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## November , 2021 Newsletter

President's Message

Presented by "Rooster Rick"

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***Selected to sing along with the Homestead Pickers band, Rooster Rick performed the lead roll as the Rooster in "Ghost Chickens in the Sky". Found on the "Extra Crispy" CD, catch Rooster Rick to hear the full melody!***

**RALLIES, RALLIES AND MORE RALLIES**

Branson, Missouri proved to be a great rally site with 21 coaches and 42 members attending. Thanks goes to Gary and Linda Hays and Rick and Debbie Reiss for hosting the rally with 4 big events, several meals and free time to take in as many as 6 extra shows just like Jim and Jill Andrews did! The Campground provided a pavilion for meals, happy hours and a Hillbilly Show. Five (5) nights were included and evening conversations indicated everyone had fun!

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FMCA will present a regional Rally in Tucson March 23-26, 2022. There will be RV Displays, Seminars, Indoor Exhibitors and Entertainment. I attended the FMCA Convention in June in Gillette, Wyoming. It had been a long time since I last attended and I enjoyed seeing the new RVs, new products and the entertainment. Support FMCA and attend in Tucson.

RMC Coachers are busy with preparing two (2) new rallies for our members. San Diego will be our location for our Annual Business Meeting in March 2022. There is nothing like a sail on the bay and a dinner cruise on the bay to make you appreciate the beautiful ocean waters and San Diego skyline. You can place a deposit right now on the website to attend!

Kerrville, Texas in the fall will be relaxing and offer a number of "Hill Country" attractions. Museums, vineyards, rivers and Texas BBQ are on the list. More news on this rally that runs October 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **WEBSITE NEWS**

The RMC Coachers website is always changing. Sign on and see the latest group picture from Branson on the Home page. There are a number of group pictures on the home page that shows great places we have rallied the members!

Our website would not be as full functioning without the work of our web master, Rob Brown. He does an outstanding job of updating, adding features, publishing emails to all members, providing access to almost 20 years of scrapbooks, Newsletters and Club Records. Remember Rob the next time the system works flawlessly as you register for an event, read articles, look at pictures or receive an email from a Board Member. If you can do website maintenance or would like to learn, contact Rob to see how you can help.

The Scrapbooks are being updated. Soon the Yellowstone Rally will be added to the website. Note the current link to the 2020 scrapbooks says "2020 Scrapbook died of Covid-19"! Actually, it survived but took a little longer than usual to get all the pictures to our Scrapbook Artist, Teri Smith. Thanks Teri.

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RMC Coachers, in its various legal forms, reached the FMCA Chapter 10 year anniversary in March 2021. Our Congratulatory Certificate will be posted in the 2021 Scrapbook.

Newsletters, such as this one, are the way we try to keep you informed of the past and future events, news and introductions of new members. All the newsletters for our chapter are on the website under the Newsletters and Scrapbooks tab. You can read and reminisce about the rally you remember – way back when!

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Rallies, great website, discounts, great fun and fellowship. I believe RMC Coachers provides valuable tools to help members get the most value out of their coach experiences. When 20 of your fellow members coaches arrive at a rally, we make a scene and we make it fun. Best of all we can share some great life stories and travels with our friends.

All of this comes at a minor cost each year in the form of Membership Dues. This year, the dues will be increased to \$50 per Coach. With this increase, we have made changes to procedures to actually allow members to have more conveniences. For example, members can use their credit card to Register for a rally or put down a deposit on a rally in the future – and not see an extra charge for using their credit card. If a member registers for a rally, the savings in credit card fees covers the increase in Membership Dues. But this change also helps the Treasurer, Mark Kapellusch, because the system provides more data capture for the financials and simplifies data entry when you use your credit card.

The increase in costs at nice places like San Diego are another reason for the increase. Deposits to hold a group of 20, 25 or even 30 sites is very expensive. We need to maintain a strong reserve to be able to this for our members.

Billing for Membership Dues will be around the end of December or early January.

Happy Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays. I hope to see you in San Diego or another rally in the future.

Rick Reiss

President

## Branson Rally

By VP Rallies, Gary Hays



BRANSON WAS A HIT!

What else can be said for our fall rally. With 21 coaches in attendance, Branson turned out to be perfect. Rick and Debbie did an amazing job of hosting - than you both.

ABC RV resort was the perfect location. The staff did an amazing job of feeding and serving us. The first night was the kick off Hillbilly Show and with a hillbilly costume contest, it really shows just how crazy some in our group can be. The food was great and the musical group was amazing. Of course, they deliberately picked out the male host, Rick, to illustrate what foolish really looks like. I never knew Rick could sing like a rooster!

And how about those breakfasts? Biscuits and gravy were my favorite and man were they good.

The shows were perfect. SIX, a group of family singers, kept our feet moving and hands clapping all night. Patriotic and inspiring, having the best seats in the house made it even better.

The Riverboat cruise never left the dock because of fog, but you would have never known. The show and lunch were the entertainment whether you left the dock or not. Jill was our representative on stage and “no” seems to be her favorite word. She was then ushered into the world of mental telepathy and magic. Good job Jill!

Dolly’s Stampede was the perfect ending to a great week. Again, great food and entertainment. Dolly did not show up but you could sense her professionalism throughout the show and the staff represented her well.

One can easily see why Branson has become the Las Vegas of the east and will certainly be on our list of future places to visit.

The shows and entertainment at the park were great opportunities to see and visit with friends, which was really the highlight. If the entertainment had never happened, just being ‘together’ again made the trip worth it. Honestly, it is you, who support our rallies by attending, that make the effort and travel worth it. Rallying should always be more about each other than the entertainment. Besides with the roosters in our group, who needs Dolly?



## 2022 Rallies

Let's talk travel plans for next year. Up first is our San Diego rally. Paul Craig, the Woods and the Kapelluschs planned a great one for us. We will be staying at the brand-new Chula Vista resort right on the bay, so the view and climate alone are enough to make the trip. Dates for this rally are March 14-18<sup>th</sup>. We will also hold our annual business meeting so even more important to be there. Get your deposit in by going to [RMCCoachers.com](http://RMCCoachers.com). This one will fill up fast.



San Diego RV Park – Pool and Restaurant

Our mid-year rally is still waiting on a host. Would love to see a trip up north. Utah, Idaho Montana. Takers anyone? This one could be a spontaneous which is easy-peasy for anyone willing to going the route.

Our fall rally is set for Kerrville Texas at the Buckhorn RV Resort for October 5-9th. Thanks to the Hettemas and Michels for hosting this one. The final details are still being worked out so keep those dates clear on your calendar. Be looking for a pre-rally on this one. Never know what will show up.

Hope everyone has safe and healthy winter and looking forward to getting back on the road again in 2022.

Gary Hays  
Rally VP

VP of Communications

Rod Woods



Its really great to just have finished an outstanding rally in Branson. Our hosts, Gary Hayes and Rick Reiss, did a great job of making it one of the best rallies our club has had. San Diego will also be a great rally to

attend. Now I want to change our focus to discuss a serious issue we are facing as a club.

We need volunteers for our club! Our committees are understaffed and if not corrected can cause serious issues for the cub. One of the major reasons social clubs such as ours fail is the lack of volunteers. The officers pick up this activity and eventually burn out. Let's not allow this to happen to our club. Please consider volunteering for some of our committee activities. Let me discuss some of the areas we need help with.

Web Site Development and support- Rob Brown has done an excellent job in this area. It's a good area for someone with a software background to learn and support Rob in this area. An engineering degree isn't necessary, just a desire to learn the system.

Membership committee- This committee works directly with the people wanting to join our club. They answer all their questions and assist them in joining our club and attending their first rally. This is truly a fun area to work. You get to meet all the new members and work with the rally host and treasure.

Betty Woods has held this position for several years. Due to medical issues we need to find someone to take her place. I will train the individual and Betty will be there to answer any questions they may have.

Please contact Rod Woods if you are interested in finding out more about this position.

#### News Letter Editor

I am currently acting in this role. It consists of writing up to 3 newsletters per year. The main topics are:

- Presidents Message
- Vice Presidents of Rallies messages about rallies
- Vice Presidents of Communications message
- other items the editor would like to discuss such as member recognition, places to

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visit, and articles our members should hear about such as FMCA.

The presidents and VPs write their own articles so the main activity is laying out the newsletter and adding articles the editor writes. Key skills needed are good English skills. There are computer tools available that I will teach you how to easily lay out the newsletter. It is a fun area to work with the clubs Directors and participate in its guidance.

### Marketing committee

The marketing committee is led by Paul Craig. It is a committee that looks at the marketplace and makes recommendations to the board of any changes they believe should be made. They also look for club sponsors and advertisers as well as assist in membership drives. We are 3 people short in this committee. A marketing or selling background are nice to have but aren't required.

Please contact Rod Woods for any questions you may have about any of the committees, or hopefully ,you would like to volunteer for.

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## Pictures from the Branson Rally



The attendees



Our Rally Hosts



The fun all had





















