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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY TANNA FLOMER

As our discussions at the Tombstone Town hall Meeting indicated, we are facing a changing RVing environment and need to adapt and look at the future rather than accept status quo.

Along with the rest of your new board of officers and committee chairs, I am committed to look forward and work hard towards the growth and success of this wonderful club.

For all of you who missed the two great rallies RMCC just completed in Tucson and



Tanna Flomer
New President

Tombstone, I send my thanks for your vote of confidence and hope I'll be meeting you soon. Plans for the Grand Canyon Adventure in June and a rally in Creede, CO in September will give us all another chance to join together for fun and fellowship.

There are many challenges facing

the club, but also many opportunities to interact with each other. I look forward to the challenge, as does the board with your continued support.

We are on the Web

www.rmccusa.com

NEW OFFICERS 2009-2011

President—Tanna Flomer

Vice-President—Betty Woods

Secretary—Donna Tanzi

Treasurer—George Anderson

Old Pueblo Rally VII

On the first day of RMCC's sixth anniversary, the weather gods were smiling on us. Registration was done under a clear blue sky, a temperature in the high 80's, a slight breeze, the birds singing and there was a faint citrus blossom fragrance - is this Paradise or what?! Registration was as slick as Russian TP, circa 1973. The rally gift was a tote bag and we had to make a major decision of what color and what design we wanted. Along with the rally info and the 2009 Directory, we received a form to find "out of place" place items in four Country Coaches that were on display. Like any other RMCC rally, we helped each other, but this time it was opening the sticking coach doors. Happy Hour wasn't until 4:30 so we had time to visit, complain about our aches and pains and pat ourselves on the back after recovering from knee replacement surgery and other medical problems. It also gave us time to baby talk to all the dog members.

The rally officially began with the Welcome Reception held at the hospitality site. We were so happy to see our friends and had plenty to talk about, as usual. After appetizers and wine, the forms we filled out earlier were used to award the door prizes that were provided by Pah-rump Winery, Camping World, Fan-

tasy RV Tours and leftover Country Coach items (they might be valuable someday).

We drove to the Tucson Botanical Gardens for brunch catered by Café 54 and Business Meeting on Sunday morning. The Café 54 Program is a non-profit organization that provides help in rehabilitating people recovering from mental illnesses. Many of our ladies wore their finest spring chapeaux decorated with tulle, flowers, eggs, chicks, a duck and even doggy play toys. The past officers and workers were acknowledged for their work. After the meeting adjourned, we toured the Garden. The property was originally the home of Bernice and Ruter Porter in the 1920's. The earliest buildings were constructed of adobe brick made on site. The Garden was voted America's Best Secret Garden by "Readers Digest". We viewed a variety of cultured flowers, wildflowers, trees, cacti, succulents and various planned gardens and patios. After all that walking we returned to our coaches and relaxed or watched March Madness. That evening we had a cookout with the usual picnic fare of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and all the trimmings with a few gentlemen members being the

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cooks.

After a Continental breakfast on Monday morning, Beaudry managerial employees spoke to us about the financial situations at Country Coach and Beaudry. Country Coach has declared bankruptcy owing Wells Fargo et al \$8M. During the week of March 16th, Wells Fargo et al loaned Country Coach \$4M to complete the coaches on the production line. These coaches will be sold by Country Coach not by dealerships. Hopefully, with the sale of these coaches, CC will be on a more secure financial foundation. Also CC will do very limited warranty work. Beaudry is also in bankruptcy and has three properties for sale – the VF building, the RV Park and the former Beaudry dealership land in Mesa. If at least one of these properties can be

RALLY HO!

Grand Canyon Rally, Railside RV Park, Williams, AZ
June 1 – 5, 2009

At the Grand Canyon Rally, a representative from Cummins will present a seminar on engines. The members will have a choice of taking the train to the Canyon or car-pooling there and stopping at the IMAX Theater to see a film. We will spend a day in Flagstaff touring the city, museums and the Lowell's Observatory where Pluto was discovered. There are other things to do along the famous Route 66 that goes through Flagstaff and there are many golf courses in the area.

Creede, Colorado
September 9 – 12, 2009

The Silver Thread Highway goes through Creede. It was a silver mining town in the past and there is a mine tour that may be taken. It is perfect terrain for jeeping and hilly golf courses. For more information about Creede, Goggle Creede, CO. We may have to limit the number of coaches for this rally so as soon as the registration form is available on our website www.RMCCUSA.com, send in your registration!

RMCC OFFICERS

Tanna Flomer – President



Tanna is a third generation Arizonian and grew up in Tucson, across southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Her college years were spent in Los Angeles, CA where she graduated from U.C.L.A. and St.Vincent 's School of Nursing simultaneously. After she married Bill in 1972, home was wherever the Air Force and later US Airways sent him. As most military working wives, she had a "checked" career and became a Jill of all Trades. She was a nurse, educator, antique dealer, midwife and tour director to name a few. Tanna's father named her appropriately after a gypsy since she loves to travel. Bill and she joined RMCC in March of 2004 when they bought their first Country Coach. In fact, they attended their first Old Pueblo Rally while still living in the delivery lot awaiting the arrival of their new coach. She is looking forward to many more travels and rallies with RMCC.

Betty Woods – Vice President



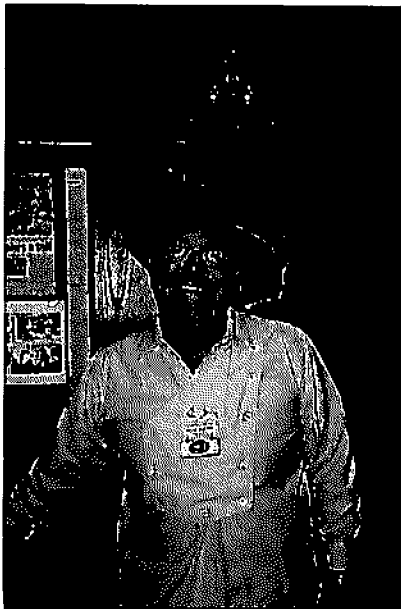
Betty was born in Nyack, NY (a long time ago) and attended high school and college (U of A) in Tucson. She met Rod when she was a senior in high school and even went to the prom together, but with different dates. They both got wise and married three years later and have three children, two boys and a girl, who is deceased. In the early years of their marriage, they moved to Minneapolis where she worked in the Law Department of Control Data until she quit due to pregnancy and Rod's transfer to Phoenix. They lived in Minneapolis, Philadelphia and California, but after each transfer they came back to Phoenix. She didn't return to work until the children became older when Rod and she bought an air conditioning company that

had two employees. Betty took that company out of bankruptcy to a firm with 35 trucks. During that time she was voted as one of the "Top Business Women in Arizona" for multiple years as well as "Whose Who in Executives and Business". Her best deal was when a global company bought them out and they were able to retire. They have the best of both worlds with their family living close in Scottsdale and their Country Coach friends that they thoroughly enjoy.



Donna Tanzi – Secretary

Donna weighed in at 3 lbs. when she was born in San Rafael, CA and slept in a dresser drawer for months. At a very early age, her parents moved the family to Rawlins, MT where she continued to live until she graduated from high school. She married and has three children, but after seven years of marriage she found herself an ill-prepared single mother. She moved to San Jose, CA and found an entry level position in the semiconductor industry. Within a few years, she was Quality Assurance Manager, but left for a sales position in a materials company where she became Vice-President of Marketing and Sales within a few years. While on a ski trip to Tahoe, she met John Tanzi who had red hair then and when they married he became an instant father and grandfather. She started her own company, Transition Technology International (TTI) in the late 80's. After 15 years of hard work and considerable company growth, they were ready to retire. They discussed the sale of TTI to a Welsh company, boarded a flight in London on September 11, 2001 and spent a week in Gander, Newfoundland. They sold TTI for a fraction of what it was worth prior to 9-11. They retired in Prescott, AZ where Donna has a new career in Real Estate, but it gives them time to travel.



George Anderson – Treasurer

George grew up in San Diego, CA, graduated from high school and married his high school sweetheart, Pat. For 40 years he worked in the mortgage finance business until his retirement in 2003. They have two children, two grandchildren and no pets. At one time he “dabbled” in the RV biz by starting Saddleback RV in Irvine in 1985, (editor's note – that was not a small venture!) Later, they expanded to San Diego and Yuma, but sold out to a partner in the 90's, but he still “dabbles” from time to time. He says the most interesting thing about him is his wife of 51 years, how sweet

Grand Canyon Adventure Rally

Monday June 1st to June 5th are our dates for the Grand Canyon Adventures Rally in Williams, Arizona. We will be staying at the Railside RV Park in downtown Williams, Arizona. There is plenty of excitement for all !!!

Per the request of many members we will have a free day Tuesday. This will allow those that wish to play golf, see the route 66 shops and museums, travel to some of the surrounding area sights, or attend a seminar on diesel engines being held at our RV Park by Rocky Mountain Cummins. This is your chance to ask all kinds of questions about your diesel engines, Cummins or Cat!

Wednesday we will go to the Grand Canyon South Rim. Many members expressed a desire to do this by train. Also several members wanted to drive so they could also see the IMAX Theater. As a result of member inputs we are offering both ways to enjoy the Grand Canyon.

Thursday RMCC Cummins is sponsoring a day in Flagstaff where we will see the Lowell Observatory as well as the world famous Arboretum at Flagstaff. You won't want to miss this!

There will be lots of good food and social gatherings as well to round out the rally. And of course Reggie is helping us with some fun activities to make this a complete agenda for all.

The registration forms are available on the web site www.rmccusa.com Please register early so we can get the proper discounts for the train ride if that is your choice for going to the Grand Canyon.

We look forward to seeing all of you there and please feel free to invite non members to also attend this fun packed rally. If you have any questions please send them to rod@cavecreeksQftware.com

The Rally Hosts are Rod Woods, John Tanzi and Bill Holmesley.

CREEDE SILVER MINING RALLY

Well, friends, it is time to focus some serious attention on the coming Silver Mining Rally in Creede, Colorado, September 9-13, 2009. It promises to be a fantastic time learning more about - and indeed experiencing - this beautiful area. Creede's story began well over a hundred years ago as a silver mining extravaganza, playing host to such historical luminaries as Soapy Smith, Poker Alice, Bob Ford (purportedly the killer of Jesse James), and even Bat Masterson. Creede is the only town in Mineral County, and there are fewer than 900 full-time residents in the entire county. Yes, it is small. But it is small ONLY in terms of population. 96% of the land area in the county is in public ownership, and much of the remaining 4% is in rather large land holdings.

A very small part of the remaining land area has been developed into Mountain Views at River's Edge RV Resort and Park, the site of our rally. It occupies a gorgeous location along the Rio Grande River and it draws folks from all over the country during its long summer season. Summer begins to wane in September as the Aspen-covered hillsides think about their coming color. Wow, what a sight it can be! The valley floor is close to 9,000 feet (a bit of a challenge for anyone who has health problems with altitude - so beware of this issue), but some of the higher mountain roads can offer majestic views of Fall colors even this early in the Fall.

Plans for our time together include four nights at Mountain Views, three catered evening meals in the Mountain Views Bear Lodge, a docent-guided tour of the Creede Underground Mining Museum (where the docents, retired Creede miners, patiently and cleverly explain the mining process in a "mine" carefully carved out of the rock at "street" level), and evening at the renown (Yes, truly!) Creede Repertory Theater where we will experience a musical adaptation of the familiar Swiss Family Robinson story, at least two opportunities to get INTO the surrounding mountains on 4-wheel drive treks (not too tough, but exhilarating nevertheless), and so much more. Our last night will be at an "undisclosed" location where you will be treated to good food as you overlook the Rio Grande River, along with phenomenal musical entertainment provided by members of the Creede Repertory Theater company. You WILL be impressed with their offerings!

We had contemplated limiting the attendance to 20 coaches, primarily because the last-night's activities will take place where the seating will be tight - at best. However, we don't want folks to miss this opportunity to learn about Creede. So, if we have more than 20 coaches, some folks may have to listen to the music from the next room. If you need more enticement, spend a little time visiting some highly-relevant websites: www.creede.com, www.creederep.org, and www.mountainviewsrv.com. Follow the links on any of these websites to learn more about what Creede has to offer. The, come join us to see it all in person!!!

Co hosts – Trinity Rally Betty and Lyndol Wilcox

Betty and Lyndol took off for the other side of the world after the rally in Alamogordo so they didn't have time to write their bios. Lyndol's family lived in a tent in New Mexico during his first year of life. During his second year, they moved into a rock house with a dirt floor. In that same year, his mother died in an automobile accident. Lyndol and his brother were taken to central Texas to be raised by their maternal grandmother and eight sets of aunts and uncles. When he was 11 years old, he was moved to Alamogordo, NM where he attended school until his speech impediment prevented him from keeping up with his classmates, so he dropped out of school in the 11th grade. In 1951 he began working for Callagham Electric Co. at Holloman AFB. Meeting Mr. Murray Callagham in 1952 was a turning point for Lyndol. Mr. Callagham became his father figure and mentor. Because he saw great potential in Lyndol, he encouraged Lyndol to take courses in electronics, building automation, cable splicing, welding, bookkeeping and finance. Lyndol worked for Mr. Callagham until 1971 when the gentleman became terminally ill and convinced Lyndol and Betty to start their own company.

Betty was born in Monterey, CA and lived there until her parents divorced when she was five years old. Her mother and she moved to New Mexico where her mother remarried. Her stepfather was in construction and they moved several times. After high school, she lived with an aunt and uncle in Fresno, CA where she attended Fresno Junior College. Between her freshman and sophomore years, she visited her grandmother in Alamogordo and met Lyndol. They saw each other six times before she had to return to school. Lyndol came to Fresno for four days at Christmas that year. For her 20th birthday, by letter, he sent a proposal, an engagement ring and money for her to return to Alamogordo to get married. He thought he got a good deal since he got a wife and over half of the money he sent her. Before she had arrived in Alamogordo to get married, they had only seen each other ten times and they'll be married 50 years in June.

Betty and Lyndol started Lynco Electric Co, Inc. in 1971 and they are still in the same building. Their sons are a year apart and they all lived in a trailer until the boys were 7 and 8 years old. Now the boys own the majority of the company and do the majority of the work. When Lyndol and Betty are not traveling, they help the boys with the business. Lyndol still enjoys the estimating and financial side of the business, but their greatest pleasure is traveling. They have traveled to 37 countries, but mainly enjoy traveling in their motor home and attending RMCC rallies.

NEWSY NOTES

***Grand Canyon Rally, Williams, AZ – June 1 – 5, 2009**

Cummins representative will give a seminar on engines and they have contributed \$400 for rally expenses.

***Creede Rally, Creede, CO – September 9 – 13, 2009**

Creede is at 8900 ft and if high altitude affects your health, you may need to talk to your physician. Creede is a very small community and dining is limited so registration will be limited. More info at Grand Canyon Rally.

***Beaudry** donated \$1000 to Old Pueblo VI Rally, but they won't pay for the directory and future involvement with RMCC will be limited.

***Laughlin, NV** will be the site of RMCC's annual business meeting rally during the first quarter in 2010. Jack Kelly and Mel Sapp are co-hosts.

***Pam Anderson** is in charge of the Directory. Please send any changes or correction to her at patnporky@aol.com.

IN MEMORY

Randy Clark

Randy, my husband of 41 years, died February 16, 2009. He died of a staph infection, which was due to his diabetes, just got out of hand. I want you all to know that the time we spent with the RMCC was a happy time for Randy and me. I hope to down-size and join you all again. Margita Clark, Hamilton Montana

Yvonne Rau will write an article about Don in the future.

CAFÉ 54 EGG STRATA - CHEF MIKE MC CORD

Prep Time: 15 Min.

Inactive Prep Time: 2 hr.

Preheat Oven at 350 degrees F - Cook Time 55 Min.

Serves 6

Eileen Blakemore obtained this recipe from the chef. Thank you!

Ingredients:

2 Tbsp Olive oil

4 oz. thinly sliced pancetta, coarsely chopped

1 small onion chopped

1 (10 oz) box chopped frozen spinach, thawed and squeeze dry

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 tsp salt

½ tsp freshly ground black pepper

1/8 tsp. freshly grated nutmeg

8 cups cubed Italian bread, from a 1 lb loaf

½ cup finely grated Parmesan Cheese

3 cups whole milk

10 large eggs

Heat the oil in a heavy large skillet over medium heat. Add the pancetta and sauté until crisp and golden, about 5 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the pancetta to a bowl. Add the onion to the pan drippings in the same skillet and sauté until translucent, about 4 min. Add the spinach and garlic. Sauté over medium-low heat until the garlic is tender, about 2 minutes. Stir ½ tsp salt, ¼ tsp pepper, nutmeg and the cooked pancetta

Place half of the bread cubes in a buttered 3-quart baking dish. Sprinkle half of the cheese over the bread, then top with half of the spinach mixture. Repeat layering. Whisk the milk eggs, remaining 1.2 tsp of salt and ¼ tsp of pepper in a large bowl and pour evenly over the strata. Chill the strata, covered with plastic wrap, at least 2 hours and up to 12 hours.

Bake strata uncovered until puffed, golden brown and cooked through, approx. 40 min. Let stand 5 min. before serving.

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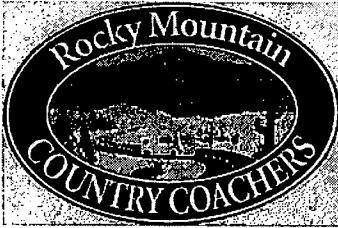
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Rocky Mountain Country Coaches Organized March 2003

The main purposes of the Rocky Mountain Country Coaches 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 Coaches area includes: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and Wyoming.

FROM THE EDITOR

Don has left me some pretty big shoes to fill and I don't think that I can fill them, so I'm going to wear my own shoes. What is the purpose of a newsletter? For those that attended the rally, it will refresh their memories of what we did, where we went and what a good time we had. For those that attended the rally, but might have had a "senior moment", it will jolt their memories. Primarily, I'm writing the newsletter for the members that didn't attend the rally. I want them to know what was discussed at the Business Meeting, Town Hall type meeting and general discussion groups. I want them to feel that although they couldn't make it to the rally, they are still part of our club. I also hope that by telling them what we did, where we went and what a good time we had, they will continue to be members of RMCC and attend rallies in the future.

This newsletter only covers the Tucson Rally, there will be another newsletter for the Tombstone Rally in a few weeks. We have been doing so much at rallies that a separate newsletter per rally is necessary and it is easier for me.

Please tell me via E-mail what you like and dislike about the newsletter, but remember— "No Sniveling" and I have a new motto—"Just the Facts!"