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Letter From The President

By Pauline Stevens, *President*

I am happy to report that we now have a full slate of officers for the Coach House Owners' Club for the current year.

They are: President, Pauline Stevens; 1st Vice President, Karin Peuhsner; Second Vice President, Juan Galvez; Third Vice President, Bill Johnson; National Director, Bob Schneider; Alternate National Director, Pierre Berard. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on the back page.

Juan Galvez also serves as rally coordinator; Bill Johnson is our newsletter editor, and Bob Schneider is also serving as the Board of Directors' member on the nominating committee.

My thanks to all who were willing to serve with me for the benefit of the club.

This is a fun club to be a part of. Please think about holding an office in the coming year; elections will be held at the National Homecoming Rally. If you are interested, please contact Bob at his e-mail address: srqbobs@aol.com

I am happy to report that we had a good turnout at the FMCA Southeast Area (S.E.A.) Rally in Brooksville, Fla., with several first-timers in attendance. Several of them said that they had a good time as well as learning a lot both at the seminars and from other CHOC members. We started by meeting at the Masaryktown Cafe for lunch after which we caravanned into the rally. Each day after that, we came together for lunch at our parking site and in the evening many of us went into town for dinner. Again, this was a lot of fun as well as more time to get to know each other and to share our thoughts on the rally.

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CHOC Lends a Hand

CHOC National Director Bob Schneider, left, presents a check for \$310 to FMCA Senior Vice President R.G. Wilson to be donated to Habitat for Humanity. The money was raised in a raffle at the 2002 Internzational Rally. See Club News on Page 3.

232 Slideout Improved

By Wes Knadle

In its quest for continual product improvement, Coach House is always looking for ways to upgrade its Platinum motorhome. Some of these upgrades are minor, and hardly noticeable to the consumer. Other changes are more dramatic.

One change for 2003 falls into the latter category: a new design for the slideout unit on the 23-foot Platinum 232XL. In addition to providing for a fold-down double bed, as before, the slideout now also provides for more legroom during the day.

Previously, the power sofa base remained stationary when the slideout moved out; the sofa back folded down as the slideout extended. Now, the sofa base moves out with the slideout, providing significantly

more legroom in the aisle during the daytime. At night, the power sofa slides in toward the aisle to become a double bed.

"Before, the slideout only provided extra space for sleeping," said Coach House vice president Steve Gerzeny. "Now, the slideout provides more space in the daytime, too."

Not only does the improved 232XL slideout enhance the coach's living space, it takes up less exterior space. The slideout now extends about 1 foot from the unit; previously, the slideout extended nearly 2 feet. This means that the Platinum 232XL can now fit into tighter quarters than before without fear of the slideout bumping your neighbor's RV. It also means that stabilization jacks aren't essential to the operation of

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TechTips

Improve Your Water's Taste

By Joe Kedanis

To improve the taste of the water in our camper we installed a "PUR" water filter that attaches to the faucet. When the unit is in the horizontal position, plain unfiltered comes out, but when the filter is in the vertical position, you have filtered water.

The filter works fine, but as we all know, when you change something you often cause another problem.

The back pressure on the filter causes the water pump to rapidly cycle on and off. This causes the water flow to be slow and erratic and of course in time would wear out the pump.

To remedy this, I installed an accumulator tank. I removed the bottom drawer under the kitchen sink and found enough room for a "SURE-FLO" Model 181-203 accumulator tank.

The installation was relatively simple: I cut the cold-water line under the sink, installed two nylon hose barbs on the tank, and put the hose ends on the barbs. These were secured with a hose clamp. The tank brackets were screwed to the cabinet wall and the job was finished.

The tank does not necessarily have to be installed in a vertical position, but the Schrader air valve on the top should be accessible to allow for checking the pressure and the addition of air if this becomes necessary.

We now run the pump less and still have a steady flow of water that is taste- and sediment-free.

Dues Are Due

CHOC membership dues for 2003 were due Jan 1, 2003. If not received by April 15 you will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Send your check for \$10, made out to CHOC, to: Barbara Kedanis, 2845 Cloister St., North Fort Myers, FL 33917.



Coach House contingent makes an impressive display at FMCA's Southeast Area Rally.

President's Letter

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Karin Peuhsner was our host for the caravan and also did double duty as chauffeur by taking us out in the evening. She did a wonderful job and all her hard work made it a huge success. Thanks, Karin.

Before the S.E.A. Rally, Bob and I had the pleasure of having Barbara and Joe and Shirlee and Pierre stopping over at our house for the evening before we all headed out the next day.

After the rally, Juan and Peggy headed to Coach House, Inc., to have some work done; at the same time Karin and Inga went down to pick up Karin's new Platinum Coach. They then came back to our place for a couple of days. I felt it was so nice to get to spend some time with club members and get to know them better.

We have lots of room and would love to have anyone who would like to spend a day

or two; just let us know ahead of time. We have had several Coach Houses parked here and have also stayed at many other homes along the way. I feel that this is a part of being a member of CHOC and would like to encourage others to try this out. Let us hear from anyone who would like to visit or who would like to have a visitor at their home.

We send our prayers to Ruben Gerzeny for his recovery. We also wish the best for a new member, Marie Prestige; she and her husband William were to have attended the S.E.A. rally with us, but she became ill.

As your President, I will work to keep CHOC a strong club and a FUN club; with the help of ALL our members that's what we'll be!

Hope to see everyone at the Spring Rally (see Page 3). Safe travels!



Coach House owners share lunch at the S.E.A. Rally.

Club*News*

CHOC Heading to Alabama for Rally

Mark your calendars now for the CHOC Spring Rally May 16–18 at Point Mallard Park in Decatur, Ala.

Plan to arrive at Point Mallard Park on the afternoon of May 16. We will begin the fun with a wine and cheese social hour at 3 p.m. This is a great time to get to know other CHOC members. A covered-dish supper will start at 5 p.m. Everyone please bring a dish to share. CHOC will furnish the meat.

After dinner there will be a “Yankee Swap Meet.” Each coach, please bring a wrapped gift of about \$10 value. Only mark the gift if it is gender specific. If you have not taken part in one of these before, you are in for much fun and laughter.

50/50 tickets will be sold throughout the evening, with the drawing around 9 p.m. 50 percent goes to the winner and 50 percent to our charity. Also, door prizes will be given during the evening.

Saturday begins with coffee and pastries at 8 a.m.; then its off for a day at the nearby Space and Rocket Center. Admission and transportation are included in your rally fee. We will return to the campground in time for another social hour before a dinner catered by Gibsons, the first-place winner in Bar-B-Que Nationals for several years. You will have a choice of either pork or chicken with three side dishes. Entertainment will follow dinner.

Future CHOC Rallies

CHOC Fall Rally 2003

Rolling Rally on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina. Date: Second or third week of September (tentative)

CHOC Homecoming Rally 2003

Nokomis, Fla., Oct. 30–Nov. 2

CHOC Spring Rally 2004

Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., Mid-May (tentative)

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

On Sunday morning, attendees will share coffee, pastries and fellowship at 8 a.m., then depart for home or other places.

Cost for the weekend including two nights camping is only \$80 per coach for two people and \$55 for one person. There is an additional charge of \$10 per person for people who are not members of CHOC.

Hood RV in Decatur, Ala., is our sponsor for the weekend, with the Henrys and Lotts serving as our hosts. We thank them for all their hard work in putting this rally together.

Directions: From I-65 take Exit 334; turn west on State Hwy. 67 approximately 4 miles to U.S. 31; turn right and go approximately 2.5 miles to 8th Street (look for the McDonald's on your right); turn right and go approximately 2 miles to the park entrance. There are several signs pointing the way to Point Mallard Park along the way.

For those who wish to arrive early or stay over after the rally please contact Trish at Point Mallard Park, phone (256) 352-7772. Advise her that you are with the CHOC Rally and you will receive the rally rates.

Stop And Look!

By Pierre Berard

These two words can save your life! We live in a new world and forget to protect ourselves. After listening to Bill Cain's seminar I was surprised at how stupid I am. The one thing that really surprised me and the rest of the crowd was that crime today starts at such an early age — 10 years old is not uncommon. Crime is escalating every year and RVers are a prime target. Stop and look; be careful, check around the area when you park and try to leave a 6 to 8 foot clearance around your RV.

If you have been a victim of a crime or know of a location that other motorists should be aware of please write to:

Crimes Against Travelers Task Force
P.O. Box 408
2044 Old Norcross Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Bill Cain will be our speaker at the Homecoming Rally on Nov. 1, 2003.

National Directors Report

By Bob Schneider

At the Coach House National Convention last November, Coach House, Inc., gave a Garmin G.P.S., two leather jackets and several other items for a raffle. The raffle raised \$310, and the money was set aside for FMCA's efforts toward Habitat for Humanity. On Feb. 6, while at the Southeast Area rally in Brooksville, Fla, I presented the club's check to R.G. Wilson, Senior Vice President. The club was thanked for its good work. I hope that next year we will be able to do more.

Slideout

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the slideout (but still recommended).

Coach House is working out the design for a similar slideout unit in the 27-foot Platinum, Gerzeny said, but there is no timetable for its implementation.



The redesigned slideout in the Coach House Platinum 232XL shown in the extended position, providing unprecedented aisle space in the coach.

