# The Official Newsletter of the Coach House Owners' Club

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This was the second time we had our rally in Branson, MO. There is so much to do that it requires at least 2 trips. The first couple of days caught many of us by surprise by some very cold weather. Several people made trips to the gift shop for sweatshirt purchases. The weather eventually warmed up and was very pleasant. At least there was no rain until the last day. We had about 40 coaches present and a couple of people stayed in the cabins. I realize it was hard for a lot of members, with the high gas prices and the crazy weather we have had so, we were so happy to have such a good attendance.

The first night we were entertained by our own members singing Karaoke. American Idol anyone? We had a very full schedule which included the Allen Edwards breakfast show, a chuck wagon dinner, Ride the Ducks tour, 60s show, 12 Irish Tenors and ended with a fantastic show on the Showboat Branson Belle. Ask "Salad Lady", I mean Karon Millonzi about the show. She will forever be known as the "Salad Lady" at the Showboat.

The entire staff at America's Best Campground went out of their way to please us. They did a fantastic job of taking care of our group.

David Gerzeny, Jennifer Loukota and Chuck Lawrence from Coach House joined in with our fun. We are always pleased to have them at the rallies. Congratulations to Jennifer who is now on the sales staff.

At the Showboat, a waitress actually asked Vicky what the name of our club was because we were a fantastic group. I am so proud to be a member and president of such a club. We are a close knit group and I have seen so many friendships develop that I know will last a lifetime. That's what our club is all about, fun and friendship. We had about 17 new members so we were able to make even more friends. We had folks from as far away as Sacramento California. We hope to see them again.

There was discussion on where our fall rally will be. That will be out later, but be ready. September is not that far away.

I hope everyone had a safe journey home or to whatever destination they were headed for.

# RALLY TALK

# **FALL 2011 RALLY**

# Stone Mountain, GA. September 22-26, 2011

Registration time is here for CHOC's Stone Mountain, GA Rally, Thursday, September 22 through Monday, September 26, 2011. Please note that this rally is over a weekend to take advantage of seasonal Stone Mountain Park attractions, particularly the one of a kind, not to be missed, Saturday-night LaserShow Spectacular.

Stone Mountain Park is a green oasis where families and friends enjoy the outdoors together. Cited by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as one of "35 Natural Wonders in Georgia You Must See Before You Die," Stone Mountain Park is located just 16 miles east of downtown Atlanta. The five square mile park is Georgia's most visited attraction. Home to the world's largest piece of exposed granite, Stone Mountain Park offers a variety of attractions, entertainment and recreation, all of which will be available to rally participants with the Adventure Pass, included in the cost of the rally.

Stone Mountain Park Campground (campground@stonemountainpark.com), Georgia's #1 campground - as rated by Woodall's, located in the heart of Stone Mountain Park, will play host to our rally. Our sites will be full hook-up, premium sites, located near the pavilion, each with a picnic table, grill and free WIFI. The campground has an on-site general store with groceries, firewood, RV supplies, live bait, LP gas and more.

Your rally registration fee includes your site for the four nights of the rally (Thursday – Sunday), which CHOC will book for you. If you want to arrive early or extend your visit, call to reserve your site at 770-498-5710 (Toll Free: 1-800-385-9807). Also included with the rally are the following:

- Welcome reception, pot luck dinner and introduction to Stone Mountain Park
- A guided bus tour of Atlanta, including a tour of CNN studios, Olympic Centennial Park, the World of Coke Museum or the Atlanta Aquarium, and many other points of interest (dog sitting services available for a nominal fee)
- Ride the Ducks tour of Stone Mountain Park and Stone Mountain Lake
- Optional Seafood Buffet, including transportation, at the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort on Friday night
- An Adventure Pass and shuttle bus transportation to all open Stone Mountain Park attractions for Saturday and Sunday (including the Crossroads with unique shops, restaurants and craft demonstrations, the Sky Hike, Camp Highland Outpost, Scenic Railroad, Mini-Golf, Summit Skyride, Antebellum Plantation & Farmyard, Two Museums)
- Dinner on the VIP Terrace and Lasershow Spectacular Saturday night
- BYOB happy hours in the campground pavilion
- Breakfast/continental breakfast on three mornings
- Optional church service and donuts and coffee on Sunday morning
- Farewell dinner in the campground pavilion on Sunday night
- And much more.....

Registration extends through Monday, August 15, 2011, but please register early. For questions, contact Vicky Ferrari, CHOC Rally Coordinator, at (703) 622-8287 or <a href="wicky\_ferrari@dell.com">wicky\_ferrari@dell.com</a>. Following registration, additional information will be provided to all participants. The registration form is included in this Newsletter, has been sent out to CHOC members via email, and is also available on <a href="www.choc-talk.org">www.choc-talk.org</a>. Please note that completed applications and checks should be mailed to Mike Dizazzo, CHOC Treasurer.

# **Spring 2011 RALLY**

Wow! Vicky did it again. Here are the words of Sally Grissom, who was attending her first CHOC rally.

My husband Rick and I just completed our first CHOC rally. Never having attended any rally before and never having been to Branson before, we were quite unsure of what to expect. We purchased our new Platinum 271XL in January, and thought the rally might be a good way to get to know other owners.

We had a wonderful time, and really enjoyed getting to know all the other owners. During the social times, we talked to many other members who shared ideas on great places to camp, tips and tricks for maintaining our rig, and aftermarket products to enhance our enjoyment of camping in a Platinum.

We just wish it would have lasted longer. We are grateful to everyone for being so friendly and welcoming, and are already looking forward to our next rally.

### Treasurer's Report for the Branson Rally

## **Rally Income**

Attendance fees Coach House Contribution Other Income (badge fines @ \$1 ea.)		19,871.73 205.34 6.00	(see note 1)
	Total Income	20,083.07	
		Rally Expenses	
Dining		19,607.84	
Entertainment		10,248.17	
Give-a-way Items		1,081.15	
Park Rent		2,746.00	
Transportation		3,190.00	
	Total Expenses	19,607.84	

The surplus of \$475.23 will be rolled over into our next rally

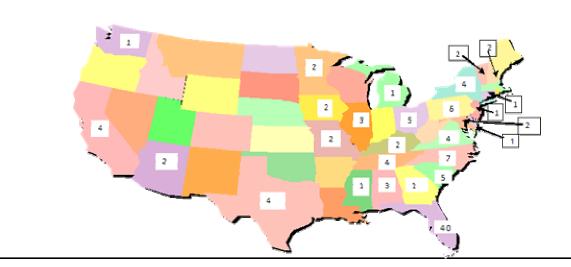
One member stayed in a cabin and didn't have to pay for a campsite. That's why the odd amount.

The club added \$337.50 to our charity fund, to be disbursed later. That is \$225 from the club's half of the 50-50 raffle and the first prize of \$112.50 that was generously donated back to the fund.

### WHERE ARE WE

By Phyllis Johnson

Ever wonder where the other members of CHOC are from? Here is how the 2011 membership is distributed across the country.



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# **NEW MEMBERS**

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

# **ARIZONA**

Jim & Becky Eckel

**FLORIDA** 

Joe & Judith Pokorney

**IOWA** 

Joe & Donita Cone

**KENTUCKY** 

Charles & Ruth Porterfield

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** 

**Bob & Terry Muzzey** 

OHIO

Jim Shook

**TENNESSEE** 

Mark & Kathy Cohan

**VIRGINIA** 

Sue Coulson