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## Letter From The President

By **Pauline Stevens, President**

As I began this letter we are getting ready for the November Rally, and I know we are all looking forward to a great time.

As you may know, the September Rally ran into a little trouble. The storm came — we left! Juan and Peggy did an excellent job under some very bad conditions. They not only worked hard to make everyone happy, they also had to get their home ready for the storm at the same time. My deepest thanks to them for a job well done.

After we left Mississippi, Bob and I and the Mitchells drove on to the FMCA Rally at Hutchinson, Kan. (see the report at right.) Lots of rain and mud, as well as lots of meetings and seminars on everything from safety to refrigerators. We all gained some knowledge that we hope to be able to share with the rest of the members at a future date.

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Well, the rally is over, and I hope that everyone had a great time. I am sorry that I was unable to attend more than I did; as of now all is well with me. I wish to welcome all the new officers and I look forward to working with them during the coming year.

Our thanks to Coach House, Inc.; R.V. World and especially to Wes for all the work and support that made this annual rally such a success. A special thanks for the many items donated by them for the raffle; we were able to raise \$310 for Habitat for Humanity.

Please remember Ruben Gerzeny and his family as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the FMCA Rally in February. Have a good day and travel safely.

## Club News

### National Director's Report

By **Bob Schneider**

Don Mitchell (Alternate National Director) and I, along with our wives, attended the FMCA meeting in Hutchinson, Kan., which was held the last of September and the first of October. We had two long days of meetings on revising the FMCA constitution. After lots of discussion and lots of voting the proposed constitution was approved to be presented to the members at large. Please see and read the November 2002 FMC magazine for the proposed constitution. After reading please send in your ballot; one vote per membership number.

We also voted on officers for the coming year and attended other International Area meetings. As Ginger Painter had completed her maximum of three years, Max Durbin was elected as International Area Vice president.

Despite the rain and mud and hard work, we were also able to attend a number of seminars as well as enjoy the entertainment each evening.

### Annual Treasurer's Report

By **Wyanda Mitchell**

A detailed Treasurer's Report for the period from Nov. 1, 2001 to Oct. 31, 2002, was presented at the annual meeting of CHOC on Oct 31. At the conclusion of the rally, the treasurer's books were audited as required by FMCA. The audit was conducted by three members at large and approval was given.

*Fiscal Year Summary*

Total Income	\$4,921.93
Total Expense	\$2,954.93
Income Less Expense	\$1,967.00
Bank Balance On 10/31/02	\$5,399.49

### Dues Are Due

Annual membership dues are due on Jan. 1, 2003, and become past due on Feb. 15. Please send \$10.00 per coach to our club treasurer:

Barbara Kedanis  
2845 Cloister  
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

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## Postcard from New Mexico



By **Ann Lott**

This fall, Freddie and I took a trip West; from Georgia through

Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and on into Oklahoma, where we visited the Federal Memorial in Oklahoma City. From there we headed to Albuquerque, N.M., for the annual International Balloon Festival. We were lucky to be parked right on the edge of the landing and launch area. There were 750 balloons of all sizes, shapes and colors and it seemed as if they all took off right over our Coach House.

# Fall Rally Is One For The Books

By Wes Knadle

The fourth annual International Rally was a huge success! Our 45 coaches and approximately 90 guests gathered at Sarasota South Encore Park, a choice that pleased many owners.

The festivities kicked off Halloween night with a barbecue catered by Sonny's. Then, we got the "business" out of the way, as President Pauline Stevens conducted our annual business meeting: electing new officers and resolving new and old issues. Then, our "best-dressed" goblins (what was the name of your costume again, Karin?) tricked us into a few good prizes (including two beautiful leather coats) before treating themselves to a good night's sleep.

Friday morning, we took our chartered buses to the Coach House factory, where rally participants were the first to see the new 232 slide-out, which provides an additional 10 inches of floor space.

We then boarded the buses again for a trip to the Ringling Museum of Art. Despite a light rain, the major complaint was that there was not enough time to take in the museum, the grounds, and Ca d'Zan, the palatial home of the circus king.

A short bus ride took us to the Sarasota bayfront, and the weather cleared up just in time for us to enjoy a beautiful sunset aboard Le Barge Tropical as we snacked and marveled at the fine homes on the bay.

Back at the park, there was a nice meal waiting for us, followed by some dancing to oldies from Dwayne Dee.

Saturday took us to Spanish Point, where we took a walk through Old Florida, seeing how things were done at the turn of the last century. Some stalwarts then took off for a shopping expedition at St. Armands Circle, while the rest returned to the park for more casual sharing (and snoozing?) Following another great meal, it was story-telling time, followed by door-prize and raffle give-aways (How's that GPS working, Joann?).

Sunday morning, a bunch of fun-tired ralliers headed for home.

Hope to see you all next year!

## Spanish Point



## Sunset Cruise



# Ringling Museum of Art and Ca d'Zan



## Halloween Party

## Prize Winner



# CHOC*Talk*

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Please note your CHOC membership number on the check.

### FMCA Southeast Area Rally

**M**ark your calendar now for the FMCA Southeast Area (SEA) Rally Feb 5-8, 2003, at Brooksville, Fla.

Karin Peuhsner will be our Hostess for this outing. CHOC plans to have a caravan into SEA, and plans are being made to have a social hour each evening during the rally just for CHOC members. This will be a good time to share what we have learned at the rally, show off what we have bought, and just enjoy getting to know each other better.

You must make your own reservation for the rally with FMCA; information can be found in the FMC magazine on page 135 in the October issue and page 169 in the November issue.

Notify Karin if you wish to join in the caravan. Phone her at 352-688-1881 or e-mail [karinpe@bellsouth.net](mailto:karinpe@bellsouth.net).

### New Officers Elected

**A**t the annual meeting of CHOC, new officers were elected to the Board of Directors. Soon after the elections were held, Don and Wyanda Mitchell, who had been elected Treasurer and Alternate National Director, respectively, purchased another brand of RV and were required to vacate their offices on the Board.

The remaining officers asked Barbara Kedanis to move from 1st Vice President to Treasurer, and for Karin Peuhsner to join the board as 1st Vice President. Pierre Berard has been named Alternate National Director. At this time the office of Secretary remains to be filled.

After those actions, this is the current Board of Directors:

President	Pauline Stevens
1st Vice President	Karin Peuhsner
2nd Vice President	Juan Galvez
3rd Vice President	Bill Johnson
Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Treasurer	Barbara Kedanis
National Director	Bob Schneider
Alternate Nat. Director	Pierre Berard

### Thanks, Marlene

**A** special thanks from the officers and members of CHOC to Marlene Wolsky for her three years of service as secretary. Marlene did an excellent job for the club, taking over in the first year and working hard to make CHOC a success. She will be missed in that position, but she will continue as a member and we know that also means a working member.

Thanks, Marlene!

### Future CHOC Rallies

#### CHOC Spring Rally 2003

April 11-13, Decatur, Ala.

#### CHOC Fall Rally 2003

Rolling Rally on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

#### CHOC Spring Rally 2004

Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

Complete information with dates and costs will be coming in future issues.