

A View from the Summit

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Is That a Gleam in Your Eye or a Reflection from Your Alpine Coach? Renee Perrault "newbie"

Heritage Rally 2006



You can always tell when an Alpine Rally is in progress....all the people walk around in sunglasses 24/7 from the glare off the clean, waxed and detailed 86 coaches in attendance. When you walk around and look at everyone's coach, you can tell a pride in ownership unlike any other seen in the RV park. I've seen owners with knee pads on, polishing their coaches, and have also witnessed the electric wheel polishers in evidence by the blinding gleam from the wheels. Yes, Alpine owners are a proud group of coach owners and with good reason.

Another good thing about Alpine owners is they have never met a stranger. What a friendly group of people! There are no strangers, just people we haven't met yet. And talk about willing to share ideas and information...no idea or improvement goes unnoticed or unshared. You can learn more from one walk down your row than anywhere else. All in all, the ACA is a group you can be proud to be a member of.



Heritage Rally

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So, when the festivities started with the Tuesday night heavy hors d'oeuvres party, the group was in a festive mood. Everywhere you saw old friends reconnecting and new people meeting other coach owners. The group outdid itself on the hors d'oeuvres with so many dishes generously provided by everyone. What a wonderful sampling of cooking talents. After our "grazing dinner" we were entertained by Audrey Doyle with a mix of music ranging from country to soft rock. A perfect mix for our group as it got people out of their chairs and dancing.

Wednesday morning was our Welcome Breakfast and what a welcome it was! After a great meal, including grits and biscuits & gravy, (we are in the south y'all!) we had a great morning of entertainment by Russ and Becky Jeffers who have performed in the Grand Ole Opry and in various Tennessee venues for over 25 years. They not only provided great country music, Russ really has a way with a story that kept us laughing throughout the performance. We also had the pleasure of watching clogging which is very impressive.

Wednesday evening our good friends at Guaranty – Lindsay, Rich, Randy and Jim – once again outdid themselves by hosting a wine and cheese party for everyone. They had 13 coaches (including the new Special Editions) on hand for everyone to walk through and, of course, were available should anyone have their checkbooks ready. These coaches were HOT!! By Friday night, two ACA members purchased new coaches.

Next on the agenda was a Thursday morning trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky to see the Corvette factory and the Corvette Museum. We spent a very informative hour (or more) inside the factory watching cars go through the assembly line. It was very interesting and, of course, we all picked out our favorite color just in case there was a door prize or a free Corvette with every tour. No such luck on the free car, but still a very educational experience. The tour was followed by a delicious lunch and a visit to the Corvette Museum. After the museum, the Gearhead Session was called to order by our "Gearhead" experts, Burk Morgan of WRV, Mike Young of Cummins, Norm Anderson of Onan and Dale Kemper of Silver Leaf. They fielded questions for almost two hours, offering suggestions and practical advice for a variety of situations. Wow, what a lot of information was available during the meeting...it's hard to stump these guys! Also, there was a brief fire safety talk from our "Special Projects Coordinator" Andy Lewis. He gave us excellent information that really emphasized the importance of fire extinguishers being placed at strategic locations in our coaches. Good advice that should not be ignored.

The wonderful thing about having the event in Nashville was the opportunity to meet many East Coast members and all the incredible sights to see around Nashville...including Keith Urban! Ok, I have to brag about seeing him on the streets of downtown Nashville, that was a thrill. We also got a little sneak peak at the OCC (Orange County Chopper) people. Paul Sr., Paul Jr. and Mikey Teutul were all in town, and we were able to see them in the park as we were walking around.

Friday night, after a great catered dinner, we were entertained by "Dave & Daphne" two talented singers who performed a variety of country music and old favorites for us.

Saturday night we attended the Grand Ole Opry...what an incredible evening...great seats, performances by great country stars and up-and-coming performers, and the ever-popular stars like Loretta Lynn.

Now, I ask you, where can you go, get your campsites reserved with priority treatment, get three quality performances right at the KOA specifically for your group, get tickets to an outstanding tour of the Corvette Museum, have three quality meals provided, cocktails and wine & cheese and excellent seats to the Grand Ole Opry? Oh, let's not forget to mention an entire campsite of super friendly, accommodating fellow club members that made each day special. Well, I think that would pretty much describe any of the Alpine events. They are all special, well-orchestrated and perfectly executed in every detail. Thank you Gale, Joan, and the entire ACA Board. All your hard work and planning pulled off, yet again, another memorable trip. To put this in perspective of how much work it is to pull off an ACA meeting, fill up your house with guests, then figure out how to feed and entertain them for 5 days....not an easy feat but one managed very well by our ACA group.

Thank you all for a memorable gathering...we look forward to many more.

Mocksville, North Carolina Rally

Maria Walker

Thousand Trails at the Reserve is nestled in the gentle hills of North Carolina close to the NASCAR racing hub, the Charlotte Speedway.

Thirty-seven coaches parked within a short distance of the clubhouse and pool. The membership held an hors d'oeuvres party Tuesday. Then Wednesday morning everyone met at the clubhouse for a catered Southern breakfast complete with biscuits and gravy. (Not sure what happened to the grits, though.)

WRV/Guaranty/Uhlman displayed coaches and held a wine and cheese party which allowed members to visit and catch up, as well as meet the new attendees.

Thursday morning everyone met at the Richard Childress Museum for the Gearhead Session. We were greeted and welcomed by Chocolate Myers who was the fuel man for Dale Earnhardt during his career, and has been with the RCR race team for over 20 years. Marvin Panch also joined us and talked about his racing career having won the Daytona 500 in 1960. Marvin is the oldest NASCAR championship driver still living. The Richard Childress Racing (RCR) Museum displayed Dale Earnhardt's cars as well as those driven by Richard. Also an avid hunter, the museum displayed a wildlife and conservation gallery as if one was walking through the actual woods surrounded by the bears, wolves, deer, elk, rams, etc.

The tour ended after a visit to the immaculate racecar production facility where the cars were lined up getting ready for another race. Later we met at the Richard Childress Tuscan Winery for a tour before having a wonderful catered dinner and being entertained by Melonbelly.

Because of the size of our gathering room, Gale was not able to do the usual TP toss, but everyone enjoyed the door prizes nonetheless. There *were* a few members that couldn't stand not having the TP toss and decided to TP Gale and Joan's coach. Couldn't happen to a nicer couple!

Saturday night ended with a three-cake celebration of Joan's (65th) birthday, but I'm not telling! Gale's is next week!

It's always nice to see old friends and welcome new members. We look forward to seeing everyone again in Nashville in October.



New Alpine Coach Association Board of Directors

Board Messages

The updated membership list and bylaws will be available in January for members.



From the Mobile Office Claudia Gayhart, President

This is my final message to you as President of the Alpine Coach Association. It has been my pleasure to serve as your president since May of 2002 and I look forward to many more years with the club as a participating member of this great group of people.

Danny & I joined the club in 2000, after retiring and selling our home in San Diego. I wondered what I was going to do with my free time since I was no longer working an 8-to-5 job when the opportunity to run for the Board presented itself. I had no idea that there would be no more “free time” once elected! I have enjoyed working with the various Directors during the past 4½ years. We have faced challenges and resolved them as a team. I will remain active as the Immediate Past President in an advice-and-counsel role.

I want to congratulate our new 2006-2008 Directors: Kathy Nichol森, Dave Fernandez and Gail Stacy. The positions they hold will be assigned by the Board at the Heritage Rally in Nashville this month. My thanks to those of you who voted in this election. It was a difficult choice this year with so many qualified candidates. Also, the Board has appointed Barbara Smith of Washington state as our newsletter editor. This publication is her first in her new position. Thanks, Barbara, for taking on this job.

At the General Membership meeting in Nashville, we will select a Nominating Committee for next year’s election. Please be prepared to either volunteer for the committee or to place your name in the hat as a candidate for the 2007 election.

Your participation in the Alpine Coach Association is always needed. Volunteers are appreciated during rallies and on committees. Please let your Directors know that you want to contribute your time and energy. We have instituted a “sign-up sheet” system for various projects at our rallies. Make sure that your name finds its way to one of these lists.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my husband, Danny, for his support during my term in office. He has been there for me and for the club in various capacities and I couldn’t have done my job without him. We will both continue on as active members of the Alpine Coach Association.

A very special thank you
to the membership of
Alpine Coach Association
for the wonderful gift presented
to me at the
Heritage Rally in Nashville.
Thank you for your support during
the past 4 years.

Claudia Gayhart
Immediate Past President



Treasurer's Chest

Kathy Nichol森, Treasurer

Carl and I have been meandering around Oregon and California for the past month headed toward Nashville. We finally got as far east as Las Vegas to play some golf, take in a show and *win* some money.

I look forward to another exciting rally in Nashville – renewing friendships and taking in all the music and action I'm sure Gale has planned.

Oh yes, the Treasurer's Report – there will be a Treasurer's Report at the Heritage Rally.

From the Secretary's Desk

Kay Watts, Secretary

It is time to validate our ACA membership list with the chapter roster maintained with Family Motor Coach Association. As a chapter of FMCA, and in preparation for the publication of the January issue of the FMCA magazine, they require us to verify their listing of our current roster and list of ACA chapter officers. All FMCA members should have their dues paid if due. If you have not notified FMCA of any address/phone changes we encourage you to do so by their October 27 deadline. We cannot make those changes for you. You can accomplish this via a phone call, accessing the Web, or by E-Mail contact. The phone number is 800-543-3622. E-Mail should be sent to membership@fmca.com. On the Web enter www.fmca.com/membership, click on the Update Info link and log on using your FMCA membership number and expiration date. If you are notifying them of any changes and have not let Earlene know, please send an E-Mail to her with those changes as well.

If you missed our ACA pre-rally in North Carolina, you missed a great time. This was a fun event even if you aren't a NASCAR, BUSCH, or other car/truck racing fan. WRV also had a new Alpine dealer, Uhlmann RV, for us to meet, and the newest motorhome addition – the Alpine Limited SE – for us to see. Of course, it rained during the FMCA rally, would it really be one if it didn't? We did not have gooey mud, but we did have a creek running under our coaches while it was pouring. No one got stuck...that was a new experience.

By the time most of you read this our rally in Nashville will also be history and we will be looking forward to the holidays and the Desert Rat Rally in January. Drive safely wherever your travels may take you. Hope to see you at Nashville or in the desert.





Membership Memos

Earlene Bloomquist, Membership Director

We have been in the Southeast since we left California the end of June. We enjoyed the Pre-rally in Lexington, North Carolina at Thousand Trails...and, yes it has been hot... then to FMCA Rally at Lowes Motor Speedway. We plan on being in the Southeast until next April. We are enjoying North Carolina very much – it is a beautiful state and so historical, which we love.

I have been working on the new Alpine owners' list. We have added 83 new members since October, 2005. As of September 5 we have lost 70 members who did not renew their membership.

I would love to have everyone remember that it makes the Membership Director's job a lot easier if you respond to my post cards, letters and emails – even if you aren't going to renew your membership in ACA. A phone call, email or a note would help a lot. The cost to the membership is going up because of 2nd notices and follow-up phone calls when emails are returned to me because either I'm not on your email list or you aren't giving me your changes of address. I don't want to sound like I'm unhappy with you, because those of you who are reading this have all paid your membership dues, but please remember to pay on time every year and keep me updated on any personal changes.

I hope you are having wonderful travels this summer and please know that I'm easy to get in touch with, so call or email if you have any questions.

Just a note of thanks to our wonderful President, Claudia Gayhart, for the wonderful job she has done for the ACA Membership. Jerry and I appreciate everything you do and have done.

Special Projects

Ray Schemanske, Director

With the North Carolina rally behind us and the Nashville gathering just around the corner, the old adage "*time flies*" seems appropriate.

The rally in Charlotte seemed to fit well with those lazy summer days for weather, with plenty of excitement for the NASCAR-related activities.

Chris and I have been traveling since leaving North Carolina and looped through Michigan's Upper Peninsula. For anyone interested in iron or copper mining, maritime history of the Great Lakes, and logging, the Upper Peninsula has much to offer.

On the business side: the project on policies and procedures for the club and some possible suggestions for by-law revisions are complete and will be discussed at the Heritage Rally.

We look forward to seeing you in Nashville...I think Gale Johnson has planned another great get-together for us. While at the rally, if you have any thoughts about the club, please be sure to share them with a member of the board.

See you in Nashville!!



Rally News

from the Fun & Games Department
a.k.a. Gale Johnson, ACA Rally Director



From Sea To Shining Sea, etc....2007 will find ACA National Rallies on both the left and right coasts of the country. We'll



begin at the Atlantic Ocean with a March 13-18 Pre-Rally at the Hilton Head, South Carolina Outdoor Resorts

leading into the Perry, Georgia FMCA Rally. Then we'll head West and gather at the Pacific Shores Outdoor Resorts at Newport, Oregon (August 7-12) for an ocean-front Pre-Rally ahead of the Redmond, Oregon FMCA National Convention.

And...on both ends of the Rally year...we'll experience two other great locations at popular inland locations. We'll kick off the year with the popular Desert Rat Rally (DRR VI) at Quartzsite, Arizona (January 18-23). As always...bring firewood! Finally, the Albuquerque Balloon Festival "Heritage Rally" (October 9-14) will wrap up the Rally year.

We have confirmed an additional future Rally date and location. July 8-13, 2008 the Minnesota Pre-Rally will be at the Beautiful Grand Casino and Resort at Hinckley, Minnesota. Also in 2008, we'll be back at the Aguanga, California Outdoor Resorts in late February; and the Heritage Rally is scheduled for early November in Branson, Missouri to take in some of the excellent holiday shows.

You can see from the above Rally locations that we attempt to hit as many different parts of the country as possible each year. Even though some of our schedule is tied to the FMCA Rally locations, we have the freedom to move the Heritage Rally around to give all of our members the opportunity to attend as many geographically-convenient Rallies as possible. Plan to join your ACA friends at all of the upcoming events. Your continuing support is appreciated.

Safe Travels!

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Rally Fun



Rod & Sheila...
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Members gather at the Gearhead Session



Volunteers getting ready for the first evening



Jim & Jodi Girouard on their way to a
fun-filled day



The guys from Guaranty RV at the
wine and cheese party



Happy Hour event in the Music Barn



Audrey Doyle entertains



There's a "ladies ride" if I ever saw one!

Please send your rally photos (with captions) for inclusion in the online edition of the ACA Newsletter. Photos should be sent as jpg or tif files to aca_newsletter@yahoo.com.

**Thank you!
– Barbara Smith**



Rock On! Ruth & Jim....where are Sally & Wayne?

Rally Calendar

Remember, all ACA members are welcome to attend ALL rallies.

October 3-8 2006	Nashville, Tennessee "Homecoming 2006"	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
October 6-8 2006	Lone Pine, California Film Festival	SoCal	Keith & Lynette Legare jkleg@aol.com
October 8-12 2006	Nashville, Tennessee Nashville KOA	ACE	www.ace-rv.com
November 16-19 2006	Cannon Beach, Oregon Fiddler on the Roof	NoWACA	Fred & Carol Royce fhroyce@olypen.com Jay & Linda Emory lindaemory@verizon.net

2007

January 17-21 2007	Tampa, Florida Tampa Supershow	ACE	www.ace-rv.com
January 18-23 2007	Quartzsite, Arizona "Desert Rat Rally VI"	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
February 16-18 2007	Las Vegas, Nevada Outdoor Resorts	SoCal	Jim & Stephanie Archer jwarcher@cox.net
March 13-18 2007	Hilton Head, S. Carolina FMCA Pre-Rally (Perry)	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
April 27-30 2007	Hemet, California 5th Anniversary Rally	SoCal	Jim & Polly Klinko jpklinko@aol.com
Early June 2007	Plymouth, California 49er Village RV Resort	SoCal	Jim & Vivian Weinheimer jimw@bpdonline.net Frank & Marcia Morrell marciamorrell@earthlink.net
August 7-12 2007	Newport, Oregon FMCA Pre-Rally (Redmond)	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
October 9-14 2007	Albuquerque, New Mexico Heritage Rally	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
November 9-11 2007	Chula Vista, California Chula Vista RV Resort & Marina	SoCal	Paul & Dale Sullivan sobersullie@hotmail.com Bill & Patti Figge figgebp@mac.com

2008

February 2008	Aguanga, California	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
July 8-13 2008	Hinckley, Minnesota FMCA Pre-Rally	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015
November 2008	Branson, Missouri Heritage Rally	National	alpinerallies@aol.com or P.O. Box 53486, Bellevue WA 98015

Chapters, please send your rally plans to aca_newsletter@yahoo.com for inclusion in the ACA Newsletter



Chapter Talk

Gail Stacy, Chapter Director

Summer has come and gone, and cooler weather is on its way here in Las Vegas and probably wherever you are as well. I hope any of you who are able will consider joining one of our regional Chapters to participate in the camaraderie and fun that we all have at our rallies. It's a chance to get to know your fellow ACA members even better in a smaller venue with more frequent gatherings. Feel free to attend a rally in your region some time as a guest, as I know you will have a wonderful time and probably decide to join. Of course, all ACA members are welcome at any of these regional rallies if you are traveling in the area at the time of a rally. If you would like more information, please contact one of the Chapter regions listed.

SoCal (southern California)

Gail Stacy

We are just winding down from our great weekend (September 8-10) at the Wine Country RV Resort in Paso Robles, California. This park and area is a wonderful place to visit, with vineyards, wineries and golf courses everywhere, along with easy access to Morro Bay, Cambria and Hearst Castle on the coast (only 30 or so miles away), as well as the Estrella Warbird Museum just down the road. Our wagonmasters, Tom & Patty Dietrich and Mike & Nancy Ley, planned a fun weekend for the 18 coaches in attendance. Instead of the usual winery tour, we had a vineyard tour at a place called the Wineryard. Our hostess, Cindy Newkirk, taught us a lot about starting a vineyard, growing and harvesting the grapes and how their region differs from other famous California grape-growing regions. We even got to taste some not-quite-ready Cabernet grapes; they were pretty sweet already, but we learned that they had to get even sweeter to ferment into the alcohol level necessary for red wines. It was also interesting to hear all about Cindy's family and how they came to this region and got started in the vineyard business. Of course, after learning all about growing grapes, we had to go taste some! So, our next stop was the Eberle Winery to taste all their varieties of wines. Thank you Tom & Patty and Mike & Nancy for hosting a fun rally.

Lindsay Hargett and Rich Ellis from Guaranty RV in Junction City brought 2 Alpines down for us to spend time in, a 2006 Apex and a used 2005 36' Limited. They might have even sold one while there. We thank them for their participation in our rally and for sponsoring our continental breakfasts both mornings.

SoCal currently has 57 member coaches, and we always have a lot of fun 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.

ACE

(Eastern Chapter)

Wilma Egg

Ten coaches attended our summer rally, August 1-4, 2006, at the Palmyra Golf & RV Resort, Palmyra, Maine. David & Heather Bugbee made all the arrangements, including four New England dinners, a visit to Cole's Transportation Museum, and a cruise on Moosehead Lake at Greenville, Maine, aboard the steamship Katahdin. The Fox Hollow Country and Blue Grass Band was the highlight Friday evening with great music and fellowship. The golf was great and the sites were open and grassy, a great place to visit! Some coaches continued on to Canada and others attended the ACA Pre-rally in Mocksville, North Carolina.

Please visit our web site at www.ace-rv.com for information about ACE.

Fulltimers Chapter Maureen Dahl

Summer is over, can you believe it? For us, at least, it just seemed to fly by.

The Fulltimers have been very busy this summer as evidenced by the lack of chatter on the Yahoo website. What I have heard is that life's full circle has impacted our members in different ways. Some are feeling the loss of the older generation and others are feeling the joy of the birth of a new generation; our heartfelt condolences for the losses and our congratulations on the births. The one thing we all have in common is our unique lifestyle that allows us the freedom to be wherever we need to be to attend any family event, which makes the loss less stressful and the births more joyful.

One bit of information I would like to pass along concerns the FMCA Fulltimers chapter. Their chapter gets together twice a year before the International Conventions, then they caravan to the convention. While there, they have a potluck breakfast one morning and also serve ice cream at the RV Alliance ice cream social. They publish a newsletter four times a year. Their membership year is 1/1 - 12/31 and the dues are \$15 a year. If you are interested, go to the FMCA website, then Chapters, Links and Fulltimers Chapter. They sound like a fun group (just like ours) and it never hurts to meet more fellow Fulltimers.

That is all I have for now. There will be more to report in the next newsletter after the Nashville rally. Hope to see most of you at the rally where we will be organizing a meeting that we'll announce at social hour.

Safe and happy travels to you all.

NoWACA (Northwest) Barbara Smith

Twelve coaches from the NoWACA group met in Woodburn, Oregon for a Western theme rally hosted by Elaine & Jim Ellis August 17-20. Western was the theme...low-key was the game. Our Chapter continues to grow and everyone enjoys the time together.

Woodburn is home to the Company Stores, so shopping was definitely on the agenda along with "Men's Shop Talk" and "Tips & Techniques" for the ladies. The food was delicious (and plentiful). Everyone enjoyed Jeri's home-grown, hand-picked fruit.

Our next Rally will be November 16-19 in Cannon Beach, Oregon. If you would like to join us, please contact Fred & Carol Royce (fhroyce@olypen.com or Jay & Linda Emory at lindaemory@verizon.net).

TEXANS Louis Burch

A few of us attended the ACA Pre-rally in Mocksville, North Carolina, and had a good old time. Other than that, it has been a very quiet summer for us TEXANS.

If you are interested in joining the fun with the TEXANS, please contact Louis and Linda Burch at labsr@aol.com.

NorCal (Northern California) Pat Abernathy

Due to Stan and Pat Abernathy's travels to Alaska this summer, there was no opportunity to organize another rally for 2006. NorCal's next meeting will be in Quartzsite at DRR VI in January. At that meeting, the plan is to finalize the chapter's birth, and become an official chapter of the Alpine Coach Association.

Meanwhile, current and prospective members of NorCal attending ACA's Heritage rally in Nashville are encouraged to organize a breakfast for our little group while there.

Please contact Frank Halasz at fhalasz@swpc.com to get on our group's email list. And, please contact Stan and Pat Abernathy at paabern@aol.com or 510-701-7026 for information about our group. We will be welcoming members primarily from Northern California (about San Francisco/Sacramento and north) and Northern Nevada (about Reno and north).

Next year will be a great year for NorCal!!

Contact list for existing or planned chapters:

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ACE	Tom & Peggy Bacome • 731-935-2303 pjbacome@aol.com
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TEXANS	Louis & Linda Burch • 940-240-3251 labsr@aol.com
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News from WRV Donovan Anderson



Western RV recently brought their web site design and maintenance “in-house” to allow for faster turnaround and better control of the content, look and feel of the site.

The site now contains revised floor plans with SmartBed(s) shown. When you click on the SmartBed it opens a popup showing detailed drawings of the beds’ capacity in 3-D.

There is also detailed information about the Limited SE and we are in the process of updating our Apex content.

The site is updated daily, so please visit often to see what’s new. If you haven’t looked at it lately, you should check out the newsreel video from the 2005 Homecoming Rally Coach Races at the Renegade Raceway.



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ACA Members – Please send photos from your rallies to aca_newsletter@yahoo.com. Include captions for all photos and I’ll include them in the newsletter online edition. I’d like to receive information for the “from our members” section as well.

– Barbara Smith




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From our Members...

We would like to submit the following as a tip for travelers:

Recently while traveling in Brookings, Oregon, our inverter quit working. Harold Bailey, of SWAT, Inc. was recommended, and we encourage any of you who might be traveling in the area to keep his name. He was well informed, worked with our warranty insurance, and he was very professional. He diagnosed the problem quickly – dead inverter – and lined out the options. He was back in two days with a refurbished inverter and installed it within 30 minutes. To polish off this experience, he called us the following day to be sure everything was working properly and we were happy. You just can't find better service these days. We strongly recommend him for electrical, appliance, batteries and LP gas systems. Harold Bailey, SWAT, Inc. 541-251-1323.

– Carl & Kathy Nichol森

While at the Charlotte FMCA Convention, some of the gals found round neck, cap sleeve shirts embellished with motor coach outlines in sequins. They are nice shirts and the "glitter" is not over done, but we bought all she had in our sizes. If anyone is interested in special ordering them, the designer is Mary Lou Moriarity (phone 863-984-8666; cell phone 863-602-5177; E-mail BEEHAPEE@msn.com).

The price is \$17.99 for one or 2 for \$30 if we order 10 or more together. They are available in red, white, black or navy. They run rather small and most of us purchased size large.

– Jodi Girouard

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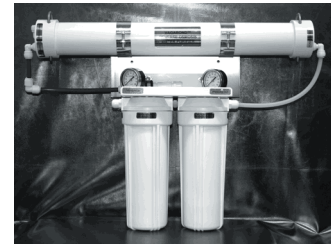
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