

Letter From The President

By Bill Ellis

As I sit down to write the Letter from the President message for this edition of CHOC Talk, I cannot help but remember the scallops from the Dobbins House restaurant in Gettysburg. Being a seafood lover, they were absolutely out of this world. I know I will be going back to Gettysburg again in the near future.



This past rally will be one that we all will be talking about for a long time. Over the years, I have been involved in a

lot of rallies, but this one has to rank in the top five. Everything just fell into place because of a lot of hard work by the board and other CHOC members. I remember the morning that our breakfast caterer could not get its grill lit and we seemingly had a major problem. Not so for our members, as they went back to their coaches, got their grills and took over the breakfast cooking responsibilities. And breakfast was ready on time. This is teamwork at its best.

So goodbye to Gettysburg and hello to Savannah, the site of our upcoming Coach House Homecoming Rally that we look forward to every year. This homecoming rally will be held at Skidaway Island State Park.

Savannah has the potential of being another Gettysburg. LB Blanchard and I recently spent three days visiting the camp sites, restaurants, historic tours, transportation, river cruises, and a whole lot more. I can't tell you everything, as we need to surprise you a little bit. A rough agenda has already been completed and contracts have been signed. Everything is falling into place, and I know everyone is looking forward to going to the rally.

I would like to bring you up to date on what was discussed at the CHOC members' meeting held during the

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Jack Mowrer introduces new CHOC members at the Wine & Cheese Social at the Gettysburg Rally.

A Step Back into U.S. History

By Brad Locke, Rally Coordinator

Forty-nine Coaches attended the Gettysburg Rally, which was held at the Gettysburg Campground, Fairfield Road, in Gettysburg, Pa. What a sight to see all those coaches lined up — all the shapes and sizes that Coach House has to offer. It truly was a fun rally, and I am already ready to get on the road again.

Upon arrival on Tuesday, May 22, members registered and were given bags with information booklets, the schedule of events, and a beautiful large picture of the Civil War re-enactment that they could frame and keep as a memento of the occasion.

A debt of gratitude is owed to Richard and Margaret Stouffer, our hosts for this rally. They worked tirelessly to make this rally the success it was, a fact that was evident from the minute members arrived until the day they departed. Our thanks

again to Richard and Margaret.

The Gettysburg Campground had a large enclosed recreational hall that we were able to use for the four days we were there. Margaret and Richard had decorated the tables in red, white, and blue, and I was able to borrow more decorations from the campground which were put on the table in honor of the Memorial Day Weekend Celebration.

We found the Campground to be one that was run professionally by Robert Adams and his family. The accommodations were clean and Robert and his family accommodated our every wish. On a scale of 1-10, we rated the Gettysburg Campground an 11.

A wine and cheese reception was held out on the patio of the Hall prior to the stupendous pot luck dinner that was held inside. There was an array of delicious dishes and deserts prepared by our members. Margaret Stouffer made a deli-

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Report From The National Director

By Vicky Ferrari

The 2007 election of FMCA National Officers will be held Aug. 13, 2007, at FMCA's 78th International Convention in Redmond, Ore. This year's Nominating Committee was elected by the Governing Board in accordance with FMCA Bylaws. The Nominating Committee has submitted its slate of candidates for national office. Balloting is done by National Directors and National Officers. As CHOC's representative, I invite your input on your preferences so that I may represent the wishes of CHOC on election day.

Briefly, FMCA has two elected bodies: an Executive Board and a Governing Board.

The Executive Board is composed of 14 national officers (president, senior vice president, secretary, treasurer and 10 area vice presidents) and the immediate past president, who serves in an advisory capacity.

The Governing Board consists of elected national directors from each FMCA chapter and the 14 elected national officers.

The 2007 officer nominations are listed below. Detailed information about each candidate is included in the June edition of the FMCA magazine or at www.fmca.com.

National President

Ginger Painter, F23514
Connie Pool, F140306

National Senior Vice President

George M. Schipper, F17603
Nelson K. Stubbs, F107765

National Secretary

Joanne R. Durbin, F76454
Duane Pindell, F105443

National Treasurer

Douglas (Doug) Key, F72824
Robb Steinheider, F200844

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Gettysburg rally. Since many of you were not there, you may be interested in what was discussed at the meeting. If you have an internet connection the minutes are on our web site, www.choc-talk.com.

CHOC By-Laws

I noted that the by-laws need to be reviewed and updated if necessary. It was noted that the current by-laws were developed when the club was formed and were essentially from FMCA with two amendments subsequently added. A By-Laws Committee was appointed to do the review and make any recommendations for amendment. The committee consists of John Burke (Chairperson), Gloria Rosenblum and Jack Mowrer.

This Committee will report back to the membership at the October meeting to be held in Savannah.

Nominating Committee

I noted that we need to appoint a nominating committee to bring forth a slate of officers to be voted on at the October membership meeting to serve for the next

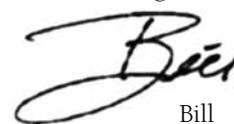
term of office. Four individuals in addition to the three approved at the Pigeon Forge meeting were recommended, making a total of seven members. The seven are Dorte Lowman (Chairperson), Valarie Baselice, Pierre Berard, Vicky Ferrari, Gerald Holt, Shirley Mahler and Jim Sullivan.

Mini Rallies

There was a discussion concerning the desire of members to have mini-rallies and what approvals are needed. It was determined that mini-rallies could be held at any time and would not need an approval from the club. These rallies would not be considered official CHOC rallies and therefore would most likely not be covered by FMCA insurance. Vicky Ferrari, National Director, will follow up with FMCA to get an official answer on FMCA insurance and communicate to the membership.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any of the above, other aspects of the meeting, or anything else, don't hesitate to call me. It is my pleasure to have you as CHOC members and friends.

Best regards,



Bill

Thank You From Shirlee and Pierre

Many thanks to all of our CHOC family for the care and concern shown to us during my "weakness" at the Gettysburg Rally.

We couldn't have made it without all of you!

Love, Shirlee and Pierre

(Editor's note: Shirlee Goddard Berard, our beloved Alternate National Director and long-time CHOC member, refused to miss the Gettysburg Rally despite the fact that she hadn't fully recovered from illness brought on by a medication change. Fortunately, when she faltered, she was in good hands with our caring members, including nurse Patricia Dizazzo and retired nurse Ann Lott. We are pleased to report she is fully recovered and looking forward to Savannah.)

New MEMBERS

CHOC would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members:

Arizona: Shirleen and Dave Green

Florida: Eunice Fuhler; Dick Giandonato; Barbara and Joe Hargadon; Dave Onan; Sue Townsend

Illinois: Jim and Pauline Korienek

Indiana: Bill Harter

Maryland: Clara and Wilbur Webb

Mississippi: Sissy Beacham

North Carolina: Len Fryer; Kitty and Turville Inman

Oklahoma: Josette and Norman Haskell

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How to Make a Good Motorhome Better

By Tom Comstock

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We all know that when we purchased our Coach House motorhomes, we did so because we believed them to be the premier Class B or Class C motorhomes on the market. However, there is always room for improvement.

The purpose of this article is to describe some changes that I, and others, have made to our coaches. Since Coach House makes, or has made, everything from Class Bs to 27 foot double-slide Class Cs, it would be impossible to cover every coach. Therefore, the focus of this article will be on late-model Class C Platinum coaches built on the Ford E-450 chassis.

Mirror Heads

The single best improvement that I have made to our coach is to upgrade the mirror heads. Many of us took delivery of coaches with the RAMCO mirrors. The mirror head is relatively small, and it is difficult to see small vehicles coming up on the side. The mirror heads can be easily replaced with the much larger ones that are standard on 2007 model coaches. They may be purchased from RAMCO (800-321-4819) or from Coach House. They come in a black color which is attractive as it comes from RAMCO. I had mine painted to match the coach.

Scan Gauge

The ScanGauge is a small unit that plugs into the computer diagnosis plug (OBDII) located near the steering wheel under the bottom of the dash panel. It provides many useful readouts such as accurate engine temperature, rpm, battery voltage, mpg, gph, and many others. It also provides engine fault codes. You can find out more about it at www.scangauge.com.

Tire Pressure Monitors

Over the years, I have had two tires go flat on my tow car and a number of inside rear dual failures. In each case, the tire was ruined and I was lucky not to have

further damage. Consequently, I have a device that constantly monitors the tire pressure on each wheel of the coach and the tow car. There are several brands available. The one that I use is "Pressure Pro" by Doran.

www.doranmfg.com/tirepressuremonitorproducts.htm

Holding Tank Monitors

The standard holding tank monitors on every motorhome that I have owned have become useless over time, and no amount of tank cleaning will make them reliable. Garnet Technologies makes a different type of sender that mounts on the outside of the tanks and is thus not susceptible to contamination.

www.rvgauge.com/products/model_709.shtml

HWH Leveling System Spacers

HWH levelers, as they are installed by Coach House, do not provide enough extension to get level under many conditions. HWH makes spacers that can be installed on the jacks to provide enough leveling for almost any circumstance. They can be obtained from HWH (800-321-3495).

Central Vacuum

Mike DiZazzo and John Ferrari have both installed central vacuum systems in their 2006 Platinum 272 coaches. Contact Mike or John for details. Mike has posted pictures and information about his system on the CHOC web site, www.choc-talk.com.

Convert Dinette Bed Into a Sofa

John and Kris Burke converted the dinette bed in their 2006 Platinum 272 into a sofa. Contact John for the details.

Coach Wandering

My Platinum 272 wandered under crosswind conditions and when being passed by large trucks. I made several changes that helped considerably. This subject warrants an entire article and cannot be covered here. If you want more informa-

tion please e-mail me our give me a call.

There are a number of other changes that owners have made to their coaches. A good source for learning about them is our own CHOC Talk Web Page Member Forum found at www.choc-talk.com.

See ya down the road.

CHOC Membership Continues to Grow

By Jack Mowrer, Secretary/Treasurer

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Currently we have 153 members (coaches) in the club, with 38 new members this year to date. While 31 percent of members are located in Florida, where the club started, we have members in 32 states, as reflected below.

Other double-digit states include Pennsylvania and South Carolina, with New York, Texas and California not far behind. Although 70-plus percent of the members live in the eastern part of the U.S., membership continues to grow in the central and western states (see table).

If you would like to contact members who live in your area, you can use the CHOC Roster that was sent to all members with the March Newsletter. With membership rapidly growing, we will issue an updated roster with the fall Newsletter. If you know of any Coach House owners who may be interested in joining the club, or if you are a Coach House owner who has not yet joined CHOC, contact Bill Ellis for information on the club or Jack Mowrer for information on how to join the club — or look at the CHOC website.

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IN.....2	NM.....1	OH.....5	OR.....2
NC.....4	TN.....2	VA.....4	WA.....2
RI.....1	CT.....1	FL.....48	IL.....3
AZ.....4	LA.....2	MD.....5	MS.....2
NJ.....1	NY.....9	OK.....1	PA.....11
SC.....10	TX.....8	VT.....2	WI.....2
CA.....7	DE.....2	GA.....6	

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Savannah Rally Scheduled for Oct. 11–14

We are in for a real treat as we make our way to Skidaway Island State Park for our Savannah Homecoming Rally, Oct. 11-14, 2007.

Located near historic Savannah, Skidaway Island has both salt and fresh water due to estuaries and marshes that flow through the area. The 588-acre park borders Skidaway Narrows, a part of the Intracoastal Waterway, and provides scenic camping and picnicking areas.

Two nature trails wind through marshes, live oaks, palms and longleaf pines, allowing visitors to watch for deer, raccoon, shore birds and rare migrating birds such as the painted bunting. Observation towers provide another chance for visitors to search for wildlife. The interpretive center features a replica of a giant ground sloth, a birding station, nature exhibits and a gift shop.

As always, our three days will be packed full of events that entertain, educate and provide an opportunity to enjoy the company of some of the nicest people you'll ever want to meet — us. And, yes, we will eat at Paula Deen's Lady & Sons Restaurant!

Registration will begin at noon on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007, and will be followed by our traditional wine-and-cheese reception and pot-luck dinner. We will have our members' meeting Friday morning, which will be followed by a tech talk, returning by popular demand from the Gettysburg Rally.

Don't miss the Old Savannah Trolley Tour of the historic district in the afternoon, dinner at the aforementioned Paula Deen's, and a night of fun and games back at the park.

Saturday will include a riverboat cruise, a special tour of Fort Jackson a catered dinner and more evening activities.

There is so much to do in Savannah that CHOC members may want to extend their visit beyond the Sunday morning check-out. For information about Savannah and surrounds, check out the article "Savannah: An Extended Vacation" starting on this page.

Registration materials will arrive in our mailboxes shortly and will be available on the web page. Register early. Our rallies are gaining in popularity and camp sites will be limited.

Savannah: An Extended Vacation

In and around Savannah are many fascinating places to visit, from old forts to museums, from parks to beaches. For those who want to extend their Savannah vacation beyond the Rally, CHOC Member Jim Sullivan and SavannahBest.com offer the following recommendations for Savannah excursions. The Savannah Visitors Center offers a great starting point for many of the listed sites, with plenty of room for coach parking.

Fort Screven — Built in 1875, this is among the last of the coastal artillery batteries built along the East Coast. The Tybee Museum is at the fort. U.S. 80, 18 miles east of Savannah; 912-786-4077; www.tybeevisit.com

Fort Pulaski National Monument — Built between 1829 and 1847, the fort was named for Revolutionary War hero Casimir Pulaski and engineered in part by Robert E. Lee to protect the sea approach to Savannah. U.S. 80, 15 miles east of Savannah; 912-786-5787; www.nps.gov/jopu/local/index.htm

Tybee Island Lighthouse — The original 90-foot structure, completed in 1736 and built of brick and cedar piles, was soon destroyed by a storm. A second tower, built in 1742, was the third lighthouse in America. The structure that stands today dates to 1866. 30 Meddin Drive; 912-786-5801; www.tybeelighthouse.org

Tybee Island Marine Science Center — The center offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the marine life of the local environment. 1510 Strand, south end of Tybee Island in the 14th Street parking lot; 912-786-5917; www.tybeemsc.org

Tybee Museum — Located in an 1898 coastal artillery battery, the museum traces the island's history and houses gun and doll collections of particular interest. At Fort Screven, across from Tybee Lighthouse; U.S. 80, 18 miles east of Savannah; 912-786-5801

Upcoming RALLIES

August 13–16, 2007	FMCA's 78th International Convention, Deschutes County Fair and Expo, Redmond, Ore. (FMCA)
Sept. 12–16, 2007	Midwest Area Rally, Delaware County Fairgrounds, Manchester, Iowa (FMCA)
Sept. 25–28, 2007	South Central Area Rally, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, Mo. (FMCA)
Oct. 3–6, 2007	Rocky Mountain Area Rally, San Juan County Fairgrounds, McGee Park, Farmington, N.M. (FMCA)
Oct. 11–14, 2007	Coach House Homecoming Rally, Skidaway Island State Park, Savannah, Ga.
Jan. 9–13, 2008	Western Area Rally, Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival, Indio, Calif. (FMCA)
Feb. 6–10, 2008	Southeast Area Rally, Hernando County Airport, Brooksville, Fla. (FMCA)
Feb. 25–28, 2008	FMCA's 79th International Convention, Fairplex, Pomona, Cal. (FMCA)

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cious decorated cake for the occasion and the meat was furnished by Coach House. Following dinner, prizes were given out, and members enjoyed Ghost Stories by Joe.

Wednesday morning, a catered breakfast was enjoyed by all, and was followed by the General Meeting. One highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Vicky Ferrari, National Director, of FMCA plaques to Bern and Marlene Wolsky and Pauline Stevens and Bob Schneider, recognizing their past contributions and service to CHOC as officers for many years. Pauline and Bob were unable to attend so Marlene and Bern accepted on their behalf. For more information about the meeting, see the Letter from the President.

Following the General Meeting, an informative presentation was given by Vicky Ferrari on the benefits of FMCA membership. Immediately following Vicky's talk, John Burke, Mike Dizazzo and John Ferrari hosted a round-table "Tech Talk", where members shared ideas about coach improvements and modifications.

Wednesday afternoon, members boarded the chartered bus for a trip to the Electric Map, followed by another exciting trip to the Eisenhower Farm. Both of these adventures were a wonderful opportunity to go back into history.

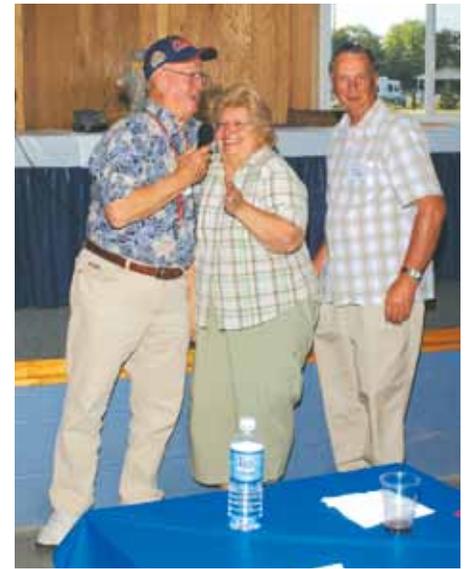
Dinner that evening was a delicious buffet at the Historic Farnsworth House in downtown Gettysburg. Few buildings that remain in the area resound with more history than does the Farnsworth House. It is dedicated to perpetuating the memory of the brave soldiers who fought on both sides. During the battle, the house sheltered Confederate sharpshooters, one of whom it is believed accidentally shot Jennie Wade, the only civilian casualty in the three-day struggle. The south side of the house bears mute testimony to the death and destruction that raged around it. More than 100 bullet holes can still be seen in that wall. Following dinner, members were ushered

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"Lucy! You've got some 'splainin' to do." Fun and games at the Rally.



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Brad Locke, Rally Coordinator, recognizes Margaret and Richard Stouffer, Rally hosts.



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John Lang, Mike Dizazzo, John Burke, John Ferrari, Ken Trinkley and Vern Highley at the Tech Talk session.



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Rally attendees tour the Eisenhower Farm.

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Fort McAllister State Historic Park — The focal point of this 1,725-acre park is a restored Civil War earthwork fort built 1861-62. The fort fell after two years, at the culmination of General Sherman's march to the sea. 3894 Fort McAllister Road, 10 miles east of I-95 on Ga. Spur 144, Richmond Hill; 912-727-2339; www.gastateparks.org/info/ftmcallister

Hodgson Hall (Georgia Historical Society) — Constructed in 1875, Hodgson Hall is headquarters of the Georgia Historical Society, which is among the oldest historical organizations in the nation. The library, archives and exhibit area are open to the public. 501 Whitaker St.; 912-651-2125; www.georgiahistory.com

Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace — Savannah's first Registered National Historic Landmark, the birthplace of the founder of Girl Scouts in the United States was built between 1818 and 1821. Corner of Bull Street and Oglethorpe Avenue; 912-233-4501; www.girlscouts.org/about/birthplace/

Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum — This museum honors the more than one million men and women who served in the Mighty Eighth Air Force since it was created in Savannah in 1942. 175 Bourne Ave., Pooler; 912-748-8888; www.mightyeighth.org

Old Fort Jackson — Old Fort Jackson is the oldest standing fort in Georgia. It now houses historical displays. 1 Fort Jackson Road, 2 miles east of Savannah; 912-232-3945; www.chsgeorgia.org/jackson

Oglethorpe Speedway Park — Located on U.S. 80 in Pooler, this historic, half-mile NASCAR-sanctioned speedway opened in March 1951 with the inaugural Professional Flat Track Motorcycle Race. In October, the "Showdown on the Coast" will bring the best of the best to compete for over \$100,000. Call 912-964-8200 or visit www.ospracing.net.

Owens-Thomas House Museum — The nation's finest example of Regency architecture, this house was built 1816-19. It contains many furnishings of the original owners. 124 Abercorn St.; 912-233-9743; www.telfair.org/buildings/ot_house.asp

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L.B. BLANCHARD PHOTOGRAPHY

Vicky Ferrari presents Bern and Marlene Wolsky with a plaque recognizing their years of service as officers of CHOC.

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down to the cellar for more ghost stories, apropos for the seventh most haunted inn in America.

Thursday morning, another catered breakfast was served, followed by an informative presentation by John Ferrari, Vice President of Communications, on use of the CHOC web site (www.choc-talk.com). Next, LB Blanchard, Coach House National Sales Manager, gave a demonstration on "How To Shoot Beautiful Digital Photographs."

Thursday afternoon, chartered buses

took members on a tour of battlefields followed by a visit to the Eisenhower Farm. That evening, a catered dinner was enjoyed by all, followed by presentation of door prizes. Later, a musical version of Ghost Stories and the Civil War was given.

Friday morning, prior to departure, members gave a standing ovation for an outstanding rally. My thanks to LB, and our Board, Bill, Vicky and John, Jack, Katie and Shirley, for all their help and participation in making the Rally the success it was.

So, "On to Savannah" in October for the Annual Coach House Homecoming Rally.



L.B. BLANCHARD PHOTOGRAPHY

CHOC members gather for membership meeting.

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Insurance Benefits for FMCA Members

The Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA) is an excellent source of information about all facets of motorhome ownership and travel. Additionally, FMCA offers a variety of member benefits, many of which come at no additional charge, such as educational programs, a trip routing service, an emergency medical evacuation program, youth activities, classified advertising and certain insurance benefits. Check out the January 2007 edition of the Family Motor Coaching magazine for detailed information about all of these benefits, but look no further for information regarding FMCA insurance benefits.

AD&D Insurance

Every member of FMCA is automatically covered under the association's accidental death and dismemberment policy as a member benefit. \$10,000 in coverage is available for accidental death while in the motorhome and \$2,000 is the benefit for all other accidental deaths. The dismemberment benefit is half of the principal amount. A certificate of insurance appears on page

173 of the January edition of Family Motor Coaching magazine. FMCA members should clip the copy of the certificate and file it with their other insurance papers. For more information about FMCA's AD&D benefit, call (800) 241-8363.

Motorhome Insurance

FMCA has teamed up with Dempsey & Siders Insurance Agency to offer discounted motorhome insurance

Coverage offered to FMCA members at a discount includes total loss replacement if the motorhome is a total loss in the first five model years; purchase price guarantee option for used motorhomes; Mexico coverage for physical damage; full-timers' coverage; awning replacement coverage option; towing and roadside assistance option; and much more. Companion auto insurance is available for the towed car as well as all other autos in your household.

According to representatives of Dempsey & Siders Insurance Agency, an FMCA member's savings with its plan would probably range in the neighborhood of 25 percent or greater.

The Dempsey & Siders Insurance Agency is offering this discounted insurance program in 32 states, and the agency is petitioning to expand to as many additional states as possible. Dempsey & Siders also is able to write motorhome insurance with the majority of the RV specialty insurance companies. To get a quote online, go to www.fmcainsurance.com, enter seven bits of information, and you will get your discounted quote right away. For more information about all of the benefits and coverages available with this plan, visit www.fmca.com or call the RV insurance specialists at (866) 977-8467.

Overseas Travel Insurance

Because most health insurance plans will not pay directly to foreign providers, nor will they usually cover 100 percent of medical bills incurred outside the United States, TravMed Abroad fills a gap in home health insurance plans. TravMed Abroad is a comprehensive travel medical insurance program for residents of the United States who are traveling internationally and incur a sudden illness or injury.

Following are some of the important features of TravMed Abroad:

- \$100,000 major medical coverage with no coinsurance, and only a \$25 deductible.
- Direct payment to foreign providers.
- Evacuation coverage, not usually included in home health insurance plans
- Coverage for controlled, pre-existing conditions.
- 24-hour access to medical, travel, and security assistance services provided by MEDEX Assistance Corporation.

To learn more about this program or to arrange for enrollment, call TravMed at (800) 732-5309 or visit www.fmca.com and click on the TravMed Abroad link. A similar program is available for non-U.S. residents. Call (800) 732-5309 for more information.

Vicky Ferrari, National Director, will be happy to assist CHOC members with insurance or other FMCA member benefit questions.

Extend Your Visit to Savannah

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Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum

— The museum is dedicated to the life and service of African-Americans and their contributions to civil rights and equality in Savannah. 460 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.; 912-231-8900; www.sip.armstrong.edu/CivilRightsMuseum/Civil-index.html

Roundhouse Railroad Museum — This National Historic Landmark is dedicated to railroad heritage and is the oldest and most complete antebellum railroad manufacturing and repair facility still in existence in the U.S. 601 Harris Street; 912-651-6823; chsgeorgia.org/roundhouse

Savannah History Museum — This former railway station, a National Historic Landmark, houses displays depicting Savannah's history, including an 1890 steam locomotive and a genuine cotton

gin. 303 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; 912-238-1779; www.chsgeorgia.org/shm

Savannah Ogeechee Canal, Museum and Nature Center — This national historic canal was completed in 1830 to transport goods from the Ogeechee River communities to the port on the Savannah River. 681 Fort Argyle Road (Ga. Hwy. 204); 912-748-8068; www.socanalmuseum.com

Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum — Savannah's maritime museum is filled with a large collection of shipping artifacts, memorabilia and models ranging in length from a few inches to eight feet. 41 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; 912-232-1511; www.shipsofthesea.org

Wormsloe Historic Site - A lovely live oak avenue leads to the tabby ruins of a colonial estate constructed between 1739 to 1745. 7601 Skidaway Road; 912-353-3023; www.wormsloe.org

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Keep the Good Times Rolling

Are you one of CHOC's 48 members who live in Florida or one of the five from Ohio? Do you enjoy hiking? Do you relish the thought of exploring Civil War battlefields or wandering through flea markets? Whatever your location, hobby or interest, you can bet there are other members of CHOC who share it with you. Or, perhaps you just like getting together with fellow road warriors, you enjoy our members and you need more than twice-a-year rallies to get your fill. Then the mini-rally may be for you.

Making contact with fellow CHOC members is easier than ever. Membership rosters have been mailed out with all of our contact information, including e-mail addresses. But, contact can be virtually instantaneous with the new CHOC web site. The members' forum is the perfect place to find geographical buddies or like-minded travelers. If you want to organize a rally, post it on the forum and wait for interested members to respond.



Max and Katie Mathews, Shirlee Goddard and Pierre Berard, John and Vicky Ferrari and Bill Ellis (not pictured) enjoy a mini-rally at the Ferraris' Lake Anna home after the Gettysburg Rally.