on diesel engines. Their rallies are reasonable prices and very informative.
- Currently RMCC has 65 coach members. This year eleven new coach members joined.

HISTORY LESSON

Ruidoso, NM

Ruidoso, NM is high in the Rocky Mountains in southeastern New Mexico. The village received its name from the Rio Ruidoso (Spanish for “Noisy River”), a small stream that weaves through the city. A mountain resort town, Ruidoso lies in the rugged Sierra Blanca mountain range of south central New Mexico, where it merges with the Sacramento Mountains to the south. Ruidoso is a rapidly growing resort community due to the region’s alpine scenery, Ruidoso Downs racetrack and the slopes of Ski Apache, the Mescalero Apache Indian-owned ski resort. The ski resort is on the 12,000 foot mountain Sierra Blanca. The tribe also operates the Inn of the Mountain Gods, which includes a casino, hotel and golf course. Also there is the Billy the Kid casino, Billy the Kid had his final shoot-out in Lincoln County. Currently, Ruidoso is the 3rd fastest growing community in New Mexico.

Ruidoso is a place where the Wild West was the real thing! Cattle barons, Apache warriors and Billy the Kid figured prominently in the history of the city and county. When formed in 1869, Lincoln County accounted for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the entire New Mexico Territory (New Mexico and Arizona combined) and was the largest county in the US. Fort Stanton was built in 1859 to protect the settlers from the Apaches. Ranchers and farmers settled on the prairies and along the Hondo River. Early tourists were attracted to the Ruidoso area as an escape from the desert heat.

The Spencer Theater was built by the Dow-Jones heiress, Jackie Spencer. Her first husband was the only heir of the Dow-Jones fortune and passed it on to her when he died. Jackie and her current husband, Dr. A. N. Spencer spent \$22 million on the theater and it opened in October 1997. She financially supported many charities in Lincoln County. In the theater is a collection of Dale Chihuly glass sculptures which is admired by all.

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.

Something Extra

Vern Weldy is leading a small pre-rally trip to Ruidoso and then a post-rally trip.

9-17 - Meet in Holbrook, AZ KOA 219 mi. from Cave Creek, AZ

This park has a great BBQ they put on as well as a breakfast.

9-18 - Santa Fe, NM Santa Fe Skies RV Pk 284 mi.

Cochiti Ruins

Down Town SantaFe by Road Runner Train from the park

Piano bar in SantaFe

Turquoise Trail

Outlet Mall

9-21 - Albuquerque, NM KOA Central 60 mi.

Old Town

Wineries

Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway

9-24 - Ruidoso, NM Circle B RV PK 182 mi.

Rally

Horse Races

9-30 - LasCruces, NM Hacienda RV PK 113 mi.

La Mesilla Historic Village

10-2 - Tucson, AZ Lazy Days RV PK 259 mi.

Restaurants.

10-5 - Cave Creek, AZ Home 151 mi.

Should anyone want to join us, please advise where you may want to join and if you want to do the after rally portion. I will make park reservations for those wanting to join us.

Any suggestions are welcome.

Vern Weldy, Treasurer

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BUSINESS MEETING RALLY

Tucson, AZ – Lazydays RV Resort

February 28 – March 4, 2013

Hosts – Darren & Marie Schmaltz

Cohosts – Duane & Vanessa Hays

- Feb 28th, Thursday – 1 – 4:00 – Registration
5:00 – Happy Hour, bring appetizers to share
- March 1st, Friday - 8 – 9:00 – Catered Breakfast
9:00 – Business Meeting
2:30 – Sabino Canyon (?)
?? – Dinner somewhere
- March 2nd, Saturday 8 – 9:00 – Continental Breakfast
?? – Tour of San Xavier Church
3:00 – Early Happy Hour and Auction
- March 3rd, Sunday 8 – 9:00 - Catered Breakfast
2:15 – Carpool to Gas Light Theater for 3:00 Show
6:00 – Dinner at Park
- March 4th, Monday 8:00 – Continental Breakfast
Hugs and Farewells

Make plans now for June 19-23, 2013!!! – 2013????? Yup! It will be here sooner than you think. We have planned a rally in Cody, Wyoming. I have attached a tentative agenda. There is much to do in Cody, home of the Buffalo Bill Historical Museum. More info to follow. **Now, the BAD NEWS ... there are only 30 sites available, so get your reservations in now. Don't delay.**

Additional Fun. The week following our rally, there is a re-enactment at the Custer Battlefield, Little Big Horn Mountain. Mike and Kay Stokes will be arranging for us to have a follow up rally at The Little Big Horn Battlefield. More details and a registrations form to follow, but mark your calendars now. It will be a wonderful way to start Summer 2013.
Duane and Vanessa Hays

BUFFALO BILL RALLY
Cody, Wyoming –Ponderosa Campground
June 19 – June 23, 2013

Tentative AgendaWednesday, June 19, 2013

12pm – 4pm Registration
5pm Happy Hour and hors d'oeuvres

Thursday, June 20, 2013

7:30 am Breakfast – Sunset House
9:00 am Trolley Tour of Cody
10:00 am Buffalo Bill Historical Center
4:00 pm Happy Hour
6:00 pm Dinner at Sunset House

Friday, June 21, 2013

8:00 am Breakfast – Sunset House
9:00 am Buffalo Bill Historical Center
4:00 pm Happy Hour
5:30 pm Dinner/Show/Rodeo – The Cody Cattle Company
 The Cody Rodeo

Saturday, June 22, 2013

9:00 am Breakfast – Sunset House
10:00 am –
4:00 pm Other activities around town:
 Options include: Heart Mountain Internment Center (WWII – Japanese In-
 ternment Camp), Buffalo Bill Reservoir, White Water Rafting, Exploring Art
 Galleries in Town, etc., etc., etc.
5:30 pm Gunfight in front of the Irma Hotel
6:00 pm Prime Rib dinner at the Irma Hotel (Chicken and Salmon available for Tender-
 feet J)

Sunday, June 23, 2013

8:00 Continental Breakfast and departure



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.

FROM THE EDITOR

Recently, since I am on the nominating committee, I have been soliciting members to be candidates for club officers. I've heard more excuses than Lassie had fleas. Most everyone whom I and other members of the committee spoke to refused, but did offer to do "little pieces" of club work. The club appreciates those "little pieces", but the club needs people to do the "big pieces" of club work such as being officers and being hosts and co-hosts of rallies. The same people have been doing all the work for the club over and over again and I have the numbers to prove it. Currently, according to our 2012 directory, there are 63 member coaches or 122 members. Of those members, 16% have been officers or committee members; 34% have been rally hosts or cohosts and 31% of the latter percentage were also officers meaning that the same people are doing/have done both jobs. Please become more active in the club – don't just come to the rallies and expect to be fed and entertained and then complain about something. If you think you can do it better, become a candidate for an office and/or be a host and prove that you can do it better.