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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY VERN WELDY

What a great rally we enjoyed in Cody, WY. Our rally masters Duane and Vanessa Hayes and their assistants Daren and Marie Schmalz planned and executed a very fun filled time in Cody. The one outstanding event was the trip to see the Wild Mustangs in the Wyoming desert. I am sure there are pictures that you can access on the web page.

Several of us spent over 3 weeks in Cody at two other rallies prior to the RMCC rally. We found the people we met in Cody to be very friendly and accommodating. We attended the Cody Rodeo, and had some great meals together. If you missed this rally, try to attend the Creede rally which promises to be another great RMCC rally.

We have added several new members that we met in Cody to the list of members of RMCC.

We have been traveling since we left for Cody on May 23. We are now in Indiana visiting my daughter and my 7 month old Great Grand Son. We plan to be at the Creede, CO rally scheduled to start Sept. 9 on the way home. If you have not already registered, do it now so as not to miss out. Bill and Terri Smith live part time in Creede and have planned another fun packed rally. If you attended the last rally we had in Creede you know how Bill and Terri looked after all of us.

The next get together will be the Christmas Campout in Goodyear, AZ on Dec. 12, 2013. Again if you missed last year's party, don't miss this one. Last year we had the Campout in Goodyear at the same park that it will be at this year, and found the people running the park to be most accommodating. Let Jack Kelly know if you are planning to be there.

I wish each of you a great summer with safe travels.

Vern Weldy
President RMCC

BUFFALO BILL RALLY

Ponderosa RV Park – Cody, WY

June 19 – 23, 2013

Hosts : Duane & Vanessa Hays Co-hosts : Darren & Marie Schmaltz

There was some wind during the pre-rally when about 12 coaches arrived, but the wind didn't affect our fun. One evening we had hamburgers with all the fixings and the other night we had a salad bar. We wanted to eat lightly before the rally and the feasting began.

On Wednesday by the time all the coaches arrived and registered, we were ready for Happy Hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres and our traditional Purple Pumpkin contest. Vern made his wonderful homemade ice cream with all the toppings. Without previous knowledge to us, the International Society of Winds Gods had assembled above the Big Horn Basin. Tate, the wind god of the Lakota Indians, was the host. The guest of honor was Aeolus, the Greek god and ruler of the winds. Japan was represented by Fujin, China sent Fei Liam, Rome sent Venti and there were representatives of the Hindu, Slavic, Aztec and Egyptian cultures. That night Njord, the Norse god and activity chairman, must have started a contest of who could blow the hardest and longest. The winds and squalls of 60+mph began about 7 pm and continued until about 3 am. The coaches were rocking most of the night and some members pulled their slides in. A few members complained about feeling slightly nauseous during the night. Sure would like to know who won the contest among the wind gods and what was the prize?

We had breakfast at the Sunset House, which was a short walk from the Park on Thursday morning. The wind wasn't as bad and by the time we went on the Trolley Tour of Cody the sun was shining. In one hour we were told 100 years of Cody's history. After the excellent tour, some of us went to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. The Center is five museums and takes two days to see all of it. The Center consists of The New Buffalo Bill Museum, Plains Indian Museum, Cody Firearms Museum, Whitney Gallery of Western Art and the Draper Museum of Natural History. After Happy Hour, we walked to the Sunset House for a dinner buffet.

Again on Friday, we had the buffet breakfast at the Sunset House. Vern, President, had a few announcements about the Creede Rally and Reggie gave the tentative agenda of the Business Meeting Rally to be held in March at the Cotton Lane RV Park in Goodyear, AZ. Many of us then returned to the Center of the West, went shopping downtown for boots or did such mundane things such as grocery shopping and laundry. During Happy Hour, we played lawn bowling according to Reggie's rules. It was more difficult than what it seemed and the most "pins" that were knocked down were two. Marie Schmaltz and Bill Knight were the winners. Then we tried playing "Annie Oakley". We were really bad! We carpoled to The Cody Company for a western dinner and show. Then just up the road we attended Cody's nightly rodeo. The rodeo participants tried very hard, but the horses and bulls tried harder. We slept soundly that night.

Breakfast on Saturday was again at the Sunset House. Many of us went onto BLM land to look for McCullough Peaks Wild Mustangs. We saw five bachelors on the hill top. Our tour guide had his German Shepherd, Cody, along with us. The "watch horse" kept his eyes on Cody because German Shepherds are about the same size as wolves, which harass the horses. DNA has been done on the horses in this area and they are a combination of domestic horses, horses brought over by the Spanish and English horses given to William Cody by Queen Victoria. That evening we car-pooled downtown to the Irma Hotel, which was owned at one time by Bill Cody and named for his daughter. We had very good seats to watch the Gunfight in front of the Hotel. Of course, the good guys won! We had the privilege to have dinner in the Governor's Room in the Hotel. The prime rib was excellent! Sorry, but the bison ribs were dry and over-cooked and the puddings came from an instant box mix, but the prime rib was excellent!

Sunday morning we had coffee and muffins at the Park site and found out that there were vandals in the Park the previous night or early morning. Vern's potted spring flowers had been nibbled down to the roots and the vandals were deer. Before leaving, we knew where everyone was heading before going to our next rally in Creede. Those that wouldn't make the Creede Rally promised to be in Goodyear, AZ for the Christmas Campout or Business Meeting Rally also in Goodyear.

RALLIES HO !

September 9 - 13, 2013 - Creede, CO - Mountain View RV Park & Resort
Bill & Terri Smith (Theater, Dinner at Smith's & 4-wheeling)

December 12 - 14, 2013 - Christmas Campout - Cotton Lane RV Park - Goodyear,
AZ

March 6-10, 2014 - Business Meeting Rally, Cotton Lane RV Park - Goodyear, AZ
Bob & Alta Daniels and Bill & Reggie Knight

BUFFALO BILL CENTER OF THE WEST

The Center was recently renamed from Buffalo Bill Historical Center and tells the stories of the history, nature, science and culture of the American West. It is a Smithsonian Institute Affiliate, National Medal for Museum and Library Service recipient and beneficiary of Save America's Treasures grant from the National Park Service. It celebrates the true spirit of the American West. The Center consists of five museums.

The Buffalo Bill Museum has exhibits of Buffalo Bill Cody as the showman and entertainer and William Cody as the private person planning the development of the city of Cody and being a husband and father.

In the Whitney Gallery of Western Art, your sense of sight is overwhelmed with the paintings and sculptures by Charles Russells, Frederic Remington and others. A large bronze statue of Teddy Roosevelt and his horse are dismantled and the supporting pipes and other braces are visible, Verry Interesting!

Everything you ever wanted to know about the Plains Indians is accessible here. The exhibit of head gear made from bison skulls and feathers was very unique and only the medicine men or shaman were allowed to wear them. The entire exhibit presented a very humanistic view of the Plains Indians.

The Draper Museum of Natural History highlighted Yellowstone National Park. There are multiple floors of the museum depicting the different areas of the Park. Children enjoy this part of the Center because there are many hands-on exhibits. By pressing buttons, the children can hear the sounds of various birds and animals of the region. Paw prints on the floor are of the animals there also - there is even poop of each animal. There is so much to see and learn in the Draper Museum, not only for children, but also for adults. Standing next to a stuffed elk with a rack and looking up at it makes you realize why you are advised to keep a great distance between you and a live one. Also noticeable were grandparents and grandchildren spending quality time together here.

If you have any interest in guns, the Cody Firearm Museum, should be high on your priority list of what to see in Cody. This is a massive collection arranged in chronological/historical order from the French and Indian War to present day.

The Center is worth whatever amount of time you can devote to visiting it and the gift shop is very nice also.

THE CODY CATTLE COMPANY

On Friday night we carpoled to the Cody Cattle Company for a western dinner and a show. We had the usual western dinner that we have had in the past – nothing wrong with that! – brisket, chicken, baked potato, beans, cole slaw, green salad, applesauce, corn bread and a brownie for dessert and to wash it all down, we had our choice of water, lemonade or coffee. Even though we only took a little of everything, the plates were too small and we had to layer our food. The show consisted of four musicians/singers; three of whom were related – husband, wife and a son that played a mean bass fiddle for his teen years. A younger son also played for us, but his main job was the lighting and audio. Their youngest son and his even younger sister sang an enthusiastic rendition of “It’s a Grand Old Flag”. The room was only one-third filled, but the sound was programmed for a full house – too loud. People with hearing aids turned their aids off and others covered their ears. It was good food and good entertainment and we must remember that we’re in Cody, WY, not Branson, Missouri.

**CHRISTMAS CAMPOUT
DECEMBER 12-14, 2013
COTTON LANE RV RESORT
GOODYEAR, AZ**

If you are planning to attend contact Jack Kelly.

**If you say you are going to attend and then change your
mind, Please contact Jack.**

CODY – RODEO CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

After dinner at The Cody Cattle Company, we high-tailed it 700 yards to the Cody Rodeo Grounds. Cody Night Rodeo occurs every night from June 1 – August 31. The Cody Rodeo is entering its 75th year and is the longest running rodeo in the U.S., also probably in the world. Many national rodeo stars started their careers in Cody. There are two bleachers at opposite sides of the rodeo arena. The newer one is metal and had back rests, but that metal get cold on your fanny when the sun sets and the wind blows. That area is called The Buzzards' Roost and is above the shoots. There is plenty of action in the shoots even before the rider and horse or bull is out of the shoot. A few horses tried to jump out of the shoots while the riding gear was putting on them – it was up to the rider to calm them down. Didn't see any bulls try to jump out of the shoots, but they do bang themselves against the sides of the shoot – maybe hoping to knock down the walls of the shoot. Bull riders don't get on the bulls until the last second. The bleachers on the other side of the arena are the old wooden bleachers. If you want to take photography, that is the better place, but before the sun sets the sun is shining right in your eyes and the wind is blowing right at you. The seating there is lower and if a cowboy wearing his cowboy hat is sitting in front of you, you might not see all the action and forget about photography. And one does not ask a cowboy to take his cowboy hat off so that you can see the action or take photos.

The events that we saw were ladies' barrel racing, young ladies' barrel racing, ladies' calf roping, men's bareback bronc riding, men's saddle bronc riding, men's calf roping, team calf roping and bull riding. The best event was with the children! Children under the age of 12 were asked to come onto the rodeo area and they had to get the ribbons that were tied to two calves' tails. The poor calves were petrified having at least 50 kids chasing them. The head rodeo clown was directing all this action and when it was all over he told the kids that they could take a pocket full of rodeo area dirt home as a souvenir. Oh Eck!

The heroes of the rodeo are the rodeo clowns, who are former rodeo star performers, who kept the bulls away from the riders when they were thrown off the bulls. One bull was so P-O'ed that he jumped over the fence! The announcer, in a very serious and stern voice directed everyone to remain in their seats. The bull was rounded up and sent back to his pen; but he had a tale to tell his fellow-bulls. The rodeo participants tried their best, but the rodeo stock was excellent and threw all riders except one. The bulls are scored just as the riders are, but the riders have to ride the bull for eight seconds before they get a score. The owners of the "fightenest" bulls get points and cash for their stocks' performance. When many professional rodeo participants retire, they start their own rodeo stock ranches. Who can breed the meanest bull for the rodeo arena has money in the bank and then there are stud fees when the bull retires.

For our members who were first time observers, it was an experience and for the seasoned rodeo fan, it was a treat to see the rodeo stars of tomorrow since teenagers were the only winners that night. Don't forget that it was all started by Bill Cody.

Red Canyon Wild Mustang Tour

By

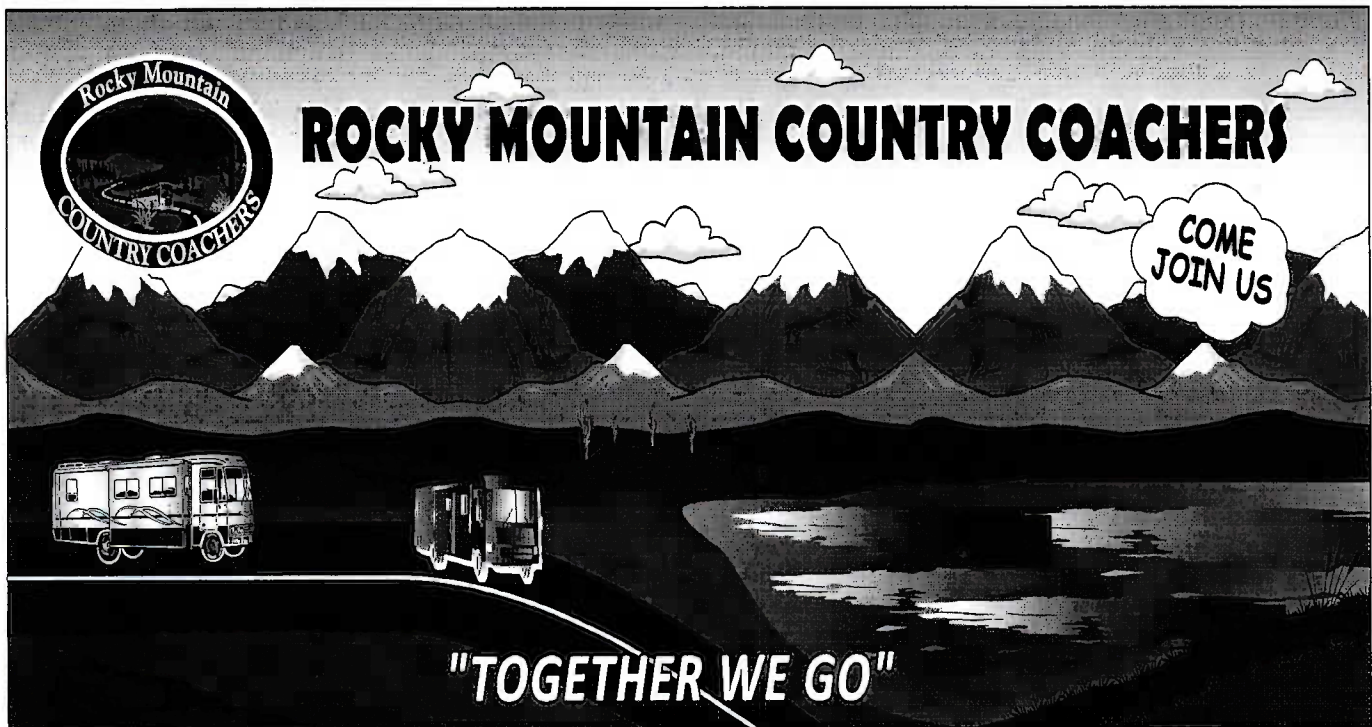
Marge Moreland

Bright and early in the morning our group loaded into the old Blue Bird school bus and left for the BLM land where the wild Mustang herd is located. It was approximately a 20 minute bus ride from the RV Park.

After a short, bumpy ride into the McCullough Peaks Herd Management Area, we came upon 3 of the heard atop a butte area. We alighted from the bus and followed a trail approaching them. They seemed curious about our group, but continued grazing so we could take photos. Off to the right came 2 more galloping at high speed across the desert. They also seemed interested in our group. Two of the stallions approached each other, exhibiting their maleness, but no sign of a rumble by either.

The horses are very healthy due to their habitat conditions, and have great longevity, some living into their 30's. The horses have many coat colors and are large and beautiful animals. The herd is currently about 70; some horses living in the management area encompassing 109,814 acres of land.

We traveled further into the area to an overlook of a canyon with great views for miles. It was great scenery for more photographs of the area. On our way out of the area the 2 horses that had approached our group were grazing right along the road, giving us the opportunity for some close up pictures of some beautiful wild horses.



OUR NEW BANNER !

Designed by Roger Herr

LET CREEDE TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY

By
Bill Smith

ONCE AGAIN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY COACHERS FOLKS WILL GATHER FOR A RALLY IN CREEDE, COLORADO. THIS WILL BE A BREATHTAKING EXPERIENCE (PERHAPS IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE). THOSE WHO HAVE VISITED CREEDE BEFORE KNOW THAT THE SCENERY IS BREATHTAKING. THEY ALSO KNOW THAT THE ELEVATION (JUST SHY OF 9,000 FEET IN THE VALLEY FLOOR) CAN BE BREATHTAKING AS WELL, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALTITUDE ISSUES. DON'T MISREAD THAT, WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT ATTITUDE ISSUES - I SAID ALTITUDE. IF YOU HAVE ATTITUDE ISSUES - TOUGH!

THE DATES TO SET ASIDE ARE SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 AND 12 - FOUR NIGHTS OF FROLICKING FUN (THERE IS BETTY'S FAVORITE WORD) AND FOODIE FESTIVITIES. OF COURSE, THOSE FOUR NIGHTS WILL BRACKET DAYS OF ADVENTUROUS WONDERINGS AND FELLOWSHIP. WE'LL TELL YOU ABOUT SOME OF THE PLANS HERE BUT YOU WILL NEED TO TRAVEL TO CREEDE TO WITNESS THE UNVEILING OF DETAILS.

WE WILL GATHER AT MOUNTAIN VIEWS AT RIVERS EDGE RV RESORT LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE OF "DOWNTOWN" CREEDE. IT IS A FIRST-CLASS FACILITY WITH LOTS OF ROOM TO STRETCH OUT AND CELEBRATE THE RENEWAL OF OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND THE MAKING OF NEW ONES - HAPPY HOURS INCLUDED. CHECK OUT THE RESORT ONLINE AT WWW.MOUNTAINVIEWSRV.COM (DON'T EXPECT TO GET ONE OF THOSE SPECTACULAR SITES OVERLOOKING THE RIO GRANDE RIVER UNLESS YOU WANT TO BUY ONE FOR YOURSELVES.) AND ROLAND ZIMMERMANN AND HIS WIFE ARE MARVELOUS OWNER/MANAGER HOSTS. THEY LIVE NEARBY AND THEY CAN OFFER AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN THE AREA - NOT THAT YOU WILL HAVE A LOT OF EXTRA TIME!!!

THE MORE "SEASONED" RMCCers KNOW ABOUT CREEDE REPERTORY THEATRE (CRT). FOLKS COME FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO SEE CRT PERFORMANCES. IF THIS NAME IS NEW TO YOU PLEASE VISIT WWW.CREEDEREP.ORG AND COME PREPARED TO BE AMAZED. SPEND A LITTLE TIME ON THIS WEBSITE AND YOU WILL BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT A LITTLE COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT IN A LITTLE MOUNTAIN TOWN. NO, IT IS A HIGHLY HONORED PROFESSIONAL THEATER THAT PLAYS TO ALMOST 50,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR IN ITS VARIOUS VENUES. USA TODAY CALLED IT ONE OF THE "TEN GREAT PLACES TO SEE THE LIGHTS WAY OFF BROADWAY". ONE PERFORMANCE (A MATINEE) IS INCLUDED IN YOUR RALLY FEE AND THE SECOND (AN EVENING PERFORMANCE) IS OPTIONAL.

CREEDE, CO - HISTORY

Creede is a historic town and a Statutory Town which is a county seat and the only incorporated municipality in Mineral County, Colorado. It is located near the headwaters of the Rio Grande River, which played a critical role in the development of farming and ranching in the Valley. The River and its tributary trout streams provide excellent opportunities for fly fishermen.

Travelers appeared in this area in the early 19th century. Tom Boggs, a brother-in-law of Kit Carson, farmed at the Wagon Wheel gap in the summer of 1840. The first silver discovery was made at the Alpha Mine in 1869, but silver could not be extracted at a profit from the very complex ore. Ranchers and homesteaders arrived when the stagecoach stations were built in the 1870's, but the great "Boom Days" started with the discovery of rich minerals in the Willow Creek Canyon in 1889.

The original town site of Creed was located on East Willow Creek, and was named after Nicholas C. Creede who discovered the Holy Moses Mine. The town is tucked into the San Juan Mountains. It is situated in a former volcanic caldera and because it is surrounded by sheer cliffs its physical growth was limited.

When Creede was booming, Denver was experiencing a major legal reform movement against gambling clubs and saloons. The owner of these establishments moved to Creede's business district. One of these "businessmen" was a confidence man, Jefferson Randolph "Soapy" Smith. Soapy became the uncrowned king of Creede's criminal underground and opened The Orleans Club. Other famous people in town were Robert Ford, who killed Jesse James, Bat Masterson and William Sidney "Cap" Light who was the first deputy sheriff, but also the brother-in-law of Soapy Smith, who was eventually banned from Creede. When the anti-gambling reform movement in Denver ceased, all the "businessmen" moved back to their former places of business in Denver.

Creede's boom continued until 1893, when the Silver Panic hit all the silver mining towns in Colorado. The price of silver plummeted and most of the silver mines were closed. Creede never became a ghost town, but its population declined. After 1990, Creede stayed alive by relying on lead, zinc and copper in the area. Today visitors may visit the Underground Mining Museum and old mine tours, go fishing or just admire the scenery.

BUSINESS MEETING RALLY
COTTON LANE RV RESORT - GOODYEAR, AZ
MARCH 6 - 10, 2014
Hosts - Bob & Alta Daniels
Co-hosts - Bill & Reggie Knight
Tentative Agenda

Thursday - March 6

1:00 - 4:00 pm - Registration
 4:00 pm - Happy Hour & Purple Pumpkin
 Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share

Friday - March 7

8:00 am - Breakfast by Park Staff
 ?? Tour of Cardinal Stadium
 Lunch on your own
 Shopping at Tangers Outlet Mall
 4:00 - Happy Hour
 Auction
 Light dinner by Jimmy Johns

Saturday - March 8

8:00 am - Breakfast by Park Staff
 9:30 am - White Tanks Mt Hike OR Litchfield Park Fine Arts and Culinary
 Festival
 4:00 pm - Happy Hour & Easter Egg Hunt
 Dinner provided by Eric Ireland of RV Master Techs
 Techs will be available

Sunday - March 9

8:00 am - Breakfast by ?
 9:30 am - Annual Business Meeting
 ?? Spring Baseball Training Game OR Litchfield Park Fine Art and
 Culinary Festival OR Wildlife Zoo
 5:00 - Happy Hour
 Catered Dinner

Monday - March 10

8ish - Continental Breakfast
 Farewells and Departures

DARWIN AWARD WINNER

Arkansas Democrat Gazette

Two local men were injured when their pickup truck left the road and struck a tree near Cotton Patch on State Highway 38 early Monday. Woodruff County deputy Dovey Snyder reported the accident shortly after midnight Monday. Thurston Poole, 33, of Des Arc, and Billy Ray Wallis, 38, of Little Rock, were returning to Des Arc after a frog-catching trip. On an overcast Sunday night, Poole's pickup truck headlight malfunctioned.

The two men concluded that the headlight fuse on the older-model truck had burned out. As a replacement fuse was not available, Wallis noticed that the .22 caliber bullets from his pistol fit perfectly into the fuse box next to the steering-wheel column. Upon inserting the bullet the headlights again began to operate properly, and the two men proceeded east-bound toward White River Bridge.

After traveling approximately 20 miles, and just before crossing the river, the bullet apparently overheated, discharged and struck Poole in the testicles. The vehicle swerved sharply right, exited the pavement, and struck a tree. Poole suffered only minor cuts and abrasions from the accident but will require extensive surgery to repair the damage to his testicles, which will never operate as intended.

Wallis sustained a broken clavicle and was treated and released. "Thank God we weren't on the bridge when Thurston shot his balls off, or we might be dead," stated Wallis.

"I've been a trooper for 10 years in this part of the world, but this in the first for me. I can't believe that those two would admit how this accident happened," said Snyder.

Upon being notified of the wreck, Lavinia (Poole's wife) asked how many frogs the boys had caught and did anyone get them from the truck? Though Poole and Wallis did not die as a result of their misadventure as normally required by Darwin Award Official Rules, it can be argued that Poole did in fact effectively remove himself from the gene pool.



Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Organized March 2003

The main purposes of the Rocky Mountain Country Coachers Club are to promote the aims and objectives of 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, Montana and Wyoming.

FROM THE EDITOR

ONLY 35,000 MILES?????

Bill and I spent a week at one of our favorite campgrounds, Boardman Marina and RV Park. We couldn't get our favorite site, #26, because we were only staying for a week and they hold the sites in Circle C for two week stays. I'm still amazed that we got it for our rally a few years ago. We pulled into our site parallel to the road and noticed an older coach across from us - an OLD Country Coach. The next day after my morning walk, I approached the people sitting outside the coach and began asking them questions about the coach. It is a 1988, 30 ft, Chevy 425 engine and only has 35,000 miles on it. His mother was the second owner of it and she bought it in 1990. She gave it to him in 2004 with less than 15,000 miles on it. His mechanic has to use Corvette engine parts on the gas engine and the owner says that on the interstates he has a difficult time keeping it under 70 mph because it has so much power. He has had to make minor repairs, don't we all, but the a/c unit and water heater have never been touched. He doesn't get to use the coach as much as he would like since he is still working and his teenagers are very active in sports during the summers. He said that if we ever wanted to down-size, he would make an even trade with us - he laughed. They also have a speed-boat and the engine on it looks as big as the coach's engine, bigger - it is a 464 engine.

The Cody Rally was great! There is a vast storage of western history in Cody just as there was in Ruidoso last year. Isn't it better to go to the places where history was made, rather than having to memorize dates and other stuff that we all had to do in elementary school? Kids who are able to travel to these places with their parents will remember the people and events rather than just dates and places.