



RMCC

Chula Vista Rally Newsletter

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Message from the President-Rick Reiss

California Dreaming

RMCCOACHERS rallied together for fun, sun, dinner cruise and ... Murder! Okay it was a Murder Mystery and one of our members ended up on the floor. Who killed him? In the end, the bad guy was caught and the dead man ... recovered. Lots of fun!

Let me thank Paul Craig and Florence and Mark and Sandee Kapellusch for a great rally. Paul got the ball rolling by reserving this new park very early. He booked it so early, we saved over \$40 a night! He also arranged our dinner cruise in the San Diego Bay. Oh, the lights of San Diego viewed from the bay! A magical evening with great food, beverage, and dancing.

UPCOMING RALLY

October 5-9, 2022

Buckhorn Lake Resort Kerrville, TX

TENTATIVE RALLIES:

Mid April or May 2023

Verde Ranch (or) Distant Drums, AZ

Or Las Vegas, NV

Fall 2023 Blackwell Island Resort

Couer d'Alene, ID

2024-25 International Balloon Fiesta

Albuquerque, NM

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OMG 🤯 What will we ever do without the lovely Sandee Kapellusch? Everyone was dressed up (and ready to die to be there) for the dinner and Murder Mystery. Props, costumes, gambling and, did I mention, murder, — what a night! Thank you, Sandee, for a huge success and all that effort that shined through during the evening. Thanks goodness, Gary Hays, (aka North Side Mob Boss), was revived after being murdered! (Continued on Page 2)

President's Message continued:

The annual business meeting was successful and members stepped up to run a good rally, volunteer for officer and committee positions, and cooked and socialized like champions. We had a brand-new RV Resort to explore, restaurants to try and time to catch up with members and meet new members.

Our annual meeting minutes are in this newsletter and stored on the website for your information. We really appreciate our outgoing Secretary for her two years of service and the last duty of producing the annual meeting minutes. Linda has been prompt, comprehensive and a lot of fun to work with. Thank you, Linda! As noted in the minutes, Jeanne Michel was nominated (or surrendered to an arm twisting) and was elected to replace Linda. She accepted the position graciously.

Mark Kapellusch, our Treasurer, accepted another term. Mark has adapted our systems to our needs and now takes advantage of our website system. His work has been audited and pronounced to be an accurate representation of the club's finances. All Federal and State reporting requirements have been met. We thank Mark for his diligent efforts.

Our Web Master, Rob Brown, will assume the remaining term of the VP Communications previously held by Rod Woods. Rob is the epitome of communications since he helps us all with communicating through our website. Rob will do a good job in this position and will help us keep in touch!

Rod and Betty Woods hit the wall recently, figuratively speaking. Betty's heart attack and Rod's new business venture required them to step back on all their work in positions within RMCCoachers. All of us have been positively impacted by their long service to the Chapter. Take time the next time you see them (or you could like to contact them via email) please let them know they are appreciated. We look forward to them attending the future rallies.

I would like to thank our new members who joined us at the rally. Mario and Wendy Mariani joined us as well as Zane and Wendy Meyers. Thanks to the Hays' and Hettema's for inviting them to join. New members are the greatest!

Speaking of members, Jamie Erickson stepped up to take the membership role in Betty's absence. New members are very important. Many of our long-time members have moved on. Some sold or otherwise disposed of their coach, some have health issues (and we wish them better times) and still others have just decided it was time to recreate in a different way. We wish them the best ... but we need new members.

Read more in this newsletter from our VP – Rallies, Gary Hays on upcoming travel opportunities, our Web Master and VP of Communications on more pictures and reports to see on the web. Finally, thank you Ann Lippard for agreeing to take on the Newsletter. We are grateful for the assistance with this important medium to keep everyone informed and your participation at rallies.

Food, Fun and Fellowship at the Beautiful
SUN OUTDOORS SAN DIEGO BAY Resort
In Chula Vista

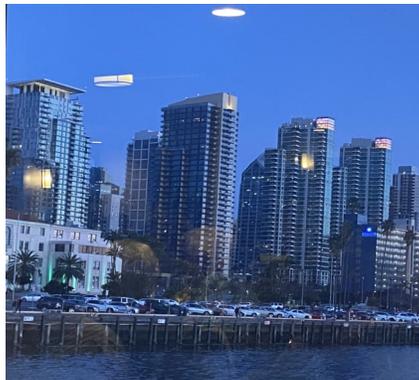


Murder at the Juice Joint





Harbor Cruise and Dinner on the Hornblower



RALLY REPORT

Greetings RMCCoachers

Just a quick note to recap the 2022 travel season.

Chula Vista was a blast. Thanks to Paul, Mark, Sandy Rod and Betty for getting that one completed. The resort was 5 star through and through, but what made it 6 stars was the fellowship and camaraderie between members who made the trek.

As we have always maintained, rallies should be more about the people than the activities. Our campfire outing and potlucks were well attended and just plain fun.

Activities are great fun as well, as was experienced at the HornBlower dinner. Dinner, cocktails and dancing. Speaking of dancing, we now know who the rug scooters are in the club. Beautiful views, great friends and a good time.

Our fall rally is coming along very nicely. The Hettema's and Michel's are planning a great time down in the beautiful hills of Kerrville, Texas. October 5-9 are the dates, with early and late days available when you register online. Linda and I are planning a pre-rally and post-rally and will let those attending know when plans are finalized.

I overheard a new member comment that his wife was instrumental in them joining our club primarily because of the people and the fellowship. That's what it is all about. Remember too that new members come about through personal contact, promoting upcoming rallies and inviting them to come check us out. The Hettema's invited Mario and Wendy Mariani and the Hays's invited Zane and Wendy Myer's. Both couples attended and joined the club. It's that simple.

One of the Kerrville attendees are new members, arm twisted by Jamie Erickson at the FMCA rally. Just kidding! Jamie just promoted the Kerrville rally and invited them to come. Several other prospects are pending.

Our 2023 rallies are in the works and more details will be coming soon. The spring rally is being planned for Las Vegas and the fall rally for Coeur d' Alene. Remember, we are open to suggestions of where to hold rallies and more important your willingness to host one. It is easy and you will have good advisors to help you.

That's it for now. Enjoy your coaches, your families and others and remember, we re not getting any younger.

Safe travels,
Gary Hays

Hello from cyberspace!

Rob Brown your webmaster here. RMCCers.com is slowly learning how to be a better and better place. We use a Canadian Company called Wild Apricot as our website provider currently. Their main market is larger not for profit organizations with club stores or lots of potential for donations. As a result, they focus on events that are much shorter and way less expensive than a motorhome rally. That is why these last couple of years has been interesting for yours truly. They (WA) do not have the ability to set up an event with a deposit and then bill for the balance at a future date. So we have had to trick the website by basically doing one event that was for the deposit and then a second event we called final registration. So far, you the members of Rocky Mountain Country Coachers have done a great job of using the online registration process. Because of your willingness to basically do pre-registrations (deposit) and then a final registration with answers to meal choices and extra days our rally masters have been given a ton of up to date information. That really helps when working with the RV parks and caterers.

Another area of website use that is pretty unique to us is our way of treating Rally Guests. Most websites just have a category for guest at a meeting/event. Since we need to collect lots of information for the rally, we have figured out that by creating a temporary non-renewing membership we can charge the guest an extra fee and offer them the ability to recoup it if they enjoy us and decide to become a regular member. It also has given the membership chairman a way to have special membership drives where we do not charge "extra" for a particular event like the Texas Hill Country Rally. Overall, we, members of RMCC, seem to all be getting used to Wild Apricot and doing away with paper rally applications.

For those of you, who have a co-pilot that wants to get emails directly sent to them so you don't have to forward them a copy of yours, just add their email address in your profile. After you log in, just click on the little orange guy again and view you profile. Once that comes up you will see a big blue button that says edit profile. There you can add his/her email address and you will both get future emails. Happy computing!

Rob Brown

RMCCoachers ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2022

9:38 am

President Rick Reiss called the meeting to order and announced that we have a quorum which meets 25% of the membership per FMCA guidelines.

—FMCA's President of Rocky Mountain region, Larry Erickson, along with his wife Galina are present.

—Guests Mario and Wendy Mariani and Zane and Wendy Myers were welcomed.

—Special thanks to Paul Craig and Florence, Mark and Sandy Kapellusch and Rod and Betty Woods for all their work for the San Diego Rally.

Secretary Linda Hays read the minutes from 2021 Annual Board Meeting. FMCA certified RMCCoachers for 2022.

—Debbie Reiss moved that the 2021 minutes be approved, Sharon Brandt seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Rick Reiss showed the club our 10 year anniversary certificate from FMCA and signed by Larry Erickson.

Vice-President of Rallies, Gary Hays gave his report on rallies.

—Three rallies a year are ideal. One in the Spring, one in the summer and one in the Fall.

—2022 rallies: March Chula Vista, October Kerrville, Texas, with the possibility of a post rally on the coast of Texas.

—2023 possible rallies: Mid-April, May: Verde Ranch, Distant Drums, Las Vegas.

Fall: End of September Coeur d'Alene, Idaho at Blackwell Island Resort, hosted by Rick and Debbie Reiss and Rob and Gerri Brown.

—2024, 2025, possibility of the International Balloon Fiesta again at the Hays RV Resort.

Treasurer Mark Kapellusch reported that the club is \$1300 ahead of last year which helped subsidize the San Diego rally.

—Debbie Reiss audited the books and we are good for another year.

Election of Officers:

—Secretary: Jeanne Michel

—Treasurer: Mark Kapellusch

—Vice-President of Communication: Rob Brown

—National FMCA Director: Jim Andrews

—Alternate FMCA Director: Ron Brandt

Mark Kapellusch moved to approve, Debbie Reiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Rick Reiss addressed the membership about needing volunteers for Membership and Newsletter/Scrapbook. Ann Lippard volunteered for Newsletter/Scrapbook. No one volunteered for Membership as yet.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am