

Rocky Mountain Country Coachers

NEWSLETTER

water, and we would begin

the process of assembling the

pop-up trailer, unloading cool-

ers, camp stove, chairs, toys,

bikes, etc. Who would believe

that so much could be stuffed

under the collapsed cover of a

17 foot trailer? The 2 or 3 day

weekend was filled With the

activities of the season and

always included a campfire,

no matter how warm the

nighttime temperature. At the

end of the weekend the ex-

hausted parents would re-

verse the process, reload the

trailer and make our way

home to recover from the

weekend. You would think we

would learn our lesson, but in

2 or 3 weeks we would begin

the process all over again.

When the cooler weather

arrived, we would make plans

for attending the nearest RV

and Camping Exposition. It

hadn't taken us long to begin

eyeing the larger trailers

parked in the campgrounds

that we visited. It was obvious

that a self-contained trailer

would eliminate most of the

pack and unpack chores from

our weekend excursions. And

the other amenities, such as

sinks, refrigerators, built in



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From the Editor



And wife Marsha



President Mike Cocci and First Lady, Mo

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY MIKE COCCI

> stoves, a furnace, and most important, the BATHROOM! We will never forget the waterless toilet facilities at the state park in Mansfield, OH, that our kids named "The Pit Of Despair." While the name originated in the movie "Princess Bride." the facility bore enough resemblance to that torture chamber that the kids felt it was an appropriate description.

I have found that most Country Coach owners have similar experiences in the transition from tenting to motorhoming. The biggest change, however, is all about lifestyle. The coach becomes a home, whether for just a weekend jaunt or a fulltime home on the road. Owners become meticulous with their interior designs and "dingy" paint schemes. This is not much different from the fixed based homes that we decorate with paint, paper and colorful exterior landscaping. Unlike the quaint little subdivisions that we used to live in, the RV parks become the showcase for these beautiful homes on wheels with an environment that changes daily. We look forward to new locations to set the mobile foundation, new neighbors, different coaches and colors, and ultimately, new friends to share our lives with.

We have found that there is one constant in the life of the coach owner, and that is THE RALLY! The members of the Rocky Mountain Country Coach chapter have proven that periodic encampment of old friends and associates are a meaningful part of the coach experience. We rely on the Rally Master and the host team to find us unique and entertaining locations to hold our events, but ultimately, it is the camaraderie that make the event a memorable one. The membership of RMCC have proven again that we offer more than a destination when we hold our rallies. We have become family!

Thanks to all of you who attended the Class Reunion in Eugene, OR and the Chili Fiesta Rally in Las Cruces, NM. We were the dominant subchapter in Eugene and made a major statement to the Country Coach Management and Country Coach International that we are one of the most successful sub-chapters in the country. As for the Chili Fiesta Rally, all I can say is that Sherry Royer's salsa, Jay Wetherholt's chili and La Posta's tamales made it a HOT TIME in Las Cruces.

PHOTO GALLERY



Reggie Knight,
Assistant Newsletter Editor
And Club Contest Director



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



RMCC's new Historian/Scrapbook Custodian Ann Sanders

Las Cruces Rally - Chili/Salsa Contest

By Reggie knight

It was a hot time in the old town of Las Cruces on the Saturday night of our rally and maybe the next morning also – all due to our Chili and Salsa Contests. A few members were offering Pepcid prior to the tasting of the chili and salsa and many of us needed Tums, Maalox and other antacids after the contests.

Earlier in the rally Rick Parks, Ron Williams and Rod Woods read a comic skit of two professional chili tasting judges and an off-the-street fill-in judge who became more inebriated and obnoxious as the chili tasting proceeded. None of our judges exhibited such uncouth behavior.

There were eight contestants in the salsa contest and the "heat" ranged from mild to curl your toenails. The ingredients of the salsas varied from the basic recipe of tomatoes, onions, peppers and spices to the addition of black beans, avocado and mango. The winners were Sherry Royer, Sue Williams and Shannon Gross.

In the chili contests, sixteen contestants offered their best recipes. Some contained chicken, beef, pork, a combination of meats or no meat. There were beans in some and no beans in others.

Some were thick and some were thin. The majority of the recipes were at least four alarm fire bowls. The winners were Jay Wetherholt, June McLeod, Darlene Phillips and Mike Cocci. Fresh vegetable platters and the best corn bread I've ever tasted were also served along with an abundance of liquid refreshments.

Everyone had a great time and is looking forward to the business meeting in Tucson in March. Contests are being planned with the hosts for the Minden, NV and Durango, CO rallies and will be announced at the Tucson rally. Ω

Our Next RMCC Rally!

Our next rally will be held at Beaudry RV in Tucson, AZ. This is our regular annual business meeting with lots of important and fun activities to see and do. Need work done on the motorhome? Here's an opportunity to "kill 2 birds

with one stone." Have your coach worked on by the very competent technicians at the Beaudry facility.

Needless to say, there will be lots of good food for all of us to munch on. And where else can you find such great fellowship than at an RMCC rally?

Mark your calendar, fill out and send in the enclosed form for the March 7–11, 2006, Old Pueblo Rally! Ω

RMCC NEWS BRIEFS

BY Don Rau

Ann Sanders, our new Scrapbook Custodian and Historian, needs our help. She is trying to put together material that will explain our history to those future RMCC folks who will be coming along in the next few decades. If you have anything that you think might help her in this effort, please put it in an envelope/box and send it to her with the understanding that it then becomes RMCC club property. Ann's address is:

Ann Sanders 229 Rainbow Dr. #12984

- Livingston, TX 77399
- Rod Woods is currently working on a new web site for the RMCC Club. He plans to have it up and running as soon as he gets the needed information from our various members (Including me!) Thanks, Rod, for the great effort.
- Please remember to keep your club informed of any changes in your address or phone number, I've had a couple of Newsletters returned because of a wrong address. Please inform Gail McEachern ASAP so you don't miss any important information about

- future club events.
- Your Newsletter Editors are always looking for interesting and informative items to include in each issue of your Newsletter. We need travelogues, Tech Tips, what parks to visit and which ones not to visit, etc. Don't worry about the "correct wording." We can always fix it for you. (;>)
- Yes, this is a repeat of the same article in our last Newsletter. All of this information is still valid and worth having you see it again. Ω

Las Cruces Chili Fiesta Rally Another Great Success

By Don Rau

Oh yeah! We had another really great rally in Las Cruces, NM this past October 20 to 24, at the Hacienda RV and Rally Resort, just off I-10. The park management went all out to make sure everything was just perfect for us in so many different ways. There were 38 Country Coaches registered at this rally, including 11 "First Timers" to an RMCC rally. That's so nice to see so many new folks joining us at our rallies. There was actually another couple registered, but for some reason weren't able to come.

The hosts had ordered a whole week of simply perfect weather which we all appreciated.

Since a large number of coaches registered at least a day in advance, registration on the twentieth was made quite easy. When we registered we were all given a bag of goodies prepared by our hosts and the park management, which included an RMCC tee shirt for each person and lots of information about things to see and do while in Las Cruces.

Our first activity of the day was our usual Happy Hour on the patio/Rally Room at 5:00PM to 6:00PM. Everyone had a chance to greet old friends and meet some of the new folks. At 6:00 we all adjourned to a tent building near the patio for a catered Chuckwagon style buffet dinner. Lots of food was served, and it was sure tasty. As we were finishing our dinner, the managers (husband and wife) had a drawing for 6 different door prizes that they had gotten from local businesses. These included free dinners at local restaurants.

Day 2 started off with a continental breakfast in the Rally Room, 7:30 to 9:30AM. At 9:00 our group of golfing enthusiasts toek off for their "tournament?" at the Sonoma Ranch course nearby. At 11:00AM the ladies were favored with a very fine Fashion Show put on by a local clothing shop, From what I saw there were some lovely clothes shown off by some fashionable RMCC ladies and all the gals enjoyed this event. See Shirley McKenzie's special report of this activity elsewhere in this newsletter. From 1:00 until 5:00 we were on our own to go see and do whatever. At 5:00 a Happy Hour in the form of a Margarita Party put on by the park for all of their guests on the patio. Dinner this night was on our own. Most everyone found a fine restaurant locally to satisfy their palate. (Some, of course, went overboard, but what the heck!)

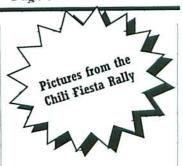
Day 3, Saturday, was another big day which started off with a continental breakfast in the Rally Room from 7:30 to 9:00AM. At 10:00 our business meeting was called to order by President Mike Cocci. It was over on schedule by 11:30, after which we were, once again, on our own until the 4:00 Happy Hour. Several of us were busy during that time preparing our chili and salsa dishes for the big cook-off in the tent starting at 5:00. Our Reggie Knight was in charge of this major competition, and a great job she did, too! I'll let her tell all about it in her special report elsewhere in this newsletter. From 5:00 to 7:00 or thereabout, we all tasted the salsa recipes and voted for one we liked best and then the chili recipes came next. With these good items our caterer supplied corn bread and fresh veggies with some cooling dips. Beer and wine were provided by the hosts. Some entertainment was supplied by Will Stewart and those who joined in with the sing-along after the tasting and voting were comDay 4, Sunday, began with our breakfast in the Rally Room from 7:30 to 9:30. At 1:00PM we all carpooled to the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum not very far from our rally site. We spent about 3 hours at this fascinating museum which is a 47-acre, interactive museum that brings to life the 3,000 year history of farming, ranching and rural living in New Mexico. The tours included a demonstration of blacksmithing, saddle making, and the process of milking and separating the cream form the milk. Exhibits of old farm and ranching equipment, as well as live farm and ranch animals were also available for us to see and ask questions about.

Dinner on Sunday evening was at the La Posta Restaurant, in old Messilla. The fare was, of course, Mexican. We were all seated in one large room and served in reasonable time. The food was very good and nicely served by the wait staff. I doubt that anyone went away hungry! Some of the folks in our group got a little out of hand, however, when Yvonne Rau spilled a cup of coffee in her lap and Rod Woods, sitting next to her, poured a cold glass of water on top of the coffee to "help cool Yvonne off." Hummm. Oh well, we didn't get thrown out of the place, so I guess we can't complain too much. The Mastor's did have the windshield on their car cracked while we were partying.

Monday morning came too early, because it was departure day and we weren't too sure we wanted to leave this fun event. However, after our usual continental breakfast we all began packing up and heading out.

Thank you, Rick and Marsha Parks, Rod and Betty Woods,

Chili Fiesta Rally continued pg 4.





Our Sites were big and clean



The Rally Room was very accommodating



The catered Chuckwagon dinner was delicious!



The meeting went well in the Rally Room

Photo Gallery

Chili Fiesta Rally Big Success

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Final Dinner was at the famous La Posta Restaurant

and Ron and Susan Williams, our host couples, for giving us all such an enjoyable, tasty, and beautifully handled rally that we won't easily forget. You did a great job!

As I understand, also, the Park management made things easy for you all, and we thank them for their cooperation and effort to make our time at the Hacienda RV and Rally Resort so very enjoyable. We should try to get back there again sometime. I should not fail to mention the "special offer" given each of us that attended this rally, to get our Country Coaches serviced at the Valley Diesel shop there in Las Cruces. It sure was convenient and the service was done promptly and courteously, by Wes, the manager. Thanks Lyle Wetherholt for setting up this opportunity for us.

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The ladies fashion show.



Las Cruces Chili Fiesta Rally — Ladies Fashion Show

By Shirley McKenzie

The ladies (and a few of the fellows) were treated to the first Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Fashion Show on the Hacienda RV and Rally Resort patio on Friday, October 21, 2005.

Louise Burchell from Emerald Isle Boutique and Gallery was an enthusiastic narrator and brought lovely outfits for us to view that were packable and folded into small spaces making them perfect for the motorhome life style. Aggie Kent, Betty Wilcox, Susan Williams, Pat Stewart, and June Mastor sparkled as models showing the cute, comfortable clothes.

Special pieces, such as the lightweight silk jackets emphasized the many details, good cut, line and bright colors of these fashions. Louise encouraged us to wear more color near our faces. The black pants and tops were worn as a uniform that could be dressed up or down to suit

the occasion. Cambria stretch twill jeans are the highest selling item in her store and receive a lot of attention. Everyone wanted the reversible rain jackets, which come in several colors, lengths and packs away in a matching tote bag.

Coffee, fruit and tea cookies were served and everyone remarked that this fashion show was a hit and the clothes shown were ones we would actually wear. Ω



Mark your calendar!

The following is a listing of rallies in which RMCC is involved. For another list of CCI Rallies look in the Destinations Magazine published by Country Coach, International.

2006

 March 7—11; Old Pueblo Rally, Beaudry RV, Tucson,

RALLY HO!

AZ. RMCC annual meeting.

- March 13–16, 20062 -CCI Pre-Rally to FMCA in Santa Barbara, CA.
- March 20–23, 2006 2006 FMCA Winter Convention; Pomona, CA
- June 4—7, 2006, RMCC Reno/Carson City Pre-Rally to CCI Class Reunion.
- June 14–18, 2006–20th Annual Country Coach Class Reunion; in Eugene, OR
- October 1– 5, 2006—
 RMCC Durango, CO Rałły;
- October 11–15, 2006
 RMCC Albuquerque, NM
 Rally; <u>□</u>

To all you OWLS

COLDER WISER LAUGHING SOULS)

Here's some wisdom from Grandpa.

Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earnin' his salt that he forgets his sugar.

When a man marries a woman, they become one; but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

If a man has enough horse sense to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never turn into an old nag.

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment only when the interest is kept up.

The older we get the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth remember algebra!

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

A foolish man says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washing ironing cooking and cleaning. No wife of mine is gonna work."

On anniversaries the wise husband always forgets the past but never the present.

An Invitation to RMCC From SWRCF

By Don Rau

As many of you know, I am also the Newsletter editor for a model airplane flying club, called Speedworld Radio Control Flyers. (SWRCF, for short.)

Each year, this club hosts two different major flying events, and several other "fun" events. The 2 flying events are both major pylon racing contests. The contests are either national, as is the first one, or international as is the second one. In these contests there are four airplanes flying around a mile and a quarter proscribed circle at speeds up to 180 miles per hour, give or take a few MPH. Their engines are screaming at about 27,000 RPM and they finish the 1-1/4 mile course in a little over one minute. The record is about 1.02 minutes. Needless to say there are often crashes, either mid-air, or into the solid desert ground. These contests are the first of the season for the pilots who participate. They leave the Phoenix area and continue the vear's races all over the country.

Most of the pilots have said

that the races held at our SWRCF field are the best managed of all the races throughout the country. Even the racers who come from foreign countries such as Italy, Australia, Japan, Mexico, China, Canada, The Netherlands, and Taiwan, agree that we hold a very professionally managed race. We have state of the art electronic racing equipment that was designed by some of our own club members which is not available anywhere else.

These races will be held this year at our flying field in Whittman, AZ as follows:

- January 21 & 22, 2006 starting at 8:00 AM until ~ 4:00 PM. This race is known as The Winterfest Races.
- February 25 & 26, 2006 starting 8:00 AM until ~ 4:00 PM. This race is known as The JR Gold Cup Races.

Another interesting event planned for this year is:

An Open House on Janu-

ary 7, 2006 where the community is invited to come and see how model airplanes are flown.

So, where in the world is Whittman, Arizona? We are on the northwest corner of the Phoenix area. Go north on Highway 60 about 5 miles past Bell Road and past Sun City West and Sun City Grand, to Happy Valley Road. Turn left on Happy Valley Road and continue 1 1/2 miles until you see the sign for Speedworld racing complex and Speedworld RC Flyers. There will be a small parking fee collected as you enter.

Lunch can also be purchased at the Flight Line Café right there where all the pilots are preparing their airplanes for the next heat.

I will be there, but you may not see me because I will be down in the cage watching for the airplanes to cut the first pylon on the course.

People who come for the first time say they never thought there was anything like this around here. Come on out and see what it's like!



Hope you can come to one or all of these non-RMCC events!

Condolences

The members of Rocky Mountain Country Coachers sincerely express our condolences to Babe and Martha Humphrey on the death of their grandson, Cody, this summer in Jackson

Hole, WY.

It is always sad to say good bye to a family member, but to have to say good bye to a grandchild must be especially difficult. If anyone would like to send them a card, note, or just a word of encouragement, here is their address:

P.O. Box 13831 Jackson, WY 83002

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A couple of years ago Mary Dutton, from Moberly Missouri, and her family were camping and needed something to keep extra ice in. She didn't want to spend a lot on an ice bucket, and a cooler was too large. She was at a store and spotted a Styrofoam bait bucket for less than \$2. She bought a round one with a nylon cord for a handle;

the lid attaches to the handle. Her husband laughed when he first saw it, but now he thinks it is great.

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After meals and at various other times, Alta Jerrell, from Florida, found it necessary to heat all 6 gallons in the water heater, when a much smaller amount was actually needed.

NEWROCKY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY COACH APPAREL





RMCC is into the apparel business. Ann Sanders and Betty Woods introduced the new line of RMCC apparel at the Viva Las Vegas rally in May, 2005

Each item has the RMCC logo tastefully embroidered on it. The materials are of good quality.

Don't be caught without your RMCC tee shirt or vest! To order, you will need an order blank which can be picked up at each rally from either Ann or Betty, or Mike Cocci.

Items available include the following:

- Fleece vest (xs-4x) in dark green or royal blue for \$33.98
- Crew neck sweatshirt (s-3x) in ash heather or



green for \$23.98

- Sportec sweatshirt (xs-4x) in royal blue or ash heather for \$29.98
- Polo shirt (xs-4x) in sea foam green or royal blue for \$33.98
- Jerzee Tee shirt (s-3x) in deep purple, Calif. blue or royal blue for \$15.50



 Ball cap (Velcro cap) in stone for \$16.00.

All items except ball cap, are also available in red, black, or white.

Sales tax of 7.6% must be added to the total order. Our apparel sales ladies will deliver the ordered items to the purchasers at the next rally or they can be mailed for an additional cost. Ω

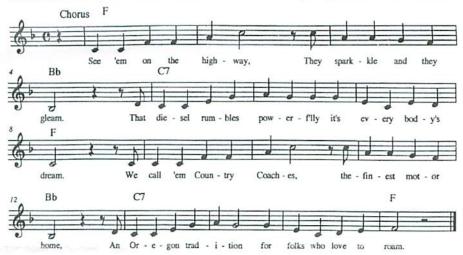
The Country Coach Song

I was asked to put a copy of The Country Coach song in this edition of our Newsletter, so here it is. This is a scanned copy of the song as it was given to me.

The Country Coach Song

Music: Traditional (Wabash Cannonball)

Lyrics by Frank and Alta Kebelman



- 1. We own a house on wheels, A mansion not a shack, Sold our former residence And we ain't goin' back. It's forty feet of luxury With whistles, bells and slides, The diesel engine's in the rear, Suspension is air ride.
- 2. They're made in Junction City, Along First Avenue, The crew are all professional, Perfection they pursue. Other RV's envy The results they have achieved. You've got to try one for yourself Or you will not believe.

CHORUS

3. Bob Lee is the inventor, Who wanted something more. A motorhome of quality And safety that's for sure. He struggled in the early years, But vision drove him on. And, dreams became reality When Country Coach was born.

CHORUS

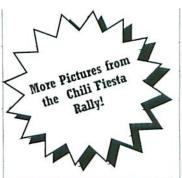
4. We've driven to Alaska
And down to Mexico.
Had us more adventures
Than most will ever know.
Met the nicest people,
Seen friends and family, too.
We're growing young, not older,
Enjoying what we do.

CHORUS

5. We're headed South this winter, The snow we'll leave behind. To where the sun shines warmly And palm trees wave in time. We'll find some other owners And gather round the porch And swap those tales of the road And of our Country Coach.

CHORUS TWICE

arr. by Jim and Shirley O'Brien for 2005 Class Reunion





Happy Hour in the Rally Room



Margarita party time



The outside patio came in handy at the Margarita party



Our tour guide at the Farm Museum

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The main purposes of the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Club are to promote the aims and objectives of CCI and FMCA and, through creative activities, to further the fellowship and enjoyment in the Club, to provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas and experiences of motorhoming, and to represent ourselves as good, careful and responsible motorhome owners and operators.

The specific purposes shall be to: Promote and further good fellowship and cooperation among our Club members, promote periodic rallies that will effectively provide for the exchange of information for the common good, and carry on such business activities as deemed necessary on behalf of members at periodic meetings.

Rocky Mountain Country Coachers area includes: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and Wyoming.

For further information you may contact the RMCC President, Mike Cocci at 5318 N. Fairway Heights Drive, Tucson, AZ 85749, or Treasurer, Gail McEachern at 236 Rainbow Drive #13670, Livingston, TX 77399, or Vice President, Rich Parks at 13673 E. 54th Dr., Yuma, AZ 85367, or Secretary, Norma Holmesley at 15332 E Hartford, Phoenix, AZ 85022, Feel free to phone or e-mail them.

Don't forget! Annual dues are due!

From the Editor

Don Rau

The final rally for 2005 is now completed and we can stand back and be very happy with the progress made in this third year of our existence. Our ranks are growing and our quality is remaining top notch in so far as our membership is concerned. We do indeed have a great group of people in our club that enjoys just getting together for a fun time as well as in the business meetings that go without any dissention amongst the troops, as they say. This doesn't always happen in groups this size. So, you folks who come to the rallies and meetings are to be praised for your special talents and good nature. I am sure this makes for a happier President and club officers who are most interested in peace and tranquility as well as good times at the rallies.

Well enough of that preaching to the chore. You guys are good and we all know it and appreciate it! Bless you all.

I do want to encourage each of you to be sure you are keeping your officers and Newsletter Editors filled in whenever you change your address, phone number, coach, etc. so we can be sure to keep up with where you are. Just drop any one of us a note with the change on it and we will make sure those who need to know get the

good word. And, yes, we too have a privacy law that says we will not sell or dispense your information to anyone else. So have no fear your information is safe with us.

Looking at the rallies scheduled for next year I'd say it looks very good. I am sure looking forward to seeing each of you at the rallies in Tucson, Reno/Carson City, and then in Durango/Albuquerque next fall. Do your best to attend each and every one because you'll miss the fun and food that we are getting famous for. Also our Rally Masters go to a lot of effort to make these rallies as good as they can and we need to show our appreciation to them. Thanks to you all! -