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DRRV JANUARY 2006

Donna Hall #2003556



An aerial view of our campsite

It was sunny but rather cool on January 18th when 150 Alpine Coaches (a record) started arriving in the vast desert just North of Quartzsite, Arizona for the 5th Annual Desert Rat Rally. After being successfully parked, under the direction of Danny Gayhart and crew, we all got set up for 5 days of dry camping. Now it was time to wander around and see who else had braved the great outdoors to meet up in this unlikely place. What a great way to meet up with old friends and an opportunity to make new friends.

What a site to see, over 300 members and guests (25+ SOB's) sitting in a huge semi circle as we anxiously await the infamous words of our Rally Director, Gale Johnson, that dinner is ready! We enjoyed "finger foods" prepared by all the attendees the first night. Laurie Moses and Paradise Catering, provided two more dinners and breakfast for us.

After dinner each evening those who wanted to, enjoyed a huge bonfire and lots of conversations with new and old friends. Like, "Where have you been lately", or "Are you enjoying your Alpine Coach" etc. What a great place and time to

exchange "tales" about recent travels, health issues and/or how to address problems and/or exchange ideas on various issues with our coaches and/or our "toads".

Thursday morning we were treated to a wonderful breakfast – yes outside! Unfortunately, the weather turned cold and windy during breakfast but we survived. Following breakfast we had our annual membership meeting in the misted of very cold winds. Most members and all the board members braved the elements so we got through meeting.

Friday the weather turned nice and we had beautiful warm sunny days with cold nights for the rest of the rally. If you've never seen the night sky in the desert you are truly missing a spectacular site. The stars are so bright and seem so big! Worth the trip! We even had a "UFO" in the form of a model plane flying around at night. Our dog, Freckles, wasn't too impressed with that, not to mention the coyotes "singing" during the night!

Other activities included a 4-wheel drive-off road excursion into the desert with Danny Gayhart, golf at a nearby course, and did I mention shopping at the Quartzsite RV Show? Now there is a place to get all sorts of things you never thought you needed. Wow!

Great BIG thanks to La Mesa RV for bring several new Alpine Coaches to the rally for us to see (and buy). Also, one day they provided breakfast, lunch and an ice cream social for us at their facilities there in Quartzsite. What a treat, and good food too! Thanks guys.

We enjoyed Happy Hour each evening and even had live entertainment by Bob Gully, several couples were seen dancing under the stars. Of course the highlight of these rallies is the "TP toss". If you don't know what that is you'll just have to come see! Sunday morning we enjoyed some Gospel music and a few words of inspirations from our own Dave Crockett. I think we will all agree a good time was had by all and we look forward to returning again next year. Thanks to all the volunteers, Board Members and especially Rally Director Gale Johnson and his wife, Joan, for all their hard work putting this event together.



Board Messages

A MESSAGE FROM THE MOBILE OFFICE



Claudia Gayhart

Springtime greetings to everyone! I hope that you are cruising around in your Alpine Coach and enjoying the USA. I also hope that you are planning to attend the summer rallies this year in North Carolina and Nashville. We should have tons of fun.

Please remember that this summer we have more to think about than the rallies we'll attend. We have 3 Directors whose term is completed on the ACA Board and it is your responsibility to elect 3 people to fill those positions. Last year we only had 177 ballots returned out of 375 sent out. We are currently 452 members strong and I would like to see at least a 75% turnout in voting from our membership. I realize that you may not know the individuals personally but they will all be required to prepare their own bio to let us all know who they are, what they've done in the past and why they want to serve as your Director. Their picture will also be included with the ballot so that you might be able to recognize them by seeing their face.

Your Board of Directors works very hard to make this the best possible organization of motor coach owners. Show them your appreciation by voting in this summer's election. This group of volunteers cares about the health and future of 'your' club so please exercise your right as a member and cast your ballot for the person(s) you would like to see continue the efforts of those who served before them.

Remember, we are here to "serve" you.



I have enjoyed my 4 ½ years as your President. We have conquered many milestones in those few short years. Our membership has more than doubled since I took office. We established a rotational Homecoming rally so that the Eastern and Western parts of the country are equally represented. Our By-Laws have undergone much scrutiny so that we are able to operate smoothly as an organization and we are currently in the process of implementing a Policies and Procedures Manual to meet our needs as a growing club for the future. We have developed a good communication system so that your directors remain current with the operation of the day-to-day needs of the club. Our newsletter has increased in size and quality over the years. Thanks to our advertisers for helping to make that happen. Please patronize them and let them know that you heard about them through the Alpine Coach Association.

We also became a Chapter of FMCA in 2002. This provided us with insurance, legal guidance and much more. If you are not currently a member of FMCA, I encourage you to join ASAP. Please contact me for an application so that you won't miss out on any of the benefits that FMCA has to offer individual members.

Safe travels and we'll see you in North Carolina!

TREASURER'S CHEST



Kathy Nichol森

We had a great time together in Quartzsite and as usual, the Board accomplished a lot of membership business. As indicated in our annual meeting with the membership, actual expenses were lower in all categories than what was budgeted with the exception of fuel. All of us can relate to the higher fuel costs!

In addition, as required by the ByLaws, an audit of the bank accounts was held with Paul Sullivan and Debbie Bragg from the membership, and Ray Schemanske, Special Projects Director and myself. The audit committee found the 2005 records to be in great shape and they made some recommendations for the 2006 record keeping. As our organization grows, it is nice to glean expertise

from the broad spectrum of experience found within our membership.

If you desire further information regarding the financial reports of Alpine Coach Association, please feel free to contact me in person, by phone or e-mail.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Kay Watts

An Association General meeting was held at the Desert Rat Rally in January at Quartzsite, AZ. A significant change in the handling of the newsletter distribution was disclosed to the membership. Increases in printing and postage expenses and reduced offsetting purchased Ads prompted your Board to decide to only distribute the newsletter via the web site for those members with email addresses. Members without email will still receive hardcopy. The Board reported to the membership record numbers of coaches attending rallies, completion of an audit committee review and approval of the treasurers report and processes for 2005, an exciting schedule of future events for chapter and association rallies, and the beginning of the formalization of the Policy and Procedures for association operation. At the next Board meeting we will be discussing the pros and cons of removing password protection of our Newsletter on the Web site as requested by some of our members. The password was originally added to encourage membership. The Board would welcome your thoughts.

Jay Blumenthal, National VP International Area FMCA attended this rally and sent us the following note.

“Please convey our thanks to all the Alpine members we met when we were able to camp with them at Quartzsite in January. Claudia invited us and everyone from Gale to those whose names I can't remember made us feel welcome. We really enjoyed the rally with them and are glad we could get to know what a great group you are.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to the Pomona and Charlotte conventions and hope you'll join us at the INTO rally this summer in Gillette.

Until then, we hope you all stay healthy and drive safely.”

We encourage all members to come to the rallies, we are looking forward to greeting first timers and seeing all the returning attendees.

I have the sad task to inform you of the death of Gene Stevens. Gene and Faye have been members since 2001. We send our heartfelt Sympathy to Faye and their family. If you are aware of ACA members who are ill or have died please let us know.

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS



Earlene Bloomquist

**IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!
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2006/2007 DUES ARE DUE BY
JUNE 30, 2006**

Your annual dues of \$35.00 should be received by June 30, 2006. Listed are several reminders for you. *If you purchased a new coach, I need your new VIN number. *If you recently joined FMCA, I need your FMCA number. *If you no longer own a coach and receive a dues payment reminder, please advise me of your change of status. I will delete your information from the ACA Membership Roster. *If you have changed your address, phone number, or email address, I need current information to update the ACA Membership Roster. Please include any of the above changes with your dues payment.

Second, there may be blocks on your email, which prevent your ACA Board of Directors from corresponding with you. Please add our addresses to your address book. Email is one of the least expensive ways to contact you. Correspondence from the ACA Board of Directors will always have **ACA** in the subject line. We will protect your privacy.

The October Membership Roster provides chapter affiliation information. To date, I have received the So Cal and Full Timers complete Membership

Lists. Please provide complete Member information for the ACE and NoWaca Membership Lists. Please email the information to: jebloom@pocketmail.com. It is important for all Chapter President's to update me of any changes to your membership roster

WRV sent out Invitation Letters and March Pre-Rally Applications to ALL Alpine owners. We want to provide new owners an opportunity to join the Alpine Coach Association. It would be helpful if all current ACA Members kept an ACA Application on hand. Occasionally during your travels you might meet a new Alpine Coach owner. This would be a great opportunity to introduce the Alpine Coach Association to them.

I would also like to thank April Mountaintes at WRV for all the assistance she has given me.

Hope you had a wonderful winter and are looking forward to a wonderful spring.

JOURNEYS END

ACA wishes to extend its sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following members whose passing has been reported to us:

Gene Stevens Newbury Park, CA

DON'T FORGET DUES OF \$35.00 ARE DUE BY JUNE 30, 2006. LETTERS GO OUT ON MAY 15, 2006. PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES IN BEFORE I HAVE TO SEND REMINDER NOTICES OUT. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please mail the following form for any address changes to:

*ACA Memberships
5808A Summitview, #337
Yakima, WA 98908*

Or E-Mail the changes to:

jebloom@pocketmail.com

Change-of-Address Form

Coach Serial # _____ (last 5 digits)
Name _____
New Address _____
City _____ ST ____ Zip _____
New Phone (____) _____
New Cell Phone (____) _____
New E-Mail Address _____
FMCA # _____

Reinstatement of Members

If you know of an ACA member that has dropped their club membership but would like to reinstate it, all they have to do is pay the current year fees and possibly the \$12.00 to have new signs and badges made.

CHAPTER TALK



Gail Stacy

Hello again from your Chapter Director in sunny Las Vegas. Our Southern California, Eastern and Full-Timer chapters are going along extremely well and having a wonderful time at all of their rallies and gatherings. Northwest and Northern California are getting started and will be enjoying their rallies this year. Texas is getting close, so watch for news here, and we're hoping for interest to begin in our Midwest region this year. So, if you would enjoy getting together more often with ACA members that live in your region of the country, please contact one of the chapter regions listed below.

Southern California (SoCal)

Pam Johnson

The SoCal Chapter had 9 coaches at Quartzsite for DRR V in January. Then, we had a fun February rally in Borrego Springs, CA at the brand new Springs at Borrego RV Park. Twenty-two coaches attended, including a new APEX owned by the Kapps, which made us all ooh and ahh. La Mesa RV had 3 new coaches to display, and they also donated to our catered dinner and breakfast. The weather was fairly cold (at least for Southern California) and wet, but we still had a wonderful time at this beautiful new park and golf course. Our thanks go to Jim and Polly Klinko and Fred and Lon Masino for hosting this rally for us.

SoCal has about 50 member coaches, and we always have a great time when we get together. All ACA members who live full or part time in Southern California or Southern Nevada are welcome to join our chapter, and any ACA member is welcome to attend our rallies if you are in the area. For chapter and rally information, please visit our website: www.alpinesocal.com. Or, you can contact our president, Dave Fernandez, at d2dfernand@verizon.net for information.

Upcoming rallies:

March 14 – 19 Outdoor Resorts, Aguanga, CA
Joining with the ACA Pre-Rally

June 4 – 11 Tombstone Territories RV Park
Huachuca City, AZ

Wagonmasters: Dan & Margaret Oriente
dwommo@msn.com

September 8 – 10 Wine Country RV Resort
Paso Robles, CA

Wagonmasters: Tom & Patty Dietrich
tpdietrich@sbcglobal.net

Assistants: Mike & Nancy Ley
mbleyl@msn.com

October 6 – 8 Diaz Lake Dry Camping
Lone Pine, CA - Film Festival

Wagonmasters: Keith & Lynette Legare
jkleg@aol.com

Eastern Chapter (ACE)

Sandy Munsil

Eighteen coaches met in Tampa, Florida on January 18th to attend the 2006 Florida RV Super Show Rally. The group spent four days looking at new coaches and visiting the vender booths at the show. We had lunch at La Mesa RV in Tampa, a pizza party, compliments of ACE, and took in all the entertainment offered by the Rally.

The group met for our business meeting on Thursday morning. We discussed our upcoming rallies:

April 7 – 10 Daytona, Florida

August 1 – 4 Maine

Join us if you can. ACE has about 60 members, and if you live East of the Mississippi River, please consider attending one of our fun rallies to get to

know us and become a member of our club. For more information, please visit our website at www.ace-rv.com.

Fulltimers Chapter

Maureen Dahl

Due to the nature of a Fulltimer's life, where a rally is defined as a meeting of 2 or more coaches, writing a newsletter for our chapter will be a little different. The last known "rallies" for our group after homecoming were a mini-rally with Whitfields and Dahls in Benton, TX. Whitfields were there for family business and Dahls were traveling east after the Terlingua Chili Cook-off. We knew we would be in passing distance due to Whitfields posting their location in the Fulltimers Yahoo user group, so we arranged our itinerary to meet up with them for a few days. We had a good visit; they treated us to a great local BBQ joint and we saw an area that we might not have otherwise seen.

The next "rally" was at DRR V in Quartzsite in January. A chapter meeting was held and 9 coaches were represented. Discussions were on medical insurance, input to the WRV Focus Group by our chapter representative, using the Yahoo user group and a caravan being planned for Alaska this summer.

The next possible rally was also discussed. The Whitfields and McBriens indicated that they had plans to be at a Gillette, WY rally, so they will coordinate that event. If anyone else would like to join them, let them know either through the user group or through email. After that, the next one should be "Homecoming" in Nashville. I know that we as well as many others are planning to attend, so I will be happy to coordinate a pre-rally if anyone is interested. Just let me know.

Speaking of the user group, I strongly encourage all who have Internet access to sign up and use it. Whitfields did a great job of developing it for us and as it is secure (access is by invitation only), you can feel free to be specific about your travel plans. It is also a great way to share information. There have been discussions ranging from travel plans to house batteries, to generator fuel usage, to simply "Hi, my name is and this is my story". So, please jump in there and let us hear from you.

If you live full time in your Alpine, or at least 6 months, consider joining our fun group. We are very casual, as you can see from the above. Just contact Maureen Dahl at wandern.two@verizon.net for information.

My husband, John, and I would like to wish all of you health, happiness and safe travels wherever you go!

SPECIAL PROJECTS



Ray Schemanske

In the last newsletter, I was unable to present a column due to the problems we experienced just prior to leaving home. We now have our new laptop up and running and I can tell you about what's going on with special projects.

At our January meeting, we moved forward on two projects in particular.

The first project: Completion of a policy and procedure manual.

As you are all aware, membership has increased and rally attendance continues to grow. In addition for the majority of the year, Board members are separated by geographical distance. When completed all of the duties and responsibilities of the board members as well as procedures where applicable will be defined. We believe it will assist everyone with their board duties and provide benefit to the club for the future.

The second project involves our bylaws. Since we are a recognized chapter of FMCA, their bylaws review committee conducts periodic reviews of chapter bylaws. It is probable FMCA will conduct their review sometime this year. After that we will then be able to inform you of their recommendations. To coordinate with the FMCA review any additional proposed bylaw changes will be presented to the membership.

The Board has established a goal to have the P & P manual complete by June 06 and for the bylaws we need to await the outcome of FMCA review.

In closing, there are several other projects the board is looking at. While they are still preliminary I hope to be able to tell you more about them in the next newsletter.

Drive safely.

RALLY NEWS!

From the... Fun and Games Department



Gale Johnson
ACA Rally Director

You folks are amazing! At January's Desert Rat Rally (DRR V) you helped break yet another record. One hundred fifty (150) coaches "blew" into the desert for five days of food, fun, fires, and friendship. Special thanks to the team from **La Mesa RV** for their outstanding support.

Regarding DRR V...I regret that I didn't get to spend at least *some* quality personal time with everyone at Quartzsite. It was an unusually hectic Rally, precipitated by our inbound mechanical problems that caused us to arrive on-site the night before registration. However, with the parking and administrative help of Ray Schemanske, Stan Abernathy, Danny and Claudia Gayhart, Ken Reimer, and others, the Rally was "up and running" when I got there. Add to that the efficient, professional help from Cummins Rocky Mountain/Phoenix and we didn't miss a beat...just a little *more* gray hair.

The balance of 2006 doesn't appear to offer a whole lot more breathing room. I'm writing this five days before the start of the March Pomona Pre-Rally at Aguanga, CA and we've already beaten last year's Registration figures for the March, 2005 Event. You keep arranging your travel plans to attend the National Rallies and we'll just keep seeking larger venues.

The next ACA Rally stop is the Charlotte, NC Pre-Rally set for **August 8-13** at Forest Lake Thousand Trails between Moxville and Lexington, North Carolina. This Rally will have a strong NASCAR flavor. In the last few days I have confirmed an exceptional location for our "Gearhead Session." We will convene at the Richard Childress Racing (RCR) engine shop for a morning of information, food, and surprises. Following lunch, the group will have an unlimited tour of the RCR museum, which also serves as an impressive memorial to Dale Earnhardt.

And...it doesn't end there. The next evening we will tour the Richard Childress Winery, share in a wine tasting, and conclude the evening with a catered dinner in the winery's Italian-styled dining room.

The Pre-Rally will end with a caravan from Forest Lake TT to Lowe's Motor Speedway near Charlotte for the FMCA Convention.

The 2006 Rally year concludes with our "Music City" Homecoming *Road Show* at the Nashville KOA...**October 3-8**. We have already reserved a large block of seats for the Saturday night **Grand Ole Opry**. Additionally, I'm currently auditioning acts in person and via DVD in order to book as much on-site entertainment as the budget will allow.

Finally, a "tease" for 2007. As usual we'll kick things off with DRR VI and then to Hilton Head, South Carolina for the Perry, Georgia Pre-Rally in March. August will take Alpine Coach owners to a 5-Star location for the Redmond, OR Pre-Rally. Just confirmed...the Pre-Rally will be at Outdoor Resorts Pacific Shores Resort at Newport, OR. We'll park, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, and then participate in a professionally escorted caravan to the Redmond FMCA site.

Join us...there's lots to do and see at the upcoming Alpine Coach Association Rallies
We'll see you *down the road*. Safe travels!
(alpinerallies@aol.com)

? Deal or No Deal ? **? Vendors or No Vendors ?**

Many of you have asked, "Why don't we have vendors at our rallies?" I will try to explain why this decision was made by the Board of Directors several years ago.

Our primary objective at a rally is to "design the event so that our members will have fun". We try to give you the best possible "bang for your buck". You travel a long way to come to these events and we are aware of the costs involved in driving your coach hundreds of miles to attend. Therefore, we plan events that you will enjoy and make your trip worthwhile. Some of these events were suggested by members like yourselves over the years and we have been able to implement many of them over time.

While we are attending ladies luncheons or tech sessions, going to museums or wine tasting or attending concerts, we are away from the "Host" campground at various venues in the area where the

rally is located. This poses a problem for our vendors:

- It takes us away from them during the time they could be selling
- A vendor must pay a fee to sell at a rally
- They are losing money whenever they are not selling

Some of the other logistical issues are that:

- Many of the campgrounds where we hold our rallies do not allow vendors within their park.
- Often times, the campground we choose has barely enough space for our members to camp let alone set up a vendor area. Should we turn away our members because of lack of space taken up by a vendor?
- If there is a set amount of spaces available, how do we decide who can sell and who we must turn away.

Our decision to hold rallies which coincide with the FMCA National Conventions gives our members access to hundreds of vendors. We could never plan an ACA event with such an array of choices for all of you. We also hold the Desert Rat Rally so that it overlaps the RV Show in Quartzsite in January where there are countless vendors to choose from. The only official ACA rally where we do not have access to vendors is Homecoming and we are usually so busy having a good time that it would be almost impossible to squeeze in time or space for vendors.

If this explanation has not covered your questions on vendors at rallies, I would personally like to hear from you with your concerns at: gayhartdc@netzero.net. Our mission is to have fun and that is what we try to do at all of our events around the country. We hope that you appreciate the work that goes into planning an event for up to 300+ people and that you will continue to support our efforts in planning the best rally for you - our members!

Golfers – Golfers – Golfers

We would like to start an E-Mail list of golfers so when we travel to various rallies it would be easier to set up golfing activities in advance. If you are interested in getting on the list, please E-mail Carl and Kathy Nichol森 at knichol森@comcast.net or call (541) 913-2533.

READERSHIP INPUT

I would like to encourage all of you to provide input to the ACA Newsletter. There are various services; products or campgrounds that we all experience that are worth sharing with our fellow Alpine Coach owners. Anytime you find something that you would like to share with the membership, send the article on to me and I will try to use as much of the material that is sent to me as possible. I can be contacted by e-mail at:
blg86@alert-net.com.

For information sharing on the Web go to:
www.IRV2.com
and click on Alpine Coach Owners Forum.

WRV NEWS

Dave Woodall

An incorrect number was provided previously for WRV-specific parts for your Coach. The correct number is: 800-888-4133

Greetings from wintry, wet, windy, warm, Yakima. In other words, it's almost Spring in the Valley. If you're planning a trip to Yakima, come prepared for anything! As I write this, we've had 70mph winds, sunny days in the 50's, and snow – all in the last week! I love Yakima for its four seasons, I'm just not used to having them all in the same week!

I'm guessing this edition of "View" will make its way to you after the Pomona FMCA Rally. To those that attended I apologize in advance if you find this redundant. To those that didn't attend, here's what's been going on in Yakima.

Compared to the flurry of announcements that greeted ACA members at Homecoming 2005, the past five months have been relatively quiet by comparison. Just don't confuse "quiet" with a lack of activity though.

Led by the Apex, Alpine Coach sales continue at a breakneck pace. In fact sales have been so strong, a third National Account Manager has been added to the Alpine Coach sales team to assist Burk and Jeff. Billy Monroe comes to us from another large manufacturer of Class A motor coaches where he served as a National Account Manager. Billy brings

not only a wealth of wholesale and retail experience, but an abundance of friendliness and understanding as well - before joining the RV industry Billy was a teacher. Billy will be based in Arizona where he's just a stone's throw from the Alpine Coach dealers in Arizona and Southern California, as well as being in a good position to service our dealers in Colorado and Texas too. If you happen to attend a rally this year that Billy is working, be sure to introduce yourself to this outstanding addition to the Alpine Coach team.

In other Alpine Coach news, two additional floor plans have been added to the Apex's original 40' front-door quad-slide layout since Homecoming: A 40' front-door triple-slide and a 40' mid-door triple-slide. In fact the 40 Mid-door just debuted at Pomona and should be hitting dealer's showrooms soon.

And speaking of news, the Apex continues to make it. From it's debut at the Great North American Rally last July, the Apex has been featured in a steady stream of trade, consumer, and general market press stories, culminating with a short feature in the Wall Street Journal on March 9th. And just what is so newsworthy about the Apex? SmartBeds.

If you've not seen them yet, suffice to say that this patent-pending technology, featured exclusively on the Apex, literally revolutionizes basement storage on motor coaches. But don't take my word for it; see for yourself. Either visit your dealer, or log-on to www.WRV.com and find out what all the fuss is about.

And that's the view from here. As always, if any of us at the factory can ever be of assistance don't hesitate to call. For news and information on new products, give the Product Information Hotline a jingle at (800) 777-4133. If you need technical assistance, or have a service related question about your coach, give us a call on the Customer Service Hotline at (866) 567-4133. Both calls are toll-free and we really do love hearing from you. Of course you can also log on to WRV.com 24 hrs a day to keep up with what's going on in the world of Alpine Coach on-line. Or better yet, just drop-in for a visit here in Yakima; we've got 36 free hook-ups and no waiting...although you might just want to wait until Mother Nature decides to let us off of her weather merry-go-round. Safe Travels.

Dave Woodall
Alpine Coach Marketing

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Due to the rising costs of printing and postage your ACA Board of Directors made a unanimous decision to utilize E-mail when forwarding the quarterly newsletter to all members providing a valid E-mail address. By doing so, this will eliminate the need to increase annual dues. Each member will receive an E-mail stating the newsletter is available on WRV's website. Adobe's Acrobat Reader, which is free from the Adobe web site, is required to access the newsletter. Members without a valid E-mail address will continue to receive their newsletter via the US postal service. Your Board of Directors is available for assistance. Please note that in order to access the newsletter from the Western RV's web site you will need a new access code to view it. This access code should not be shared with non-ACA members. The current access code is: [aca0506](#).

FMCA INTO RALLY UPDATE

Jay Blumenthal, our INTO Vice President has sent a reminder out about "[An American Celebration](#)" to be held in Gillette, WY from June 30 – July 3. The registration forms are out on the FMCA web site and in the FMC magazine. Come as a chapter: park together, party together, play together and stay for a post-rally together. Remember, full hookups are for everyone the entire time you're there. On July 4th, the city will have a celebration at Cam-Plex with a parade and fireworks at night and we have been invited to participate.

Jay would like to know two things by May 15th:

1. Will you be coming as a chapter?
2. Will your chapter participate as volunteers?

Please let Jay know personally and he will pass the information along to the captains in charge of those 2 areas for the rally. His e-mail address is: jblumenthal@fmca.com

When you register, make sure that you state that you are parking with the Alpine Coach Association. The latest plans include a Block Party!! Be there to join in. There is so much planned including a hot buffet breakfast each of the three mornings. There will be competitions and our chapter can enter teams into the tournament-style contests. More information to come so, check it out in the FMC Magazine for more details.

NOTE: This is an FMCA International Organization Rally so you will not receive any additional information from ACA/Alpine Rallies. You are on your own for registration and parking so please

follow the above suggestions if you plan to park with other ACA members.

TECH TIPS

Lowell Potvin

I received this information from Arnie Fichtenberg for a 2000 40ft. Alpine Coach:

The hydraulic pump to cooling fan line and battery cable to starter solenoid could possibly be rubbing together where the hydraulic line leaves the main bundle of hoses and cables. This is on the passenger side of the engine. This could be quite serious if not found in time.

If you have any suggestions or problems you have solved on your own, please send them to me and I will see that they get printed in this column, which could benefit other members.

Dave Woodall

From a service point of view, members should be aware of WRV's relationship with Cummins' CoachCare facilities. Information about their services and locations can be found at:

www.funroads.com/service/coachCare.jhtml

CoachCare facilities are factory-authorized to perform repairs on all Alpine Coach branded products. While a division of Cummins, CoachCare facilities and their technicians are trained and equipped to service any system on the coach, not just the engine. From slides to refrigerators, to stoves, to plumbing, CoachCare can handle it all.

GOTCHA!!!

WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE LOUIS AND LINDA BURCH ENJOYING AN EVENING AT QUARTZSITE. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE PICTURES YOU PROVIDE FOR OUR ENJOYMENT. THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS DEDICATION TO THE ACA CLUB.



ALPINE COACH MART

Ads are \$10.00 for a 2.5 inch by 3 inch ad (business card size). Additional space is \$10.00 for another 2.5 inches by 3 inches. Ads may be for Alpine Coaches, and related furniture or equipment. To place an ad, contact Beverly Grams at: blg86@alert-net.com.

2006 40' Alpine Coach Limited MDTS
 List price \$343,500, sale price \$290,000 Firm.
 Exterior/Interior colors Brandywine, Natural Cherry cabinets and floor, all major options.
 Mileage 6,000, garaged, non-smoker - no pets
 John Heitzenroder
 610 216 1135 or email: jheitzenro@aol.com

2005 40'FDTS ALPINE COACH
 Sherwood/w/Natural Cherry-11,000 miles
 Tile with carpet
 All Major Options-Large Picture Window
 Sale Price \$230,000 or BO
 Richard Friedman
 479-903-6783 or email: rfwarf@aol.com

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Dale Wilson's Chocolate Mint Brownies

1 - Brownies - 1st Layer

1 C sugar 4 eggs beaten
1/2 C butter 1 tsp vanilla
1 C flour 16 oz choc syrup

(or 1 Brownie Mix)

2. - Filling

2 C powdered sugar
1/2 C butter
2 Tbls Crème de Menthe
(or 2 Tbls mint flavoring - green color)

3 - Topping

6 oz Chocolate Chips
6 Tbls butter

1 - Mix brownie layer - bake 350 for 30 minutes

9 x 13 greased pan
(When double recipe use cookie sheet)
Cool in pan

2 - Mix filling - Spread over cooled brownies

3 - Melt chocolate chips and butter together

(microwave for 30 seconds)
Mix well and let cool slightly
Spread over mint layer and chill
Cut into squares

Rally Calendar

DATES 2006	LOCATION	HOST CHAPTER	CONTACT
April 7-10	FL Daytona "ACE" Spring Rally	Eastern	Jesse & Shirley Rumberger jsrumberger@aol.com or 941-792-1218
May 5 - 7	OR Portland Dayton RV Park McMinnville	NoWACA	Larry & Barbara Smith typsmith@olypen.com
June 4 - 11	AZ Tombstone Territory RV Park Huachuca City	SoCal	Dan & Margaret Oriente dwommo@msn.com
August 1 - 4	FL Maine "ACE" Fall Rally	Eastern	Jesse & Shirley Rumberger jsrumberger@aol.com or 941-792-1218
August 8 - 13	NC Mocksville/Lexington "Charlotte FMCA Pre- Rally" Forest Lake Thousand Trails	National	ACA Rallies alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486 Bellevue, WA 98015
September 8 - 10	CA Wine Country RV Resort Paso Robles	SoCAL	Tom & Patty Dietrich tpdietrich@sbcglobal.net
October 3-8	TN Nashville "Homecoming-2006" Nashville KOA	National	ACA Rallies alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486 Bellevue WA 98015
October 6-8	CA Lone Pine Film Festival	SoCal	Keith & Lynette Legare jkleg@aol.com
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January	AZ Quartzsite "Desert Rat Rally VI" Location To Be Determined	National	ACA Rallies alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486 Bellevue, WA 98015
March	SC Hilton Head "Perry GA FMCA Pre-Rally"	National	ACA Rallies alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486 Bellevue, WA 98015
April 27 - 30	CA Hemet Golden Village Palm	SoCal	Jim & Polly Klinko jklinko@aol.com
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