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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy “looking forward to spring” everyone. I have been keeping up with all the terrible weather everyone has had to endure this winter. Even we here in Florida had some of the coldest weather ever. Hopefully we all made it through without much damage and can now all start to thaw out and look forward to May when we head to Branson.

Aside from weather it has been a quiet winter for us. The only trip we had was to the Factory Rally in Nokomis Florida, and what a rally it was. The weather was very cooperative this time and we didn't freeze like we did in 2010. There were a total of 95 Coach House owners present, 47 coaches and 5 couples who drove their cars there. We had such fun playing the TV version of, “Minute to Win It”. There were some sights during that game that we will never forget no matter how hard we try. Jennifer did a fantastic job of organizing the rally and keeping it going. We all got to share in a special moment when an award was given to a well deserving individual named Armando. I think you all know who he is. The award was for Customer Appreciation and being with the company for 15 years. We were all very proud and happy for Armando. We know how much he deserved this honor.

A few days after the rally we drove out to the Tampa RV Show. We always enjoy looking at all the new motorhomes, trailers and fifth wheels. Some of them are so amazing. Of course we compare all the smaller RV's with our Coach House and continue to agree that there is no comparison. But, it is still fun to look at all of them.



We were greatly saddened at the passing of Shirlee Berard.

Safe travels to all.

RALLY TALK

SPRING 2011 RALLY

It's time to sign up for CHOC's "Branson Bash" Rally, May 16 - May 20, 2011. We will be returning to America's Best Campground (www.abc-branson.com), a luxury RV resort, which features full hookups, including cable TV, a concrete patio, picnic table and grill at each site, 24-hour courtesy modem hook and WIFI availability throughout the park. ABC has a beautiful lobby, ticket booking service and gift shop, with complimentary coffee. ABC also has a pool, spa and activities throughout the park. If you want to join us but leave your Coach House at home, ABC has climate-controlled camping and deluxe cabins. All will agree that our visit in 2008 was just too short, so we are delighted to be checking in on Monday and leaving on Friday. If you want to arrive early or extend your visit, call America's Best Campground to reserve your site at 1-800-671-4399. Your rally registration fee includes your site for the nights of the rally.

*Following check-in on Monday, May 16, we will enjoy our traditional Pot Luck Dinner and a karaoke party. On Tuesday, we will start our day at a breakfast show featuring **Allen Edwards** and wrap up with the famous **Circle B Chuckwagon Supper**. Wednesday, we will start our day with a continental breakfast before leaving directly from ABC for a Branson duck tour on the legendary "**Ride the Ducks**" land and water adventure. Wednesday evening, one of Branson's top 10 shows is coming to us – remember "Cherish," "Hey Jude," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena" to name a few? – hold on for the **#1 Hits of the 60's** show right there in the pavilion at ABC. Thursday morning, we see another of Branson's top-rated shows – **The 12 Irish Tenors**. We wrap up our entertainment Thursday evening with a visit to Branson's top-rated attraction, the **Showboat Branson Belle**, for a great show and dinner on board. We will say goodbye on Friday morning following a continental breakfast.*

Registration extends through Monday, April 4, 2011, but please register early. For questions, contact Vicky Ferrari, CHOC Rally Coordinator. Following registration, additional information will be provided. The registration form is included in this Newsletter, has been sent out to CHOC members via email, and is also available at www.choc-talk.org.

2011 FACTORY RALLY

Let's say it again - WE SURVIVED THE FACTORY RALLY - only this time it was really nothing to survive, The weather was pleasant, a bit nippy at times for Florida maybe, but overall really great, especially for us folks from the north. Jennifer and her lovely daughter Lexie went all out to make us feel welcome, and Steve and David made sure that our every need was met. As always, Armando and his crew were available all weekend to address concerns and needs of the coach owners. We had a lovely time visiting with friends, enjoying the good food, great entertainment, and browsing though all the coaches, admiring the innovations of the new product year. Thank you for having us, Coach House, we are looking forward to next year. There are numerous pictures of the rally on the Coach House RV Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Coach-House-RV/88372104638>

SHIRLEE GODDARD BERARD

Shirlee died December 2 at her residence at the age of 80. She and her husband, Pierre, were long time CHOC members and supporters. She served as a CHOC officer for a number of years. A beautiful lady, Shirlee was known for her vivacious personality and ready wit. She will be missed.



FROM THE FMCA DIRECTOR

As of January 1, 2011, the emergency evacuation insurance program, formerly known as MEDEX, is now under the new name of FMCAssist. I received an email from the President of FMCA indicating a rumor has been circulating that not all FMCA members are covered by this program. UNTRUE! If you have any questions about the coverage and how it works, I suggest you go to the website www.fmca.com and check it out under member benefits.

Chuck Johnson, FMCA Director

FROM THE TREASURER

Your annual dues are due as of January 1st. If you have forgotten, please send a check for \$25, payable to either CHOC or Coach House Owner's Club.

Mail your check to: Mike DiZazzo, 14 Cawdor Burn Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804.

Your treasurer thanks you!

FROM THE CHOC SECRETARY

Per our bylaws, our membership roster will be purged the beginning of April. All who have not paid their 2011 dues by that time will be dropped from our membership.

Look for a map with all of our members' locations in the next CHOC Talk.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ken and Sandi Ritter have a marvelous blog describing their travels in Alaska including text and pictures. <http://nhnomads.blogspot.com>

The author of, "First Timers Perspective" in the last Newsletter was Pat Adams.

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NEW MEMBERS CORNER

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

FLORIDA

Bob and Pat Collins,
Rick and Sally Grissom,
Ann and Scotty Mc Tavish,
Emily Joan Sini

IOWA

Doris Lawson

MISSOURI

Al and Carol Keyes

OHIO

Ron and Bunny Moskowitz

VIRGINIA

Fred Wright