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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are having a good start to the New Year. I know I did.

To all who missed the Coach House Pre-Rally, you missed a great time. David and Steve Gerzeny really out did themselves. The food was excellent and the entertainment was great. We all braved the freezing cold weather, and it was FREEZING. Steve announced that they had a successful year and ended up in the black. That makes all of us happy. We had several new people attend who also became CHOC members. At the last Club meeting, the bylaws were changed as follows:

CHANGES TO BYLAWS – October 15, 2009

ARTICLE III-MEMBERS

A motion was made at the general meeting in San Antonio to amend the chapter by laws to allow members who recently purchased a different brand of motor home or anyone who previously owned a Coach House to remain members or to be able to rejoin the club. Other eligibility requirements remain the same. After a lengthy discussion from the floor it was voted on and approved unanimously.

ARTICLE VI-OFFICERS

The statement “except for National Director and Alternate National Director who must be elected annually” will be removed since FMCA no longer requires an annual election for these positions. They will be elected to two year terms which will be consistent with other officers’ terms of office. As a result ARTICLE IV,3 C Annual Election will be changed to eliminate Alternate National Director in “i” and Alternate National Director in “ii”. These changes have the National Director being elected in odd numbered years and the Alternate National Director being elected in even numbered years.

RALLY TALK

SPRING 2010 RALLY, ASHEVILLE, NC

Our spring rally this year will be May 17-21, 2010 in Asheville, NC at the Bear Creek RV Park.



We are looking forward to the rally. Vicky Ferrari has planned some really neat things for us such as visiting the Biltmore mansion. And, of course, we will have the opportunity to visit old friends and meet new ones.



FACTORY RALLY JANUARY 2010

By Jim Sullivan

The rally began on Friday with registration, reception, dinner and entertainment. The camp fire was great but the cold weather prevented many from enjoying it.

Saturday was breakfast, seminars, tours, lunch on our own, visiting with each other, getting work done on our coaches, receiving an update on Coach House, entertainment and dinner.

Sunday was breakfast and preparing to leave. The entire weekend was enjoyable. It was well organized by Coach House with Jennifer being the 'queen pin'. We enjoyed seeing the new coaches with changes, additions, and improvements.

The seminars were excellent I learned a lot from them. Armando and his staff performed great 'magic' on problems with our coaches.

The fellowship was terrific. I saw folks I had not seen since San Antonio, some I had not seen for a year at the 2009 Factory Rally, some since a previous rally and some new people that I had never met. It was great 'catching up' with some and learning from the new attendees.

I covered only a few of the points of this rally but I hope it was enough to get owners, potential owners and friends to attend all the upcoming rallies.





Old Friends Meet Again



Jennifer and Armando Helping Folks



Our Lovely Past President and Others



A Really Serious Discussion

Photos by Jim Sullivan. Additional pictures may be seen in the, "Club Photos" section of the Club web page. <http://www.choc-talk.org>.

FROM THE FMCA DIRECTOR

A recent communications was sent from FMCA to all members to formally announce the passage of a dues increase that will go into effect on April 1, 2010. The new amount is \$40.00 per year. As the CHOC National Director to FMCA, I was a part of the voting process and I did vote for the increase.

What may be important to you is the opportunity to renew your membership PRIOR to April 1, 2010 at the OLD RATE and even obtain a multi-year discount if you choose to. This opportunity is there now whether your renewal date is before or after April 1.

Chuck Johnson, National Director

NOTICE: Annual dues are due. Members will be dropped from the roles if payment is not made by April 15.

NEW MEMBERS CORNER

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

ALABAMA

Tom and Linda West

FLORIDA

Rudy and Ruth Bawel

Carolyn Coleman and Ted Hughes

Dave and Martha Kirchgessner

Bob and Janet Vandivort

MARYLAND

Allan and Sara Lowe

NEW JERSEY

Howard and Tina Moore

RECIPES

A quick meal tip while travelling:

Wal-Mart's 12" pizza will exactly fit on your coach's Sharp convection oven's carousel!

The hotter you set the temperature, the better it comes out. Preheat to 425 degrees. The crust seems to cook better resting directly on the carousel, rather than on the supplied rack.

Just fire up the generator and it's a quick meal in Wal-Mart's parking lot. Mike Dizazzo Note: Mike's wonderful recipe for Macaroni and Cheese is on the forum web page: <http://www.choc-talk.net>, "Tips and Tricks in the Kitchen."