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Letter From The President

By Pauline Stevens, *President*

First, I want to thank everyone for all the support, prayers, good wishes, etc that I have received. I am recovering well from the knee replacements, both of them.

I was unable to attend the FMCA rally in Brooksville, however, Bob went and had a great time. He took a safe-driving course and felt that as he learned a lot as well as getting us a 10% discount on our insurance. Bob will speak on this class at the Spring Rally; others will also share various things that they learned. I understand that all had a good time taking classes, enjoying the evening entertainment and shopping. I sure missed not being there — well, there's always next time!

We will be attending the FMCA Winter International at Perry, Ga., in March. After that it is just a short time until the CHOC Spring Rally. Remember to bring a covered dish to share on Friday evening as well as a \$10 gift for the Yankee swap meet Saturday evening.

I would also like everyone to write a short biographical profile for the newsletter; editor Bill Johnson will include a couple in each issue and that will help us get to know each other better.

Send them to wjohn1075@aol.com or to Bill Johnson, P.O. Box 1380, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459-1380

Travel safely, and I'm looking forward to our next meeting.

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First-Ever CHOC Caravan Attends an FMCA Rally

By Bern and Marlene Wolsky

In early February, ten CHOC vehicles rendezvoused in a Brooksville, Fla., Wal-Mart parking lot (some staying there overnight) and proceeded together to the FMCA South East Area Regional Rally at Brooksville Airport.

For some, this was a first attempt at dry-camping. For many, it was also their first FMCA convention. As it turned out, we had ringside seats for all the action.

The caravan consisted of Bern and Marlene Wolsky, Joe and Barbara Kedanis, Bob Schneider, Mary Ann Kennedy, Mary Ann Washington, Sandy and Honey Wolff, Bill and Joan Johnson, Juan and Agatha Galvez, Karin Peuhsner and Inge Waller and

Don and Wyanda Mitchell — nine vans and a Platinum.

For some reason the parking crew (all volunteers) moved us to the head of the class, as if on display, and parked us nose-to-nose in the closest available spot to all the activities, vendors, seminars, food, etc. We were parked at the beginning of the parking apron, next to a 42-coach caravan of mostly 45-foot Monacos — needless to say, our vans stood out in stark contrast to the behemoths beside us and we attracted our share of attention and interest.

This was a major opportunity for all attendees to sample the educational and safety seminars available at all FMCA rallies of this size. One night, we got a vivid

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Coach House Platinum 232XL is proving popular with customers.

Coach House Slides Into 2002

By Wes Knadle

Bouyed by the success of the 23-foot Platinum slideout model (232XL) introduced in November 2001, Coach House has decided to offer slideouts with its 27-foot Platinum models as well.

The 270XL will initially be offered in two floor plans: a twin bed (270XL TB) and a

twin sofa (270XL TS). The new models are currently under development for availability later this year.

The Platinum motorhome is catching on in the marketplace. Currently, Coach House has orders for about 16 weeks' worth of production of its new Platinum motorhomes, according to company vice president Steve Gerzeny.

Club*News*

Meet Your New Club Officers

We continue this month with the biographies of the remaining Club officers and our newsletter editor.

Archer Cummings, 2nd Vice President

Archer was born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1936; the family moved to Tampa, Fla., in 1946 and in 1955 I joined the Navy. I served six years on diesel subs, then eight years on nuclear Polaris subs, and my last four years were with public relations, based in St. Louis.

After retiring in 1975 I worked with Red Roof Inns, opening two in St. Louis and one in Independence, Mo. I then worked with Rodeway Hotels in St. Louis and King-land, Ga. I moved back to Tampa in 1983 and worked at Bay Harbor Inn and the Lincoln Hotel. In 1988 I became a property manager and still work one day a week at an apartment complex in Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.

JoAnn and I married in 1981, at which time her two daughters became my family. We bought our first RV (a Coach House)

three years ago and are having a great time seeing the U.S.A.

JoAnn Cummings, 3rd Vice President

JoAnn was born in Dupon, Ill., and moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1965. I have two daughters, Debbie and Tracey; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I worked as a workers compensation adjuster until my retirement in 1982. I married Arch in 1981, and in 1982 we moved to St. Mary's, Ga. then in 1983 moved to Tampa. We look forward to traveling in our Coach House to all the CHOC rallies and seeing as much of the U.S.A. as possible. I am currently serving my first term as your 3rd Vice President.

Bill Johnson, newsletter editor.

I am not an officer, but our CHOC president has asked that I include a bio in this issue along with your elected officers.

I was Born in Birmingham, Ala., in 1935 and was brought up throughout the Southeast, living in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Louisiana. My family moved to

Montgomery in 1946 which became my home for a number of years. After completing high school at Marion Military Institute I joined the U.S. Marine Corps for three years. I moved to Hollywood, Fla., in 1959, met Joan In 1961, and we were married in 1962; her two daughters, Sharon and Barbara, and son, Glenn, became my family as well. In 1964, I went to work with the U.S. Forest Service as an engineering technician working in Georgia, Texas and Alabama. I retired in 1989, and two years later we moved to Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

We began camping in 1965 in a second-hand tent and have worked our way through two tents, two pop-ups and five other motor homes before purchasing our Coach House last November. We hope that this one will last a long, long time. We have traveled through and camped in 45 of the lower 48 states as well as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. We look forward to getting to know each of you as we meet at the CHOC rallies.

Coach House Owners' Club FMCA Chapter Membership Application

PILOT'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	
CO-PILOT'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	
CITY, STATE, ZIP		
PHONE	E-MAIL	
COACH MODEL	YEAR	LENGTH
FMCA NO.	CHOC NO.	
DATE OF BIRTH	CO-PILOT'S DATE OF BIRTH	
ANNIVERSARY		
REGION	REFERRED BY	

No person may be a member of the Coach House Owners' Club unless he or she is a member of the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) and a Coach House owner.

Fee: \$25 to join CHOC (of which \$15 goes to defray to cost of name tags and bolos); \$10 per year thereafter.

Please send this application and a check for \$25, payable to Coach House Owners' Club, to: CHOC, c/o Coach House, Inc., 3480 Technology Drive, Nokomis, FL 34275.

Badge Order Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

FIRST BADGE (PILOT)	
SECOND BADGE (CO-PILOT)	
STREET	PHONE
CITY, STATE, ZIP	
CHOC NO.	FMCA NO.

If you would rather not cut out this form, please write the information on a plain piece of paper.

Rally*News*

Rally Schedule

CHOC Spring Rally

April 12–14, 2002

Suwannee Valley Campground, White Springs, FL

Hosts: Pauline & Bob

CHOC Fall Rally

Sept. 22–26, 2002

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

Host: Juan & Agatha Galvez

CHOC International Rally

Nov. 1–3, 2002

Stay-N-Play Resort, Nokomis, FL

Contact: Pauline Stevens

What's In Your Wallet?

By Bill Johnson

We have all heard horror stories about identity theft. We are happy to pass along a good idea that can help you recover and limit the damage should your wallet be lost or stolen.

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, and make copies of both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet, plus the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Leave one copy at home or with a family member, and place another copy somewhere in your RV.

If such loss does occur there are several steps that should be taken. Call and cancel your credit cards, file a police report *immediately*, call the three national credit reporting organizations to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number, and notify the Social Security Administration.

The numbers to call are as follows: Equifax, 1-800-525-6285; Experian, 1-800-397-3742; Trans Union, 1-800-680-7289; Social Security Administration, 1-800-269-0271.

This information has been making the rounds on the Internet lately. I received it from several sources, including Bern Wolsky.

Spring Rally: April 12–14, 2002

The Spring Rally is just a few weeks away, and it is time to get your registration in! This year's CHOC Spring Rally is being held at Suwannee Valley Campground, White Springs, Fla. We will arrive on Friday, April 12, with a pot-luck dinner scheduled for 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share with others; the meat will be provided. Following dinner, there will be live entertainment beginning at 7:30.

Saturday morning a breakfast of juice, muffins and coffee will be served; lunch is on your own. The day will be devoted to visiting with friends, swapping travel tales (and some tall tales) and just general relaxation. Dinner is at 5 p.m., followed by a Yankee swap meet at 7 p.m.; please bring a wrapped gift not to exceed a \$10 value. Those who were at Tarpon Springs will remember all the fun we had at that swap meet.

On Sunday morning, we will gather for a pancake breakfast before departing for home or whatever destination calls you.

Please have your reservation and fees in by March 29!

The rally fee is \$65 for two per coach and \$45 for one. A registration form is on the back page of this newsletter. Make your checks payable to CHOC and mail to Pauline Stevens. You *must* reserve your own campsite; call (386)397-1677 and mention that you are with the Coach House Owners Club in order to obtain the special rally fee of \$14 a night.

Directions: From I-75, take exit 84, go east on S.R. 136 for 2.5 miles to White Springs Road; turn south 0.2 mile to Steven Foster Road, turn left and go 0.5 mile to the campground. There are signs to the campground at each of the turns.

Fall Rally: Sept. 22–26, 2002

Juan and Peggy Galvez are our hosts for the CHOC Fall Rally in Bay St. Louis, Miss. We will be staying at the Casino Magic RV Park, right next door to the casino and restaurants. The park offers full hookups, level concrete pads, cable TV, barbecue grills and 24-hour security.

There is a full schedule of activities planned, as well as plenty of time to visit the casinos to try your luck or take in a show. We will arrive on Sunday with a special welcome dinner scheduled for 5 p.m. A bus will be available on Monday and Tuesday to allow a visit to historic Bay St. Louis. Also on Tuesday, a Gray Lines tour of New Orleans will be available for an additional cost of \$36 per person. There is plenty to do and see in this area, so wear comfortable shoes and bring along your camera. The rally will conclude on Thursday morning with a light breakfast.

The fee for the rally is \$80 per coach with two people, or \$40 for a single. Full details of this rally and a registration form will be in the next issue of the CHOC newsletter. If you need more information before then you may contact Juan or Peggy at (228) 467-2379 or via E-mail at papa_Peggy@msn.com.

Caravan

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demonstration of the value of these seminars.

We were attracted by a glare outside our window, which turned out to be a fire in the diesel heating plant of one of the huge Monacos. Flames spewed from the heater exhaust pipe, looking very much like the TV ad in which a man wakes up with heartburn and lets loose with a blow-torch like flame from his mouth. Fortunately the owner cut off the fuel supply and extinguished the flames with a towel. The very next day we attended an outdoor fire safety demonstration that showed exactly how such a fire

should be extinguished and which type fire extinguisher was best. The demo leader had several of the older onlookers, male and female, actually put out similar fires. Smaller foam-type extinguishers then were available for purchase at a deeply discounted price of \$5.

This FMCA rally was also an opportunity to get some repair work done on malfunctioning appliances by the manufacturers' representatives, or to buy some new accessories for the RV.

All in all, response to this rally was very favorable. We for one are going to attend the big Annual Winter FMCA Convention being held in Perry, Ga., in late March. Come one, come all.

CHOC*Talk*

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CHOC Spring Rally April 12-14, 2001 • White Springs, Florida

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From I-75 Exit 84 go east on S.R. 136 2.5 miles to White Springs Road, then south 0.2 mile to Steven Foster Road. Turn left and go one-half mile to park.

You must reserve your own campsite. For reservations call (386) 397-1667 and mention that you are with the Coach House Owners' Club. Special rate is \$14.00 per night. Email: camping@suwanneevalleycampground.com

Rally Fee: \$65 for two persons per coach; \$45 for one person per coach.

Pre-Registration Deadline: March 20, 2001

LAST NAME FIRST NAME SPOUSE'S NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE (INCLUDE AREA CODE) NUMBER OF PERSONS IN COACH

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Are you a Coach House Owners' Club Member? Yes No

Return this form along with payment to: Pauline Stevens, 31515 Betts Road,
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If you would rather not cut out this form, please write the information on a plain piece of paper.