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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



For those unable to attend the fall rally at Hiawasse GA, I am sorry. You missed a wonderful week. We had cool weather almost the whole time. It was delightful after such a hot summer. The colors were at their peak, so bright and vibrant.

This event was a little more laid back than previous rallies. We spent most of the day devoted to games. They were a hoot. It was fun watching Phyllis Johnson being shaved by another woman. Apparently they knew what they were doing since they won over the men in the contest! Some games were held indoors (due to cold weather) and some had to be outdoors. A BIG thank you to Sandy Durfee for getting all this together and thanks to all the judges.

We also had an "Open House". This gave an opportunity for everyone to be "lookie-loos" and visit other motor homes, and for the owners to show off what improvements and ideas that they made to their coach. Thank you Sally Grissom for getting that together and to all the judges. All of us are always curious about what other "lived in" Coach Houses look like and now we know. It was a huge success.

We also took a bus and train ride to view the beautiful colors in that area. And of course we ate lots of fantastic food. The caterers were excellent. There was a country fair that just opened so many of us shuttled over there and saw many hand crafted items. I think even the husbands enjoyed that. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made everything go so smoothly. We couldn't do it without your help.

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Of course we had to have a serious time also. That was during our General Meeting when we had elections for new officers. Congratulations to Sally Grissom, Secretary; Terry Berry, Treasurer; Karon Millonzi, Membership; and Mike DiZazzo, Alt. National Director. Please give them your support and appreciation. Many thanks go to the previous officers for doing such a great job and for their dedication to CHOC. The outgoing officers are Joe Lowman and Jim Sullivan. Mike DiZazzo and Phyllis Johnson remain, but with different positions. Jobs well done!

Thanks also to Steve Gerzeny for attending and bringing a few of his employees with him. Tiffany Lindner, Tanya Miseyko and of course Armando Gaona were all there. There seemed to be several coach problems so everyone was extremely happy to see Armando. It is always pleasant to see these people outside of the factory because seeing them in their workplace means there is a problem. And it is always fun to see the new coaches.

Nancy Korte broke her foot and ankle just before the rally but she came straight from the emergency room to the rally. Now that is dedication and it shows how much the rallies mean to our members.

Some of us spent a couple of extra days after the rally doing whatever. On our last night there we had a huge rainstorm. It lasted most of the night. By morning the sun was out and it was another beautiful day and time to head back home.

I want to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to Tiffany Lindner for all her work getting this newsletter together. Tiffany and Phil are doing an outstanding job.

I look forward to seeing everyone in May 2013 in Natchez, Miss.

Safe travels, Carole Berry

## CHOC Rally News

The 2012 CHOC Fall Rally held in Hiawassee, GA has come and gone. Everyone reported they had a wonderful time and very much enjoyed the first CHOC Parade of Homes and the first CHOC Olympics. The Parade of Homes allowed us all to tour each other's coaches to see modifications, storage ideas, and décor. Everyone came away with a list of ideas for their own coach. It has been requested we have this activity again. The "Olympics" were fun and allowed us to laugh at ourselves and to let our competitive spirits come out. Catered meals were excellent, and sight-seeing and shopping opportunities were had on the Blueridge Scenic Railway and at the North Georgia Fall Festival. Coach House participated in our rally by having Coach House models for us to tour and having the wonderful Armando available for minor repairs. All in all it was a very successful rally.

The 2013 CHOC Spring Rally will be held May 7-11, 2013 in Natchez, MS. All CHOC members should have received their registration form and information sheet. This rally will be full of wonderful activities and excellent meals. Registration deadline is March 4<sup>th</sup>. Remember the earlier you register the better site you will have. Look forward to seeing many of you at this rally. It will be educational and fun. If you need further information about the rally, contact Phyllis Johnson at [paj0414@yahoo.com](mailto:paj0414@yahoo.com)



## Treasurer's Report

First, I would like to thank you for electing me as your treasurer. I will endeavor to continue the outstanding support that Mike DiZazzo provided. I am still getting my feet on the ground, as well as sorting out the receipts, etc., for the Hiawassee rally, so I have not yet completed the cash flow report for the rally. I will submit it for the next newsletter.

Please remember that your CHOC membership dues are for the calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>) and are due annually on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 is just around the corner, so it is not too early to think about them. A few of you gave me checks before we left Hiawassee and I thank you.

The dues are \$25 per coach and checks should be made payable to CHOC. Please mail your checks to: Terry Berry 4244 Powderhorn Court Middleburg, FL 32068 .

Carole and I will be at the Coach House Factory Rally January 11-13, 2013, if you want to give your check to me there. Have a very happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing all of you next year.

Terry Berry, Treasurer



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## Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marlene Wolsky whose husband Bernie recently passed away. He and Marlene are charter members of CHOC and have always been very active in our club. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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## Did You Know

Did you know that the Coach House web-site ([www.coachhousesrv.com](http://www.coachhousesrv.com)) has a ton of information for Coach House Owners? Once on the web-site, scroll benefits/events and the Owner's Club (CHOC). There you will find information on both past and future rallies, archived CHOC/TALK newsletters, names and email addresses for CHOC Officers, an application to join the Coach House Owners Club and the CHOC Facebook group page, which is a private forum for members only.

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# The New FMCAssist Program

As FMCA National Secretary, I am asked to serve on various FMCA committees. Recently, I was asked to participate in the selection of the provider for, and review of the contractual provisions related to, the new FMCAssist (medical evacuation) program. For many FMCA members, this benefit is incredibly important. And, it now potentially comes with a price tag.

FMCA's relationship with the former provider of the FMCAssist medical evacuation program ended in September. The program continued on October 1, 2012 with Seven Corners with largely the same terms, but with some important differences. The benefit now actually includes two separate plans available to members. The first plan includes 21 services available to all FMCA members, coordinated by Seven Corners, with members being responsible for payment of the expenses actually incurred. The primary benefits include (1) emergency evacuation and repatriation, (2) emergency medical reunion with family, (3) return of mortal remains, (4) return of dependents, (5) RV/vehicle return in North American, (6) transportation of prescriptions and glasses and (7) pet return. The second plan includes the same 21 benefits, but the 7 primary benefits mentioned above may be insured up to the policy limits as a member-purchased plan. This member-purchased plan is what is available for \$85/year as a single member or \$105/year for a family. The greatest benefit of all is that FMCAssist covers FMCA members regardless of the mode of travel and, with the exception of the RV/vehicle return benefit, it is world-wide coverage. You may take advantage of the coverage traveling by train, plane, cruise ship, pack mule..... you get the idea. The bottom line is that this is a robust medical evacuation program, but it is no longer a free benefit of FMCA membership.

To figure out if this is right for you, more detailed information is available in the October issue of *Family Motor Coaching* and in the Executive Director's Commentary in the November issue of the magazine. To sign up or just to ask additional questions, call FMCAssist at 877-202-4176.

Since I was involved in reviewing options for FMCAssist, and making a recommendation to the Governing Board about continuing the coverage, both as a paid and free program, I feel a sense of ownership and responsibility. I think the Governing Board made the right decision under difficult circumstances, but I invite you to decide if this is a valuable benefit for you.

Regards, Vicky Ferrari



# CHOC is Now on Facebook

Have you joined our CHOC Group on Facebook? If so, then you are already enjoying:

- Getting the latest information about upcoming Events
- Seeing photos taken at our past rally events
- Finding useful documents to help you maintain your coach and other topics
- Sharing useful travel details with everyone

Keeping up-to-date on things CHOC members want to share with the club members: news, questions, good places to camp, discussions, photos, etc.

We already have 65 members, but we'd like to have everyone join. Are you afraid you might expose too much private information if you join Facebook? We've provided guidance to help you ensure your privacy (see the doc mentioned below in our CHOC group).

If you aren't a member yet, here's how to join:

If you don't already have a Facebook account, create one on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Be sure to use a non-obvious password.

Join the CHOC group. It's easy: just send a friend request to Phil Millonzi. Phil will verify that you are a CHOC member and add you to the group. (Since we are a secure, private group, you can't join by searching like you can for most groups.)

Make sure that your Facebook privacy is set up appropriately. Locate the "Making Facebook Safe" document in our CHOC group in the Files section and follow the instructions.

If you have any questions about CHOC on Facebook, feel free to send an email to Charlie and Marg Hedstrom at [chasmarg@me.com](mailto:chasmarg@me.com). If you'd like to have the document on Making Facebook Safe before you join Facebook and CHOC, just request it from the Hedstroms

Thank you Charlie and Margaret Hedstrom, contributors.



## Rally Recipes

There were several request for recipes for the delicious food that we all enjoyed at GA rally. Kat Catering was kind enough to provide the recipes for their "Country Pineapple Casserole". Also, the recipes for "Brickle Treats" and "3-2-1 cake" were provided by our dessert volunteers. Anyone who would like a copy of any or all of these 3 recipes should e-mail Phil R. Millonzi at [kar154@aol.com](mailto:kar154@aol.com)

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## Welcome New Members

The President and Board Of Directors welcome the new members who have joined the Coach House Owner's Club since March 2012. We invite them to attend our rallies, participate in activities and meet our members. Pam Wickstrom, AZ; Gil & Diane Celedonia, PA; John & Louise Schmidt, SC; Lou & Martha Heine, IL; Tom & Shelia Flanagan, CA; Carl & Karin Reilly, FL; Mike & Nancy Korte, FL; Stewart Macsherry, NC; Dick & Joan Williams, FL; Gary Jenner, UT; Arthur & Caroline Sturgis, SC; Paul & Mary Anne Williams, NC; and returning members: John & Kris Burke, SC.

Membership Officer– Karon Millonzi

