



ALPINE COACH
ASSOCIATION

A View From The Summit

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There will be a General Membership Meeting January 17, 11:00am, at the Quartzsite Rally. Please plan to attend.

Albuquerque— “Udderly” Amazing

When you have a hot air balloon in the shape of a cow flying over your coach, all you can say is “Udderly amazing!” 129 Alpine Coaches had ringside seats for the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in October. Positioned above the launch field, we had 5 days to watch balloons from the comfort of our coach or on the launch field. Every day was exciting as over 700 balloons filled up the beautiful blue skies of Albuquerque. A favorite for many was the Special Shapes launch, with everything from haunted houses, zoo’s, Darth Vader, Ever Ready Bunny and Flying Purple People Eaters taking to the sky. The Honey Bees were a crowd pleaser, rising up connected, coming together for a kiss and then flying side by side.

As Lyle and Cathy Fuller said so eloquently, “The Balloon Fiesta was surreal, almost an ethereal experience. Seeing hundreds of balloons launching and flying overhead at different altitudes was an awesome sight. Gale did a fantastic job on this one!” There was no end to the positive comments from ACA members for this event.

We were entertained with a Mariachi Band one evening. They filled the air with their sensational sound and truly exemplified the spirit of New Mexico. Combine Mariachi’s with the best Mexican Food in New Mexico and that sums up our Albuquerque Rally. The opportunity to come together in a venue like this and share it with so many friends is truly what the Alpine Coach Association is all about. Thank you, National Rally Director Gale Johnson as well as Joan Johnson for an amazing experience



ACA Thanks Guaranty and Uhlmann RV

Thank you to Guaranty and Uhlmann for their generous support of the Albuquerque Rally. The Wine and Cheese Party sponsored by Guaranty was, as usual, a huge hit. Uhlmann got our mornings off to a great start with a continental breakfast. Guaranty and Uhlmann RV are great supporters of the Alpine Coach Association and the dollars they invest helps to add to the quality of our Rallies. We are thankful for their participation.

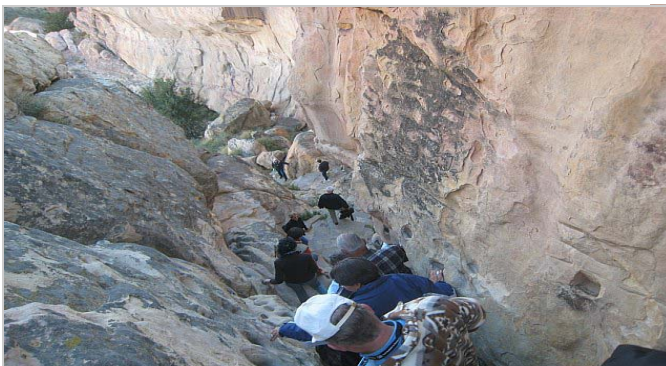
Getting to know this hardworking group also helps to add confidence when we recommend them to our friends and when we decide to buy a new Alpine Coach. Five Alpine coaches were sold during our Albuquerque Rally! Congratulations Guaranty and Uhlmann.

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you all in 2008.

Acoma New Mexico Pre-Rally by Basil Shannon

Boy, do we like to go to rallies. Someone suggested that since we were going to Albuquerque for the Balloon Fiesta, why not have a pre-rally. Gale thought maybe 30 or 40 coaches would show up so the event was held at the Acoma Indian Sky City Casino RV Park (new May 2007) which has 41 available spaces. Perfect until 89 coaches showed up. Now, how do you put 10 pounds of stuff in the proverbial 5 pound bag? Gale & the parking crew devised an ingenious plan whereby a 34ft or 36ft coach parked in the front of the long space with a 40 ft coach in the rear would share water and power. At the end of the event, jockey the coaches so each can reach the sewer to dump.

This was kind of a kick back, do your own thing rally. We had two wonderful buffet meals over in the Casino and were waited on by a staff with the biggest smiles you will ever see. We also toured Sky City high up on a mesa on the reservation. Going back to the early 1100s, Sky City is the oldest continuously inhabited Pueblo in North America, and is known worldwide for its unique art and profoundly rich culture. The most adventuresome of our group came down the face of the mesa on extremely steep steps and handholds like the Acoma Indians did for hundreds of years.



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Kip Barker
At Uhlmann I-5 RV



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Kip has been working for Uhlmann RV for over 5 years and loves selling Alpine Coaches and coming to ACA Rallies.

How did you end up selling RV's?

I have always had an interest in sales, and have been using RVs most of my life. I was already working for Uhlmann's and a RV Sales position came open, it seemed like a perfect fit. I enjoy my job, not everyone can say that.

What's the most important thing you do for your customers?

I listen to what they're saying and then work to get them exactly what they want and then follow through on every detail.

What's the best thing about selling Alpine Coaches?

Western Rec builds a great coach but, the best part of selling Alpines has to be the people, the coach owners are great.

What do you do when you're not selling Alpine Coaches?

I have been married to my wife Staci for 15 years. We have 3 children, Taylor 6, Laney 4 and Evan 3. We like to camp, ride 4 wheelers, the kids are starting to be involved in sports, these things take up most of our time.

Next time you see Kip at a Rally, be sure to say hello.

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Alpine Coach Association would like to thank our former board members, Kathy Nicholson, Dave Fernandez, Gail Stacy and Barbara Smith. The time and energy you put into your service on the ACA Board will not be forgotten. Many of the projects and suggestions that were initiated by these board members are being worked on for 2008 improvements. Our club has grown way past the old days when a few RV spots and a potluck dinner would work. With an average of 120 coaches at each national rally there is a lot of work and behind the scenes prep work and organizing as well as behind the scenes accounting that goes into each rally. The growing pains we have experienced will make for a stronger club as new systems are put in place. In the immortal words of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, "Happy Trails to you" and we will see you in 2008 at the National Rallies. Thank you all for your dedication to Alpine Coach Association.

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From Our Humor Department—

Heavenly Coffee

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning before breaking camp and pulling out of the campground.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says.....
"HEBREWS".

Rally News— From the Fun and Games Department a.k.a. Gale Johnson, ACA National Rally Director



Give yourselves an additional **Holiday Present** and register now for the **2008 Desert Rat Rally (DRR VII)**. The Rally is scheduled for Quartzsite, AZ...**January 16-21**. There are three catered meals on the schedule as well as the **2nd Annual Desert Rat "Drive-In" Movie**.

Remember...you can invite your **Motorhoming friends (SOBs—Some other Brand)** to join us for this popular annual event which overlaps a portion of the annual Quartzsite RV Show. And...of course...**don't forget to load in as much firewood as you can safely carry**. Remember, this is an official FMCA Regional event, so...motorhomes only please. If you need a copy of the official DRR VII Registration Form, you can download the file from the ACA Web Site...alpinecoachassociation.com. To register, just complete the form

and mail it with your check to the ACA Rallies Arizona address on the form.

The Las Vegas Pre-rally is scheduled for **February 18-23** at the **Las Vegas Oasis RV Resort**. We plan to caravan to the Pomona FMCA Rally Parking area on **Saturday, February 23rd**. **Note that this Rally will begin a day earlier than normal with parking and check-in on Monday and the "caravan" to Pomona on Saturday.**

We will leave Las Vegas in small groups...make an intermediate food and rest stop at **Peggy Sue's 50s Diner at Yermo, CA**...and then proceed to an area near the FMCA Fairplex site to re-form the full caravan and travel as a group on into the FMCA caravan parking area. Those folks who attend the Pre-Rally and continue on to the FMCA Rally will have the opportunity to attend the **NASCAR Sprint Cup Race at Fontana's California Speedway on Sunday, February 24th at a substantially reduced price**...all courtesy of WRV.

We are still working on negotiating the best rates and entertainment values for the Las Vegas Pre-Rally. Be sure to put the Rally on your calendar and then watch your mail for the official Registration Form. The Rally Registration materials will be mailed to you by **WRV**. Therefore, it's very important that the factory has your current/best mailing address so that you'll receive the info in a timely manner.

And...the year's just beginning. So, make plans for the rest of the **2008 Rally Schedule**. We'll have information for you soon on the **July 8-13 Minneapolis-St. Paul FMCA Pre-Rally** (Grand Casino Resort at Hinckley, MN) and the **November 11-17 "Christmas" Heritage Rally** (America's Best Campground) in Branson, MO.

Happy New Year from the ACA Rally team and thanks for your support in 2007...**we'll see you down the road.**

DVD EXCHANGE

Ready for some new movies? There will be a DVD exchange at Quartzsite. Bring your used DVD's to trade!



We'll trade right after the Membership Meeting on Thursday, January 17th. Bring Books, DVD's or VHS. Exchange is one for one of like items.

ALPINE RALLY CALENDAR 2008

Check the calendar, if you're going to be in an area with a Regional Rally scheduled use the contact info on page 9 to sign up.

January 16 -21 2008	Quartzsite, Arizona Desert Rat VII	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
February 15 – 18 th 2008	Pahrump, Nevada Terrible's RV Resort	SoCal	gistacy@cox.net Dale & Dixie Gerstel dndgerstel@hotmail.com
February 18-23 2008	Las Vegas, Nevada Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
March 11-15 2008	North Tampa, Florida Pioneer Village	ACE	Jim & Jodi Girouard http://www.ace-rv.com/
March 28-30 2008	Santa Barbara, California Ocean Mesa Campground at El Capitan (north of Santa Barbara)	SoCa	Jim & Stephanie Archer jwarcher@cox.net Rick & Sue Coleman Suzc3@verizon.net
May 2008	Wenatchee, Washington	NoWACA	Jamie & Donna Jamison Turbo-5@smwireless.net
May 13-20 2008 Week long rally	Lake Powell, Utah Wahweap RV Resort	SoCal	Mac & Anne McDougal mcdanne@cox.net John and Gail Stacy
July 8 -13 2008	Hinckley, Minnesota FMCA Pre-Rally	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
September 2008	Oak Glen Apple Festival	SoCal	Dave & Donna Fernandez AlpineDriver@msn.com Ed & Donna Mathews ejm_mathews@msn.com
Fall 2008	Lancaster, Pennsylvania	ACE	Jesse & Shirley Rumberger jsrumberger@aol.com
November 11-17 2008	Branson, Missouri Heritage Rally	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015

Interested in joining a region? More information on page 9. Regional groups are great if you can't make National rallies and want to connect with other Alpine owners. Most events are easy to get to and a great way to get meet other Alpine enthusiasts.

Reminder: All ACA Members must be a member in good standing of the FMCA. Note that by being a member of FMCA in good standing, we are in compliance with their insurance liability.

WELCOME NEW ACA MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our newest Alpine Coach Association members who have joined since July 1st. When you see them at the next Rally be sure to say hello.

Joe and Pat Brunold, Alpine CA
 Bob and Chris Connelly, Bonanza OR
 Jack and Ellen Dodge, Arlington WA
 Tom and Geri Fetting, Greendale WI
 Jim and Zilpha Gibson, Valencia CA
 Paul and Kay Goecke, Guernsey WY
 Jim and Carolyn Goober, Glendora CA
 Bill and 'D' (Virginia) Hall, Clovis CA
 Mike and Donna Hambarian, Villa Park CA
 Jim and Sally Harper, Carson City NY
 Jim and Sherrill Haxby, Scottsdale AZ
 Al and Joan Heikka, Henderson NV
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 Ollie and Katy Hundelt, Sedona CA
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 Joe and Judi Jaret, Park City UT
 Brad and Joyce Jensen, Portland OR
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 David and Jeanne Willey, Lone Pine CA

A Message from Claudia Gayhart— President Pro Tem



I would like to extend best wishes to all of you during the holidays. There are many issues that the Board is currently working on to make the ACA a better organization for all of you. We have set our sites on by-laws updates, a full CPA audit of our finances and a written process for the production of club rallies. We will give you an update of our progress at the Membership meeting in Quartzsite. For those of you who cannot attend, our Secretary will send a copy of the minutes so that you will be updated as well..

Since the selection of a nominating committee was overlooked at the October meeting, we will call upon 3 to 5 of our members in January to form a committee. This group will be voted on by the members attending the meeting at Quartzsite. Be prepared to be tapped on the shoulder by one of these people to serve your club as a Director. The 3 offices up for election this year are President, Treasurer and Regions Director.



Earlene Bloomquist Membership Director

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. My cousin and his family and my brother and some friends came to our new home for Thanksgiving it was sure different cooking in a **BIG** Kitchen rather than in our Alpine kitchen which I've been cooking in for 14 years.

I would like to tell you what I do as your Membership Director . I register new members, sending them their welcome letter, window placard, post card for their name badges, membership list, newsletter, By Laws, and P & P's. I am constantly updating the membership list as members advise me of changes and mailing the revised list to the ACA Board members and WRV monthly. I send welcome letters and applications to new prospective members whom WRV and FMCA send to me. I make copies of our membership list for distribution to all members in January of each year

To me, the most important and fun thing I do is welcome all members at each rally I attend. I try hard to get to know each of you and make sure you enjoy the rallies as much as I do. Hope to see many of you in Quartzsite.

Andy Lewis—Special Projects Director



Happy holidays from Suzan and myself. We both look forward to seeing you in 2008.

Andy & Suzan Lewis

Please remember those less fortunate than you this holiday season and make a donation to your favorite charity. With the California fires and the flooding in Washington State, there are many families that would benefit from your kindness.

Wherever you spend your holidays, may you be surrounded by the love of family and friends.

We look forward to 2008 and to many Rallies and Alpine "family" gatherings.



Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year from your Alpine Coach Association Board

*Claudia & Danny Gayhart
Gale & Joan Johnson
Earlene & Jerry Bloomquist
Andy & Susan Lewis
Frank & Dessa Halaz
Renée Perrault & Gary Arnold*

Franklin Halasz—Secretary



Greetings from Albuquerque!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Secretary. It's been great to hear from so many Alpiners, even the minimum "couldn't open the attachment" emails. Secretaryship is new to me, and the learning curve has been steep; we'll try to do better next year.

The ol' motorhome is properly winterized and probably won't turn a wheel until we leave for Quartzsite. We're ready for this year to be over. There's plenty to do until then, assembling presents for our families and each other, and preparing for all the festivities of the season. Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to one and all!



Santa Gary Arnold

Renée Perrault—Newsletter Editor and Treasurer Pro Tem

I am excited to join the ACA Board and make a contribution to our club. I'm wearing two hats right now....the first one, Newsletter Editor, that hat is wild and crazy (you may have noticed by the picture I like crazy hats) The second hat, is the bean counters hat, not quite as exciting but still a function that is needed. I want to thank both

Barbara Smith, our former Editor, and Gail Stacy, our former Treasurer, for making this an easy transition. They both have been very supportive. I'm looking forward to getting input from all of the ACA members as to what kind of information you want to see in your newsletter. We need stories of where you have traveled to and great places you have stayed. Alpine Coach Association members love to share stories, please email at news01@alpinecoachassociation.com. Regarding the bean counter position....I have already started counting (there are a lot of beans) and will be ready with a Treasurer's report in Quartzsite.

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My favorite part of being in ACA is the many great people, we have made friends all around the country. If there is one thing I have noticed about an Alpine Coach gathering, no one goes hungry and we all love getting together for our heavy appetizers night. Here's one of my favorite appetizer recipes. The best part is, you can make ahead and freeze. Don't be put off by the spinach, by the time you're finished, Popeye wouldn't even recognize it.

SPINACH SQUARES

4 Tablespoons Butter	1 Teaspoon Salt (optional)
1/3 Cup Green Onions	1 lb. Monterey Jack Cheese (grated)
3 Eggs well beaten	1 Teaspoon Baking Powder
1 Cup Flour	3/4 teaspoon Dill Weed
1 Cup Milk	2 10 oz. packages frozen (thawed) chopped Spinach

Sauté onions in butter until onions are limp. Spread evenly in a 9 x 13 inch pan. Beat together the eggs, flour, milk, salt, baking powder and dill weed. Thoroughly drain spinach. Combine spinach and GRATED cheese. Mix egg mixture and cheese mixture. Spread in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool 45 minutes. Cut into 1 inch squares. May be frozen. Place frozen squares on cookie sheet and bake at 325 degrees for 12 minutes until heated.

If you would like the recipe for the homemade Sweet Hot Mustard Sauce for dipping, send me an email but be ready to trade recipes or write an article! The home made hot mustard recipe is worth it!

HO HO HO ANOTHER ALPINE CHRISTMAS -

Niel and Maureen Dahl - Full Timers



Christmas as a Full-timer is as varied as each individual. Some folks travel back to their families for the holidays either with or without their rigs. Some meet up with other Full-timer friends for an extended RV family celebration. With us it has been different each year. Attached is a photo from our first Christmas on the road at Key West. We just had to do the Jimmy Buffet thing. The next Christmas was in Louisiana while we were traveling west to do Quartzsite. Year 3 was spent in Tampa getting eaten alive by no-see-ums. Last year we were in Las Cruces and our daughter was able fly down from Washington to spend the holiday with us. This year we will be in Tucson and may try to get together with other AZ wintering friends. The holiday decorations, we have stowed in the bin and consist of small, artificial trees, LED lights and some small little things that we use to decorate the windows and mirrors. We generally try

to surprise each other with one small little gift and use the rest of our holiday budget on the kids and now grandkids. So the holidays for the Dahls are as varied as our life and for this time in our life it suits us fine.

Thinking of Joining a Regional ACA Group?

National Rallies are 4 times a year, so what is a dedicated ACA member to do in between? How about joining a Regional group of the ACA? Check the Rally Schedule on page 5 for an event near you. Each region is dedicated to having fun, meeting other Alpine owners sharing ideas and comparing trips and experiences. Let's not forget the food! There hasn't been an Alpine gathering yet that anyone has left hungry. Pick up the phone or send an email to the region nearest you. Remember, all ACA members are welcome to attend any of the regional rallies. If you're in the neighborhood, as the TEXANS say, "Y'all just come on down" and join the fun. And fun you will have! Be sure and send our Webmaster, Linda Cain some pictures. Let us all know how much fun you're all having by writing an article for the newsletter! Send your article to news01@alpinecoachassociation.com

For answers to questions and advice from other Alpine Coach owners visit www.IRV2.com and click Alpine Coach Owners Forum.

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Photo Request

It's time to do some updating of the ACA website and I need a few photos. What I'd like are photos of member's rigs in locations they find interesting. Please email the photos to linda@vex.net with your name and the location the photo was taken.



Linda Cain, Webmaster

Stretching Exercises on The Road

After you're finished trying to stretch your fuel dollars, (See article on page 12) it's time to do some stretches as you travel. When you find a rest area, get out of your Coach, fill your lungs with fresh air, take a brisk walk around the rest area and do some leg stretches to avoid fatigue. When you get back in the Coach, try the following stretches. These will be helpful in relieving neck and shoulder tension.

Side Bending Neck Stretch

Keep shoulders down and relaxed. Slowly drop your right ear toward your right shoulder. Don't worry about touching your shoulder. Hold comfortably for 10—15 seconds, enjoy a gentle stretch. Return your head to center and repeat on the left side. Repeat 3—5 times on each side.

Forward Rotation Neck Stretch

With arms bent, place your left hand behind your neck. Keep your shoulders down and relaxed. Turn your head 45 degrees to the right until a slight stretch is felt. Tip your head forward and slightly down toward the right hip. Hold comfortably for 15 to 30 seconds. Return your head to center and repeat on the other side, with your right hand behind your neck. Repeat twice on each side.

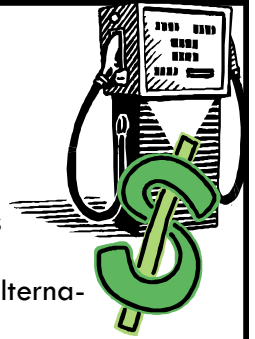
Upper Trapezium Stretch

Place your left hand on your right thigh. With your right hand, lightly grasp your left arm above the wrist. Apply a gentle downward pressure above the wrist for stability. Tilt your head toward the right. Slowly allow your head to bend slightly forward so that you are looking at your hands. Hold comfortably for 10 to 20 seconds. Release and repeat on the other side. Repeat 3 to 5 times on each side.



These 3 exercises will help reduce stress in the neck and shoulders, a common complaint after long hours of driving or sitting. Stretching will keep you limber and alert and helps keep muscles toned.

Want To Take a Bite out of Fuel Prices?



With rising prices it's a challenge to find cheap diesel. Experts suggest buying fuel at grocery stores such as Safeway, Albertsons or Kroger's. While these retailers offer incentives that give larger cash off discounts based on grocery purchases, they don't all offer diesel fuel. Costco and Sam's club also offer cheap fuel but again, not all offer diesel. Another alternative to getting pennies off each gallon is a credit card rewards programs.

Here's a sample of the top two reward cards:

Card	Fuel Rebate	Additional	Rewards payment	Annual fee
Chase Perfect Card	6% for 90 days, then 3% on all fuel purchases up to \$500 per month	1% all other purchases	Automatic rebate credit monthly	None
Discover Open Road	5% on fuel up to \$100.00 per month, then 1% on balance of fuel purchased	Up to 1% on all other purchases	Cash back credit or gift cards. Incentive for gift cards, example: Redeem \$20.00 in rewards and receive a \$25.00 gift card.	None

After a review of our fuel consumption year to date for 2007, with the Chase Perfect Card, we would have been eligible for a \$85.00 rebate using the 3% up to \$500.00 formula. This would have given us an additional six cents per gallon discount on our fuel purchases. The Discover Open Road card would have netted us \$40.00 and don't forget, **both cards** offer 1% back on all other purchases which can add up to a substantial **annual** credit. While the Chase Perfect card is rated number one in the rewards card review, the top cards all offer slightly different incentives as well as interest rates. Take a look at <http://www.rewardscards.com> to review all of the offers and specific details and don't forget to read all the fine print.

GOT ROCKS ?

Claudia Gayhart



Danny Gayhart in his "Saharacon"

Five (5) Alpine Coaches with Jeeps in tow gathered at the Canyonlands Campground in Moab, UT in September in searching for the biggest, baddest, boldest rocks around. Danny Gayhart posted the trip on IRV2 as a pre-pre-rally before the big Albuquerque event. Joining us were Robina Scaife and Chuck Thomas, Renée Perrault and Gary Arnold, Basil & Sue Shannon, and Lyle & Cathy Fuller. The Fullers invited the Shannons to ride the trails with them in their brand new Jeep while Danny, Gary and Chuck had a different idea and tackled some of the tougher runs. Basil and Lyle decided to ride shotgun in Danny & Gary's

Jeeps one day and found that they were in for the time of their lives. They traveled Poison Spider Mesa to Golden Spike and Gold Bar Rim snapping pictures all the way. You couldn't slap the smiles off of their faces when they returned. By the way, the girls were smiling, too, after braving the shopping experience in town.

We sampled the local restaurants, took in the beauty of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks and spent time together over drinks and munchies. We met Clark & Donna Bowen in their TREK motorhome and invited them to join us. After seeing how much fun we were all having, they have now become the proud owners of a 2007 36ft. Alpine Coach. It was fun getting to know one another better and trading stories of the Red Rocks of Utah.