

Rocky Mountain Country Coachers



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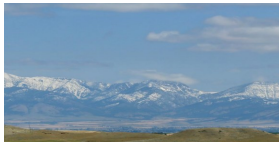
“Yellowstone Adventure”

by: Rob Brown

Yellowstone’s Edge RV Park, (Livingston) Montana

Rally Masters: Rob & Gerri Brown Stan Wright and Jerre Glasgow

On September 8th 2020 we had 19 coaches roll into Yellowstone’s Edge RV Park. 16 of those came from the “pre-rally” 100 miles away in Ennis, Montana at Ennis RV Village where we spent 4 or 5 days over Labor Day Weekend.



This was a special time as Covid 19 was still rampant

but not so much in Montana. There were two cases in the county we were in. Still, stores in town required customers to wear masks and even in Montana, most folks were compliant.

The opening night of the rally was a Pizza “Pie” and Ice Cream dinner with a Caesar salad. Rob Brown surprised us with 50 individual hand thrown stoneware mugs

with the Rally Logo on each.

Rick Reiss, our President in 2020, selected numbers and Stan Wright called out the names of the club member to go pick their favorite.



Our hostess Pam Libby and Host Chan Libby (also the owners of Yellowstone’s Edge RV Park) prepared 15 Pizzas of different types there in front of everyone and Chan even included

some acrobatics with the dough. He never dropped one.

After dinner, Virginia Miller, a Yellowstone Naturalist, walked us through the stories of the park and some of the great things to see and where they were located. She was not only knowledgeable, but also a great speaker. (continued on page 3)

President’s Message

by: Rick Reiss

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM

Oh, give me a home where the Buffalo roam
Where the Deer and the Antelope play;
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the sky is not cloudy all day.

Yellowstone invokes this poem and song written in the 1870’s. The song is known as the “unofficial anthem of the American west”. (continued on page 5)

Yellowstone Adventure Continued:

Wilcoxson Ice Cream, a local Montana brand, finished off the evening. It was neat that so many of us had been together in Ennis so the threat of being with a sick person was much reduced. Everyone was offered the chance to take their meals in their coach but no one felt it necessary. On Wednesday, Melissa O'Hare of MTPL8 LLC, our caterer extraordinaire, prepared a grab and go breakfast and lunch for early departure into the Park.



It had snowed two days before, so the landscape was just beautiful.



We had to adjust travel to individual cars due to the Covid and change routes

because of a road closure and fire in the south end of the park. You may know that the Park considers fire a natural and healthy thing for the forest and environment in general, so they let it burn. Fortunately, the smoke was not coming our way. That evening at social hour the stories of the day began. What a shy group! Melissa served her first evening meal and it was amazing. Pork roasts and poached Cod with roasted Brussel sprouts, and a rhubarb desert. About this time, we started asking her to join us as VP of Food. She too is a motorhome traveler when not working. Then came the drop needle contest for music from the late 50's and early 60's. That was won by Gary and Linda Hays. It turns out that Gary was a professional musician early in his career and played many of the songs. Gerri played about 1 minute of music for people to identify the title, original performer and year it was first on the charts. I

(Rob) could sing along but had no clue as to the rest. Funny the way the mind works with music.

Day three was another grab and go breakfast and lunch so people could tour the park and continue to work on the photo contest. Then, more spectacular food from Melissa O'Hare; steak with button mushrooms and shrimp in butter sauce, Dauphinoise potatoes, green beans and green salad followed by a chocolate cake with black berries. She and the Libby's have such delightful personalities and prepared such delicious meals that they will probably be the memory most will take from the rally. The Park was nice but..... The food!

President, Rick Reiss introduced the RMCC board to everyone: VPs Rod Woods – Communications and Gary Hays - Rallies, Treasurer Mark Kapellusch (continued on page 4)

Yellowstone Adventure Continued:

and Secretary Linda Hays. Rick complimented the Rally Masters for hosting the very best rally of the year and then pointed out that it was the only rally of the year. Now why did he have to include that tidbit? Gary Hays then talked about next year and the April Rally in Phoenix and passed out sign-up sheets. Deposits of \$100 were collected from at least 9 of the attendees due to his great presentation. We finished the evening meal with a Yellowstone Trivia Contest created by Gerri Brown with the Yellowstone “Steelhead” going to the winner, Jean Hinman



Obviously, more stories of things people saw and experienced in and out of the park continued to flow.

Melissa provided our final breakfast in a leisurely sit down style with more great foods. Most everyone was tired out by this point and spent the rest of the morning preparing and submitting their entries for the 3

photo categories that were due in by 1 pm. Dinner was back to Chan and Pam with smoked pork ribs and sides by Melissa. Then we announced the winners of the Photo Contest.



Landscape-Shari Grabman



Wildlife-Shari Rogers and All Other-Shari Rogers



..and a surprise category Best of Contest – Jean Hinman

Then it was off to the Bear and Elk Hunt. We went to Tom Miner Valley by the B-Bar Ranch at 6:45pm and were lucky enough to see a small herd of about 25 elk being kept together by a big bull in the distance. Then we spotted a mother Grizzly with her 2 cubs that were eating at a carcass until the big male showed up. Mom and cubs were gone in a flash.



Everyone raved about the wonderful RV park and catering and the way we made them feel comfortable by having individual paper placemats (one time use) and seating at tables with as much distance as possible.



Some even noticed that Gerri and Jerre wiped down the tables with Clorox after every meal. No one left sick and several were sad that they couldn't extend their stay as the park remained full even two weeks after Labor Day. (continued on page 5)

Yellowstone Adventure Continued:

Special accolades go to Bobbie Helsing for her beautiful work on the table decorations. Gerri Brown created the blue ribbon river with “Yellow” stones as the base theme and then Jerre Glas-



gow worked with Bobbie Helsing to find the animals and tree bark used to create the 6 center pieces.

We had a silent auction for these at the end of the rally and that brought the rally back almost to even (we were \$12 short), expense vs

income and allowed our Treasurer to make full refunds to those who cancelled even after the deadline. Understandably, we had quite a turnover in registration due to the Covid as well as the normal things that require plan changes (like hip replacements and Doctor's orders) for events that were over a year in the works. It was a real pleasure to be with this group of brave Rocky Mountain Country Coachers. The only regret I (Rob) had was that more couldn't come. The fact that we reserved for 20, 18 months ago and ended up with 19 was a wild ride for yours truly. At one point we had 21 coaches and one couple in the cabin



with a waiting list 8 deep. I wish you could have all been included. Hopefully, we will be together next time.



President's Message Continued:

19 coaches of RMCC members rallied where the buffalo roam, and we saw lots of buffalo, or the more scientifically correct term, bison. We also saw deer and antelope. Most importantly,

we saw each other. Not a discouraging word was spoken! We talked, we laughed, we learned, we broke bread together and we had fun! It is always good to rally.

Rally host Rob Brown, provided a well-organized extravaganza at Yellowstone's Edge RV Park. With the Yellowstone River, large manicured green spaces and excellent weather (not sure if he arranged that) (continued on page 6)

President's Message Continued:

we could not have been more comfortable. The breakfasts, lunches and dinners were outstanding. "MTPL8" (our caterer aka "Empty Plate") and the owners of the park were all great cooks.

Artist Rob Brown provided an additional surprise for all attendees. He made coffee cups of all sizes, colors and emblazoned the side with a RMCC medallion. You never know the breadth of the talent of our club until it presents itself at a rally!

We are back! We are plan-



ning 2021 rallies, including our business meeting and a fall rally. Rod Woods and Gary Hays are working hard to get a schedule together and plan outstanding visits to locations near and not so near. Read the emails from RMCC. Visit the website and check out the Events page regularly for updates. Join us for travel and fun.

Club membership is actually increasing during this less than pleasant period.

Betty Woods is doing a superb job on-boarding new members and helping them get setup on the system. We had new members at the Yellowstone Rally!

Best wishes to all.

RMCC Rally News

by: Gary Hays

Greetings everyone! What a grand time for those attending the Yellowstone Rally! Thanks so very much to Rob Brown and his team for the wonderful time of visiting with friends and seeing some amazing wonders of Creation. Linda and I were reminded – once again – what rallies are really about – our friends. Personal interaction is so much better than electronic. And of course, the FOOD. Amazing!

Now on to 2021. We have on our 2021 rally agenda, two great locations. We introduced our Annual Spring meeting at Fort McDowell, AZ.

Rod Woods and I have been working on a great time, which will include a short

business meeting, along with some great places to visit. Originally scheduled for Benson, we opted to move it to Fort McDowell in light of certain restrictions at Benson. We will be sending out registration information very soon, so watch your emails.

Mark your calendars for September 20-24 in Branson, Missouri. Rick and Debbie Reiss are hosting and I'm sure it will be packed with fun and fellowship. Keep your eyes peeled for registration information for that one as well. (continued on page 7)

RMCC Rally News continued:

Our summer rally is still in the works. Locations being considered? Durango. Coeur d'Alene. Paso Robles. McCall, ID. If you desire to put on your own show in any of these places, let me know soon. Hosting is easy and quite rewarding.



One aspect that made the Yellowstone rally so successful was the pre-rally at Ennis, MT. This was truly spontaneous with 16 coaches showing up. The only agenda? Have fun, do what you want and enjoy each other's company. I have attached a couple of pictures of one of the "spontaneous" events.



With that in mind, our desire is to continue with pre-rally locations for Fort McDowell and Branson. But we need your involvement. If you have an idea for a pre-rally location, let me know. All you will need to do is reserve X number of spaces at the RV park and we'll do the rest. (Just confirm that it can handle the big boys). That is it for now. Please stay well and make your 2021 plans for travel. We are never going to get younger. Enjoy life!

Ft McDowell Rally

by: Rod Woods

Setting up our business rally has had its difficulties due to the COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak. We had to cancel Palm Springs and the Williams rallies, then the Benson rally due to services required were not available. We now have our business rally set up with all services available at Ft McDowell Arizona!

Dates: April 13th to April 16th, Depart April 17th

Where: Ft McDowell located 2 miles from Fountain Hills

Events

- *The Musical Instrument Museum* displaying over 15000 musical instruments from around the world. Videos are used to display them and some live performances are scheduled for each day.
- *Business meeting*
- *Free day activities:*
 - Golf at the We-Ko-Pa golf course which is listed in the top 6 golf courses in the US

- Aquarium/Dinosaurs/Butterfly, Titanic exhibits, light and mirror maze at the Odysea Aquarium
- Shopping at Scottsdale 5th avenue Quarter with Betty
- visit the zoo

Food- 2 breakfasts, 1 continental breakfast, 2 catered dinners, 1 outdoor BBQ
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Ft McDowell continued:

The registration form will be on the web shortly. Members that have placed a deposit will also have to register since additional information is required.

We encourage you to register as soon as possible. We have 25 spaces reserved and can add to that number if additional spaces are available.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Rod Woods, Rally Host 480-570-9740
Betty Woods Rally Host 480-332-6563

PS: We are looking for some help in setting up the rally. This would be in setting up table decorations, fun games etc.; as well as assisting us in parking the RV's when they arrive and other miscellaneous activities. Please contact Betty or Rod. You don't need to live near the rally since Betty and I will take care of the local needs. This is a great time to participate in the club and meet other members and have Fun! Fun! Fun!



New Members by: Betty Woods

We welcome our new members :
Terry & Kathy Allen/Cross

Terry and Kathy hail from Lee's Summit, Missouri and drive a Country Coach Inspire motorhome.

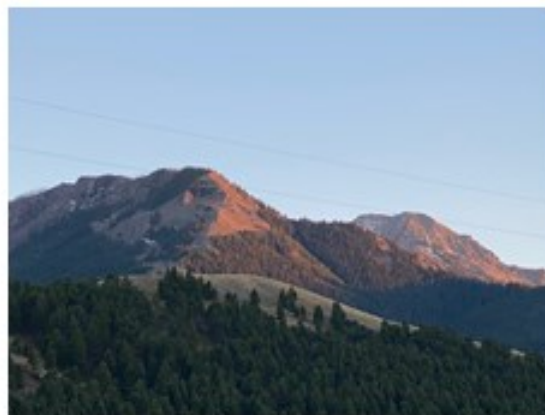
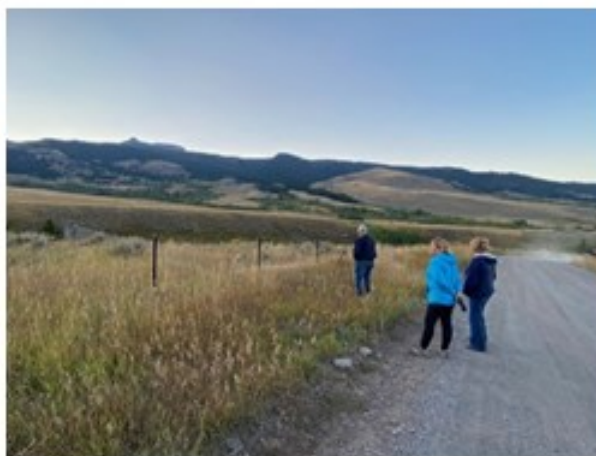
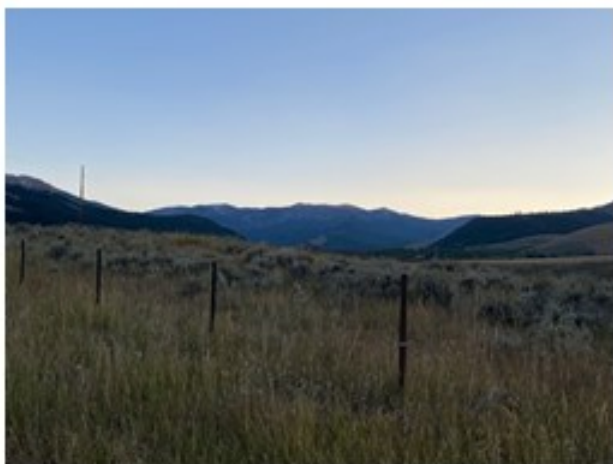
Welcome both of you to RMCC!



Terry Cross (new member)

Yellowstone Rally Photos

Compliments of Rob Brown & Tony Shepherd











Rob said, "We really did eat our way through the Rally".



Stan Wright



Gary Hays



Bobbie Helsing



Chan and Pam on Rib Night.



Artist at work!

Note: If you are interested in a particular photo in a quality format, please contact Rob Brown directly at browng0vj@gmail.com