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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy Summer,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and doing all the things you want to. As always, it is hard to believe that summer is moving along so fast. We seem to be in the land of rain and storms this summer. It is a strange weather pattern that we hope will be over soon. It seems as if everything, including us, is getting moldy!

We haven't done any real traveling this summer. Our last outing was Shreveport and we are really getting the itch to hit the road. Luckily, for us, we have some trips planned for the latter half of summer and the fall. Our first outing will be the FMCA Rally in Madison. It is coming up the end of July and should be an interesting and informative time. This will be our second national rally (we went to Indianapolis several years ago) and, if this experience is anything like the first, we are in for some very interesting seminars, some good entertainment, lots to look at and plenty of items to buy (of course, we buy only what we need). Then, in August, we set our sights on Pennsylvania to do some sightseeing in Pennsylvania Dutch country with friends. Mid September we hit the road again and head for New England. We will do some rambling and possibly some house hunting in New Hampshire and then to Maine to meet more friends and attend our first Fryeburg Fair in Maine. From there we are home to pack up for the CHOC Rally in Chattanooga. As part of the trip home from Tennessee, we're planning some sightseeing in Kentucky (that would be following the Kentucky Bourbon Trail). Once home, it will be time to winterize the coach and put it in storage.

Our Coach House makes all our travels so much more fun and less stressful. We have, for the past 11 years, created so many wonderful memories in our coach. I hope that each and every one of you are creating your own memories and enjoying all your travels, wherever they take you!

The fall rally in Chattanooga will be here before you know it. I have been working diligently to get things firmed up so I can send you all the information. It should be a lovely time of year and I am hoping to see you there. Remember, we have elections at the fall meeting so if you are interested in running for office let our Nominating Chair, George Abosamra, know. His email is gdabo@verizon.net.

Be safe and here's a thought from George Carlin: "Kilometers are shorter than miles. Save gas, take your next trip in kilometers."

See you down the road,

Melody

CHOC FALL RALLY 2015



CHATTANOOGA, TN OCTOBER 19 - 23

Holiday Trav-L-Park will be our camping destination for this fall. We are dealing directly with the campground for registrations. This means it will be necessary to pay separately for camping. Each coach needs to call the campground and tell them you are with CHOC and how many nights you will be staying. Information on cost and number to call are below. **Your registrations must be in no later than August 14th!** After that date, they will begin taking our reserved spots and returning them to the general population. I ask that you please reply to me at thetees@ameritech.net after you register. Just give me your name, # of people and # of nights so I can keep an accurate tally. See you in October!

Holiday Trav-L-Park 1 800 693-2877

Rates:

30 amp service - \$33.50/night

50 amp service - \$34.85/night

If you choose to arrive early or stay longer the rally rates are in effect.

We will be doing a little touring, learning some history, and some cave exploring. Something for everyone! The best will be seeing one another and, of course, all the good food. The flyer will be out as soon as everything has been firmed up.

CHOC Elections at Fall Rally

We will be holding elections at the CHOC Fall rally this year for about half of our offices. All positions are 2-year terms. There is one vote per coach, and you must be present to vote. No proxies will be accepted. The candidates need not be present at the rally. The nominating committee is seeking nominations for the following positions whose duties are also listed below. If you are interested in any of these positions or you wish to nominate a CHOC member please submit a short bio and identify the desired position to anyone on the nominating committee (George Abosamra gdabo@verizon.net, Charlie Hedstrom chedstrom@me.com, Lou Heine lmheine124@gmail.com, or Mike Korte mkorte147@gmail.com)

A. President

The President is the leader of the chapter. He or she presides at board and member meetings and oversees the execution of day-to-day club business.

B. 2nd Vice President/Rally Coordinator

The Rally Coordinator is responsible for planning and executing our rallies with help from volunteers and other board members.

C. 3rd Vice President / Communications

The Communications Vice President compiles and edits the newsletter based on input from the club officers and members, administers the CHOC Facebook page, and communicates with the general membership, as needed.

D. FMCA National Director

The FMCA National Director serves on the governing board of FMCA, representing the CHOC chapter. He or she keeps the membership informed about issues pertaining to the national organization and keeps FMCA informed about issues pertaining to our chapter. He or she will participate and vote during governing board meetings. Fuel costs to attend the meeting are reimbursed by the club.

As our current FMCA Alternate National Director is planning to run for the FMCA National Director, we will also be electing a new alternate for a one year term.

E. FMCA Alternate National Director

The Alternate National Director is responsible for attending the annual FMCA governing board meeting to represent the chapter if the National Director is unable to attend. Fuel costs to attend the meeting are reimbursed by the club.

Karin Reilly-



CHOC National Director

You all have heard me promote the various rallies and conventions at the Area and National level. So far this year we have attended the SEA (Southeast Area) rally in Sarasota; the INTO (International Area which CHOC belongs to) in Shreveport, LA; and the National spring rally in Pomona, CA. I was excited to see several members at the area gatherings, especially Shreveport where Karin Reilly did a great job of quickly pulling a pre-rally together where I believe eleven coaches were present. Phyllis and I both want to thank all of you who volunteered at Shreveport. Without volunteer support no rally, ours included, can succeed.

In July, Phyllis and I will travel to Madison, WI where I will attend my last Governing Board meeting. I know there are several CHOC folks planning to be in Madison also. If you haven't attended an Area or National gathering, please consider doing so. I trust those who have would echo my words about enjoying the entertainment, seminars, vendors and especially the comradery.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as your National Director. I hope I have met or exceeded your expectations in representing CHOC to FMCA and FMCA to CHOC. This fall a new ND will pick up the role and I wish every success on their endeavors on behalf of CHOC.

Safe travels to all,

Chuck Johnson



For CHOC TALK, June 2015

From the Treasurer

Funds, as of May 27, 2015

Funds designated for Charity	\$486.75
Funds available for Club Use	\$9,755.23
TOTAL Funds in CHOC Account	\$10,241.98



Margaret Hedstrom

NEW MEMBER CORNER

We are pleased to welcome the following new member to our CHOC club.

Gwen and Ellis Brown from Elverson, PA

Donna and Wayne Stanton from Locust Grove, VA

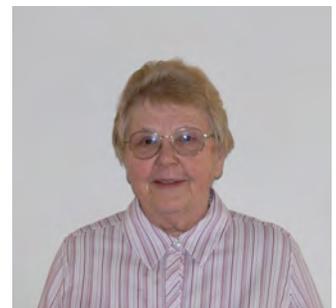
Beth and David Prince from Olean, NY

Mary Ellen Brush from Ocala, FL

Patricia and William Meyer from Aurora, CO

Don and Charlene Fausz, NC

We are looking forward to getting to know each of you at the fall rally in Chattanooga in October.



Jan Zitzewitz

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