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Fun Times at Little Farm by the River



Holiday Greetings from Oakdale. Mike and I are home getting ready for this Christmas with family. I can't believe how fast this year went by.

In August, we left California for the Little Farm by the River FMCA Pre-rally. Ray and Pauline Shea had been planning that rally for almost a year and all their hard work paid off. The location was perfect...right on the river. We had beautiful views of the river and countryside. There was a swimming pool for the warm days and it was close to golf and a great casino. A couple of our members did very well at the casino, by the way.

The ladies had their luncheon at the Schenck Mansion; what a great place to have the event. There is one photo you won't see and that is the photo of the house ghost that Ethel Viator actually caught on film! The men played golf in the warm Indiana sunshine. Everybody that played was a "winner" and they all had fun. We even had tickets to a

concert which included great seats and parking.

One of the highlights of this Rally was a trip through town in a tractor pulled trailer to the Wolf Reserve. It was very interesting and great photo opportunities were abundant.



I was really happy to see how good Randy Hendricks looked after being so sick just a few weeks earlier. Randy and his crew were here working hard every day to keep our coaches on the road! Chris Carter was there along with Charlie Adcock and Charlie Shenkel -President of FMCA!

I would also like to thank Chip Aiken for presenting a seminar on tire safety and "how to get out of your

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President's Message, cont.

fire escape window quickly and thanks also to Jim Justice for his real life demonstration on exiting in under ten seconds! It was a very popular seminar.

Ray and Pauline organized a wine tasting presentation with a wine label that read American Coach Chapter of FMCA along with our logo! Thank you Ray and Pauline for all you did for us in 2012 and thank you to all those who helped make it a really fun rally. We held our election for the next two years and the results are as follows: President; Leslie Pettinger (final term), Vice President; Ray Shea, Treasurer-Membership Chair; Wendy Holloway, Secretary; Linda Coleman, National Director; Bob Gay, Western Director; Mike Pettinger, Central Director; Diana Gay, Eastern Director; Pauline Shea.

As you can see, it is a few couples holding positions in the club. This would be a good time to invite you to consider helping us with these elected positions. It is a great way to meet new people and help keep the ACC Chapter of FMCA going. I would like to give a big THANK YOU to Bill Ferguson for holding the position of National Director for so many years. We appreciate all your years of service, Bill. Wendy Holloway decided to stay another two years as Membership Chairperson and Treasurer. THANK YOU Wendy!



Bob and Diana Gay are busy working on our one and only rally for 2013. The ACC Pre-rally to the FMCA Rally in Gillette, Wyoming will be held in Spearfish, South Dakota. That area has so much to do and see including Mount Rushmore, the historic town of Deadwood, and Devils Tower. It is going to be a fun one for sure. We will then caravan to Gillette for the FMCA rally.

Be sure and check out our website monthly for update and news regarding our members, breaking news and the last photos.

We have some of our members that need special thoughts and prayers while they struggle with health issues. Carita Mosby, Nan Simpkins, George Tomaszewski, Joe Darby, Nancy Durrance and Sharon Miller...just to name a few. Please let me know if you any news...good or bad that you would like me to post either in our newsletter or on this website.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and God bless our troops.

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Recipes from the Schenck Mansion Ladies Luncheon

Pig Pickn' Cake



*1 box yellow cake mix
½ cup oil
1 cup sweetened shredded coconut
1 small can mandarin oranges, juice included
4 eggs
1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
Combine all ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pour over broccoli mixture and refrigerate for hours or overnight if possible.
Frosting
1 large container Cool Whip
2 boxes instant vanilla pudding
1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple
Combine all ingredients and mix well. Spread evenly on the cooled cake and refrigerate the cake until ready to serve.*

Broccoli Salad



*5 cups broccoli florets
½ cup chopped celery
½ cup sunflower seeds
¼ cup chopped red onion
½ cup raisins
Combine ingredients and mix well.
Dressing
1 cup Miracle Whip
½ cup bacon bits
½ cup sugar
2 Tbsp vinegar
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Combine all ingredients and mix for three minutes. Pour into a greased and floured (or sprayed with flour Pam) and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool completely.*

*“Everyone enjoyed
the ladies luncheon at
the ACC pre-rally and
several of you asked
me if we could get
the recipes for some
of the dishes.”*

Get the Latest News at ACC Website

To get all the latest chapter information, including rallies, rally photos, and American Coach news, log onto <http://www.acc-fmca.com/>.

There are also coaches listed for sale by our club members, so if you have a friend looking for an American Coach, let them know about the ACC web site.

ACC Pre-Rally To FMCA Convention

June 14 - 18, 2013

Chris Camp RV, Spearfish, South Dakota

Spearfish is in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota and ideally located minutes from Deadwood, the legendary town of Sturgis, forty-five minutes to Devil's Tower and sixty-five minutes to Mt. Rushmore. Located at the mouth of Spearfish Canyon and bordered by the Black Hills National Forest, Spearfish is poised as a balance between nature and commerce.

Chris Camp RV is located at exit 14 off of I-90. All roads are paved with 80% pull through sites; full hook-ups, and cable service to all sites. Resort amenities include three swimming pools. Our meals will be catered in an outside pavilion with three sides. June has beautiful weather with a sweater in the evening temperature.



Cost will include four nights camping fee, four buffet breakfasts, and three evening meals. We will caravan 93 miles to Gillette, Wyoming after breakfast June 18. A ladies luncheon will be held in Spearfish on Monday, June 17. The golf tournament will also be held on Monday June 17, if interest allows. Come and enjoy the area and club fellowship at nightly socials at the pavillion. Hope to see you in Spearfish this June.

FMCA's 88th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase will take place Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2013, at CAM-PLEX in Gillette.



The 2013 event represents the association's first-ever visit to Gillette for an international event. This Family Reunion will be especially significant, as it will mark the culmination of the association's 50th anniversary celebration.

CAM-PLEX is especially well-suited for the 2013 event. The 1,100-acre convention, exhibition, and performing arts center offers state-of-the-art multipurpose facilities as well as six separate RV park venues encompassing 1,730 sites.

We're looking forward to a great pre-rally...and we're hoping to see you there !



ACC Member Visits Puerto Vallarta

Ruth Annan recently lost her husband, Jim and this was her first trip back to their vacation place in Puerto Vallarta. Thanks for sending us your experiences so we could use them in the newsletter.

“The trip to Puerto Vallarta was lovely. My friend, Kathy McNamara, a former private pilot from our flying club who has made many flights in her own plane to Mexico in the past, went with me. Being with many friends who, like Jim and I, have returned at the same time in September to this lovely little resort on the Bahia de Banderas for over 30 years, made my return a happy one, quelling my fears that going without my Jim might be difficult. I have two close friends who now live in Puerto Vallarta, proving that there still are places in Mexico that have not been ruined by the drug cartels.”



Eating as usual, on the deck of a friend's apartment which is at beach level, so you get a glimpse of the bay behind me.



A group of us traveled south of our resort (which also is south of Vallarta 4.5 km.) to a hotel "Girasol" for breakfast.



"Party at the penthouse" is an annual event put on by friends who own a week in the penthouse apartment atop one of the two tower buildings at our resort.



Having dinner with long-time Puerto Vallarta resident friends Glenna and Arturo, and my travel companion, Kathie in the dining room at the resort celebrating Mexico's Independence Day.

“Like” ACC on Facebook

Please take a moment and check out the ACC Facebook page. Log on to your Facebook page and type in “American Coach Chapter of FMCA” and our page will come up. “Like” us and you will be added to our “friends” list. We can add your photos and articles—just email them to

me at lpettinger@aol.com. If you have a recommendation for a campground or a vendor or a repair person, send it to me and I will post it. We can make our page very useful if we all participate. See you on Facebook!





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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 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.

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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.

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 and www.acc-fmca.com.

Future American Coach Rallies

American Coach Chapter of FMCA Rallies

June 14 - 18, 2013—American Coach Chapter Pre-Rally, Chris Camp RV, Spearfish, South Dakota

June 19 - 21, 2013,— FMCA's 88th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase, Gillette, Wyoming

American Coach Association Rallies

April 29 - May 4, 2013—American Coach Association National Rally—Montgomery, Texas

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

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