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## Letter From The President

By Pauline Stevens, *President*

The fish fry was a lot of fun. Emily Nevins made a great roast pork and black bean dish to go along with the fish. If you would like a copy of Emily's recipe, e-mail your request to her at [fjnevins@aol.com](mailto:fjnevins@aol.com).

We had a great turn-out, 24 coaches with 50 people. A few arrived on Feb. 2 but most came on the Feb 3. We had a wine-and-cheese party to welcome everyone and later, we had a pot-luck dinner. As always, food was great and plentiful.

On Friday Feb. 4, breakfast was served at 8 a.m.. Fishing followed for some. At 3 p.m., we went to watch the Lipizzan Stallions train. Everyone had a good time. Afterward we came back to Stevens/Schneider Campground and rested for the big dinner. A great time was had by all and we are now looking forward to the next rally.

With the Homecoming Rally behind us, we are now working on the new rallies. At this time we are getting the last-minute details on the Spring Rally in Charleston, S.C. Pierre and Shirlee Berard, Dick and Pauline Bock and Dennis and Nora Cunningham have been very busy putting it together. Our thanks to them for all their hard work.

I have been working on the International Rally to be held Tennessee. I think it will be great fun. The entertainment will be country music. Our Club has volunteered to help with the rally. I am sure we will have a good time. Bob and I have found we make very good friendships at the FMCA rallies. As we travel about the country, we have many places we can stop for a visit. Having friends

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The Coach House "Circle of Information" convenes at the Stevens/Schneider residence.

## 24 Coach House Owners Gather for Fish Fry and Fun

By Gerald Holt

The Coach House Owners Club met on February 3 and 4 at the Stevens/Schneider home in Myakka City, Fla., for a pot luck dinner and fish fry.

Twenty-four Coach House units from as far away as Vermont gathered together for two days of fun, conversation and the wonderful hospitality of Pauline Stevens and Bob Schneider. With the help of Emily Nevins, we were treated to a pot luck dinner after a "round chair session" discussing and

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"We need bigger plates!"



Sunset found attendees parked in a neat row.

# RallyNews

## Spring Rally In Charleston

The CHOC Spring rally will be held at the Mount Pleasant/ Charleston KOA Campground at 3157 U.S. Highway 17 North, Mount Pleasant, S.C. The rally fee will include two nights of full hook-up camping.

The festivities will begin Tuesday, April 5, with an afternoon wine-and-cheese party, followed by a pot-luck supper (please bring a covered dish to share). After dinner there will be a "Yankee Swap Meet." Each coach is asked to bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$10 in value.

Wednesday, April 6, will begin with a continental breakfast. A bus will pick us up for a tour of Charleston. Lunch will be on your own. We will return to the campground for a wine-and-cheese party hosted by Carolina Coach and Camper. A hot catered dinner will follow.

On Thursday, April 7, we will again start the day with a continental breakfast, after which you may depart for home or take in the sights of historic Charleston.

If you wish to arrive a day early or stay after the rally, please advise the manager, Ruthie Holcomb, at 1-800-KOA-5796 so that you may receive CHOC rates.

Charleston is a unique city, known for great food, historic sites (including plantations and gardens) and interesting shops. Highlights include Fort Sumter, where the Civil War began, and Patriots Point, home of the World War II aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. ■

### FMCA Jamboree May 3-6

The sixth International Area FMCA Rally will be held May 3-6 at the James E. Ward Agricultural and Community Center in Lebanon, Tenn., east of Nashville just off I-40 at exit 239B.

The rally fee includes four nights of camping, plus three catered breakfasts, Red Hat luncheon, ice cream social, free pioneer village on site, water and sewer dump, and four nights of Grand Ole Opry-style entertainment. Electricity is free to the first 1,000 to register. For more information, call Max Durbin at 239-994-6733 or e-mail [mjdurbin@juno.com](mailto:mjdurbin@juno.com).



Cold weather didn't prevent the group from enjoying the Lipizzan Stallions.



Welcome to Pauline's kitchen.



Pauline and Carol.

## Fish Fry

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exchanging information about our Coach House motor homes.

Friday morning began with breakfast prepared by Pauline and others. The weather was not cooperating, so we gathered inside while consuming hot rolls and coffee. Pauline had made arrangements for CHOC members to visit the home of the world-famous Lipizzan Stallions just a short drive from our campsite.

Friday was topped off with a very tasty fish fry, thanks to several club members and Pauline's family and friends. In addition to fish, Emily Nevins prepared a homemade pork roast that was cooked to perfection. Speaking of perfection, that is the best way to describe the entire gathering. Great friends, great food and a great organization. Several members joked to Pauline about how this gathering had become her "First Annual Fish Fry."

Many thanks to Pauline, Bob and other family members who helped make this a great outing for CHOC members. ■

### Future CHOC Rallies

**March 21-24, 2005** FMCA 73rd International Convention, Perry, Ga.

**April 5-7, 2005** CHOC Spring Rally, Mt. Pleasant/Charleston KOA, Charleston, S.C.

**May 3-6, 2005** FMCA 6th International Area Rally, Lebanon, Tenn.

**September, 2005** CHOC Fall Rally, Lake George, N.Y. Dates to be announced.

**October 27-29, 2005** CHOC Homecoming Rally. Location to be announced.

# Club*News*

## New Members

The President and the Board of Directors welcome the new members who have joined the Coach House Owner's Club since November 2004. We invite them to come to our rallies, meet our members and take part in our activities.

- **Florida:** Jack and Helen Duffy, Gerald and Nancy Holt, Barry and Barbara Nash, Mike and Betty Wegler.
- **Georgia:** Phil and Vivian Reifschneider
- **Pennsylvania:** Richard and Margaret Stouffer
- **New York:** Jim and Marie Rose, Robert and Kay Washbourne
- **Wisconsin:** William and Patricia Reigel
- **Texas:** Don and Cindy Wermcke

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all around the country is helpful also. If you need repairs, directions or whatever, just ask any FMCA RVer on the road. They know all the good places. We are happy we joined this group of nice people.

We have been in touch with the Howells in Lake George, N.Y., who are putting the (September) Fall Rally together. Our thanks to them.

We have many new members and we welcome them all.

Our prayers and good luck to all who are sick or have lost a loved one.

Travel safe. ■

## From the National Director

By Bob Schneider

There are a number of things going on at the national level at this time. We are getting ready for the 73rd International Convention, which will be held in March at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Ga.

We are also working on the Tennessee Jamboree, the sixth International Area Rally to be held in May at Lebanon, Tenn. I am pleased to know that many of our members have volunteered to work at the Jamboree. This is a great way to get to know new people and see how a rally works. It takes a lot of people working hard to put these rallies together. But it is a lot of fun. We hope to see you there. ■

# DWD (Driving While Drowsy) Can Be Fatal

Did you know that approximately 25 to 30 percent of highway accidents result from driver fatigue? If you're about to fall asleep, you will experience some or all of the following:

- Difficulty keeping your eyes open;
- Nodding and difficulty keeping your head up;
- Repeatedly drifting out of your lane;
- On the interstate, drifting off the road and hitting the rumble strip;
- Excessive yawning;
- Missing road signs or driving past turns.

All of us have experienced one or more of the symptoms at one time or another. There are, however, things that you can do to keep from falling asleep at the wheel. They are:

- Get adequate sleep before the trip;
- Avoid alcoholic beverages and heavy foods;

- Beware of medications that can impair your driving ability;
  - Limit long distance driving - stop at least every two hours and rest;
  - Stop at a safe place to nap. Wait at least ten minutes after waking up to see how alert you are. Take a walk. If you don't feel alert, don't drive. Find a place to sleep for an hour or for the night;
  - If possible, drive with a companion and switch driving when necessary;
  - Keep the temperature cool in your vehicle. Keep your eyes moving and check your mirrors often;
  - If possible, avoid driving during peak drowsy times — from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m..
- Recognize the signs, know the dangers and reduce your risks of driving when drowsy. ■

## Cruise Control, Rain Don't Mix

A 36-year-old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car on a Texas highway. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured, but very stunned at the sudden occurrence! When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened, he told her something every driver should know: *Never drive in the rain with your cruise control on!*

She had thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain, but the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on and your car begins to hydroplane, it will accelerate to a higher rate of speed and you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred. The highway patrol estimated her car was traveling through the air at 10 to 15 miles per hour faster than the speed set on the cruise control.

The patrolman said this warning should be on the driver's seat sun visor along with the air bag warning: "Never use the cruise control when the pavement is wet or icy!" ■

### From the Secretary

CHOC members, if you are not receiving e-mail notices from CHOC, please remove your "spam blocker" so that you may receive them. All e-mails use CHOC in the subject line.

Please send an e-mail to the secretary, Marlene Wolsky, at [MARL327@mac.com](mailto:MARL327@mac.com) to update your e-mail address. ■

### A Note of Thanks

A note of thanks for the prayers! Our Grandbaby is home from the hospital and doing well! A special thanks to Pauline for keeping our friends informed, and her outreach to us.

*Freddie & Ann Lott of Georgia*

