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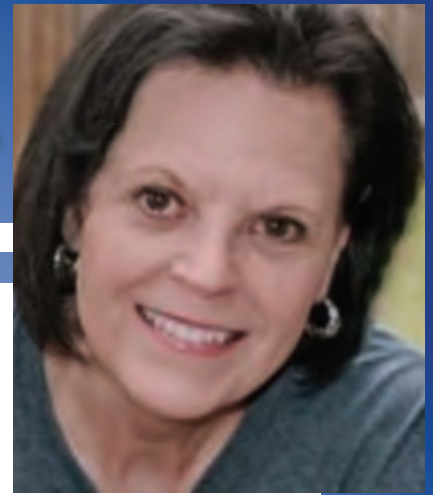
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NEW MEMBERSHIP REPLACEMENT BADGES & CLUB NUMBERS

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Just when you think it can't get any worse.... I never would have thought we would have to make such a gut-wrenching decision as what we did today. As the time got closer and closer to the date of our annual GrandVention, we were suddenly looking at the lowest registration in the history of the Club. This is something we've never faced before. It was a decision of lose a little money in deposits if we cancel or lose a lot of money if run it. It's the one time a year we can all get together for a few days without restrictions on numbers in attendance. We had plenty of parking and room for everyone to sit comfortably. The foliage in West Virginia would have been gorgeous as the temperature there begins to cool. But we will keep our chin up and keep moving forward. I will look to seeing a bigger crowd in Branson next year. If you're not registered, how about you go ahead and do that now so I'll know you plan to be there.

We have a few openings for our upcoming Ladies Driving School scheduled for October

25-28. It's only offered once a year. Ladies, don't put this off again and let another year go by. I have yet to hear any student say they regretted taking this class. In fact, I've actually heard the opposite.

Several of our chapters need help. We not only need to fill the positions of leadership, but we need the help of the chapter members to take on one task to help strengthen the chapter. Think about this. If each chapter members would volunteer to do a small task, we could probably eliminate the fear of taking a position as an officer or wagon master. Please don't wait to be asked. It's time to say 'what can I do to help?' A strong club does not come from members who sit back and do nothing. You know the guys on the motorcades who volunteer to cook the burger or the breakfast? You know who has the most fun? That would be ones who did the cooking. Not everyone can cook. I'd hate to know someone was going to have to eat something I tried to cook. But, I can do other things. You hand me a glue gun and I can create

a masterpiece to welcome everyone to the table! Some have that special gift of gab that puts a new member at ease. Everyone has something to offer. Let's use what we have to strengthen our chapters.

Because so many do not know, I do not have any data showing me the year of your anniversaries. The data system does not include on the year on your birthday or anniversary. It was purposely designed that way. We only needed the month and day to recognize the members during a Club event they were on. You must tell me if you're celebrating a 50 plus anniversary and want it recognized in the magazine under Club News. And please, don't hesitate to do so. This is a wonderful occasion that should be shared. Too many don't get the opportunity to experience it. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Russ and Susan Miller



Summer travel is well underway and fall travel is just around the corner. Our members have cranked up the engines, packed their coaches, and hit the road. New members are joining those of us who have been around for a while. The recent Grand Villa Reunion was an overwhelming success as 11 Grand Villas and 11 newer models gathered in Nacogdoches for fun, fellowship, and education. We're seeing first timers attending our Club events in record numbers. Seventeen first timers at the last GrandVention and another eleven attended the reunion. This bodes well for future events. If you've never attended a Club sponsored event, what are you waiting for?

The Northwest Chapter Rally in Melba, Idaho was an overwhelming success, overcoming many challenges, bringing all a great July 4th weekend. The NW Chapter members not present have no idea what they missed. Don't miss the next rally. Friends are waiting to meet you! The Mid-Atlantic Chapter

saw 10 coaches join forces in Mt Airy to enjoy the hometown of Andy Griffith. A ride in the Mayberry patrol car brought all back to a bygone era.

Our Club Manager, Beverly Koonce and I are always looking for opportunities to bring more fun and benefits to you, our members. With that in mind and the success of the reunion, we are reinstituting Buddy Rallies in Nacogdoches. Plan to attend April 28-30, 2022. Bring a buddy. A buddy is a motorhome owner of another brand. This is a great time to get some of that work done on your coach you've been putting off. Your 10% discount may just pay for the rally.

Another club event will be a new Motorcade and hot air balloon experience. This 10-day motorcade will be the Colorado Springs Liftoff in October of 2023. Details are being finalized currently. Come enjoy the mountains and the colorful balloons. You can sign up for this when the 2023 future events are formally announced in the next

issue of the Motorcader magazine. Check inside for all the other opportunities available this year and next.

We continue to explore opportunities to provide you with shorter, less expensive motorcades but without your support and participation, success will be elusive.

Diesel prices are rising rather quickly. If you haven't already, be sure to sign up for the TDS program guaranteeing you significant savings on diesel fuel. Look for our ad detailing the program.

Don't forget or procrastinate. If you haven't signed up for any of the upcoming events, do so today. You will NOT regret it!

We'll be seeing you down the road,

Russ

Cooking

THE FORETRAVEL WAY

When the temperature rises, two things also go up: the desire for delicious frozen treats and the need for them to be simple to make. Well, great news! We've rounded up a few sweet frozen treats that only call for a few ingredients to help you 'relax and chill out'.

Frozen Banana Bites

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 4 bananas, sliced into 1-inch rounds
- 8 (1 ounce) squares semisweet chocolate
- 1 tablespoon shortening
- 1/3 cup toffee baking bits



DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Cover a baking sheet with waxed paper.

Step 2: Spoon a thin layer of peanut butter on top of each banana slice. Insert a toothpick through the peanut butter layer into the banana. Place banana bites onto the prepared baking sheet; freeze for 30 minutes to overnight.

Step 3: Melt chocolate and shortening in the top of a double boiler over simmering water, stirring frequently and scraping down the sides with a rubber spatula to avoid scorching.

Step 4: Cover another baking sheet with waxed paper

Step 5: Remove 2 to 4 banana bites from the freezer at a time; coat each bite with chocolate mixture. Place coated banana bites on the second baking sheet; sprinkle each with toffee bits. Repeat until all the bites are coated. Return banana bites to freezer until set, at least 1 hour. Allow bites to sit in room temperature for about 15 minutes before serving.

Freezer Strawberry Shortbread Dessert

INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/4 cups crushed pretzels
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

FILLING:

- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 1/2 cup thawed nonalcoholic strawberry daiquiri mix
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 container (16 ounces) frozen sweetened sliced strawberries, thawed
- 1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

SAUCE:

- 1 container (16 ounces) frozen sweetened sliced strawberries, thawed and undrained



DIRECTIONS

Step 1: In a small bowl, combine the pretzels, sugar and butter. Press onto the bottom of a greased 11x7-in. dish. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Step 2: For filling, in a large bowl, combine milk and daiquiri mix. Beat in cream cheese until smooth. Stir in strawberries; fold in whipped topping. Pour over crust (dish will be full). Freeze for 4 hours before serving.

Step 3: For sauce, puree thawed undrained strawberries in a food processor or blender. Strain through a fine sieve. Drizzle over top.

SERVICE NEWS

Mark & Donna Crick

#16141



With fall on its way and winter just around the corner, you are either thinking of storing your motorhome or getting it ready to head south. My choice would be for warmer weather. Either way, don't forget to do a little preventive maintenance.

We all know that we need to test our tire air pressure regularly to avoid trouble on the road, but it's such a hassle to get to the rear duels valve stems. (I always seem to drop the valve cap between the tires.) Well, the answer for me was to get a Tire Pressure Monitoring System. That way I can read the tire pressure before I leave and if something changes I get a warning while driving. These systems can be relatively simple to install and use. Some will even interface with the Silver Leaf System if you have one.

So while you're testing the air pressure, also check the DOT date codes on your tires as well. If your tires are 10 years old, they need to be replaced. The damage that a blowout can do to

your coach is probably way more expensive than the cost of the tires themselves, let alone, being stuck on the side of the road or worse, in traffic.

While you're-inspecting things, look at your "Air Bags". There is no set standard that I can find as to the life of the bag. A lot depends on the age of your coach and the environment that it is driven and stored in. You see many people covering their tires and even their windshield wipers when parking their motorhome to keep ultra violet light and air pollutants off of them. Our Air Ride Suspensions air bags are just as susceptible to deterioration. A visual inspection of the bags should be part of your routine. If your coach is 15 years or older, the bags could be showing signs of cracking or rubber flaking, usually at the bottom where the bags flexes the most. If they are, then it might be time to replace them. I have not seen any bag blow outs on the road, but have had several that would develop leaks, making

the HWH Leveling System work overtime.

Foretravel Service keeps them in stock and can replace all 8 for you in about a day. I have had the pleasure to replace several sets and can tell you that they were a lot easier to install before they put the body on! Replacing an air bag on a Motorcade would not be my choice, but is possible. We do keep one in the club trailer, you just never know...

I know that with all the different operating systems on our motorhomes, there are a lot of things that can go wrong, but with a little knowledge and preventive maintenance, we can make our time "on the road" a lot less stressful. Join us on a Motorcade and Donna and I will be there, just in case.

TECH TALK

Mike Martinkus
Motorhomes of Texas

USING YOUR MOTORHOME RETARDER

The main things one should embrace when it comes to using the motorhome's retarder:

1. Know that the function of the retarder is NOT to allow you to descend a steep grade FASTER. It's there so that you can descend SAFER.

2. Nothing written here or anywhere else will help you more than your own experience with using the retarder.

If you own a coach with a retarder you likely already know some or all of the benefits that come with the device. The main one is: the ability to descend a grade without heating up or possibly overheating your service brakes. Hot brakes are less effective than cool brakes and the hotter they are the less effective they become, ultimately to the point of being incapable of stopping the vehicle. Proper use of the retarder should eliminate that dangerous and harrowing experience.

Getting acquainted with the amount of drag your retarder is capable of is important, so are your driving experiences using the retarder.

Here's why: Steepness and length of grades varies. At the beginning of a grade that requires the engagement of the retarder you, the driver, must determine at what speed you will be able to safely descend. Steeper grades require slower transits, therefore more retardation and/or

lower transmission gear selection will likely be required. Once you have mentally set this desired speed it becomes the drivers job to select the amount of retardation that does not allow the coach to build speed too rapidly. The object is not necessarily to maintain a certain speed but to prevent the rapid increase in speed.

Let's say that you have determined that 45MPH would be a comfortable speed on a particular decline. You slow the coach to 40MPH, select the degree of retardation that you think will hold you and then you see how long it takes to get back up to 50MPH. If that happens very quickly, select more retardation or downshift to the next lower gear. If it takes a good while to get up to 50, apply the service brake and slow yourself back to 40. You are set about right. Once you find this sweet spot, don't change the settings when you come to that level spot or a climb before the next drop in elevation. Just either turn the retarder switch to "off" or push the accelerator pedal. That way you can regain your setting when the next descent comes.

In the same scenario, if your coach won't get above 40 or slows below that speed when you first select your settings, select less retardation or a higher gear.

It's ok to use your service brakes in conjunction with the retarder.

You just don't want to be using them so much that they get hot and loose effectiveness. You want to



keep full braking capacity in case you need to make a panic stop. Retarder use also extends the life of your brakes dramatically. Brake shoes, pads, drums and rotors don't like heat. Remember that speed equals heat. Keep the speed down.

Some types of retarders are also affected by speed/heat.

Transmission retarders will heat the transmission fluid and in extreme use can destroy the fluid and the transmission right along with it. Most coaches that have transmission retarders have a transmission temperature gauge. If it indicates an overheating condition it will be necessary to select a lower retarder setting, downshift to a lower gear or a pull to the side of the road and fast idle until the temperature is reduced to a safe level. Coaches with engine compression release "Jake" brakes will not have this issue but are slightly less effective. Exhaust brakes fall into the latter category also and are less effective still. There also is the rarely used driveline retarder. In effect a huge, heavy electromagnet that has been installed in the drive shaft. If it gets too hot it will require lubrication.

With the use of these common sense practices all of these retarders, at times, used in conjunction with transmission gear selection, can bring you and your coach down the scariest mountains with you and all of your hair still intact.



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2021

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Central Plains
Chapter Fall Rally

SEPTEMBER 14 - 17

Great Lakes
Chapter Fall Rally

SEPTEMBER 8 - OCTOBER 10

Virginia/West Virginia Motorcade

OCTOBER 13 - 16
West Virginia Grandvention

CANCELED

OCTOBER 25 - 28

Ladies Driving School

OCTOBER 26 - 28

MidSouth
Chapter Fall Rally

OCTOBER 28 - 30

South Central
Chapter Fall Rally

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER 2 - 5

Florida
Chapter Fall/Winter Rally

DECEMBER 5 - 8

California
Chapter Fall Rally

2022

JANUARY

FEBRUARY 12 - 15

Four Corners
Chapter Spring Rally

MARCH 31 - APRIL 11

Texas Hill Country

APRIL 28 - 30

Buddy Rally

MAY 5 - 30

Mississippi River
Road Motorcade

JUNE 20 - AUGUST 3

Magical Maritime Motorcade

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER 4 - 7

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CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

If reservations are canceled 90 days before the event, your deposits will be refunded less any unrecoverable monies retained by vendors from deposits made on member's behalf. If cancellation falls within 90 days prior to the beginning of the activity, 20% of the fees paid will be retained to cover the cost of postage, printing, supplies, bank charges, etc., plus any charges for any actual cost from guarantees and/or deposits made on member's behalf. No shows can result in no refunds. All refunds (except in very serious cases) will be charged 20% of the event fee plus actual cost from guarantees and/or deposits made on member's behalf.

Some special events have their own cancellation policies.

GUESTS

Arrangements and/or registration for all guests should be made upon registration or no later than 90 days prior to the start of any event.

STANDBY LIST

Space is limited on many events. All reservations are recorded in the order initial deposits are received. If received on the same day, they are handled in a lottery style manner. When a cancellation occurs, the first on the standby list is notified to fill the opening. Do not hesitate to sign up when discovering there is a standby list for an event. Very seldom have we had any standbys remaining at the start of an event.

SCOUTING AN EVENT

This occurs approximately one year prior to running the event. Pricing and finalizing with confirmation of all tours and attractions for each event take approximately four to six months after scouting is completed. Dates are tentative. Pricing and confirmed dates will be published in the Motorcader magazine.

All Motorcading Guidelines and Policies are written in full and found in the back of the Foretravel Motorcade Club Membership Directory.

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EVENT	NUMBER IN PARTY	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
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December 5 - 8, 2021

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FOUR CORNERS

February 12 - 15, 2022

SPRING RALLY

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MID SOUTH

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FALL RALLY

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August 24 - 26, 2021

FALL RALLY

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GREAT LAKES

September 14 - 17, 2021

FALL RALLY

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FLORIDA

December 2 - 5, 2021

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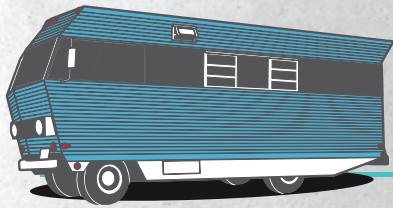
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Motorcade Club News

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50 Years • July 2, 2021

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John Wilkerson

#18519

December 27, 2020 • Chandler, TX

Shara Wilkerson

#18519

December 27, 2020 • Chandler, TX

Dan King

#16937

April 27, 2021 • Alamogordo, NM

Bill Rankin

#15900

May 15, 2021 • Hurricane, UP

Wife: Diana

Verlyn Cohn

#16816

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Husband: Jack

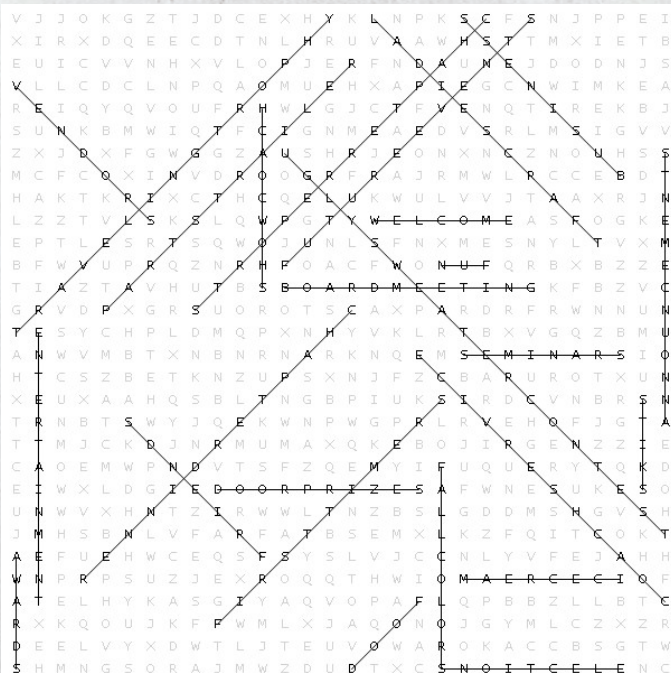
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Husband: Joe

Answers



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**John & Ellen
MCKEE**

Virginia • West Virginia MOTORCADE

SEPTEMBER 8 - OCTOBER 10, 2021 • DAYS: 33

MILES: 802
ENC. TOURS: 26
OPTIONS: 3
MEALS: 16

PARKING W HOOKUPS: 33
LOGBOOK
SERVICE REP: YES

ESTIMATED PRICE:
1 in MH - \$4060.00
2 in MH - \$4850.00
Guest - \$2261.00

Hi-Yo, Foretravel! A fiery RV with a puff of smoke, a cloud of dust, and a hearty Hi-Yo Foretravel... The Foretravel Motorcade Club! With our faithful mechanic/service representatives, Mark and Donna Crick, the daring and resourceful Tour and Activity Directors, John & Ellen McKee, fight for group RV campsites in the Virginias. Nowhere in the pages of RV travels can one find a more difficult time for our group to band together and hit the road. Return with us now to those thrilling days of journeys of years past. From out of the past come the clattering diesels of the great Foretravel Motorcade Club. The best club rides again!

Join us touring historic sites, both old and new, in the scenic states of Virginia and West Virginia. Visit and stand in the locations where our founding fathers drafted the Constitution; tour battlefields and learn historic acts of/about the Civil War that pitted state against state, family against family. There is so much to see, so much to learn, and so much fun to have as we finally spend time with friends on a Motorcade.

Our travels begin in Virginia Beach, VA, on September 8, 2021. We have 12 stops, with our final stop in Lewisburg, WV, on October 10, 2021, with this also being the site of the Grandvention, October 13-16, 2021.

Our travels will be approximately 805 miles barring any detours or driving direction adjustments. COVID has had a significant impact on our plans; limited group sizes, limited capacity on buses, masks required, denied use of meeting

room, but having stated this, we will prevail! After all, we are the Foretravel Motorcade Club members who own the best RV ever built. We will have fun, learn a lot of history, enjoy great food and great times because we are survivors and have all seen and dealt with worse times.

We have 27 sites reserved at each campground; some are a little more rustic than others. Please remember, we will be in a few areas where all RV campsites are not created level.

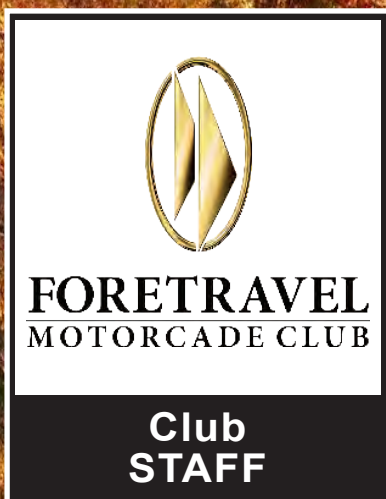
Please contact Beverly Koonce to make your reservation! We must know well in advance of our group size to finalize all arrangements.

Lastly, you will receive information at a later date regarding a few optional activities that will require payment in advance. Remember, there will be limited sign-up on several option activities. I hope Ellen doesn't find out that I have shared that we might do white water rafting and zip-lining. These two options will definitely be among the ones requiring pre-payment.

Now for those interested in a little contest, John (with his unique sense of humor) would like to throw a challenge your way. From where did John plagiarize the opening paragraph? The winner gets to buy John & Ellen a slice of pie with ice cream on top. And for those who can't figure it out, they can also buy John & Ellen a slice of pie with ice cream on top to learn the origin from whence John used as a guide. Do you know? Do you want to know? Do you feel lucky?

A \$500 Deposit will put your name on the registration list.





Virginia GRANDVention

OCTOBER 13 - 16, 2021 • DAYS: 4

SEMINARS
VENDORS
ENTERTAINMENT
SHOW COACHES

LUNCHES: 3
DINNERS: 3
NIGHTS PARKING: 4
Service Rep & Parts Trailer

PRICE:
1 in MH - \$432.00
2 in MH - \$598.00
Guest - \$272.00

We are finalizing all the details needed to ready your arrival at the West Virginia State Fair Campground in Lewisburg, West Virginia. We think you are going to enjoy staying in the 'coolest small town in the USA' during our 2021 Grandvention.

This location will have full hook ups as well as the spacious accommodations we need.

AND: WE ARE HAVING AN UGLY SWEATER CONTEST!!

So, go dig it out of the back of your closet to hit the thrift store, but don't forget to bring it. It will be a fun evening seeing what some come in wearing.

We will be bringing in numerous vendors and seminars that are unique to the changes we see members taking with their coaches. A few different seminars we will be providing will cover topics such as fuel supplements and solar transitions. Our most popular seminar with James Triana

will be happening live on the big screen via Zoom.

We've booked some entertainment we know you will enjoy. Our first evening will begin with the local sounds of Bluegrass music provided by Sassafras. Kenny Evans will bring us an evening of #1 hits on Friday night we will all remember and enjoy.

What a big surprise for the South Central chapter as they proudly took home the coveted Traveling Trophy by having the highest representation from their chapter in attendance at the 2020 Grandvention. Let's see which chapter takes home from West Virginia. Mid-Atlantic chapter, You have no excuse.

Tell your friends you'll meet them in the coolest small town in America!





**John & Ellen
MCKEE**

LADIES' DRIVING SCHOOL

OCTOBER 25 - 28, 2021 • OCTOBER 24 - 27, 2022

TRAINED INSTRUCTORS
COACHES PROVIDED
DRIVERS MANUAL

PARKING W/ HOOKUPS: 4
MEALS: 9
PROGRAM
SERVICE REP.: NO

PRICE:
1 in MH - \$570.00
2 in MH - \$675.00
Guest - \$570.00

Ladies, here's an opportunity to participate in a motorcoach driving program designed specifically for you, regardless of your driving skill level. The comfortable classroom sessions, taught by experienced, qualified instructors, is sanctioned by Foretravel, Inc.

A detailed walk-around and hands-on session teaches basic understanding of your motorcoach before the behind-the-wheel driving time begins in one of Foretravel's latest models.

Apprehension will disappear once you've completed the off-road practice area accompanied by your personal instructor.

Husbands or guests are invited to attend several informative seminars that have been planned just for them as well as all meals.

You'll be quite proud once you've completed this course so, let us put you in the

drivers seat and gently increase your confidence to the highest level.

This popular event is offered only once a year and the class fills up quick.

Read what our graduates had to say.

- "Top notch – great that you had things planned for the men. Great value for the money. Top staff & well planned."
- "I really enjoyed this class. Meeting other ladies with the same driving experience. I am so glad I attended. I feel much more confident and have met a lot of neat ladies."
- "Loved it all. Definitely will recommend to all my friends. All of you do such an excellent job and you're all so nice & on top of it."
- "I learned a lot that I needed to know and it was fun."
- "I am amazed at how much I learned in such a short period of time. Thank you for having this school."
- "I can't believe after taking this school, we had an emergency and I HAD to drive. I wouldn't have had the knowledge or confidence had I not attended the driving school."





**Ron & Bonnie
CONE**

TEXAS *Hill Country* Connection

MARCH 31 - APRIL 11, 2022 • DAYS: 13

MILES:
ENC. TOURS:
OPTIONS:
MEALS:

PARKING W/ HOOKUPS:
MEALS:
PROGRAM
SERVICE REP.:

PRICE:
**Scouting in
Process**
TBA

When it's springtime in Texas, the bluebonnets start calling and the Texas Hill Country is the place you want to be.

We will feel the authentic German soul as we see reminders of a bygone era when we visit and experience the charm of Fredericksburg. We will sample the unique cuisine at one of the many German restaurants, tour the World War II Museum and visit one of the many award winning wineries in this area.

Whether we relax on or off the Guadalupe River, go see what the fuss is about in Luckenbach, we will soon discover each and every town we visit has their own distinct charm and ambiance. Both history and charisma are abundant.

As we visit the Alamo in San Antonio, we can walk in the footsteps of Col William Travis, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett and get a sense of their desperation and determination for the independence they sought from Mexico. We will

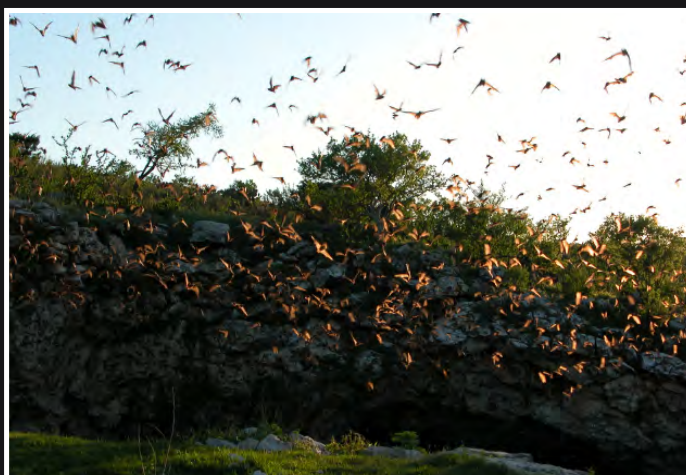
certainly enjoy a stroll of the River Walk followed by a relaxing riverboat ride down the Guadalupe. While there, we'll also visit the city's four most southernmost Spanish colonial missions of Concepcion, San Jose, San Juan and Espada. The Japanese Tea Garden will provide us with ample photo opportunities. This historic jewel features upper and lower level gardens, a 60 foot water fall and numerous koi ponds.

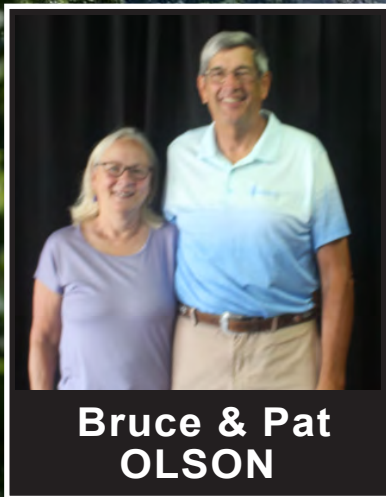
The tour of a nearby cave that is home to thousands of bat will prove most interesting. Their evening decent is a remarkable sight.

We will be in awe as we enter each and every threshold on our tour of the magnificent painted churches. Each one is extraordinary.

This short, special event is well worth the drive with breathtaking views along the way and out of the ordinary stops along the way.

A \$500 Deposit will put you on the registration list.





MISSISSIPPI RIVER ROAD I

MAY 6 - 31, 2022 • DAYS: 26

All inclusive pricing
LOGBOOK

Scouting in process

PRICE:
TBD

Join us as we travel the National Scenic & Historic Highway known as the Great River Road on a 26-day fun filled adventure. One of the oldest, longest and most unique scenic byways offers a chance to explore areas of our nation's historic and legendary interest, cultural riches and recreational wonders. By dividing this motorcade into two parts, we are able to make our stops longer with less mileage to cover, take in more and enjoy the areas of each stop.

You can slow down your pace as we meander along through quaint towns with tree lined antebellum homes.

An alluring additional to this whole experience will be the quaint villages along the river we will visit. Many founded before the advent of the railroad or super highways, these towns maintain the charm built by Italian, German, English and French pioneers that are distant with an old world touch.

On this motorcade (part I), we will cross into four of the nine states we plan to crisscross over the Mississippi River during Part I & Part II. We'll begin part I in New Orleans, Louisiana, travel on to Mississippi and Arkansas before ending in St

Charles, Missouri.

The history, the stories and the haunts we will experience will make this unique motorcade most memorable. Reminders of the Civil War seen at the Vicksburg Battlefield recall the ravages of war while tours of the white pillared mansions tell stories of prosperity brought about by cotton, sugar cane & river commerce. Let us show you the fascinating areas along the Mississippi River Road most bypass, unaware of the stories and history they hold.

Paddlewheel boat adventures, Cajun cooking, beautiful river sunsets and peaceful strolls along the river banks await. Join us on this journey along America's Mighty Mississippi.

A \$500 Deposit will put your name on the reservation list.





**Ben & Linda
CHISM**

Magical Maritime MOTORCADE

JUNE 20 - AUGUST 8, 2022 • DAYS: 44

Scouting in Process

PARKING W/ HOOKUPS:
MEALS:
PROGRAM
SERVICE REP.:

PRICE:

TBA

Men and women have experienced a lust for adventure and exploration from the beginning of time (just like Foretravel Motorcadavers do every day). If you travel with us on the Magical Maritime Motorcade, you will visit L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland where Norse Vikings landed establishing a village just before the year 1000. You will view ships these hearty people used without fear to cross the Atlantic ocean from Northern European Scandinavian countries to North America. Their ships were smaller than most of our RVs! It's fascinating to hear the stories and stand on the actual soil where it all transpired.

If you want to experience a different culture, meet fascinating people, view beautiful locations, taste different foods (a lot being the freshest possible seafood you will ever taste), and apply the Norse Viking sense of adventure and exploration, then you need to sign up for the Magical Maritimes Motorcade ASAP.

The history of greatness that Canada offers will unfold as you tour the five Eastern Canadian Provinces of Newfoundland, Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, known as the Canadian Maritimes.

Rendezvous with us to New Brunswick, Canada for

this fascinating 43 day tour and allow us to show you exactly why it is called magical as we caravan through the Canadian Maritime Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and Labrador covering approximately 2,600 driving miles and 400 nautical miles.

This motorcade is non-stop adventure from day one. For example we'll visit a quaint province with areas unique to the unspoiled ecosystem caused by the world's highest tides. It is a great area to spot any of the 15 whale species that consider this beautiful coast a sanctuary. While in Nova Scotia, we'll witness the natural phenomenon of the Tidal Bore in Touro and visit Windsor which by the way happens to be the birthplace of hockey.

Free your inner Viking sense of adventure and exploration by joining us on this motorcade. No one has ever regretted taking this trip. We have several registered that went on the previous motorcade to the Maritimes and can't wait to go back. We hope you choose to meet us in Canada in 2022.

A \$500 Deposit will put you on the standby list.





FORETRAVEL
MOTORCADE CLUB

**Club
STAFF**

Branson **GRANDVENTION**

OCTOBER 4 - 7, 2022 • DAYS: 4

SEMINARS
VENDORS
ENTERTAINMENT
SHOW COACHES

PARKING W/ HOOKUPS: 4
LUNCHES: 3
DINNERS: 3
Service Rep & Parts Trailer

PRICE:
1 in MH - \$432.00
2 in MH - \$598.00
Guest - \$272.00

We're pretty sure you'll enjoy the drive to the 2022 Grandvention since we've chosen the beautiful location of Branson where the foliage should be vibrant.

We've secured our sites and facility at the Branson KOA. Plans are being made booking the entertainment and scheduling the seminars. We will be 100% ready for four fun filled days.

The central location should please everyone from coast to coast.

The Grandvention is a great place to renew old friendships and make new ones as we show our first timers the true spirit of the Motorcade Club with our fun and camaraderie.

The experts brought in for our seminars are an

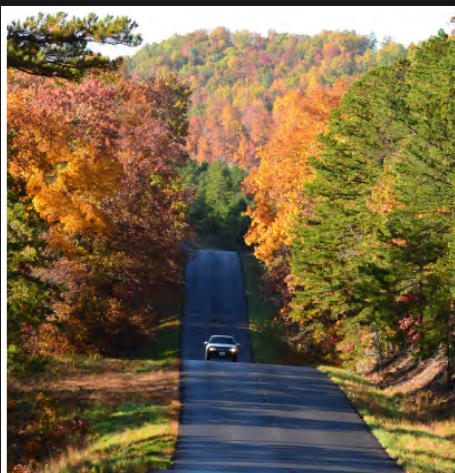
excellent opportunity to learn more about the operations, updates and maintenance of your coach.

There's a lot to see and do in Branson. Pick your favorite to visit during our free time.

This is the one time of the year when we can all get together in one place for four fabulous days of fun, entertainment, fellowship, games, prizes, seminars, vendors, crafts and good food.

Mark your calendars and register now. Tell your friends to meet you in Branson 2022.

A \$200 Deposit will put your name on the registration list.





**Ron & Bonnie
CONE**

Branson ULTRA

OCTOBER 8 - 15, 2022 • DAYS: 4

Scouting in Process

PARKING W/ HOOKUPS:
MEALS:
PROGRAM
SERVICE REP.:

PRICE:

TBA

Immediately following the Grandvention, why not stick around for a few more days and continue the fun here in Branson? Fun and excitement are in store. We'll start off with a get-together along with registration in the afternoon to get this party started.

Our schedule will be very versatile because our choices are endless in this city of entertainment. We will book many shows and leave room for other tours on land and water. We won't miss a tour and meal at the College of the Ozarks or an interesting tour riding the ducks.

When boarding the Titanic, each person is given a ticket with the name of one of the original patrons taking that maiden voyage. After the amazing tour of this Museum, it's always interesting to search the wall in the last room to see if you hold the name of a survivor or one of those lost at sea.

We are never disappointed with the exceptional production at the Sight & Sound Theatre. If you've never been, you are in for an amazing experience.

On your free day, you will have numerous choices. You may decide to be adventurous and head straight to the ziplines or to Run Away Mountain if you want to get your heart really pumping. Then there's Silver Dollar City that will fill your whole day. And you can never leave without going to Branson Landing for a little shopping and afterwards, sit and take in the beautiful fire & light show.

There is one guarantee. We will have plenty to do and see to stay well entertained during our continued stay in Branson.

Stick around and hang out with us after the Grandvention.

A \$500 Deposit will put you on the registration list.



FALL CHAPTER RALLY

CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 5 - 8, 2021

CHULA VISTA CA COSTA VISTA RV RESORT

Come join the fun at the beautiful, brand new luxury Costa Vista RV Resort in Chula Vista located just outside San Diego.

The resort has many amenities such as:

- On-site Cantina Cafe and Bar
- Pool with Cabanas and Jacuzzi Spa
- Poolside Movie Screen
- Pickleball, basketball and horseshoes
- Access to the Sweetwater Marsh Bike and Walking Path
- Indoor/Outdoor Fitness Center
- Walking Distance to the Living Coast Discovery Center

We will have fun activities and group get togethers

- 4 Hour Narrated Personal Bus Tour of San Diego
- 2 Hour Boat Cruise on San Diego Bay
- Tour of the Marine Corp Recruit Depot Including Lunch
- 2 Group Meals – 1 Breakfast and 1 Dinner

We're planning lots of fun activities and group get togethers.
More details and pricing for this rally will be coming soon.

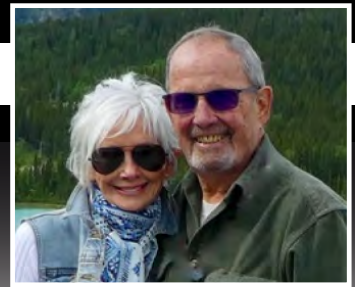
Mark your calendars and save the dates!

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Motorcade Club California Chapter
10480 Canyon Lake Drive
San Diego, CA 92131

RALLY FEES:

2 in MH \$575.00
1 in MH \$460.00
Guest \$85.00

Registration Deadline: TBD



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FALL CHAPTER RALLY

CENTRAL PLAINS

AUGUST 24 - 26, 2021

HERMAN, MO • CITY OF HERMANN MO CITY PARK

WILLKOMMEN – Welcome to “Missouri’s Most Beautiful Town” as voted by the Rural Missouri Magazine. Prepare for a German experience without going abroad in this picturebook village where 19th-century brick buildings hug the sidewalk, as they do in Germany. We will tour the Hermann Farm where we’ll learn about the importance of the German settlement to the development of agriculture in the Missouri River Valley region and showcases the home and business establishment of George Husmann, one of the most prominent vintners in the development of the wine industry in America.

We will also tour Stone Hill Winery. Established in 1847, it is the oldest winery in MO and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has the largest underground arched cellar in North America. A little wine tasting will be offered after.

We will have time to take in other interesting and historic museums or the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows at Starkenburg. There are some really good choices of places to eat also. We will start our first evening at Herman Wurst House where they have some delectable prized meats, sausages and cheese.

We will be staying at one of their city parks. Since this is during the week they do not take reservations but they assure me that they will have enough spots for us all. So you will just show up and pay for parking. Full hookup is \$35, electric only is \$25. It will be for three nights. Looking forward to seeing our old friends and meeting new friends and having another wonderful time together!

Let us know if you plan to come. See you in August!

City of Hermann MO City Park
118 West 13th Street
Hermann, MO 65401

NO FEES:
Pay as you go

Registration Deadline: **AUGUST 17, 2021**

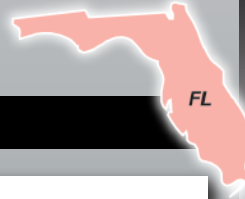


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FALL CHAPTER RALLY

FLORIDA



DECEMBER 2 - 3, 2021

LIVE OAK, FLORIDA

SPIRIT OF THE SUWANNEE MUSIC PARK AND CAMPGROUND

Come join us and experience the fun as you enjoy this 800-acre campground located on the historic banks of the Suwannee River in this beautiful cypress tree lined piece of North Florida. Our Rally coincides with the opening weekend of the Park's annual Suwannee Lights festival showcasing over 6.5 million holiday lights.

It's also a special weekend in historic downtown Live Oak. Now in its 38th year, The Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce hosts Christmas on the Square featuring arts and crafts and food truck vendors, live music and more.

Rally Registration: Rally fee includes trolley ride through Suwannee Lights display, 2 dinners (Thurs and Saturday), 2 breakfasts (Friday and Saturday) and a donuts and coffee Sunday send-off. Contact Secretary Nancy Berger @bergerc1@bellsouth.net or (954) 649-5205 for Registration Forms and information on campground reservations (made separately).

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park & Campground
3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, Florida 32060 • 800.224.5656

- Dinner Thursday and Saturday nite (Friday nite is in your own)
- Full catered breakfast Friday and Saturday morning (continental Sunday morning)
- A trolley ride after dinner Saturday night through the parks extensive holiday light display

All lunches on your own (there is a restaurant in the park or lots of options nearby in Live Oak).

\$85/person Or \$20/person if attendee has food allergies or dietary restriction/ limitations and will not eat meals included above.

Campsite reservations in dedicated rally location made directly with the Park at \$49.95/nite (tax included).

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Motorcade Club Florida Chapter
Karen Crete
1841 Cockleshell Dr.
Sarasota, FL 34231

RALLY FEES:

\$ 85 per person

Registration Deadline: **TBA**



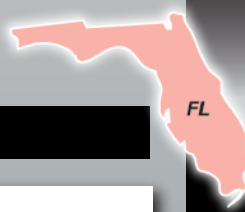
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SUPERSHOW CHAPTER RALLY

FLORIDA



CONNIE POOL #14992
361.779.3629

JANUARY 18 - 23, 2022

TAMPA, FLORIDA
FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUND

Enjoy 5 nights of camping and 5 days admission to the Florida Supershow in Tampa, Florida.

We will arrive at a specified time and be parked as a group on the fairgrounds with 30amp dry camping. Donuts and coffee will be available Thursday thru Sunday between 8 to 9:30am and there will be 3 nights of entertainment (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) beginning at 7pm. This is all included in your registration fee.

We will have a welcome dinner, Tuesday night, at a local steak house, pay as you go. On Thursday early afternoon we will take a trip to Parkesdale Farmers Market for their world famous strawberry shortcake, again pay as you go and don't forget to stock up on milkshakes. Also most days we will have an attitude adjustment gathering at 5pm around our coaches, weather permitting.

Registration for the event will open early fall and sells out quickly. It has in the past sold out by October 1st. To register go to www.FRVTA.org click on camping and register for the Foretravel group. If the event is sold out when you go to register, please notified me and i can add you to the waiting list in case of any cancellations.



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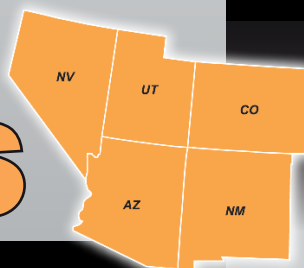
RALLY FEES:

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Registration Deadline: TBA

SUPER DUPER SPRING FLING CHAPTER RALLY

FOUR CORNERS



JOHN SMAHA #17962
619.981.2797 • jsmaha@smaha.com

FEBRUARY 12 - 15, 2022

LAS VEGAS, NV • KOA AT SAM'S TOWN

- Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden Tour
- Special Superbowl Event at Sam's Town Casino
- Complete Valentine's Day BBQ meal
- Super Bowl Preparty
- Club meeting
- Watch for additional event information

KOA at Sam's Town
5225 Boulder Hwy
Las Vegas, NV 89122
702.454.8055

(4 Nights deluxe pull through parking and
events are all included in rally fee)

Limited to 20 coaches - 2 person per coach

Name _____ Club # _____

Guest Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Pets ☐ Yes ☐ No Length of Coach _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Foretravel Four Corners Chapter
Rocky Cornelius, Treasurer
4621 Valley Dr. • N Las Vegas, NV 89031
www.foretravelfourcorners.com

RALLY FEES:

\$200.00 Per Coach

Registration Deadline: **TBD**



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FALL CHAPTER RALLY

GREAT LAKES



SEPTEMBER 14 - 17, 2021

RISING SUN, IN LITTLE FARM ON THE RIVER RV PARK CAMPING RESORT

We will be camping on the Ohio River in the historic town of Rising Sun! Our new President, Dale Workman, expressed interest in seeing the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, both of which are in nearby Kentucky. Rising Star Casino is less than a mile down the road.

Tuesday evening will be a pot luck dinner (meat provided). Friday morning we will provide breakfast, and Saturday morning will have donuts and coffee. More info to follow!

Little Farm on the River RV Park Camping Resort

1343 E. Bellwveiw Lane
Rising Sun, Indiana 47040

812.438.4500 • www.littlefarmresort.com

(Campground fees not included)

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Foretravel Great Lakes Chapter
Linda Krueger
1035 Parsons Road
Grafton, OH 44044

RALLY FEES:

2 in MH \$50.00
1 in MH \$25.00
Guest \$25.00

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FALL CHAPTER RALLY

MID SOUTH



OCTOBER 26 - 28, 2021

Kerrville, Texas • BUCKHORN LAKE RV RESORT

We have reserved 50 sites for the Fall rally at Buckhorn, so make your plans and sign up. You will be making your reservations at the park, so let them know you are attending the MidSouth Foretravel Rally to get the \$41 per night rate. If you want to arrive early and stay later just let the park folks know when you make your reservations. All reservations must be made by September 30 to assure the rally rate and guarantee a site.

Breakfast is the rally room each morning at 8:00am. Catered dinners will be served 5pm on the 26th and the 28th at the rally room at the park.

On Wednesday mid afternoon the 27th. We will caravan to Bandera, TX to the 11th Street Grill for a Steak, Chicken or Pork Chop dinner that you grill yourself. All food and setups will be provided by the Mid-south Chapter. Choose your meat when you sign up for the rally. Live music and dancing and plenty of camaraderie.

There are many attractions and places to visit in and around Kerrville and Fredericksburg to tour during the day. Information packets from the Kerrville, and Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce will have all the info you will need to plan your visits. You'll get those as you check in for the rally.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at Buckhorn. See you there.

Buckhorn Lake RV Resort
2885 Goat Creek Rd.
Kerrville, TX 78028

830.895.0007 • www.buckhornlake.com

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Foretravel Motorcade Mid-South Chapter
Bonnie Cone
15407 Icet Creek Ave.
Mont Belvieu, Tx 77523

RALLY FEES:

2 in MH \$300.00
1 in MH \$150.00
Guest \$150.00

Registration Deadline: September 30, 2021



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FALL COUNTRY RALLY

SOUTH CENTRAL

OCTOBER 28 - 30, 2021



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ROSSVILLE, GA

HOLIDAY TRAVEL PARK OF CHATTANOOGA

Explore the many sights, history, and fall colors of Chattanooga. As a group, there will be an optional tour of the Medal of Honor Museum. We will have continental breakfast, 2 catered evening meals and a cookout at the campground. Oh, and don't forget an ice cream social too. When making site reservation must mention Foretravel Rally. Please request site with good satellite reception.

Holiday Travel Park Of Chattanooga
1623 S. Mack Smith Road
Rossville, GA 30741
800.693.2877



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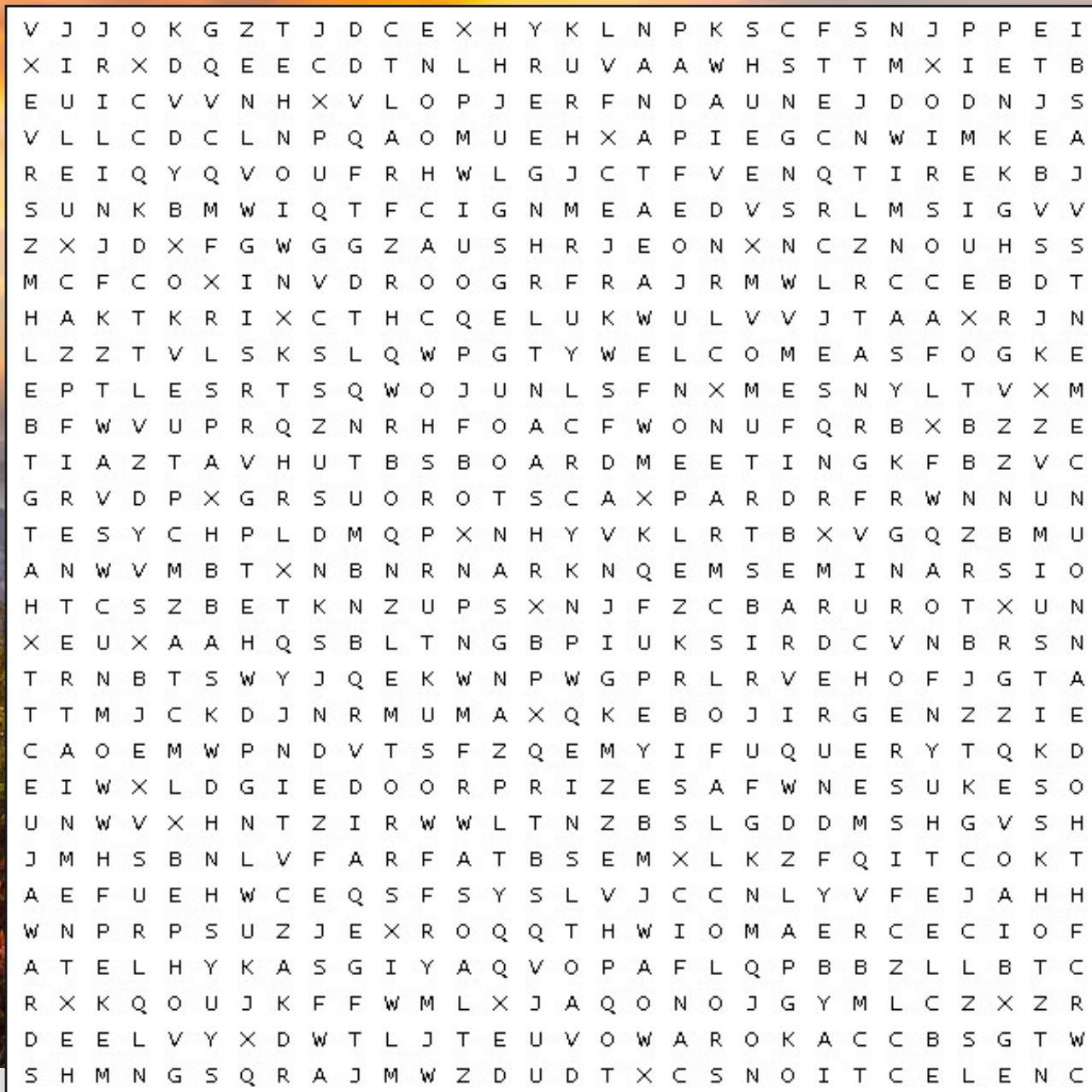
South Central Chapter
Lyn Whitaker, Treasurer
4464 Hawkins Road
Greer, SC 29651

RALLY FEES:

2 in MH \$85.00
1 in MH \$42.50
Guest \$42.50

Registration Deadline: September 27, 2021

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CHAPTER *Reports*

CALIFORNIA

On the road again, Diane and I are using our coach as intended, "for travel". We are taking the long (Lang) path from home to GrandVention in West Virginia, and we are having a blast. Let's see how many California Motorcadars make a showing there. This promises to be a grand get-together of friends both old and new.

Our Spring Rolling rally was a roaring success. Everyone was pleasantly surprised at how entertaining a copper museum could be, and there's no topping Bearizona and a train ride to the Grand Canyon. Thanks to everyone for your help.

After GrandVention comes our December rally in Chula Vista. The Brems and Winchesters are enthusiastically planning and hosting this one and I see another winner in the making. Look for the flyer elsewhere in this Motorcader, lots of unique outings are planned. As I write this at the end of July, it's filling up fast. Just six spots remain. Best to get your reservation in soon.

2022 is coming together fast. We are planning a rally in Paso Robles — March 28 to April 1 with more details to follow. Our chapter was last there in 2014, so it's time for a re-visit. Expect outings to Hearst Castle in San Simeon and a host of other activities. The campground reservations have been made, and activities are being planned. We are open to suggestions and help.

After Paso Robles, Diane and I have a full calendar for 2022. Two Motorcades plus GrandVention. Just like Lay's potato chips, 'betcha can't stop at one'. Diane and I are hooked, and looking forward to both, the Mississippi River Road and Maritimes Motorcades, then Branson GrandVention and our 2022 Fall Rally. This rally has not yet been planned, so we are open to suggestions. Where would you like to go? Someplace new? In this day and age, a year out is not too soon to make reservations.

Happy (Fore) Travels, Tom Lang, President

CENTRAL PLAINS

Greetings of summer everybody. What a great few months it's been! The Central Plains chapter is back in gear and happy to be seeing all of our friends again, welcoming several new members to the fold, and getting back on the road again after a long hiatus due to the "ahem" "pandemic".

End of April saw us hosting a fun rally in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, with special guests Joann and Boyd Phillips, from Enid. This beautiful & seasoned couple was a most welcome addition to our guest list, and showed true good sportsmanship while our camp sites were actually being constructed as we waited! That was a first indeed, but all's well that ends well, as they say. And, a fantastic time was had by all with a great number of chapter members as well. The Phillips' will celebrate 72 years of blissful wedded life come December, and impressing us all as well for enjoying their beautiful Foretravel at age 90 with no signs of slowing down! What an inspiration to us all!

We were taken on a fabulous day trip thru Osage Country, seeing many sites that are not usually seen or known by regular tourists, as well as the beginnings of construction for the big name movie being filmed as we speak. "Killers of the Flower Moon," based on a true historical story in the area, will be released in the fall.

We also got lucky and ran into our favorite celebrity chef Ree Drummond at dinner. She's the Pioneer Woman from the Food Network. What a treat it was as she insisted getting a photo with our group! Her Mercantile Cafe' and P-Town Pizza are both awesome places to eat in town and her shop "the Mercantile" is colorful and filled with wonderful goodies.

We also spent a lovely day at the Frank Phillips (founder of Phillips Petroleum) ranch, Woolaroc, a lovely slice of country just a few miles away. Incredible western & native art collection and lots of wild animals abound. Our Native American caterer is an award winning chef and treated us to some of the best vittles ever!

We had a very successful business meeting, with reports from Foretravel headquarters and discussion of the 2020 situation affecting all of us, as well as ideas on how we can involve more members at the national and local levels in rally planning and participation in all club events. We also got a nice recap of the 2020 Grandvention. We took a poll on who will be attending Grandvention 2021 taking place further east (West Virginia) than usual and had a good show of hands for that. We are grateful for our top leaders in the club, for steering us in all the right directions. This year promises to bring much better times than last, thankfully.

Our fall rally is planned for the lovely little town of Hermann, Missouri, hosted by Bob and Debby Best. This quaint German village is picturesque as can be and home to the wine industry in Missouri and delicious German cuisine as well as architectural beauty. We are looking forward to even more members and hopefully more guests attending this one! Yes, this rally is open to friends and guests as well so feel free to invite someone who may be interested in Foretravels or in Motorcade Club activities and membership.

Our spring 2022 rally will be hosted by Brenda and Clinton Volz, location to be announced. The Volz's always do a great job of taking us places and showing us things not usually seen. The 2022 fall rally is in the works, location to be announced, hosted by Kat and Dave Carpenter. Kat is our chapter VP for this year and next. This couple is a great addition to our gang! Rumor has it that even our spring 2023 chapter rally is already in the planning stages. More to come later on this!

All in all, it was a great spring and a wonderful kick off to a more promising and brighter year. We are happy as can be to be back among our beloved Foretravel family in our beautiful coaches! Wishing you all safe and happy trails with an open invitation to come visit us any time at any of our rallies. In the meantime, we hope to see you all at West Virginia Grandvention in October!

Dani Chapman, President

FLORIDA

The Florida Chapter continues to grow with the addition of new members excited to join in Chapter activities. In addition to our Spring Rally, traditionally held in April, and our Winter Rally, traditionally held in early December, our membership has voted to include the Tampa RV Supershow, in mid January, as an official 3rd Chapter rally.

This year's Fall/Winter Rally will be held December 2-5, 2021 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park and Campground in Live Oak, Florida. This Rally coincides with the Music Park's annual "Suwannee Lights", a drive-thru Christmas light display with over 6.5 million lights, as well as the annual Christmas on the Square in downtown Live Oak featuring an arts & crafts show, live music and food vendors. See our ad in this issue for details. Wagon masters Randy Crete and Fred Breeding assure attendees of an unforgettable Rally weekend.

The January Tampa RV Supershow Rally will again be hosted by Wagon Master Connie Pool. See our ad in this issue for details.

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FOUR CORNERS

Since electing a slate of officers earlier this year we have been working hard to put together a couple of rallies for the Four Corners Chapter. We are happy to announce our first Four Corners rally for 2022. The Super Duper Spring Fling will be at the Sam's Town Koa in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 12-16, 2022. Expect a great deal of fun including 4 nights in deluxe pull through sites, Superbowl events, shuttle service, casino and a Valentine's day hosted BBQ. This event will be partially subsidized by the club chapter to get you all to come on out. The cost will only be \$225 per coach so no excuses for not joining in. Please see the chapter ad for more details. In addition to the national club events, you also have access to the California Chapter December 2021 rally in beautiful San Diego. Also, see their ad for details. I plan on being there to meet with any Four Corners participants. If we get enough Four Corner's member interest, we will also be having a late summer rally in 2022 in Durango including a day riding the Silverton train and other fun events. We are expecting this chapter to get active and it is my sincere hope that we can all have a good time in the Foretravel Motorcader tradition. We are always open to ideas and your thoughts on participation. I can be reached at any time at 619-981-2797 and would welcome your input. You should also be receiving Mailchimp notices from me from time to time so make sure you check them out when they come to your email inbox. Until then, happy travels.

John Smaha, President

MID ATLANTIC

The Mid Atlantic Chapter held their first rally since the 2020 Pandemic July 22 - 25, hosted by me, Tony Pasquale and Irma Munoz, with co-hosts Michael Hayley and Barry Brennan. It was held in Mount Airy, NC; a town affectionately called "Mayberry" as it was the birthplace and home of TV star and show of the same name Andy Griffith. We stayed in the "Mayberry Campground" a very nice campground, obviously, with that name, a local place to the town of Mount Airy.

We were honored to have International President & First Lady, Russ and Susan Miller, join us. We had a relaxing rally with plenty of time for participants to enjoy finally being able to get out of their homes!

Our activities planned by the host was a ride in a replica of the show's iconic police cruisers, the "Squad Car Tour" of the town, plus the next day a visit Historic Earle's Theater Old Time Music Heritage Hall where we listened to two (2) sets of musicians playing Folk, Blues and Bluegrass music during a Live recording of Wonderful World of Music Show. By the way, this area is also known for its vast number of local wineries so if you are looking for a place to enjoy a taste of the grape, come on down to Mt. Airy! Everyone enjoyed the three (3) breakfast meals each morning at the pavilion convenient to our coaches' campsites and the three (3) nearby venues we chose to have dinner. We had our business meeting and discussed our chapter's member participation at the upcoming Motorcade Club Grandvention which will be held in the Mid Atlantic Chapter Region, Lewisburg West Virginia, October 13 - 16! All Mid Atlantic Members please come, and all Motorcade Members come join us and visit beautiful West Virginia, home of the historic Greenbriar since in 1778 just up the road in White Sulphur Springs!

Anthony "Tony" Pasquale, President

SOUTH CENTRAL

I hope you all are on the road enjoying your Foretravel. Hopefully, some place where the temps are cooler than it is currently in GA. But no matter where you are, I hope your summer is great. Most all destinations are open and ready to be explored. While it seems forever ago in April, we had our chapter spring rally at Hightower Falls. There were 18 coaches in attendance, and all enjoyed being at such a beautiful location, and the great fellowship of club members.

I am pleased to report that the South Central Chapter is financially sound and continue to gain new members.

Our next outing as a club will be the Grandvention, in Lewisburg, WV., where, I hope to see all the South Central Chapter members, so that the Traveling Trophy will remain with our chapter, in its new home! Soon after the Grandvention, we will be holding our fall rally in beautiful Chattanooga, Tennessee, on Oct. 28 through Oct.30, leaving on the 31st. It should be a great time to enjoy the fall colors, as well as catching up with fellow club members. Please see the ad in this issue for more details on our fall rally and make your reservations.

Safe Travels to all,
Jerry Moon, President

GREAT LAKES

The Great Lakes Chapter had a great Spring Rally at the Creighton Egg Farm with 12 coaches present (22 members) and 6 members who joined us for day visits. It was great to be together and relax as we enjoyed a pulled pork carry in dinner, homemade ice cream made with a hit and miss engine, breakfast at the Crazy Egg Café across the road from where we camped and a nice campfire every night. We had an informative tech talk by Brian Burkholder of Solar Energy Systems from Nappanee, IN. about solar power for our coaches and lithium batteries. Thank you to Larry and Karen Pontius for being the hosts and Eddie and Louise Creighton for allowing us to camp at their farm.

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Dale Workman, President

MID SOUTH

MidSouth Chapter had a great rally in March at Biloxi, Mississippi. We had around 50 coaches in attendance; a few were guest of Members. That many fine Foretravel coaches was a great sight to see. We enjoyed a dolphin watching trip on the Mississippi Sound aboard a large vessel for the afternoon. The New Orleans style breakfasts and catered dinners were a delight.

We had over 20 First Timers at the Biloxi Rally, as we have had many new members join our Club in the last year. Currently MidSouth has over 360 Members.

What's Ahead of us?

Our Fall Rally will be held at Buckhorn Lakes Resort beginning on October 26 with the departure date on October 28. All attending will receive a special custom designed lapel pin depicting a familiar sight at Buckhorn, the famous Buckhorn Windmill.

Activities will include a Photo Safari at the Exotic Game Y O Ranch, followed by "Texas BBQ Lunch". Wagon Masters are Carl & Joanna Moody and Randy & Sharon Moody.

The Moody's (not related) have planned the Fall Rally and all the activities. We are expecting about 50 Coaches again.

We need volunteers to be Wagon Masters for our 2022 Spring Rally. If interested, contact Bill Robinson (832 646 3371). Don't hesitate to step up, you will get plenty of help.

Bill Robinson, President

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Dale Workman, President



My summer trip to the Northwest Chapter Rally and Beyond

I am Meredith Whitaker, a fifteen year old, who just finished my freshman year of High School doing "virtual learning" at home. I live in the small town of Travelers Rest South Carolina with my mom and dad, Steve and Sandy, and three younger sisters, Rebecca, Kathryn and Shelby. My grandparents, Lyn and Mae Whitaker, only live a few miles away, so we see them almost every weekend. Back in the spring, while having lunch at my Grandparents' home, they were discussing the trip they were planning for the summer. Their main objective was to attend a Foretravel Rally scheduled for the first week in July in Idaho. Trina DeWinkle was the President of the Northwest Chapter and she and her husband Bert were going to be the Wagon Masters. The Rally activities would include a lot of the 4th of July celebrations near their dairy farm in Melba, Idaho. Grammy and Grandpa wanted to leisurely ramble around the country while on their way out there and back home.

As they were discussing the schedule, my mom (who had worked at Yellowstone National park during her college years) jokingly suggested that since I had never been west of Alabama, I should come with them. My grandparents said I was welcome to tag along but it was up to me. I was faced with a tough decision; do I go cross country with Grammy and Grandpa seeing new sights and meeting new people or do I stay home and enjoy a summer with my family, getting my first summer job and learning to drive with my new learner's permit. After learning more about the trip, from texts between Grandpa and Mrs. DeWinkle, I decided to head west for the summer. On June 13th, I said my final farewells to my family and we hit the road.

We got a late start leaving, so our first campground was in Opelika, Alabama. Grandpa said he only knows of two important things that have ever happened in Opelika. In 1979, Sally Fields filmed part of "Norma Rae" and in 2001 my parents got married here. Grandpa told me the story about driving them in their "getaway car" a 1929 A Model (the same one used as a prop for the "Roaring 20s themed Grandvention" two years ago) from the church to my dad's house. When they got to my dad's house, his elderly neighbor was outside and commented on the car. They all asked her to get in and ride, they drove through the neighborhood for a while tooting the "ooga horn" and

waving to everyone they passed. Mom said Miss Jerry brought a pie over once a week almost the whole time they lived there.

We spent the next night at a campground at Vidalia, Louisiana right on the banks of the mighty Mississippi river. Vidalia is right across from the historic town of Natchez, Mississippi. It was awesome watching the tug boats going up and down the river all afternoon. Some had as many as 28 barges!

On day three, we arrived at the Foretravel campground for some needed repairs. We planned to stay there for the next few days.

The customer lounge was nice. Grammy and I sat in the "dog room" since we had Grammy's little dog, Bianca, affectionately called, "The Baby" with us. Grandpa took me out to the shop a few times. I got to meet several of the shop employees such as James Triana who Grandpa says had bailed him out a few times over the years. I even got to meet Mr. Lyle Reed, the President of Foretravel.

An Interesting thing happened while we were in the customer lounge. I was putting a puzzle together in the front lounge with some nice ladies I had met. Grandpa was talking with their husbands. Mr. Barron said they lived in Jackson Mississippi. They were trying to get his wife's father's Foretravel motorhome back in shape so they could enjoy traveling with it. He said her father had died a couple of years earlier and was from Meridian, Mississippi. Since Grandpa had retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad and knew Meridian was an old railroad town, he asked Mrs. Barron if her father had worked with the railroad. She said that her uncle, Bob Railey, had worked with the railroad. Grandpa asked if Bob had worked in Knoxville. She said yes and seemed surprised. Grandpa, being surprised, called Grammy to meet the Barrons and help fill in the rest of the story.

The story was about how Grammy and Grandpa met. Grandpa was working a summer job at the railroad shop in Knoxville to pay for college at Auburn. Mrs. Barron's uncle Bob was the foreman where grandpa worked. Bob asked Grandpa to come over on Saturday to help him build a patio. Grammy lived in Kentucky, but was staying in Knoxville with her brother and his wife while she went to college. As it turns out, Bob and his wife, Joyce, were good friends with Grammy's brother and his wife. Coincidentally, Joyce asked Grammy to babysit her two boys that same Saturday. On that faithful Saturday, while Grammy was babysitting the Railey boys, Grandpa and Mr. Bob were

working on the patio. And so the story goes that Grammy brought Grandpa and Mr. Bob iced tea and cookies. And that was how Grammy and Grandpa met.

Grammy and I are both fans of Chip and Joanna Gaines, stars of the reality TV show "Fixer Upper", so I asked if we could make Waco our next stop. We got to Waco on Saturday in time to shop some at the Magnolia Market at the Silos and where I bought a T-shirt. We also got a cupcake from the popular Silos Bakery. It was delicious. The next day we toured some of the other sights in Waco such as the suspension bridge that was part of the Chisholm Trail cattle drive.

From Waco, we headed north to see Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. By now we had decided that driving at a pace of 300 to 400 miles per day was about right. We also had worked out a routine for picking campgrounds. Grandpa would tell me where we thought we needed to go then, I would look up campgrounds in that area with the Good Sam book. It gave ratings and told if they were big rig friendly. Then Grammy would call and make the reservation.

Mount Rushmore was truly magnificent and very patriotic. I couldn't believe I was seeing it in real life and not in a photo. While we were looking at the monument and reading the signs and displays, I looked up and saw some looming clouds just waiting to burst. As we hurriedly made our way back to the parking garage, the sky opened up and the rain came in buckets. We made it to the parking garage just in time to avoid being drenched only to find we had entered the wrong one. There were two, but in our rush we had picked the wrong one! We had to wait about an hour for the rain to let up enough that Grandpa could go back out and get the car from the other parking garage and drive over to get me and Grammy.

We had been on the road almost two weeks and were headed west again. We traveled through the rest of South Dakota and into Wyoming. We stopped at the Wyoming Welcome Center and noticed we were only a few miles from Devils Tower where Grandpa said that Steven Spielberg filmed, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". It looked like a cool rock formation to me, so we decided to make a quick detour and check it out.

We finished driving through Wyoming then into Montana where I first saw the magnificent Rocky Mountains. They were amazing, my jaw literally dropped! They were nothing like the Blue Ridge Mountains back home. I just couldn't believe I would see snow on the

mountain tops at the end of June.

We stopped for the night at a campground on the Salmon River in Salmon, Idaho. I learned about the Lewis and Clark Expedition in school and remembered this is the area where Sacagawea was from. There was a bronze statue and Learning Center dedicated to her in the town, so we took a few hours the next morning to go through it before heading down the road toward Craters of the Moon.

The drive between Salmon and Craters of the Moon was, I think, the most spectacular of the trip. It was on Highway 93 and followed the beautiful Salmon River for miles!! You can see so much more from the high motorhome windows than in an automobile.

Our next stop was Craters of the Moon, which was a series of volcanoes that erupted a few thousand years ago and left a landscape that looks like you are on another planet. The lava flow went on for several miles. I learned that the Apollo Astronauts did some of their training here because it was so out of this world.

Next was Boise, Idaho. We planned to resupply the motorhome and rest up before the Rally at Melba. While in Boise, we began to feel the heat wave that was talked about on the news and it lasted for a couple of weeks. In the upstate of South Carolina, we sometimes see 95 degrees or occasionally 98 degrees, which was nothing compared to the 114 degrees we saw while out West. Even though the humidity was low, you could feel the heat!!! I was always happy to see a good swimming pool when we drove into a campground.

The day before we were to head over to Bert and Trina's we had our worst disaster of the trip. Lightning struck a tree just across from us and Grandpa saw scorch marks on the RV that was near it. It happened about 6 in the morning and woke us all up! Grammy thought it sounded like an airplane crashing in the campground. I thought it sounded like a car crash. Grandpa reset some breakers but we couldn't get the lights or window shades to work for the rest of the trip. After several calls to Ronnie (Foretravel Technical Support), they decided some of the electronics must have been zapped and we would need to return to the shop to troubleshoot the motorhome and order replacement parts. In order to continue our trip, we made a visit to Wal-Mart to pick up some rechargeable lanterns and some clamps to hold the shades up. That night we had dinner by lantern light and headed out to Bert and Trina's dairy the next morning.

Well, I could write a whole book about the Rally itself, but to save time I will just cover some of the highlights. The first big thing Trina had to handle before we arrived was an issue with the campground. Trina had a hand-shake agreement with the manager of a campground near the dairy farm. Unfortunately, the manager passed away the week before the Rally and the new management did not honor that agreement. The only other campground in the area that had room for 18 coaches did not allow dogs. Some of the motorhome group that did not have dogs, stayed at this campground, a few others stayed at a Museum with hook-ups and the rest of us stayed at the dairy. That turned out to be great because we got to see daily life on a 5000 head dairy farm.

We had just gotten parked when Trina came roaring up in her bright yellow Mustang. Grammy and Grampa went out to greet her and introduce me. The next thing I knew, I was in her car zipping up the hill to her daughter's house.

Her daughter, Siska Reece, has 5 sons; Logan, Levi, Silis, Solomon, and 4 month old Theodore. Some of the boys were planning to ride their dirt bikes in



the Independence Day Celebration. After meeting the family, I found myself in Siska's car heading to town for decorations. She immediately made me feel comfortable. After shopping, we went to the barn to work with some sheep the boys were training for 4-H. Being with the Reece family reminded me of being at home with my family. Siska homeschools the boys and takes care of the daily veterinarian duties at Moo-riah Dairy. Her husband Jason Reece manages the equipment on the dairy farm. She told me she would be at the barn around 6:30 am the next morning to check on some sick cows if I wanted to watch, which I did! For the rest of the time, I was at the dairy. I tried to hang out with them as much as I could.

The Foretravel Rally was really fun!! We went to a couple of museums, got to ride in a 106 year old restored model T, ate lunch at Tucanos Brazilian restaurant and visited a local Juicery. We had a tech session conducted by Mr. Steve Crook and church on Sunday conducted by Mr. Paul Ogle and Mr. Eric Rudolph with Mrs. Linda Chism, playing the organ and Mrs. Shirley McCoy leading the singing. I thought the best part of the Rally was the Independence Day Celebration in Melba. For a small town, it was a big parade. It looked like everyone and their brother was there. They had antique cars and tractors, several bands, lots of horse riders and much more. Trina asked me to take some decorations to her grandsons on the dirt bikes. Then, she told me I could just ride in the parade in her son's restored 1953 GMC pickup truck. I loved every minute of it.

After the parade, we all went back to the dairy and had a catered lunch and a tour of the dairy led by Siska. It was very educational, modern day farming is amazing. We learned that each cow wears a "fit bit" that tracks their steps and whether or not they are ready to give birth. If the cow is ready to give birth, it starts to move around a lot which sends an alert to Siska's phone so she can help with the birth if needed. It also updates her computer so she can monitor each cow as necessary.

Around dusk, we headed back to Melba for the "Great Balls of Fire" fireworks display. I have to say, South Carolina puts on some good fireworks, but nothing like the "Great Balls of Fire"!

I was very sad to leave the dairy and all the wonderful people I met and friends I'd made. I had a great time at the Rally but it was time to head west for a few more miles. Trina and Bert did an excellent job smoothing over any problems with the campgrounds and selecting fun activities to keep us interested and busy during the full 5 days in Melba, Idaho.

Our next stop was south-central Oregon so we could drive to Crater Lake the next day. I thought Crater Lake was beautiful! It's cool that it was formed by a volcano eruption and filled with rain and snow melt. At the high elevation, I got to hold snow in July and tried to throw a snowball at Grandpa. The next day we made it to the Pacific Ocean. The Pacific shoreline was very different, but the large rock formations were very beautiful. California

was our next overnight stop. I was on the lookout for celebrities the whole time, but unfortunately I failed on my mission to find one. I did see some Redwood trees which were very cool. Maybe I would see some celebrities at our next stop in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas! I wanted to ride down the "strip" at night to see all the flashy lights and famous buildings. A little after dark we turned onto the "strip". As soon as we did, we were in the middle of 4 lanes of traffic with people blowing horns and waving flags. For a while, I thought we were in the middle of a big protest of some kind. I quickly Googled the situation and learned it was a demonstration in support of Cuban Independence from Communist rule. It took over two hours to get out of the traffic and head back to the campground. But I got some pictures of the Eiffel Tower and the New York sign while slowly moving down the Las Vegas strip

Heading east, we visited Grand Canyon National Park. It was a sight to see even though it was rainy and cold. As we were driving along, I saw the biggest deer I had ever seen. I soon learned it wasn't a deer at all, it was an elk. We continued driving, getting more sightings as we went along. Then we rounded a corner and they were gathered on the road side! We pulled over at a trailhead and I was able to take several up-close pictures.

We spent the next two nights in Moab, Utah. We toured Arches National Park. The arches and other rock formations were unbelievable. Then, the three of us took a two hour Hummer Safari on the Hells Revenge trail. I had a blast! If you haven't tried it, it is a must do.

Mesa Verde Cliff Dwellings in Colorado were next on the list. It was hard to believe that people lived here in the late 1100s. The Step House was a great example of how generations lived there. As a side note, I had to climb a ladder to view the inside of the house. There were also restrictions during rainy weather. Overall, it was a memorable and educational part of the trip.

The rest of the trip was through some beautiful country in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and North Carolina. The land got a lot greener as we got closer to home. I knew my amazing journey was coming to a close. I was excited to see my family again but was sad it was going to be over. In a total of 6 weeks, I had been in 23 states, saw 7 National Parks & Monuments and made thousands of memories.

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