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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings!

Once again, we are into a new year of travels and adventures. It is hard to believe that we have already enjoyed our first rally of the year and have the fall rally registration and info in our hands. That means that Nancy Trunzo, our Rally Coordinator, has been hard at work getting us organized for the year. We appreciate knowing where and when our rallies will be, in advance, so we can all, hopefully, work out our schedules to be there.

Our rally in Washington DC was great. We toured Mount Vernon, went to the Ford Theater, spent time at some of the Memorials and thoroughly enjoyed one another's company. The only thing that wasn't quite what we expected was the weather. It was cooler and wetter than we might have hoped, but it didn't stop any of us from having a great time. It is a wonderful and moving place to visit and I hope all of you have the opportunity to go at some time!

This summer will be here before long (at least, I hope so although it is iffy around here since last night we were in the mid 30's) and more travel plans await many CHOC members. George Abosamra, our FMCA National Director, will be representing us at the FMCA National Rally in Massachusetts this summer. Four of us will be taking a Fantasy Tour of the Canadian Rockies and I know that many of you will be doing other tours and trips. I wish all of you the best in your travels and please **be safe**. I hope that after your travels you might write an article to send to Charlie Hedstrom, our Communications VP, and let all of us enjoy your adventures. Include a photo or two, also.

This fall at our meeting we will be electing the following officers: Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Vice President –Membership, and Alternate National Director. I encourage you to become involved and think about running for one of these positions. We, as a board, generally meet at a rally before the general business meeting. If there are any issues at other times we handle them by phone. You are encouraged to be at the rallies, if possible. I know that sometimes circumstances prevent us from being there and that is certainly understandable. Please, think about a position in which you might enjoy serving. One last sales point, you won't find a greater group to get involved with!

Well, my space is running out and I want to be sure to encourage all of you to come to Michigan this fall and enjoy Greenfield Village and all the things Nancy has planned for us. It should be a beautiful time of year to be there!

Please have safe travels and always remember:

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late." Ralph Waldo Emerson

See you in September,

Melody Thompson

CHOC Spring Rally to Washington DC

The CHOC Spring Rally to Washington DC was both fun and emotional. It was inspiring and heart wrenching to see the monuments to our Americans in uniform as they defended our United States of America. One of our first stops was the World War II monument. A highlight for many of us was seeing the busloads of veterans that were brought from all over the United States to see the monument for themselves. Many of us thanked the veterans for their service, and they smiled with pride. Some were walking and many were in wheelchairs being guided by volunteers. The Vietnam Memorial and Iwo Jima statue were also excellent. Also highlighted our tour were sites for our Presidents...Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, the White House Visitors' Center, filled with presidential family memorabilia, and the Martin Luther King memorial. Our bus drivers were very helpful, giving us just the right amount of observation time at each site and navigating smoothly in the DC traffic. The Ford Theater gave us insights into the events of the evening Lincoln was assassinated, and the aftermath for the theater owners. The Peterson House directly across the street made you feel like you were reliving the events of that fateful evening. Overcast skies did not hamper the trip to Mount Vernon. Washington's homestead was comfortable and welcoming, and the view beautiful. We learned they were expected to take in any travelers that came by either to see Washington or take a break from traveling. Daytimes were for sightseeing but mornings and evenings were for group gatherings. Cherry Hill Campground Resort was welcoming and the accommodations excellent. Our meeting room was bright and inviting. Everyone pitched in for meal setups and cleanups and the activities went smoothly. Our comedian, Adam Rubin, kept us entertained about his traveling adventures in Washington and driving to Dallas in 23 hours. Special thanks to Karon and Phil Millonzi for their delicious "New Orleans Stew", and all the cut/dice/chop volunteers seen above who pitched in to help make their meal possible. Thank you to all CHOC members who helped put this Rally together. Special thanks to Melody and Bill Thompson; Margaret and Charlie Hedstrom; and my husband, Pat for their feedback and help throughout the planning stage.



Now it is on to the Fall Rally, September 26-30, 2016 in Dearborn, Michigan. Please see the information and registration sheets in this issue of CHOC.

Happy traveling,

Nancy Trunzo,

Rally Coordinator



Coach House Owners' Club Fall Rally
Monday, Sept 26-Friday, Sept 30, 2016
Dearborn, Michigan

**Highlighting 300 years of
American Life**



The Henry Ford®
Dearborn, Michigan

On our first tour day we visit the Ford factory where we see an introductory movie followed by a tour showing the actual making of the Ford F-150. We visit the home and grounds of Eleanor and Edsel Ford and have lunch at their home.

On tour day two we visit the 80 acre Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum, where Henry Ford amassed a vast collection of artifacts documenting the genius of the American people. Please read the preliminary schedule to see just a few of the sights that are available on our tour. Yes, we will be able to ride around in Model T's and horse drawn carriages. We can also casually stroll around the sites or ride the train around the perimeter. The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village are right next to each other.

Since we will be spending only one full day at Greenfield Village/The Henry Ford Museum it is highly recommended that you study their website (www.thehenryford.org) in advance so you can plan your time wisely.

We will be staying at **Camp Dearborn** 248-684-6000
1700 General Motors Rd., Milford, MI 48380

They have given us a quote of \$31.00/night. You must make your reservations directly with them and tell them you are with Coach House Owners' Club to get that rate. **The reservation deadline is July 1, 2016.**

Our first evening will be the traditional covered dish supper. Please bring enough to serve 6-8 people. If your last name begins with A-G...Dessert, H-N...Salad, O-Z...Main Dish

Attached is your registration form. **Registration deadline is July 1, 2016.** This is a popular touring destination, so we must reserve early.

Mail your checks, payable to Coach House Owners' Club, to

Nancy Trunzo,
202 Waterford Drive
Lewes, DE 19958.

Any questions email me at nancypatrunzo@gmail.com or call 302-745-8144

Coach House Owner's Club
2016 Fall Rally in Dearborn, MI
Schedule of Activities

Monday, Sept 26th

1:30 - 3:30 pm	Registration
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Pot Luck Dinner
	Welcoming Greetings

Tuesday, Sept 27th

7:30 - 8:30 am	Catered Breakfast
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Ford Rouge Factory Tour—a theater experience factory tour showing the making of the Ford F-150. Edsel and Eleanor Ford Home for lunch and tour of house and grounds, Gate Lodge Garage & exhibits.
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Catered Dinner and Opening Greetings

Wednesday, Sept 28th

7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast on Your Own
9:00 - 10:30 am	CHOC Business Meeting
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Free Time Lunch on your own
5:00 - 6:0 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Catered Dinner

Thursday, Sept 29th

7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast on Your Own
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Self-guided tour at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. Greenfield Village includes Edison's Menlo Park Lab, Wright Bros home & cycle shop, DT&M Railroad Roundhouse, Artisans, Noah Webster home. Your pass includes riding around in Model T's and horse drawn carriages. Henry Ford Museum includes JFK's limousine, Rosa Parks bus, Lincoln chair, Allegheny locomotive, and more. Lunch is on your own. Both the museum and Greenfield Village have places to eat.
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Happy Hour (BYOB)
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Catered Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Concluding Activities

Friday, Sept 30th

6:30 - 9:00 am	Farewell Breakfast
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CHOC Spring Rally...Dearborn, Michigan, Sept 26-30, 2016..Registration Form

Rally Registration...Deadline July 1, 2016

Pilot #1

Co-pilot #2

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Best number to reach you (including Rally) _____

E-mail address _____

Emergency Contact Person* (not at Rally) _____

Their relationship to you _____ Their phone # _____

The following prices cover the activities and the meals as noted on the accompanying
2016 Fall Rally Schedule. It does NOT cover the campground fee.

CHOC Members**

One Coach with Two People..... \$ 564.00 \$ _____

Additional Guest..... \$ 282.00 \$ _____

One Coach with One Person..... \$ 282.00 \$ _____

Non-Members and Guests:

One RV with Two People..... \$ 614.00 \$ _____

Additional Guest..... \$ 282.00 \$ _____

One RV with One Person..... \$ 332.00 \$ _____

Total..... \$ _____

Do you have any food allergies? _____

If yes what are they? _____

*Emergency Contact..this should be a family member or friend..not at the Rally..who we will contact for you should you have any emergency- health or otherwise-and cannot do it yourself.

**CHOC membership requires owning or previously owning a Coach House RV, membership in FMCA, and a fee of \$25/per year. Download the registration form here:

<http://coachhousesrv.com/owners-club.php>

IF YOU MUST CANCEL: CHOC will only refund expenses for which CHOC is able to receive a refund.
NO REFUNDS after Sept 5, 2016

Payment: Checks should be payable to "Coach House Owners' Club" and mailed to Nancy Trunzo, 202 Waterford Drive, Lewes, DE 19958 with this sheet

CHOC FMCA National Director

What a privilege it is to represent you at the FMCA Rallies. Beginning in March, Diane and I traveled to the 93rd Family Reunion in Perry, Georgia, where we enjoyed the company of other Coach House members along with families from 2,601 coaches, of which 415 represented vendors. If you have never been to Perry, the fairgrounds are expansive and impressive and the facilities superb. The number of seminars on everything from cooking to engine and RV maintenance to travel options were numerous.



In contrast, the 15th International Rally in Tallahassee, April 15-19, proved to be challenging for us in that we were late due to problems with our RV. Chuck Johnson arranged to get us into our site 9:30PM on Saturday night, and we are thankful for his patience and guidance. There were just over a thousand coaches and 34 vendors present. Again, Coach House was well represented by several families. Diane and I volunteered our services both at Perry (seminar monitors) and Tallahassee (shuttle drivers).

Leaving Tallahassee, we connected with Carl and Karen Reilly as we made our way to the CHOC Spring Rally in Washington D. C., arriving two days late due to more RV problems along the way. At 6:30P.M., Tuesday, April 26, we were able to join our CHOC family (twenty coaches), breathe a sigh of relief for safe travel and great comradery, and just relax. What a great time was had by all. Nancy Trunzo and our officers did an outstanding job as we welcomed several new members of CHOC.

Finally, we will be at FMCA's 94th Family Reunion in West Springfield, Massachusetts, August 3 - 6, continue traveling through New England and then on to Dearborn, Michigan for the Fall CHOC Rally.

Have a great Summer,

George Abosamra

First Time Rally Attendees at Spring Rally

Four couples were first time rally attendees at the Washington, DC Rally.

Al Giovannucci and Nancy of Lewiston, NY
Bill and Ruth Ristow of Elgin, IL
Bill and Donna Quillen of Knoxville, TN
Dan and Pat West of Canton, GA

It was a pleasure to meet each of you.



From the Treasurer

CHOC maintains \$6,000 in reserve to handle rally expenses that must be paid before the rally fees begin coming in. To date, \$1,600 of this reserve has been spent on the upcoming fall rally. Since the club actually has more than this available in its treasury, the board authorized a \$1000 contribution to the spring rally (of which \$462.61 was actually used). The board also authorized a \$1500 contribution to the fall rally. As you can see below, we anticipate having almost \$3,700 excess in the treasury at the end of the year. The board will continue to lessen this excess by subsidizing future rallies.

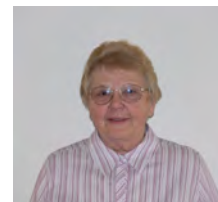


CHOC Bank Balance as of 5/31/2016	\$9,599.05
Projected Income	
Early rally expenses to be offset by rally fees	\$1,600.00
Reserves	
Money available for early rally expenses	\$4,400.00
Charity Reserve	\$356.50
Projected Expenses	
Badges for new officers and new members	\$200.00
FMCA fuel expenses for 2016 convention	\$850.00
Misc. expenses (printing, mailing, etc.)	\$200.00
Club contribution to fall rally	\$1,500.00
Projected Excess (at year end)	\$3,692.55

New Member Corner

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to our CHOC club.

Doug & Jan Martin, Green Cove Springs, FL
Bert & Julie Noosbond, Long Grove, IL
John & Dot Milner, Pensacola, FL
James Floyd & Del King, Cleveland, TN
Donna & Bill Quillen, Knoxville, TN
Bob & Ruth Papapanu, Sarver, PA
Ron & Judy Bishop, Port Orchard, WA
Mike Bertzel & Kim Carpenter, Islamorada, FL
Brian & Renee Rodeck, McFarland, WI
Matt Brannon & Bruce Holbrook, Tampa, FL
John & Dee Lamplugh, Landenberg, PA
Roger & Marsie Gowdy, Cape Coral, FL



Some have already attended our spring rally. We hope all of you will join us at our fall rally so we can get to know each of you.

News from Coach House

Coach House has been very busy this year refining what we feel is the best RV in its Class. We've introduced several improvements and innovations that continue to be very well received and thankfully we continue to build and sell at capacity. This year some of the improvements have been offering more choices with our interior colors. We now have three interior ultra-fabric colors; crème, grey and camel along with two cabinet colors; Lakeside Cherry and Honey Maple. We've added a new feature providing three options to most of our slide-outs; power theater seating with swivel tables, dinette and power sofa. In our very popular 271XL and 272XL models we have a no cost option to extend the galley, which replaces the third seat and dramatically increases the counter and storage space. Pioneer radios with navigation, color backup camera, AM/FM/CD and XM/Sirius Radio (ready), dual 6-volt Lifeline batteries, 1000 watt inverter and new flooring are now standard features.



We've also spent some time on the exterior. We are now offering a no charge full body paint option with two colors; desert or shadow. Same material, same excellent finish. Running board and awning LED lights provide good visibility in the dark. The awning LED is on a rheostat and can be dimmed or shut off if you choose. External HDMI, coax outlets, new HD TV antenna and propane connections are now standard.

Other neat items we've recently introduced as additional options are; a new Winegard automatic in-motion satellite system with receiver for both DirecTV and Dish networks, 13' legless power awning, Bose sound bar, larger capacity solar chargers, auto start generator module, Alcoa aluminum rims, new exterior fiberglass doors (Mercedes), cell phone amplifier and Wi-Fi booster.

Many of you have asked about our new expansion project and where it stands. Well as many of you know, dealing with local city government can be challenging. The planning department has approved the plans and they are now in the hands of the building department. Comments have been sent back and forth and hopefully we are near the end. We are meeting with the contractor and should have this wrapped up within 3-4 weeks with construction starting immediately after. Hopefully we will have the lights on by the end of the year.

We hope everyone is doing well, enjoying their Coach House motor homes and CHOC is thriving. We certainly appreciate your business and kind words throughout the year. Please keep the pictures of your travels coming. We really enjoy seeing and posting them to our Facebook account.

Sincerely,



The addition to the Coach House plant will house state-of-the-art fiberglass and paint booths that will ensure continual improvement of the Platinum, Platinum II and Arriva lines.

CHOC 2016 Spring Rally Photos



CHOCTalk

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Coach House, Inc.
3480 Technology Drive
Nokomis, FL 34275*

CHOC 2016 Spring Rally Photo Captions

Early rally attendees pause at the National Zoo entrance

First full color CHOC rally badge

Cherry Hill Park Campground coaches

Social hour friends gather before dinner

Marg adds value to her Metro card before first trip into DC

CHOC pot luck dinner is always a success

Loading the tour bus from camp

Lining up for the Mount Vernon tour

Stroll from FDR Memorial to the Tidal Basin

Carole and Terry chat with local fisherman

Ford Theater

Korean War Memorial

Seven foot wide house in Alexandria—Your coach is wider!

Iwo Jima Memorial