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President's Report



By David Wedemeyer

Greetings Fellow CHOCites,

Wow! 2020 was quite the year. The whole pandemic just threw normal out of whack.

On the personal side, Irene and I upgraded our Coach House from a 2006 to a 2016 late last February. Talk about lousy timing. We worked through Jason down at the factory – great experience. But getting it back to Illinois, registering it here and licensing it were more challenging. In late October we finally spent two nights in our “new” Coach House at a local forest preserve.

We are looking forward . . .

On the organizational side, CHOC sadly had to postpone both our 2020 New Orleans and Boston rallies. Rallies are the lifeblood of our organization. Business meetings occur at our rallies. We recruit new leadership and perco-

late new ideas at our rallies. And most importantly, our rallies are the venue to enjoy and catch up with old friends and make new ones. With our spring 2021 New Orleans rally again postponed.

We are looking forward . . .

Zoom, I guess, is now a noun as well as a verb. We had two Zooms last year in lieu of our in person rally business meetings. We nominated and then elected half of our officers, received the Audit Committee report (everything balances and finances are in good order) and the Board reported out two items on which they took action (charging continuing members no dues for 2021 and establishing the future reimbursement of rally planners their rally fees and mileage to and from the rally). Starting in 2021 we are Zooming monthly to meet and greet, chat, ask questions and share information and experiences.

We are looking forward . . .

I would like to welcome our officers elected in December and serving a two-year term – to include 2021 and 2022.

1st VP for Membership: Sherry Bayer

Secretary: Jill Hiatt

Treasurer: Val Baselice

Alternate FMCA Director: Gary Montgomery

Thanks for agreeing to take on CHOC leadership responsibilities.

We are looking forward . . .

Looking forward to safely rallying again,
David Wedemeyer
CHOC President

Club Officers



Note: Picture above is the club officers from the last rally.
 Back Row: Bill Ristow, David Wedemeyer, Royal Connell, Irene Wedemeyer
 Front Row: Ruth Ristow, Valerie Baselice, Jean Oaks, Sherry Bayer, Jackye Moody



Welcome to our new officers, Gary Montgomery and Jill Hiatt

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New Member Corner

By Sherry Bayer



Even in these trying times, we have added 46 new members to CHOC in 2020 and 10 in 2021. Folks still want to see our beautiful country and see a few friends and family along the way. We currently have 191 members. This represents 40 different states and opportunities to visit other Coach House owners. Anyone that would like a current roster, may email me at: sbayer@atmc.net and request one. It is easy to scan through the list and see how many live in your state or are in a state that you may be passing through. You can also identify members that have the same model or same year as your coach. We all need to be creative and think of ways to see our fellow CHOCERS.

Remember, things will get better in due time and we will be able to gather at our friendly and educational rallies. We all look forward to these events and connecting with our Coach House family.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Coach House Owners' Club:

Burt and Marylin Allaire, Joe and Laura Bailey, Ron and Becky Barton, Tim and Lang Li Bauer, Bob and Sarah Boser, James and Lynn Bredwell, Chuck and Susan Brown, Pat and Laurie Cayton, John and Mary Beth Chips, Tom and Berneice Clark, Warren and Barb Cook, Gail Cortelyou and Glenda Keach, Anthony and Stephanie Daniels, Roy and Susan Davenport, John and Glenda Drebeck, Gary and Renee Dunn, Joseph and Anita Enzinna, Jack and Vicki Flammang, Rudy and Annie Garza, Darrell and Naomi Haskell, Milt and Barbara Hathaway, Stephen and Paoline Hawes, Robert and Susan Hawkins, Jim and Pat Hayes, Bruce and Teresa Hinde, Tim and Julia Hunt, Sharon and Jim Jacobs, Jack and Vauna Kelly, Jerry Kolavic and Carol Gary, Ed and Lynda Logan, Nancy Loyd, Christian and Susan Mathiesen, Gregory and Barbara McDowell, Bruce and Elaine McNutt, Owen and Bud McOmber, Vaughan and Nora-Frances McRae, Wayne Melvin, Steve and Clary Melzer, Kathy and Denny Moller, Gary and Linda Montgomery, Roy and Elizabeth Morgan, Chris and Jim Morris, Colby Munger and Linda Wexler, David and Tina Murphy, Dick and Denny Nicewonger, David and Cheryl Nusser, Ed and Sue Pan, Dick and Ileana Patterson, Gary and Joan Pisano, Lynne and Olin Quissell, Jim and Mimi Ragon, Rebecca Riedy, Frank and Claudia Riley, Robert Rocco and Lynn Goodwin, Jim and DJ Roope, Paulette Saffle and Cathy Eichelsdoerfer, Andrea Schafer, Kevin Schinke, Wayne and Julie Scott, Kevin and Debbie Seal, Dennis and Lynette Smith, Roger and Sally Smith, Mark and Susan Smith, Curt and Jo Stainbrook, Joseph and Claire Strouse, Germain and Irene Tetreault, Wendy and Ron Tobb, Susan Walch, Gary and Kathy Yannes

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CALLING ALL CHOC MEMBERS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER !

By Jean Oaks



Time to contribute, everyone.
 Where have you been? What have you done?
 Think back, before Covid time.
 Did you find a spot that was sublime?
 Had an idea pop into your head
 To help with a chore that you might dread?
 Is there something you pack you can't do without?
 Ideas! Hints! Recipes! Fix-its! Come on, folks - -let it out!
 Thanks for sharing!.

Ready, Set,Whoa!

By George and Jean Oaks



What a year we've had! The Covid 19 pandemic has rocked our world and many of us are chomping at the bit to pack the coach and head out for places either familiar and comforting or as yet unseen. We loved hearing about Operation Warp Speed, which assured us that a vaccine would be available in record time. When we heard the news from Pfizer and Moderna, that vaccines had received emergency approval, we all but grabbed the coach keys and headed for the door. Whoa, Nellie! Here in our little piece of heaven otherwise known as Northeast North Carolina, *nothing* moves at warp speed! Sometimes, nothing moves, period. I was convinced that the UPS trucks carrying the uncommonly cold precious vaccine would never find the way past the black Angus cattle to reach those of us out in the boondocks. Therefore, I was amazed when I received a call that notified me the vaccine was available for two days that week at a drive through clinic to be held at the county rec center, 20 minutes away. The clinic started at 9 a.m.; we were in line at 7:20. Everything went smoothly; after a 15 minute wait, to be sure there was no drastic reaction, we were cleared to leave. Wahoo! We had our first dose and I never felt the injec-

tion. Wait a month, get the second dose and wait for the protective antibodies to develop that would ward off any virus that had the audacity to invade our bodies. We'd be home free! Let's see---where are our checksheets for packing the coach?

I had never had any reaction to vaccinations such as flu, pneumonia, shingles, or childhood diseases. By supper time, I had convinced myself that I was home free, without a reaction to the vaccine. Then I noticed that my arm below the injection site was swollen and red and I had a strange feeling along my rib cage. George and I both became lethargic to the point where all we wanted to do was go to sleep. The lethargy prevailed to some degree over four days and it became a source of relief that we hadn't made plans to go anywhere or do anything. I postponed a dental cleaning; fortunately, I didn't have any other appointments. My takeaway from the experience is that our itch to get away and get back to "normal" (whatever that is now) shouldn't hurry us to take on a coach trip for which we may not be totally ready. We're going to give ourselves ample time to allow for prep and packing and know there won't be any unpleasant surprises. We wish you safe travels!

Greetings from your Rally Coordinators

By Ruth Ristow



To many CHOC members one of the highlights of CHOC membership is the opportunity to meet new and old friends at the two Rallies that are usually held each year. Rallies have been held in locations varying from Memphis to Savannah to Gettysburg. They typically include a check-in and potluck dinner on Monday, excursions to places of interest via a charter bus on Tuesday and Thursday, a business meeting

and sharing sessions on Wednesday, happy hours each day, catered dinners 3 nights and a farewell breakfast on Friday.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus the 2020 Spring and Fall Rallies, as well as the 2021 Spring Rally had to be rescheduled. With vaccinations and the pandemic more under control we will be watching conditions and hoping perhaps we can gather in the fall.



Normandy Farms Campground

At this time the 2021 Fall Rally is tentatively scheduled for September 20-24, 2021 in the Boston area at Normandy Farms in Foxborough, MA. If it appears to be safe to meet, registration materials will be emailed to all members a few months before the actual date. Materials will include campground reservation information, registration fees and a preliminary schedule of activities and excursions.

The 2022 Spring Rally is scheduled to be held April 4-8, 2022 in New Orleans at Ponchartrain Landing. Information regarding this Rally will be emailed to all members in early 2022.

If you have any questions about the Rallies, please feel free to contact your Rally Coordinators, Ruth & Bill Ristow or Irene Wedemeyer at RallyCoordinator@coachhouseownersclub.com

Enjoying Camping in 2020

By Sherry Bayer



Alan (Hess) and I have taken several long distance trips this year for pleasure and necessity. In June we went to Arkansas to see my brother after his triple by-pass surgery. Our travelling style is to NOT make reservations and just take what comes along. We quickly discovered that it was best to call ahead. Many of the campgrounds liked to do the reservations over the phone and assign your campsite so there was no human contact. In June many of the parks did not have their bath-houses open. None of this presented a problem since we are self contained.

In September we travelled from Ohio to North Dakota via Illinois. Ruth and Bill Ristow recommended a wonderful nature preserve with camping. They joined us for 2 nights and we invited Irene and David Wedemeyer and Jan and Don Zitzewitz to join us at the park pavilion. Even though it was raining, we were able to have a mini get together of Coach House owners. We continued on to Dickinson, ND and met up with noncamping friends from Idaho.

On our return trip, we did the real tourist stops in S. Dakota – Wall Drug and the Corn Palace. We never had any difficulty getting camp sites, although many were too close to the highway for our liking. Our final stop was HWH (hydraulic maker of our steps and slides) in Moscow, Iowa. We did have an appointment for maintenance work and had a positive experience.

We feel safe and comfortable travelling in our coach. We go between Ohio and N. Carolina once a month and try to stop at various campgrounds along the way. We always practice the suggested safety tips and use plenty of sanitizer.

We do plan to travel in the southern states during the winter. Happy trails and keep moving.

Avoiding RV Scams

By Jackye Moody



This pandemic year where social distancing has become the norm, many people turned to RVs for their travel, and RV sales skyrocketed. This trend is predicted to continue next year, with wholesale RV sales expected to reach over half a million units sold in 2021. If you are a numbers geek like me, see the footnotes for more info.

With all this success unfortunately comes the scammers to take advantage. These scams are similar to many other successful scams out there, with the bottom line being the victim gives the scammer their personal information, their money, and sometimes even their property. In a worst-case scenario, they can use your personal information to steal your identity and take out loans in your name, hack into your financial accounts, and even pose as you on social networks to aid them in stealing from your friends.

There are red flags that warn of a scam with anything. Asking for wire-transfers and gift cards is a big “This is a scammer!” red flag. Since they are usually not in the United States, they won’t ever do anything that requires their physical presence – another red flag. They have you go outside of normal processes to get your personal data and remove you from the protections put in place by online market places.

The RV scams target people looking for personal sales online from existing RV owners, focusing on web sites like Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, eBay, and OfferUp. They also put up fake websites that look like real businesses with RV listings.

Spotting a sales scam.

- RV is listed for sale, usually at a too good to be true price. While \$1500 to \$5000 are typical prices, sometimes the RVs are listed at a more reasonable price.
- Potential victim takes the bait and responds to offer
- Scammer contacts potential victim with the following elements in their conversation:
 - ◇ A request for personal information such as name, email, phone number, and mailing address. This is a nice data mine for them even if you do not fall for the rest of the scam.
 - ◇ There is a sob story included as to why they have to sell the RV for such a low price. These include death of spouse, loss of job, sickness, military deployment, or something else that requires “immediate sale.”
 - ◇ Confidence builders
 - ◇ Facebook, eBay, or other company will contact you with details
 - ◇ Free shipping combined with an inspection time period
 - ◇ Facebook, eBay, or other company will hold money until you release it after the inspection
 - ◇ RV is unused or one owner, clean, clear title, etc.
- Victim responds with personal data – personal data theft is done. Scammer adds victim’s personal information to a list they sell to other scammers.
- Scammer sends a fake invoice that inevitably asks for gift cards
- Victim purchases gift cards and sends info scammer needs to redeem the gift cards, or else sends a wire transfer – monetary theft is done.
- Victim never receives the RV.
- Scammer may make more attempts for theft from the victim.
- Scammer adds victim’s personal information to a list of successful victims they sell to other scammers.

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Avoiding RV Scams (cont'd)

Spotting a purchasing scam.

- Potential victim lists their RV for sale.
- Scammer contacts them, and wants to purchase the exact coach potential victim is selling. They want to buy it without any type of inspection or price negotiating.
- Scammer has some reason they can only purchase by check, and it must be an amount higher than the purchase price of the RV. Scammer requests potential victim accept the check, then send them the difference either via wire transfer or through gift cards.

Protecting Yourself:

DO NOT give your personal data to an online buyer or seller. Utilize the messaging provided by the marketplace. It is there to protect you.

DO NOT pay for anything with a gift card or wire transfer, or accept payments via checks or wire transfers. Pay with a traceable method such as a credit card so you can dispute the payment later if the sale is fraudulent.

DO NOT wire a purchaser money for an “accidental” over payment. You need to wait 10 days for a bank deposit to actually clear, and in some cases longer.

DO Research the seller’s website. Check the website’s domain name and see if it is new or not. If the website says they have been in business for five years, but the domain was just purchased a month ago, stay far away. You can check domain registrations at ICANN’s website: <https://lookup.icann.org/> Perform a Lookup for the domain and check the “Created” date.

DO Research the seller.

For company websites, cross-check the contact information and location. Give the company a quick call to make sure it is their actual number. You can check the address using Google maps. If they sell RVs, you should see RVs in the parking lot, not a grocery store, mall, etc.

For marketplaces such as Facebook or eBay, check the information they share on the sellers. Facebook will tell you the year the seller joined, and you can check their profile to see if they seem legit. For eBay and other marketplaces, you can typically see seller ratings along with dates to get a good idea if they are legit or not.

Never pay anything for an RV that has not been personally inspected by you or your licensed appraiser.

Pictures can easily be faked, and no stranger on the Internet is going to ship you a \$2,000 RV for free so you can inspect it, then pay for shipping back to them if you do not want it. If you think your sale may be legit, but it is too far away for you to travel, get a licensed appraiser to do an inspection for you. RV dealerships can have licensed appraisers, or you can contact the National RV Inspection Association for a licensed appraiser. <https://nrvia.org/> Spending a couple hundred dollars can save you from being scammed, and you also gain the benefits of a professional inspection.

On the next page is an actual RV Scam posted to the ebay community. You can read the full thread here: <https://community.ebay.com/t5/Buying-Q-A/RV-Scam/qaq-p/29158659>

In this one, the price is too low, an excuse for not being there in person is given, and they state you have to “prove” to eBay you have the asking price. This proof is done by them sending a fake invoice from eBay, which they want you to pay in a way you cannot get your money back such as gift cards or wire transfers. Your full name, address, and phone number will be put on a list they sell to other scammers.

It really is insidious. Stay vigilant and safe.

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Avoiding RV Scams (cont'd)

EXAMPLE RV SCAM LETTER

Hi my name is Patricia, thanks for your interest in buying my 1997 Scamp 16" foot Standard, sleeping capacity is 3, it has 1 AC, water capacity 11 - 20 gallons. It was very well taken care of, so I promise you won't spend money with it, only enjoy it. No accidents, clear title, I am the first owner the camper is in perfect condition it was recently inspected and has no issue whatsoever. The price is \$1200 (non-negotiable).

I am not happy I have to sell it but I I have some hearing difficulties, almost deaf, because of an work accident, I am preparing for my surgery and I need the money to cover medical expenses that is why I have reduced the price. Currently I'm in a clinic in Tucson AZ having some investigations and analysis, preparing for my surgery. The vehicle is here with me, it will be transported directly to your home address and you will have it for 7 days to see how it's working before paying for it, I will take care of the shipping, all you have to do is to prove eBay that you have the asking price.

The process is made through eBay for both our safety so all I need to start the transaction is your full name, address and phone number so that eBay can send you all the info.

eBay will contact you shortly after they have the details with all the information that you need to complete this deal and you will also have proof that I am covered by them and a legitimate seller.

If you decide to go ahead with the transaction and you are able to show proof of funds please e-mail me your full name and shipping address so I can send your details to eBay. They will explain you the entire process better.

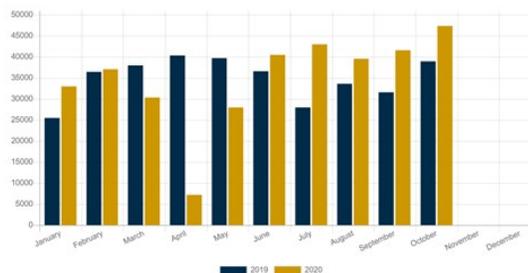
“Your full name, address, and phone number will be put on a list they sell to other scammers.”

Footnotes

(1): Data from RV Industry Association website 12/15/2020. <https://www.rvia.org/news-insights/rv-shipments-post-second-best-october-record>

The RV industry recorded sales over 20 billion dollars last year. In October 2020 alone, wholesale RV shipments at 47,326 RVs, which is the second highest October on record. This was a 21.4% increase in shipments from the previous October.

Total Shipments Monthly vs. Last Year



(2): Data from RV Industry Association website 12/15/2020. <https://www.rvia.org/news-insights/rv-shipments-project-climb-nearly-20-percent-2021-eclipse-500000-units>

Wholesale RV shipments are forecasted to gain nearly 20 percent to 502,582 units in 2021 after totaling 423,628 units in 2020, according to the Winter 2020 RV RoadSigns prepared by ITR Economics for the RV Industry Association.



FMCA Benefits

By Royal Connell



FMCA Benefits for CHOC

Membership	FMCA Assist - Emergency Medical & Travel Assistance -included-	FMCA Plan covers <u>both</u> members and dependent children. Other Organizations do not. Key Elements: Emerg Medical Evacuation & Repatriation; RV Return; and Pet and Dependent Return. Medical Emergency and Travel Assistance Program. Covers <u>worldwide</u> , 75 miles or more from home. Covers costs of ambulance, travel of relatives to the emergency site & return of members home ICO medical incapacitation, RV & pet return <i>including return of mortal remains</i> , emergency prescription refills and glasses replacement.
	FMCA Magazine -included-	Valuable resource, hints for RV-ing. <i>Available in digital format and includes archives of old issues.</i>
	Mile Marker monthly newsletter -included-	<i>e-newsletter with latest updates on RV-ing.</i>
	Tech Talk -included-	<i>Quarterly e-newsletter with technical tips for RV-ers.</i>
	Roadside Rescue -\$74.00-	Covers Towing, emergency fuel delivery, tire change/mobile tire service; lock-out service; dead battery starts, etc. <i>for your RV and passenger vehicles.</i>
	Tech Connect -\$49.99-	Verizon/Sprint Mobile Hotspot
Chapter Benefits	Liability Insurance for CHOC Rallies	<u>Every rally and attendee is covered with economies of scale that we cannot duplicate.</u>
	Recruiting Assistance	
	Rally advertising	
Intangibles	RV Education	Courses, videos, online help. <i>RV Basics course prior to conventions, FMCA Forums and FMCA University</i>
	RV Advocacy	Gives us a voice for RV issues in local, state and national arenas
	FMCA Website and App	Access to help, sales, forums, hints, etc.
	FMCA Events	National, regional and local rallies & events
Discounts	Briter discounts	Deals on Briter Products' Ion-Ready™ Lithium-Iron-Phosphate Batteries
	Camping	reduced rates at KOA, FMCA member campgrounds.
	Car Rental	through Avis, Enterprise, Hertz and National Car Rental.
	Extended Warranties	through Wholesale Warranties.
	Financing/Re-financing	Member exclusive through Newcoast Financial Services
	FMCA Campground	Cincinnati OH, FREE 2 night/per month stay, \$20/night thereafter
	Health	affordable health plan coverage customized for your RV lifestyle
	International Travel Insurance	
	Mail Forwarding	
	Other Tech Discounts	Cellbooster/Dish/WiFiRanger/Winegard
	Passport America	Discount of 50% camping fees.
	Pet Travel Insurance discount	
	RV Insurance	
	RV Tours	
	RV Whisper - Remote Monitoring System	App and sensors provide: - Wireless monitoring. Features: Interior Temperature/Power Loss alerts (Pet Safety). - Data monitoring and collection: Tracks & graphs historical data on Temperature & Humidity (Coach, Fridge/Freezer); Shore Power connection & power input; Battery Condition; Door/Window opening, Motion Dection; Leak Detection.
	Shopping discounts	Costco, UPS, OfficeMax/Office Depot/Staples
	Stoppin' Spots	Other FMCA members willing to provide either emergency or friendly overnight stopping places, mechanical assistance or pinch hit drivers services.
TCS Fuel discounts	save avg 34¢ per gallon (between 5¢-70¢ per gallon) at TA, Petco, AMBEST, Sapp Bros, Fuel City & PWI	
THIA by Proteng	Fire suppression systems	
Tire Purchasing Program	<i>Michelin Advantage, Continental Choice, and Hancock Tires</i>	
Windshield Replacement		

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Got Stuff? Here's help!

By George and Jean Oaks



While still choosing our first coach, we knew space would be at a premium, so we asked Coach House to share how owners handle stowing a large amount of “stuff” in a too-small space. At the time, there was a pamphlet for an inordinately expensive hitch cargo box in the showroom. Yes, it held quite a lot, and, yes, it seemed to fit the need, however, it seemed far out of line with our budget. Armed with the knowledge that such an item existed, we went to the internet to check out the possibilities. Fortunately, we came upon www.stowaway2.com, which met both our needs and our budget. They specialize in heavy duty cargo boxes attached to the hitch on the coach. The lockable boxes are well-constructed, come with taillights, frame, hitch tightener, and license plate bracket with a light. The



largest box holds up to 16 cubic feet and 200 pounds of gear. When we needed to replace a taillight, a call to Stowaway 2 quickly produced the needed part. One particularly handy attribute is the height above the ground; even our vertically challenged co-pilot can see over the top to locate what's needed and pack and retrieve whatever is sought. We've expressed our satisfaction over the years when fellow RVers have asked about it.

Please note: Stowaway 2 has greatly increased their offerings; our experience has been with one of their early cargo boxes. There are many reviews on their site and thoughtful descriptions to help you

meet your particular needs. Their boxes are attached to SUVs, minivans, Class B's and C's and other vehicles. There is a choice between attaching the box directly to the back of your vehicle and a swing-out model that allows access to the rear doors on your vehicle. You are welcome to check out our well-used box (have never left home without it!). It is no longer completely waterproof, but that's easily solved with encasing items in waterproof bags. We often took items such as boots for walking a dog in rainy weather or on a muddy trail; if enclosed in a plastic zippered bag, they can be snuggled against an odd-shaped, also – enclosed kitchen item without heartburn.

Hugging the East Coast from NY to Maine

By Gary and Joan Pisano

Leaving Long Island amidst the pandemic, by way of the LI ferry in our Coach House was a welcomed escape! We purchased our 2017 Coach House ARRIVA just months before the pandemic began and are thrilled to know we can be self-contained and remain relatively safe from COVID.

We spent 12 days on the road, traveling the coastline to our destination of Arcadia National Park. We stayed in a variety of campgrounds with water views and full hook-ups and visited a few wonderful Harvest Host sites as well. Especially since we are new to this group, we wanted to contribute with what we found worth sharing below:

~**Shore Hills** RV park in Boothbay ME was one of our favorites, and offers waterfront and treed sites adequately spaced and very peaceful.

~**Seaport Shores** RV park is located between Arcadia and Camden Village on the shores of Penobscot Bay. Be sure to make the stop to stretch your legs in the town of Camden and stroll this quaint village full of shops and restaurants.



~**Arcadia National Park** was a wonderful landscape of wide open beauty where we traveled **Park Loop Road** and stopped at a variety of overlooks and hiking spots. Don't miss a stop at the **Wild Gardens of Arcadia** and **Cadillac Mountain overlook**. So spacious at all stops, we always felt safe. Keep in mind, our trip was mid-September 2020 and we learned that only weeks later you would have needed a reservation to drive the same road inside this park due to the expected fall foliage and the leaf viewing crowds.

~**Bar Harbor**, a beautiful town tucked inside Arcadia is worth the stop. Here we dined outdoors at the water's edge at **The Bar Harbor Inn**. I would avoid this town during peak season, but we were able to park on the street just blocks away from the main street area. We learned there is an RV lot for parking as well not far off.

~Traveling a bit away from the coastline we stumbled upon **Harvest Host -Catherine Hill Winery** in Cherryfield ME, where we stayed one night and purchased some blueberry and cranberry wine unique to the area. Nearby and off the beaten path we visited **Jasper Beach**, well worth the trip to discover this beach tucked inside a modest neighborhood. Known for its unique pebbles and rocks that have been deposited onto the shore and naturally polished by nature. We took home some rocks to remind us of this special place where if you listen closely as the waves rush over the rocks, it's like music. Afterwards we enjoyed lobster rolls at **Helen's Restaurant** who is also known for her pies, especially the blueberry pie, where blueberries are locally grown in this area.



Hugging the East Coast from NY to Maine (cont'd)



~Another **Harvest Host** worth mentioning was in **Bucksport Golf Club** in Bucksport ME. They allowed us a pretty little spot under a shaded tree overlooking a beautiful golf course. Upon waking, we rented some clubs and played 9 holes before starting our trip back home.

The world is a BIG place, just waiting for all of us to discover every corner, we can't wait to get back out there! Safe travels to all.

“Leaving Long Island amidst the pandemic, by way of the LI ferry in our Coach House was a welcomed escape!”

Spinach Salad

By Valerie Baselice

Combine

- 1 bag of baby leaf spinach
- 1 pint of fresh strawberries, sliced
- ½ cup of sliced almonds

Dressing

Combine and pour over salad:

- ½ cup sugar (or less to taste)
- 1 tsp. poppy seeds
- 1 tsp chopped onions
- ¼ tsp. paprika
- ½ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup cider vinegar

Where's Michael?

By Sherry Bayer

We may not know where Waldo is, but we now know where Michael Bonne is.

Michael has serviced many of our coaches and offered valuable advice for new and experienced (I almost said old)

owners. He is currently in business for himself in southern Florida and likes to focus on 10 years or older Coach House motor homes.

With the high demand for all RV's, and especially Coach House, the factory is reluctant to get involved in time consuming repairs. Their focus

at this time is production.

Michael can be contacted and seen by Googling: Michael Bonne's Extreme RV Repair. This will take you to his Facebook page. His phone number is: 239-246-2543. Michael is an appreciated resource for any RVer.



Coastal Georgia RV Resort

By George and Jean Oaks



Coastal Georgia RV Resort
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“We have always found other RV owners there to be friendly and the park owners are knowledgeable about the area.”

This park has been one of our favorites since our first stay. It is easy to find, not far off I-95. The 10/10*/9.5 rating is well-deserved; the park is very appealing, with paved roads and pads, attractive buildings and landscaping geared to privacy. There is a pool and a lake, with a few lakefront sites. Tiled bathhouses are pristine. Each site has full hookups, a grill and picnic table. The dog signaled his approval of the dog park by quickly learning where to turn in from the perimeter road. We have always found other RV owners there to be friendly and the park owners are knowledgeable about the area (close to the Golden Isles) and obliging about leaving registration materials for guests arriving after office hours. There is a strip center with a grocery store fairly close by and another small commercial area with gas stations and Dunkin Donuts (a favorite!) between the park and I-95.

All these positives have made it a favorite with lots of travelers; it's a wise idea to make reservations ahead of time, particularly when snowbirds head for Florida and return home in spring. Occasionally we've been lucky and obtained a site on short notice.



AN FMCA RALLY – TRY IT, YOU’LL LIKE IT !

By Jean Oaks



Long past the ages where most families/ couples become interested in RVing, we had thought about it and decided to find out what it was all about. What better place to start learning than an FMCA biannual international convention that brings together thousands of people for four days of everything RVing – education, shopping, entertainment, and camaraderie? We set out in our minivan to immerse ourselves in a whole new culture ----the world of RVing. We had no idea what to expect and were unprepared for the magnitude of what we encountered. The rally was held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter, in Perry, Georgia. We registered for non-rving one day attendance and started through the myriad of exhibits. Trying to take in even an overview of all that is offered is a daunting task for one day. In the course of checking out some of the many models of RV’s for sale, we met Steve Gerzeny and crew from Coach House and thought the length of the coaches to be appropriate for

us, never having driven anything longer than our Chevy passenger van, with seating for 8. On the way home, we discussed our day and realized we’d been hooked. It was time to plan a trip to Nokomis, which resulted in the purchase of our first Coach House motorhome.

Our next international rally was also in Perry, where we learned what it was like to spend four days in the whirlwind of activities involved in such an event. I eagerly scoured the schedule of events and planned full days of learning and activities. Interacting with so many people offered many new ideas, and we hoped we could remember even a part of what we had learned.

Another year, we attended an FMCA area rally in Asheville, N.C. It was smaller than the Perry Rally but there were great exhibits, many popular educational opportunities, excellent entertainment and another contingent of people from far and wide who were eager to share their knowledge and further the joy of RVing. Try attending a rally; I do think you’ll like it!

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Breakfast Hash with Poached Eggs

By Jackye Moody



HASH

- 1 Russet Potato
- 1 Medium Onion
- Fresh Parsley
- Oil (Lard, Peanut, or Canola)
- Salt & Pepper

Eggs

- 3 Eggs—Fresh is best
- Water
- Salt & Pepper

This recipe uses one pot and one pan. The Platinum cooktop is ideal for making it.

Instructions:

Chop parsley



Dice onions—medium dice



Heat your skillet over medium heat to 350°

Add water to your pot—about 3/4 full—leaving enough room for the vortex. Set it to boil.

Breakfast Hash with Poached Eggs (cont'd)

Coat bottom of frypan with oil, then add diced onions. Season with two pinches of salt and one pinch of pepper. Cook onions until translucent, occasionally turning and stirring.



While the onions are cooking, par-cook the potato in the microwave 4 to 5 minutes depending on size. You do not have to poke it to let the steam out, but you can. It should be soft, yet firm enough to dice and have it retain its shape.

Dice the potato into the size chunks you prefer. Be careful because the inside of the potato is hot. Use heat-resistant gloves or let it cool for a minute.

Add the potato to the onions in the frypan, adding salt and pepper to taste. If the pan is dry, add a little more oil. Continue cooking while you poach your eggs, occasionally turning and stirring.

Your water should be boiling by now, or very close to it. Reduce the heat to a simmer. It should be close to boiling, but not quite. You don't want more than a couple of bubbles at the bottom of your pan or else the bubbles will interfere with your eggs poaching.



Stir the water to create a good vortex. Add one egg to the center of the water. Let it cook for 3 minutes.



Remove egg with slotted spoon. Put on a clean cloth or paper towel to absorb water. Season with salt and pepper.

Repeat above steps to poach the other two eggs while you finish cooking the hash.



Add the chopped parsley to your hash and combine.

Add the hash to your plate, then the poached eggs on top, and serve.

You may wind up with a sticky mess in your pan, mostly due to the starch from the potato sticking. For easy cleanup, put a little bit of water in your frypan and bring it to a boil, then turn off the heat and scrape it with your spatula. This will lift the starch and any other little bits of onion and potato off your pan. You can strain the water into the sink through a sieve or even just a paper towel, then throw away the starchy chunks.



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