

Letter From the President

By Katie Mathews
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Max and I are in the 4 Corners area of Colorado as I write – the weather is perfect with mid 80's in the daytime and mid 50's at night. A welcome relief from the very hot summer in Texas! Max volunteered with the U.S. Forest Service at Lake McPhee for 15 years and he misses his friends and summers in Colorado.

We have decided that this is our last big motor home trip. Max will have his 89th birthday next week. Traveling in our "new" Platinum II continues to be a real pleasure with an average of 18 MPG on this trip – including our drive over the Continental Divide @ 65 MPH.

Our plan is to visit Brother Gene in Wyoming; travel up the valley along the river north of Sun Valley, Idaho to Montana; visit Aunt Emily in Idaho; visit son Ken in his new home on Lake Roosevelt; visit close friends in Ellensburg; before spending a few days at Kalaloch on the Washington coast. It has just been too long since I walked in the surf of the Pacific Ocean! Then it is on to Poulsbo to daughter Pam's; Gig Harbor to daughter Lianna's and South to Bend, Oregon to visit with my cousin, Patty. Finally, we are on to Redding, California for a visit with my "tall" brother, Tom.

Finally, home by way of Nevada, Arizona & New Mexico - and we look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!



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CHOC FIESTA! SAN ANTONIO RALLY OCTOBER 12 - 16, 2009

Registration is complete for the CHOC Fiesta! San Antonio Rally, October 12-16, 2009, to be held at the **Blazing Star Luxury RV Resort (www.blazingstarrv.com)**. San Antonio was selected due to the overwhelming interest in a rally location farther west, in general, and in San Antonio, in particular. Previously the Coach House-sponsored homecoming rally has been the Fall Rally, but Coach House has now decided to hold their annual rally at the Factory in January. Therefore, this was the perfect opportunity to see how much interest we would get in a more western location and to see if we would attract more of our West Coast and Midwest members.

We have had a terrific turn-out for registration. Forty-eight coaches and 91 participants are signed up for an exciting itinerary of events. A final state-by-state tally has not been done, but comments indicate that we have lost some who feel that San Antonio is just too far to travel for a rally, and we have not picked up too many CHOC members because of the location being closer to home. We also know that those who know and love our rallies are willing to travel just about anywhere for the camaraderie and good times that only CHOC can provide.

If you have not yet signed up but would like to attend, there is still time if you move fast. Blazing Star has assured us they will find campsites, and their meeting room handles 100. We have two days of touring led by an experienced and delightful tour guide who is a good friend of CHOC members, Dick and Andrea Copeland. The optional LBJ and Fredericksburg Hill Country Tour on Wednesday has a couple of spaces left. In addition to its other exceptional facilities, Blazing Star has an on-site masseuse. When we are not sightseeing, we have arranged for three nights of entertainment, our traditional pot luck dinner, two dinners that feature local cuisine, several breakfasts, the tech talk, and the always entertaining CHOC membership meeting and election of officers.

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RallyTalk

September 14, 2009
TO: CHOC
FROM: Steve Gerzeny
RE: January Factory Rally

Due to the overwhelming positive response to our 1st Annual Tampa Super show Pre-Rally, Coach House, Inc. has decided to keep the tradition going. Please mark your calendars for our 2nd Annual Tampa Super show Pre-Rally to take place here at the factory January 8th - 10th 2010.

We will provide breakfasts, dinners, service, entertainment and seminars from several of our vendors. This is a dry camping only event. We will have 5 electrical hookups available for special needs. The rally will be limited to the first 65 Platinum's. The cost to attend will be \$65.00 per person.

Registration forms and rally information will be mailed under separate cover to all owners. If you would like to reserve your spot, please call Jennifer at 1-800-235-0984.



Some of us get to drive other things besides our motor homes!

Why do most these pictures include chow lines?



And don't forget to get your very own CHOC clothing and gifts...

ClubTalk

NEW MEMBERS CORNER

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

DELAWARE

James Tate and Judy Schaut

FLORIDA

Wes and Marge Bates
Bruce and Debbie Benedict
Syd and Margo Emmons
Marvin and Harriet Grossman
Bruce and Doreen Marston
Marilyn Matasick
Ken and Judy Mooney
Al and Barbara Morton
Bill and Lynda Snyder

MASSACHUSETTS

Gene and Marilyn Corridori

MAINE

Ronald and Shirley Patten

NEW YORK

Pat and Nancy Trunzo

PENNSYLVANIA

Ed and Helen Banks

SOUTH CAROLINA

Norris and Gwen Ward

TEXAS

Arnold and Joy Crow
Dan and Janice Spoor

VIRGINIA

Chuck Smith and Susie Baldwin

Hope to see you all at the San Antonio Rally!

2007 Coach for Sale

Florence Klimeck would like to sell her 2007 Coach House and she is willing to make a CHOC member a good deal. The coach is a 261XL side dinette, with Fusion interior and silver color exterior. It is well equipped with options such as: auto leveling jacks, inverter, backup camera, awning, Bose speakers, and full body paint. It is in new condition and has been garage kept. If you are interested, please contact Florence at 609-893-2904.

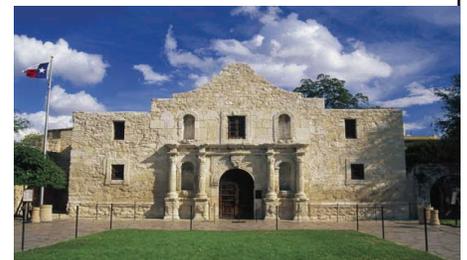
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If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact **Vicky Ferrari** at vicky.ferrari@ps.net or (703) 622-8287.

Editor's Note: CHOC always first emails rally information and registration forms in an effort to save on postage costs and do our small part for the environment. If we do not hear back from our members and for those without email, we mail the rally information through the USPS. Please help us to save on postage by always responding to the rally emails, advising if you will or will not attend the rally.



New members being introduced at the Charlestown Rally.



The Alamo

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Recipes from the Rally

Crawfish and Corn Chowder
By Ida Meilleur



1 stick butter
2 lbs crawfish tails
1 bunch green onions, chopped
2 cans cream of potato soup
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
2 cans whole kernel corn, undrained
1 pint half and half
8 oz cream cheese
Cayenne pepper to taste

Melt butter, add green onions and crawfish tails and sauté until cooked. Add soups and corn, cook on low for 15 minutes, do not boil. Add half & half and cream cheese and simmer until the cream cheese is melted. Do not boil! Enjoy!

Don't forget about our CHOC Website!

The CHOC website can be found at <http://www.choc-talk.net/phpbb3>. It is a great place for members to communicate. There are forums with tech tips, places for good trips to be shared, even recipes. If you do not have an ID and password, get in touch with Tom Comstock, our new website administrator.