

# THE AMERICAN WAY



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## Fun times in Spearfish, South Dakota

We hope you are all having a wonderful summer as it comes to an end so quickly.

I'm sure everyone who attended felt that the American Coach PreRally to FMCA in Gillette, Wyoming was a complete success. The rally started out two days before the actual rally with a surprise visit from President Elect Charlie Adcock and Vice President Elect Jon Walker - the A & W Team - FMCA Secretary, Treasurer, and spouses. By the way, Charlie and Jon did get elected so we are not only excited for them but want them to know we will support them one hundred percent.

Spearfish is such a beautiful place. Some of us took a scenic drive to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument and stopped by Deadwood on the way back to Chris Camp.

Randy's team was there working on our coaches, along with Transwest



RV Sales who brought us two beautiful "Show Coaches". One of our members actually bought one at the FMCA Rally in Gillette!

Erv Bretz held two seminars on the iPad! You can never stop learning when it comes to the iPad. We have an article in this newsletter on some of the "most wanted" apps for RV Traveling. Erv went to



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## President's Message, cont.

the original Apple store in San Jose and had authentic Apple products as door prizes at his seminar!

Thank you Erv and Dorothy for conducting such an informative class. It was the first class I actually liked and they had my undivided attention.

We took lots of photos at the Rally so please take the time to look thru them on our webpage and check out the article in this newsletter regarding information on our tour of Termesphere Gallery.

Jim and Carmen Justice took some of our members on a golf adventure. The first place team was Carmen & Jim Justice, along with Ray & Pauline Shea!

The next day Diana Gay took some of the ladies to lunch at one of the local Italian restaurants.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next American Coach Chapter of the FMCA Pre Rally to Perry, Georgia.

The dates are March 11-15, 2014 and the location will be at the Cecil Bay RV Campground (exit 32 off I-75). For more information on the campground go to:  
[www.cecilbayrv.com](http://www.cecilbayrv.com)

It precedes the FMCA 89th Reunion at Perry, Georgia on March 17-20, 2014

Registration forms will be available at <http://www.acc-fmca.com> and [www.myamericancoach.com](http://www.myamericancoach.com)

Call the Campground direct at (229) 794-1484 to reserve extra dates at the rally rate of \$28.00. Be sure to tell them you are with the ACC.

Let me know if you have any articles for our next newsletters, an activity you would like to see at our pre-rallies, or information about being a volunteer with our club. We have board positions available for our next election in August 2014. Also, we are looking for volunteers for our "nominating committee".

Respectfully,

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## Treasurer's Report

Checking - \$7,679.12  
CD - \$14,204.73.

Membership is 262 members.  
Treasurer, Wendy Holloway

## Best Pre-Rally Recipes from ACC members

*Sharon Rodrigues made this wonderful dip for our ACC happy hour.*

### **Cheesy Baked Dip in Bread Bowl**

8 oz. sour cream  
8 oz. cream cheese  
16 oz. cheddar cheese, grated (mild or sharp)  
4 oz. can chopped green chilies  
Green onion, chopped (suit your taste, I used 1/2 cup)  
1 cup chopped ham  
1/2 pound cooked bacon, chopped  
1 round or long bread loaf, hollowed out, bread saved  
Mix first seven ingredients together and put into the hollowed out bread loaf. Press in tightly it will have a mound to it. Bake at 350 degrees uncovered for one hour. Serve warm with leftover bread and corn chips. Enjoy!

*This blue cheese dressing is also great on a wedge of iceberg lettuce (pictured to the right) or with chicken wings.*

### **Blue Cheese Dressing with Celery**

7 oz. crumbled blue cheese

2/3 cup mayonnaise  
1/3 cup buttermilk  
2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar  
3 Tbsp. sour cream  
2 Tbsp. oil  
1 tsp. sugar  
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper  
Combine all ingredients except blue cheese and whisk until smooth. Add blue cheese and mix well. Refrigerate for 24 hours or as long as three days.  
Serve with celery sticks.



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Diana Gay organized a luncheon tour at The Termesphere in Spearfish. The owner and artist, Dick Termes, was in the studio and the ladies were delighted to get his personal insight on how he came up with the ideas for his unusual art.

Termes paints on spheres which, when completed, are known as Termespheres. Each Termesphere is a revolving three-dimensional space/time exploration of an entirely closed universe, meaning that what you see, rotating in front of you, is one complete world or environment.

Dick Termes has been painting spherical paintings since 1968 when he received his Masters Degree in Art from the University of Wyoming. He continued his pursuit with his thesis on the Termesphere at the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles where he received his Masters in Fine Arts.

Read more at his web site at:  
[termespheres.com](http://termespheres.com)



## A Tall Fish Tale from ACC Members



*Kay obviously hasn't learned the number one rule for having your photo taken with your fish...*



*....hold it way out in front of you so it looks bigger. You nailed it, Merritt.*

Kay and Merritt Medows were in Ennis, Montana for the summer. Ennis is on the Madison River 75 miles northwest of West Yellowstone. They arrived June 2nd, 2013, went fishing for the first time ever on June 5th and caught 15 fish. "We kept our limit and released the rest and had a fish feast that night." Merritt was the ACC photographer for several years.

## ACC Needs Volunteers

Just a friendly reminder that all officers and board member positions are open for the upcoming re-election at our Seven Feathers Pre Rally in August 2014.

We need three volunteers for our nominating committee. We would like one each from the East, Central and West. If you are interested in those positions, please check with one of the board members and they can fill you in on what is needed to be on the committee.

You do NOT have to attend the pre-rallies to volunteer.

Since Charlie Adcock got elected to the President's position at FMCA, we are excited and hopeful for new ideas for FMCA National Convention.

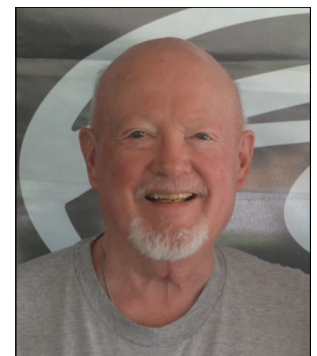
## Our Condolences

It is with great sadness that our club lost one of its members at the FMCA Rally. Leiland Duke passed away on June 20, 2013.

I would like to thank all the members that took the time to help with the coach (Randy and crew), Rich Forcier, and Linda Coleman. Also, thank you to

Ray Shea for helping Leiland and calling for emergency help.

Please keep Betty Duke and her family in your prayers while they go through this difficult time.





## A Good Time at ACC Rally in Spearfish, South Dakota



An Aerial View of FMCA in Gillette, Wyoming



Ray and Pauline Shea at Mt. Rushmore



Home, home on the range..... where the buffalo roam..



Erv Bretz teaches us about our iPads



Happy Hour!



Megan Drye (Gloria's grand daughter), Gloria Adcock, Mrs. Walker



Charlie Adcock and grandson Dalton Drye





Mike Lampkin & Debbie LaFleur



Patrick and Maureen Long



Lynn and Linda Laymon



Bert and Lillian Evans



Linda and Steve Coleman



Erv and Dorothy Bretz



Tony and Betty Todd



James and Hil Monahan



Jim and Carmen Justice



Bill and Kitty Wong



Les and Sharon Rodrigues



Jeff and Selina Warembourg



Leiland and Betty Duke



Dick and Millie Duffin



Bob and Nancy Chango



## A Postcard from Bryce Canyon



### **Bryce Canyon national Park** **Highway 20 to 89 off of Interstate 15**

*Wish you were here! We are completely in awe when we check into Ruby Inn Campground in Bryce Canyon, Utah. The RV park holds big rigs and it is also "pet friendly". They have two swimming pools, a rodeo, shopping, restaurants, a shuttle to Bryce Canyon National Park, covered wagon rides and horse-back riding.*

*But that pales in comparison to Bryce Canyon National Park. Mike has a National Park Pass so we actually got in free and we just could not believe our eyes. As we were driving through the park we both agreed that there is "no place on earth like it". We loved it so much, the next day we took the free Rainbow Shuttle Tour, which lasted for three information-filled hours.*

*Mike and Leslie Pettinger*



**ACC Members**

**United States and Canada**



## The Best Apps for RV Traveling

For those of you who have smart phones and tablets, we had a class, held by Erv Bretz at the ACC Rally, on the latest and greatest apps for traveling in your RV.

Many of the apps are free and you can find them on your iPad and most of them are available on your iPhone and your Android phone.

Some of the apps are available for a nominal fee of \$.99 to \$2.99 and some may be a yearly subscription..

**My Pilot** is not only an app for finding fuel prices but, with the free Pilot/Flying J card, you pay the cash price even if you use your credit card. At most Pilot and Flying J Truck Stops, you can use your card to start the fuel pump without first going in to pay.

**Fuel Finder** (\$.99) was voted most popular fuel price app for iPhone and iPad. An optional mode lists only diesel locations (your motorhome and tow car may not necessarily fit into all the diesel locations).

**AccuFuel** (\$.99) helps you monitor and calculate your fuel mileage.

**GasBuddy** (free) is another app for finding the least expensive gas prices nearby. GasBuddy.com helps you plan and calculate the cost of your trip in addition to finding cheap fuel along the way.

**Truckster** (\$2.99) was created by a professional truck driver and devoted to truck stops. In addition, you can find Walmart Stores and Rest Stops.

**DAT** (free) lists truck stops, fuel prices, rest stops (including truck pull-outs without services) Walmart Stores, and truck washes.

**Blue Beacon** (free) is now courting RV owners (see them at FMCA rallies and get a coupon for a free wash) and is a great place to get your coach and tow car washed at the same time for a reasonable price.

**WAZE** (free) is a community based app that lets you share real time traffic and road information including accidents, traffic jams and fuel prices.

**MotorHome and TrailerLife** (free to browse but subscription prices apply for future and back issues) are both magazine publications of Good Sam Enterprises and now available as “apps”.

**RV Checklist** (\$.99) is a simple pre-formatted checklist for both new and seasoned RVer's. Pre-loaded lists help you remember everything.

**Woodall's RV and Camping** (free) lists the amenities of nearly every campground in the U.S. and Canada, rates it, and most important for big rigs, measures the space so you know if you will fit.

**State Lines** (\$2.99) because some things change when you cross state lines.

**Legal Heat** (\$.99) This is an invaluable for anyone who travels with a gun. Tap a button for a quick review of any state's gun laws.

**NPEXplorer** (price varies by park) Get all the information about the National Parks on your phone.

**Park Maps** (\$.99) GPS enable maps of over 250 National Parks, monuments and recreational areas. Best feature - no internet connection is required after downloading.

**IXit** (\$1.99) This app helps you find anything and everything nearby. Settings are available so it alerts you when you get near... say campgrounds.

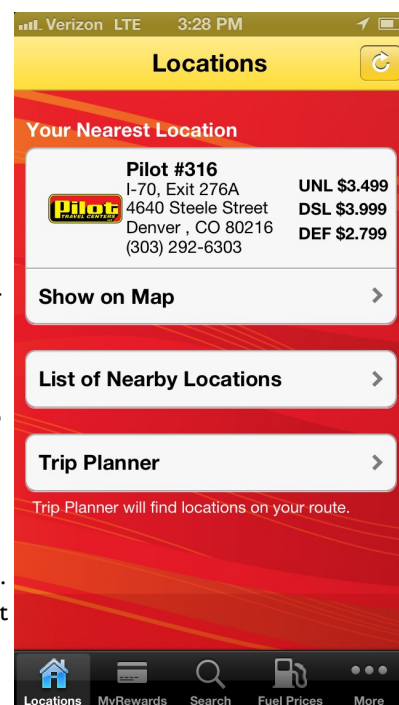
**GolfNow** (free) Set up a game anytime, anywhere on one of more than 5,000 golf courses. The apps GPS system will show you the closest golf course.

**Trails.com** (\$49.00 annually for online and app) is the best app if you like to hike. Open it up and view all the trails with detailed maps wherever you are.

**Yelp** (free) The best app for great reviews of nearly everything from restaurants to veterinarians to hair salons.

**SaniDumps** RV Dump Stations (\$2.51) When your RV has to go, this app tells you where.

These are just some of the great “apps” that will make traveling easier and leave more time



## Become a Part of Something Fun!

### **FAQS about ACC**

**Q.** What is the difference between the ACC (American Coach Chapter of FMCA) and ACA (American Coach Association)?

**A.** All members are owners of American Coach motor homes. The ACC is a chapter of FMCA (Family Motor Coach Association) and you must be a member of FMCA. The ACC has two pre-rallies a year so they may caravan and park together at the FMCA International conventions. Members of ACA do not need to belong to FMCA and are independent from any other membership group. ACA has two national rallies a year and has eleven regional chapters.

**Q.** Can I be a member of both ACC and ACA?

**A.** Yes, most American Coach owners are members of both organizations.

**Q.** Why do I have to be a member of FMCA in order to join the ACC?

**A.** FMCA by-laws require that members of a chapter also belong to the national association.

**Q.** What are ACC's roots?

**A.** The ACC was started by ACA members that wanted to park together at FMCA events and had their first rally in Gatlinburg, TN in 1993.

**Q.** Are the officers in ACC paid?

**A.** No, they are volunteers and only out-of-pocket expenses are paid.

**Q.** Do I have to be an original owner to have the American Coach service team work on my coach at the rallies?

**A.** No, qualifying service is available to all American Coach owners attending a participating rally.

**American Coach Chapter of FMCA** consists of members that are owners of an American Coach including American Heritage, American Eagle, American Dream, American Tradition, American Revolution and Limited Motor Homes.

We are the only American Coach chapter of FMCA and provide our members with camaraderie with other American Coach owners. Our primary goals are to foster good relations with the American Coach manufacturing and servicing facility. We bring its management, their technicians and coach owners together.

We meet once or twice a year, immediately preceding each of the FMCA Family Reunions & Motorhome Showcases. There may be a golf tournament, a tour of nearby points of interest, cocktail hours, dinners, pizza nights and more. The American Coach Service Team joins us at our rallies to perform repairs on our coaches. One or more American Coach dealers also join us to display the latest coaches, hopefully sell a few, and participate in the rallies.

We print a newsletter at least twice a year with the upcoming rally information and highlights of our previous rallies. This newsletter is also available online. Once you are a member of ACC, you will be able to join the American Coach Yahoo group where you will find valuable information about your coach and be able to ask questions about your coach. This is a fun group of American Coach owners and you will be glad you joined us.





### New Member Application

To be eligible for membership in the American Coach Chapter, you must first be a member in good standing of the FMCA. You can join FMCA online at [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) or call 800-543-3622. You must also own at least a one third interest in an American Coach Heritage, American Coach Eagle, American Coach Dream, American Coach Tradition, American Coach Revolution, American Coach Allegiance or a Limited Motor Coach.

Have you ever been a member of ACC? Yes \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ If yes, what was your member # \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (for database) \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot's full name (for database) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Pilot First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For your name badge) (For your name badge)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ #Slides: \_\_\_\_\_

(Heritage, Eagle, Dream, Tradition, Allegiance, Revolution, Limited)

FMCA Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ You must be a member of FMCA to join ACC.

**You can join FMCA online at [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) or call 800-543-3622**

**and may also join ACC online at [www.acc-fmca.com](http://www.acc-fmca.com).**

Send the completed form and a check or money order in the amount of \$33.00 (all funds to be in US dollars) to:

American Coach Chapter of FMCA , 3590 Round Bottom Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45244-3026

### Renewal and Change of Address Form

Check your address label. If the date has passed you are behind on your dues. ACC dues are \$18.00 for one year, \$32.00 for two years and \$42.00 for three years. You may pay your dues and make all the above changes at [www.acc-fmca.com](http://www.acc-fmca.com).

ACC member # \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA member # \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pilot Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Coach / Year /Length \_\_\_\_\_

To renew your membership, change your address, phone number or e-mail address, fill out the form, enclose your check and mail to: American Coach Chapter of FMCA, 3590 Round Bottom RD., Cincinnati, OH 45244-3026

Note: All changes must be sent to FMCA also. You may also pay your dues and make all the above changes at [www.fmca.com](http://www.fmca.com) and [www.acc-fmca.com](http://www.acc-fmca.com).

## Future American Coach Rallies

### American Coach Chapter of FMCA Rallies

March 11 - 15, 2014 - American Coach Chapter Pre-Rally, Cecil Bay Campground, Cecil, Georgia

March 17 - 20, 2014 - FMCA's 89th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase, Perry, Georgia

### American Coach Association Rallies

April 28 - May 3, 2014 - Tom Johnson's Rally Park, Marion, North Carolina

Note: We are now accepting ads for the ACC newsletter. E-mail or call Jane Lihou for rates.

## Congratulations ACC!

