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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



A great time, great food, great entertainment, great weather and great people pretty much describe our Spring Rally in Asheville, NC. The Biltmore Estate was amazing and the restaurant in Deer Park was delicious. Thursday evening we had another “Not so newlywed game” with those tantalizing questions from John Ferrari. There were 5 brave couples who revealed an awful lot to us. What happens in Asheville doesn't mean it is going to stay in Asheville! We had lots of rally first timers and new members who seemed to really enjoy themselves and we all made several new friends.

A damper was put on the event when someone broke into Vicky and John's new coach. We are hoping the items stolen will be returned to them quickly.

This was my first meeting to “preside” over and the board members were so helpful and supportive. They are a hard working and a great group and we are all very lucky to have them. Vicky outdid herself again with this rally. She is amazing.

We had an uneventful trip home and hope everyone else did too.

Now we can start looking forward to our Fall Rally. Details will start coming out shortly. Terry and I are looking forward to seeing you then.

On another subject, One of our new members, Tina Moore, has invited CHOC and FMCA members to visit her ice-cream store outside Hammonton, NJ in a small town called Penny Pot. River Chic's Custard serves over 59 flavors of soft serve custard, milk shakes, gelatos and more. Stop by and meet Tina, cool down and enjoy a free ice cream after showing proof of membership in CHOC or FMCA.

RALLY TALK

ASHEVILLE

A total of 54 coaches and 104 members attended the rally. As usual, we had a great time thanks to all of those who worked so hard to make it a success. Photos by Jim Sullivan. There are many more in the Club Photos section of the CHOC web page: www.choc-talk.org."



The Clan Gathers



Registration



Newcomers Harry and Jan Hoyle



The Wests With Bill Ellis



Steel Magnolias



The Biltmore

FALL RALLY

"Save the Dates - The CHOC Fall Rally will take place October 4-8, 2010 at Sun-n-Fun in Sarasota, FL. We are already planning for an exciting itinerary that will include the activities, meals and get-togethers that CHOC members have come to expect. Look for registration packets during July. The CHOC May Rally has been scheduled for May 16-20, 2011 and, by popular demand, we will be returning to America's Best Campground in Branson, MO."

FIRST-TIMERS' PERSPECTIVE

This was a fun filled, busy rally. It was planned so well by Vicky. She really kept us busy every day. It was great getting everyone involved helping if we chose to with chores and making us feel part of it. It is also a good way to get to know each other and make new friends. The tours of Asheville and Henderson, the play, Steel Magnolias, and our visit to the famous Biltmore Estate were wonderful. A big THANK YOU goes to you, Vicky, your crew and all the officers for a memorable time. We are already looking forward to the fall rally.

Norm and Ginger Chester

NOTES FROM THE FMCA DIRECTOR

Phyllis and I are now into our fourth year of motorhome ownership. We purchased our first Coach House, a 2001 231, in December of 2006. We were fortunate to be able to trade up to a 2007 261 last year. We still feel like rookies in terms of experience and travel stories. We have been fortunate to make many new acquaintances during our travels to club rallies and other trips we've enjoyed. We have gotten stamps from about 130 of the state parks in Florida. We promote the Coach House product every time there's an opportunity and that is often. Many folks are looking to downsize from their class A's or 5th wheels and we have had several people ask to peek inside our coach and be impressed with the quality and design of Coach House.

Since being elected as the National Director this year, my awareness of FMCA has increased. I'm still working to understand just what FMCA is all about. I'm receiving communications about various activities that are underway such as the upcoming election for a new National Vice-President of the International Area, which we are under.

FMCA President, Charlie Schrenkel, recently sent out a communiqué regarding benefit changes pending for next year. There is false information being spread that MEDEX is going away. The coverage may be going to a new provider but the benefit remains and continues to be fully funded by FMCA. I am excited about attending my first national convention. Phyllis and I will be traveling to Redmond, OR in August. Vicky and John Ferrari are also attending and we'll be trying to meet up with them there.

Whenever we encounter folks who are not members of FMCA, we encourage them to consider joining. The dues are not exorbitant (now \$40/yr) and many can attest that the MEDEX coverage alone can make it worthwhile. This is my plug to all of you to do the same when meeting folks who are not members of FMCA.

Chuck Johnson
National Director

JACK CAMPBELL'S STORY



At the rally, Jack Campbell shared with us an interesting experience that he had in WWII. He was a signalman aboard a Liberty ship off the coast of Scotland and struck up a friendship with a lady British coastal signaler using signal lights to transmit morse code. He shipped out without being able to meet her and they lost track of each other. Jack's daughter located her in London many years later and Jack and Stephanie were able to exchange letters. In 2001, they were able to meet in London. For a more detailed story, go to the CHOC forum page www.choc-talk.net, "General Chat" section.

NEW MEMBERS CORNER

CHOC would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members:

FLORIDA

Gerry and Karen Bradshaw

Dick and Cheryl Bowlings

Roger and Rachel Laliberte

GEORGIA

Allen & Blanche King

LOUISIANA

Joe and Carolyn Bourgeois

NORTH CAROLINA

Bob and Honey Sutton

OREGON

Tim & Sharon Latta

SOUTH CAROLINA

Phil and Karon Millonzi

VIRGINIA

Ted Manis and Dora Cardinal