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LETTER FROM CAROLE

I would like to start by saying thank you for electing me to be the President of CHOC. I am very honored and flattered. I will do my best for you.

For those who do not know me yet I would like to introduce myself. My name is Carole Berry, my husband's name is Terry Berry (it really is!). We retired to Middleburg Florida (outside of Jacksonville) 6 years ago from southern CA. I have a son who lives in Jacksonville and a daughter living in Discovery Bay CA. Terry has a daughter living in Auburn CA. We have a total of 6 grandkids ranging from 5 to 25. We travel in our 261 XL with our 3 cats. We have been in CHOC for almost 5 years and each year is more fun as we keep making new friends.

We spent a few extra days in San Antonio after the rally hanging out with Carl and Tina Bender and Chuck and Phyllis Johnson. We ate great food and had a chance to relax, do laundry and clean house.

After leaving Texas, we headed west to see our daughters in Calif. We made a couple of overnight stops in Van Horn Texas and Casa Grande Arizona. We also spent a couple of nights in Southern CA at my brother's home in Corona.. We are now in Northern CA enjoying time with our daughters and their families. We will stay a couple more days and then start heading home and do a little more sightseeing on the way

We hope to be seeing all of you at the Tampa Super show Pre-Rally at the factory in January. We went last year and everyone there had a good time. It is a much more relaxing atmosphere than the regular rallies. More time to socialize and make new friends.

Our officers have been so helpful and willing to help me out in my new position. I welcome help and suggestions from everyone.

We wish everyone a terrific holiday season and a healthy and safe New Year.

RALLY TALK

SPRING 2010 RALLY

CHOC is pleased to announce that CHOC's Spring Rally will be held May 17 – 21, 2010 in Asheville, NC at the Bear Creek RV Park (www.ashevillebearcreek.com). Join us for 4 nights of camping and camaraderie in the beautiful Smoky Mountains. Bear Creek boasts a Trailer Life rating 10/10*/9, free high-speed wireless, showers, laundry, heated pool and easy access to I-40 and I-26. Their clubhouse is spacious and welcoming, and includes a full kitchen and fireplace. In response to popular demand, we will schedule even more time for socializing. Rally registration materials and more information will be sent out in January. The initial distribution will be by email to those with email and, as always, we ask that you respond to the email and advise whether or not you will attend, allowing us to save on unnecessary postage expenses. For those without email or who have not responded to the initial email blast, hard copies of the registration materials will be sent by USPS. We have reserved 60 sites and because this is a popular time of year for Bear Creek, the registration cut-off will be March 7, 2010. Registration materials will only be sent to current CHOC members. If you are not a CHOC member and would like to receive rally registration materials, please email or call Vicky Ferrari, CHOC Rally Coordinator, at (703) 622-8287 (cell) or (703) 779-0797 (home), or at vicky_ferrari@dell.com.

FALL RALLY IN SAN ANTONIO

The Club rally in San Antonio was a fun-filled four days of sightseeing, entertainment, fellowship and food. There were 44 coaches in attendance, with some coming from as far away as California and Connecticut. We had several tours of the area with a wonderful lady narrating who knew everything about San Antonio, past and present. To see lots of pictures of the rally taken by Dick Copeland and Jim Sullivan go to <http://gallery.me.com/mfontana7#100140>

Jim Introduces the First-Timers



Note: The Club donated the money from our rally fund to the family of Pete Mendez, a Coach House Employee who passed away.



Off We Go



Music Mexican Style

VIEWS OF A FIRST-TIMER

Peggy Authement

As a first-time rally participant, I have to say how very pleased I was to have joined so many Coach House owners in San Antonio. What a giggle I got when I arrived and had to drive past dozens of Coach House rigs.

The rally was so well organized. Each day, we took bus tours that provided an easy way to see and know more about San Antonio and Texas history. Each evening, the meals and entertainment gave us ample opportunity to talk about our travels and our coaches.

As a solo traveler, I welcomed the opportunity to discuss my RV “quirks” with others who have encountered the same challenges. One evening, we had a Tech Talk that was full of great info and very interactive as everyone had a chance to ask questions and even added their expertise. Once these knowledgeable people give you the answer, viola! - no more problem!! Several people gave me welcome advice, even coming over to my rig to help. My thanks to each of you.

It was such great fun to meet other CH owners. If you have never taken part in one of these rallies, please consider making one ASAP. You will not be disappointed.

We Visit A Lot



NEW MEMBERS CORNER

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

ARIZONA

Bob and Elaine Shower
Bill von Ofenheim and Tammy Steves

FLORIDA

Dennis and Sandra Durfee

SOUTH CAROLINA

John and Kris Burke

RECIPES FROM THE RALLY

Ambrosia Salad

1 cup mandarin oranges, 1 cup crushed pineapple (drained), 1 cup coconut, 1 cup mini-marshmallows, 1 cup 8 oz sour cream, Seedless green grapes and maraschino cherries can also be added.

Spiky Cucumber Salad

8 medium cucumbers, 1/2 cup rice vinegar, 1/4 cup olive oil, 1 tbsp finely shredded lemon peel, 2 tbsp lemon juice, 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger (finely chopped), 1 tbsp sugar, 1 1/2 tsp coarsely ground black pepper, 1 tsp toasted sesame oil, 1 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper, Chill 2 hours

NEW EDITOR

In San Antonio, the members decided to combine the jobs of Web Master and Newsletter Editor. Consequently, I am the new Newsletter editor. A good newsletter depends on input from YOU. Please send me anything that you would like to see in it. Our thanks to Valerie Baselice for her excellent efforts as the past editor.

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