



# SEASONS GREETINGS



## Many Problems in the Economy, but...

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happy to start 2009 with great optimism for both our country and for our company. We pray that your 2009 will be all you want it to be.

Unlike many businesses this year, we will end 2008 with record company sales; we thank all of you in assisting us with this new record. Our new LifeStyle Coach sales are picking up steam with broad appeal to many looking for the freedom of travel and staying realistic with what this freedom should cost. We have been busy working very hard to add some great new features to our LifeStyle line of custom built coaches. One of the great new features added is our king size bed now automatically retracts when the slide-out comes in, allowing us to build a set of nine to twelve drawers on the wall at the foot of the bed. This additional storage has

been widely accepted! And having the bed retract still leaves room for you to walk around the bed to have use of the rear closet. Add to that the two upright hanging closets flanking the end of the bed and this new stateroom now has all that is needed to store all the necessities you need. New bay storage drawers for tools and new flush mount light switches have been added. A new coach battery tender/charger system insures your coach batteries are always ready for you. Dual satellite systems; one dish forward for stationary HD and one aft for in-motion will make your TV watching experience as convenient as your home systems.

The other addition to LifeStyle this year is the re-engineering and construction of our LifeStyle line to be Canadian approved. Now I



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know this means very little to you now, but this allows us to expand out market to include Canadian prospects and will make our coaches available for re-sale to the expanding Canadian market. Our first delivery of a new LifeStyle LS-II was delivered to Winnipeg at the end of October. We have changed equipment specifications, build materials and building practices that benefit our coach buyer and have not added one dime to the cost of the finished product. We will be one of six coach builders approved for the Canadian new and future re-sale market. YA!

Our remodel division continues to grow; staff added in 2008 includes eight (8) new remodel staff. The group will continue to grow as coach remodel continues to pick up steam. COACHWORKS remodel staff is now complete with its own electricians, plumbing personnel, systems techs, cabinet builders, flooring personal and upholster. This group works hard to insure that the work we do in

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# The President's Report.....Jon Jahn

Caryl and I were sorry to miss the Santa Fe / Albuquerque Balloon Fest Rally. It was only the second time we've missed a Royale Coach Rally.

It is obvious from the feedback that everyone had a great time. Reports have it that Carolyn and Bud worked nonstop to insure that everything ran smoothly and even opened up their beautiful home for an impromptu cocktail party.

I want to personally thank Vice-President Laurel Volberding for filling in for me at the club meeting. I know she did a good job.

I was sorry to hear that Nelda and Buck Banker missed the rally and I know that everyone missed Buck's great cooking.

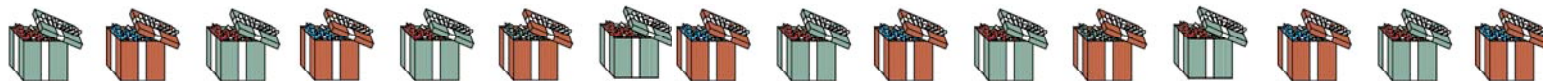


I want to thank our sponsors for their support this past year and I hope they will continue to support us in 2009 and beyond.

I was pleased to see that we have gained many new members this past year and hope they will enjoy the club as much as Caryl and I have over the years.

We are looking forward to our first rally of 2009 which takes place in April in Charleston, South Carolina. This rally will be hosted by Stanley and Bo Reahard.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Message from the 1st VP.....Laurel Volberding

Here we are again...the holidays. Thanksgiving, Christmas and a new year. Wow, 2008 just sped by didn't it?

Our club had two wonderful rallies this year. The Atlanta, GA rally hosted by Ron and Donna Presley, and the Santa Fe/Albuquerque, NM rally hosted by Bud and Carolyn McCollum. Thank you to the Presley's and McCollum's for hosting such fun, well-planned, memorable rallies. Hosting a rally is a lot of work, and we appreciate all your efforts, and we can't thank you enough!



In 2009, the club will be meeting in Charleston, SC in April. Our hosts for this rally are Bo and Stanley Reahard. I know many of us have visited Charleston before, but it's such a lovely place, I can't wait to go back. Stanley is a native of Charleston, so I'm sure we'll enjoy the best the city has to offer. Next fall, we will again be on the east coast, with a rally in Lincoln, Delaware. Richard and Charmaine Wilson are the hosts. More information on these rallies can be found in this newsletter and on our club website.

Also in 2009...an "unofficial" rally to the Oshkosh (WI) Air Show in July. Club members Bob and Gail Hansen have been to the show many times, and Bob has offered to coordinate this for anyone who wants to attend. We won't have a club meeting or have any group functions, but we will be able to park together and enjoy the Air Show. There's probably a potluck in there somewhere, too! And...because it is "unofficial", non-members and non-Prevosts are welcome to join us.

While we haven't rung in 2009 yet, it's not too soon to mention that our spring 2010 rally will be held in Arizona, and our fall 2010 rally will be held in Maine. As you make your travel plans, make sure to mark all four of these rallies on your calendars

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, I am thankful for our ability to travel this beautiful country of ours and for these terrific rally masters who give us our next destination.

Two last thoughts. First - despite the economic uncertainties we all face, this is still the greatest country on earth, and we are truly blessed to live here. Secondly - I don't know what our future holds, but I know Who holds our future.

May God bless you.



## The Sunshine Report.....Kathleen Koch, Sunshine Chairman

While hunting, Buck Banker fell off a deer stand. He is okay but will have to spend several months recuperating. Ron Kitchings had surgery in early November; he is doing well and hopes to be ready for skiing in February. We send speedy recovery wishes to Buck & Ron. Jon Jahn's brother passed away and our thoughts are with him during this sad time.



Let's keep all mentioned above in our thoughts and prayers during this holiday season. Please inform me of any Sunshine News - [chriskoch1@bellsouth.net](mailto:chriskoch1@bellsouth.net) or 904-461-8707. I wish you all a blessed holiday season.



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every remodel is completed with the same detail and level of excellence we achieve in every new LifeStyle coach. If we can be of service to you in 2009 just let us know! We will do all we can to exceed your expectations.

I will end with some personal notes. 2008 with all its problems has been a blessed year for Karen and myself with the addition of three (3) new grandchildren, two of successful Guatemalan adoptions. The health and success of our children, the health and success of our company, and most importantly the continued relationship and friendship of many of our customers continues to amaze both of us. Our holiday prayer for you is "May God bless you and your family as richly as HE has blessed mine as you serve Him in your daily lives"



Jesus the reason for the season!

Merry Christmas and have a God blessed New Year, We will see you at the spring Rally!



**“Nothing Could Be Finer than to be in Carolina”**

**Rallymasters- Bo and Stanley Reahard**

- Tuesday-Historic Charleston Tour in downtown Charleston.
- Wednesday-Plantations tour along the Ashley River with lunch at Middleton Plantation.
- Thursday-dinner dance at the Carolina Yacht Club.
- Free time to roam on your own and who knows what else.

**••••SIGN UP NOW!••••**

**For further Rally information and registration,  
go to the Royale Coach Club website at**

**[www.royalecoachclub.com](http://www.royalecoachclub.com)**



**A Retiree's Thought...**

My wife said, "Whatcha doin today?".....I said, "Nothing.".....She said, "You did that yesterday.".....I said, "I wasn't finished."

# Land of Enchantment Rally Recap.....Kally Kitchings

The big news of the week was the number of first timers that attended Bud and Carolyn McCollum's Land of Enchantment rally. Normally I list all the first timers names here in paragraph form but there are so many this time I think I will put everyone's name in list form and give the city/state where they reside.



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| John and Bren Jackson (& Jamie) | Quanah, TX                 | Dwayne and Trisha Gallaher  | Germantown, TN     |
| Rick and Barbara Kent           | Searcy, AR                 | John and Tommie Sanders     | Purdon, TX         |
| Bill and Freddie Blann          | Hampton, AR                | Shelton and Patsy Ruffin    | Oak Grove, LA      |
| John and Marge Brutvan          | Stuart, FL                 | Rayford and Betsy Reese     | Granite Shoals, TX |
| Louis Bob and Jo Ann Davis      | Abilene, TX                | Les and Lana Lagerquist     | Tomball, TX        |
| Wendell and Shirley Mathis      | Abilene, TX                | Roy and Peggy Carta Johnson | Clarksville, AR    |
|                                 | Warner and Earline Angelle | Jennings, LA                |                    |

Welcome to all first timers to the Royale Coach Club.

As usual, if you are not at the rally at least 2 to 3 days early then you are considered late. While many people got together for various functions the first unofficial function of the rally was having hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at the home of our very gracious host and hostess, Bud and Carolyn McCollum. Everyone enjoyed seeing Bud and Carolyn's home and tried to figure out who the below pictured people were attending the gathering!



The first official function of the rally was cocktails and music of the Mariachi band followed by a Mexican buffet in the clubhouse of Santa Fe Skies RV Park. Some people sat inside while others enjoyed the outdoor patio. Dave Miller and Steve Grey decided to park their Prevost shell on the patio for people to view and take advantage of their very lucrative discounted offer.



Bud and Carolyn made some announcements about the rally. One of the biggest announcements was that Linda Gracen changed her name the day before to Teaberry. That's right, Larry and Linda got married. Congratulations to them and best wishes for a very happy life together.

After a continental breakfast Wednesday morning, we headed into downtown Santa Fe for a trolley tour that was very informative. We learned much about the area from our trolley driver and were able to visit some of the art galleries. After lunch at the Hill Café, we were able to visit museums, cultural and art centers and do some shopping at the trading posts.



Upon returning to the campground we could rest a couple of hours before attending the wine and cheese party given by our sponsor Lifestyle Coach/Texas Custom Coach and to tour the "Kitchings" coach that had just been refurbished by our sponsor. Everyone agreed that the workmanship put into the Kitchings coach was outstanding.

Thursday started with a burrito breakfast at the campground and then off for shopping, browsing art galleries or touring a gun museum. All who went to the gun museum said they were pleasantly surprised to see more than just guns.

Dinner Thursday evening was at the La Fonda Hotel on the plaza, which is where we had our group photo taken. After dinner we were all very entertained by a group of Flamenco dancers. You could definitely tell these young girls put in many many hours of practice to be able to dance these very difficult dances.

The Royale Coach Club Business Meeting followed the continental breakfast Friday morning. In the absence of our club president, Jon Jahn, our first vice-president Laurel Volberding did an outstanding job in conducting the business meeting. Anyone wanting to read the minutes of the business meeting can do so by going to [www.royalecoachclub.com](http://www.royalecoachclub.com). Also on the website is the most current list of future rallies.

After the meeting we broke camp and headed to Albuquerque for the Balloon Fiesta. Moving to Albuquerque went very smoothly for everyone except Ron and I and our new little puppy Max. As we were setting up the coach Max took a nosedive from the passenger seat to the very bottom of the step well and knocked himself unconscious. After about 12 minutes and putting water on his face he finally came around. You could certainly tell he had a headache the next few hours. By the end of the day when we had our potluck dinner Max was back to his old self.

Opening day of the Balloon Fiesta was absolutely phenomenal. The balloons started inflating very early and were a sight to see. After the dawn patrol ascended to make certain all was okay for other balloons to ascend, the first one up carried "Old Glory" while our National Anthem was played on the loudspeakers. I think everyone around had chill bumps watching that lone balloon carry our flag and listening to the Star Spangled Banner.



Then all the balloons started going up. It was amazing to look up and see hundreds of balloons in the sky. During the Balloon Fiesta there were vendor booths to shop, wine festivals to attend and the chainsaw artist competition to attend.





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Unfortunately, bad weather came in late Saturday night and lasted into Sunday morning preventing the balloons from ascending. However, a little weather does not keep members of the Royale Coach Club from enjoying themselves. Lunches, shopping, casinos, dinner, etc. kept everyone busy and having a good time. The weather did clear out in time for the balloon glow and more fireworks.

Monday morning came too quickly and it was time to say goodbye. After a quick cup of coffee at Bud and Carolyn's coach it was time to hug everyone goodbye and a promise to see everyone again in Charleston, SC for Bo and Stanley Reahard's rally.

As always, we want to thank our sponsors: Dave and Karen Miller and Steve and Joanne Grey for the wine and cheese party, Prevost Car for supplying two buses for our transportation and Royale Phoenix for the fuel cards. A special thank you goes out to Bud and Carolyn for all their hard work in putting together a wonderful rally for our enjoyment. Once again, welcome to all the first timers. We hope to see all of you at the next rally.

Until then - - - safe travels.



**THE HAPPY COUPLE**

*Larry and Linda exchanged wedding vows in a private ceremony during the Royale Coach Club Fall 2008 rally.*

*Best Wishes from the club*



**MEDEX PLUS.....Bob Moss-FMCA National Director**

At the most recent FMCA Convention, held at St Paul, Minnesota, the subject came up as to the value of MEDEX PLUS. That is the program which every member of FMCA has as a member benefit. The result of the discussion was almost unanimous. MEDEX PLUS is probably the most valuable of all the member benefits derived from being a member of FMCA. Yet many, including some in our club, are unaware of what the program provides for our members. Stated simply, it is the travel program that provides travel assistance, emergency evacuation and repatriation 24-Hours a Day - 365 Days a Year while traveling in the United States, Canada and Mexico. That means simply, if a member is involved in an accident or suffers a sudden, unforeseen illness requiring Emergency Medical Services and is traveling more than 100 miles from home, MEDEX will pay for evacuation to the nearest appropriate facility. Following emergency evacuation and stabilization, MEDEX will coordinate and pay for the members transportation to their point of origin or permanent residence. Although a little morbid to think about, they will also assist and pay for cremation or the preparation and transportation of the remains.

On a brighter note, if a member is unable to drive their vehicle as a result of a medical emergency, MEDEX will coordinate and pay to have the vehicle returned to the member's place of residence or rental site. This includes a towed vehicle if the primary vehicle is an RV. This is only the beginning of what your MEDEX plan can do for you. There is much more and it can be found in the MEDEX PLUS flyer available through FMCA. There are limitations also and they should be understood as well as the benefits. I will have those flyers available at the next Royale Coach Club rally in Charleston, SC. They may also be obtained by requesting them from FMCA. If you want to learn more you can call MEDEX at 800-537-2029. The emergency number is 800-527-0218. Tell the operator you are a member of FMCA, Group #7030.

**One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book.**

**Along comes a Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, 'Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?'  
'Reading a book,' she replies, (thinking, 'Isn't that obvious?')  
'You're in a Restricted Fishing Area,' he informs her.  
'I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading.'  
'Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up.'  
'For reading a book,' she replies.  
'You're in a Restricted Fishing Area,' he informs her again.  
'I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading.'  
'Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up.'  
'If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault,' says the woman.  
'But I haven't even touched you,' says the game warden.  
'That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment.'  
'Have a nice day ma'am,' and he left.**



**MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.**

## JUST ONE PART OF OUR 25,000 MILES.....Kathleen Koch

*Editor's Note-for those of you who don't know, Chris and Kathleen Koch are certified car nuts!*

As many of you may know, Chris and I drove 25,000 miles from March until the first weekend in December for car shows /events/tours. For 5,000 of those miles, Chris drove the bus with the stacker and 1931 Duesenberg and I drove the F-350 with the Haulmark and the 1913 Stearns-Knight. On 8/23/06 we left home for a 28 day adventure (which, of course, included some misadventures along the way). You know there couldn't be a Koch story without "misadventures".



Our first stop, Lexington, Kentucky for the 3rd Annual Keeneland Concours (our first time attending). We hadn't visited this area and were looking forward to doing so. We arrived late afternoon and got situated in their parking area. The Keeneland Race Course is adjacent to the grounds where the show is held. Friday morning we went over to the track, found the cafeteria and had breakfast with jockeys and other horse people. It's about \$3.00 for a full breakfast (that price is right up Chris' alley). Afterwards we looked around the track and then went in search of a bourbon tour, after all, we were right where it all happens. The area is beautiful, lots of farms and horse ranches. We found a great tour and tasting at Larrot & Graham Woodford Reserve. Is 11:30 a.m. too early to be drinking bourbon? Not in Lexington! It was yummy and we made a purchase. Spent some time in the afternoon making the cars perfect and then got ready for the Black Tie Gala at the Keene Barn which turned out to be a very nice evening.



Saturday morning - show day. I was the first one up, went into the bathroom and suddenly the water pump started running. It has a self-check on it but it kept running. I yelled to Chris that the pump was running and running, we are quickly losing all of our fresh water! Finally we got outside and turned off the pump. We lost 60% of our water, this is not good, especially since we are dry camping - no hook ups to fresh water or sewer. Our motor home converter closed their doors about a year ago, so finding help is rather difficult. We sit and stare at each other for a while - what are we going to do? Finally we get dressed and get both cars on the field and while doing so our friends, Ron and Dawn Sautter showed up with their 1923 Locomobile(which is in original condition, more about that later). This was an unexpected surprise - they are lots of fun to be with. Later that morning, a fellow associated with the concours heard of our water pump problem and offered to look at the situation. The problem was with a fitting which we were able to fix and use the pump again!

The Stearns was in the same class as the Sautter's Locomobile. As I said, the Loco is in original condition and our Stearns is really nice but not concours quality. The other cars in the class were top notch including a very nicely restored Stanley Steamer. Award time came around and the Duesenberg won its class and we looked over to see a ribbon on the Stearns - what a surprise also a ribbon on the Locomobile. The Locomobile won **FIRST PLACE** and we came in second. Needless to say, the four of us were completely shocked (the other people in our class probably were too!). A fellow by the name of Tom Jones (not the singer) is the founder of the concours. That evening all participants were invited to his garage for dinner/drinks and we sat among his car collection - very nice evening. Sunday morning the group toured the countryside and ended up at a winery where we had a fantastic lunch in their barn. The entire weekend was a great experience. The people were so nice and just went out of their way to make sure you had a terrific time. We will surely be heading back this August.

Monday morning we set off for Auburn, Indiana and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival. Fortunately we had a few free days beforehand, so we checked our caravan into a campground in Auburn, took on fresh water, "dumped" and did laundry. We couldn't stay in the campground for the ACD Festival, it books up a year in advance, like Hershey, when you check out, you fill out your registration form for next year. Wednesday morning we moved over to Auburn Gear to park with several other campers and all the car trailers. The weekend kicked off Thursday evening with a first time dinner at the ACD Museum. They had an auction of cars and memorabilia and raised enough money to pay off the debt - close to \$400,000.00!!! The next day we did the flea market, then I went to the Ladies Tea. This is very nice, one lady heads up the table by bringing her own tea set and various other dishes and decorates the table with a certain theme.



That evening we went to a wine tasting at the Museum and I think we probably tasted several too many - but it was fun. Saturday morning, the cars were displayed in Eckhart Park, the cars are judged and shortly after lunch, we all lined up and drove the parade route through town, past the reviewing stand where they talk about your car and end up with everyone parked around the town square. The cars are roped off (not that that means anything!) and we had an opportunity to walk around and see the rest of the cars. This is when the judges walk around and pick the best Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg and the Best of Show. Sunday morning at the brunch you find out who won. We attended the brunch, where the Duesenberg got the next step in the award process (First Place - Senior Division). Afterwards we went back to trailer parking to button up, hook up because our plan was to get to New Hampshire for the next leg of our trip.

Oh you are wondering if there was a misadventure on this part of the trip - why, of course...the very large air activated awning would not retract! You can't go down the road with a 25 foot awning out, can you? Now remember from our last misadventure, we must depend on the help of others if we can't figure it out since our bus converter is out of business. First of all, I get the self-help guide book out (Chris never likes this part). I start reading and giving instructions, you know we are having a lot of fun now! The awning comes partially in, then goes all the way out, then won't retract at all, then in partially and this goes on for quite some time. After making a few phone calls to other motor home friends, we discover we must get into the fuse box in the first storage bay. This requires removing all the built in shelves and their bracketing because you cannot open the fuse box with the storage drawers in place! What bright person planned this? Anyway, now Chris is laying in the storage bay messing with fuses, we are speaking loudly to each other, (a/k/a yelling) and finally after 3 very long hours, we get the awning to completely retract. It is now 4:00 p.m. We decide to start down the road anyway.



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We arrived at Ellacoya State Park in New Hampshire Tuesday afternoon. It is often difficult to find a campground to accommodate our “equipment” but this worked out really well, wide open spaces, even long enough to keep the stacker hooked to the bus (yeah, anytime we don’t have to unhook and hook up again is good with me!) We have traveled to this area for the AACA/HCC Brass Reliability Tour which will be a first for us. The tour doesn’t begin until Sunday so we have several days to explore, relax, recover, do laundry, receive our mail via FedEx, etc. The White Mountains are beautiful and we enjoyed a lovely train ride. We had a chance to check out the host hotel in Meredith, NH, located on Lake Winnepesaukee and to see where trailer parking was located. Saturday we took the trailer with the Stearns to trailer parking so we would be ready for the little warm up tour on Sunday.



Sunday morning we left the bus and stacker at the campground, drove the truck about 20 minutes to the host hotel and went out with the group at 9:00 a.m. on a boat tour of Lake Winnepesaukee. Great way to start the week. We returned in time to grab lunch and head to trailer parking where, surprise, the Stearns would not start! We tried everything but to no avail, so we drove the tour in the F-350, a sorry way to start the week. That evening we attended the kick off banquet and met a guy who said he would meet us at the trailer at 7:00 a.m. to look at the situation.

He determined it was the coil. We took the coil out, went back to the hotel (which was incredibly beautiful, our room overlooking the lake), and got into a discussion with an “old boy” who decided to test the coil and said there was nothing wrong with the coil. We went back to trailer parking, put the coil back in, car still won’t start. We take the coil out again and decide to start the tour in the truck - why miss it. Besides the car not running, it was a super nice day of touring. At our lunch stop, we went to the shop of the fellow heading up the tour. He looked at the coil and all the guys fooled with it at the work bench, said it was fine, put it back in. We did, it didn’t work and two guys in trailer parking stopped by to see what was the problem. They felt it was the coil, Chris bought a Model T coil from one of them, then we drove to a shop so some work could be done to it, soldering, etc. We took it back - hooray, the car started and the real touring for us, will begin Tuesday morning! Oh, we had a great day, even though the gas tank wouldn’t stay pressurized, just had to pump it up every five minutes, but no matter, we were out on the roads and dirt roads driving that ‘13!! The next day, another wonderful day of touring, Thursday’s tour took us to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Rain was threatening so many drove modern. Well the rain came, pouring rain, we were glad not to be in the Stearns. All in all it was a terrific experience, met a lot of nice people and the folks who put on the tour, were very well organized. We can’t wait to do the next one.



Thursday afternoon we had time to take the trailer back to the campground, went to the closing banquet and back to the campground for the night. We had to get going very early Friday morning because we were due in Canton, Ohio by Saturday afternoon at the latest for the Glenmoor Gathering. Friday morning we hook up the truck and trailer, prepare the bus for departure, to include retracting the living area slide out. Are you ready for this one - there is a clamp that holds the awning arm on the slide out side (awning on other side of the bus, not the gigantic one we had a problem with two stops ago). The clamp had come unglued and slipped from its proper place. We didn’t think it would matter - how silly- when the room retracted, the awning got caught up in it and caused the slide to come in sort of bent. I went outside to see what was going on and started screaming to put the slide out again. Fortunately it did come out. I held the awning arm and Chris retracted the slide and believe it or not, it went in okay because just like you can’t go down the road with the awning out, can’t go down the road with the living room of your bus sticking out!!! Well needless to say, it took me quite some time to recover from this excitement but we didn’t have time to waste, get in those vehicles and head to Canton.

Saturday, around noon, we land at trailer parking - Kent State University. We are going to show both cars on Sunday, and the Stearns is really dirty from the tour. Basically we spend the afternoon cleaning the cars and then clean ourselves up for the Black Tie Dinner. The dinner was lovely and the keynote speaker was Jack Telnack, a former design chief for Ford (he designed the Taurus). He was very interesting and we enjoyed the evening. Sunday morning, show time. Since I don’t drive stick it makes it interesting when we show two cars. Unfortunately trailer parking was about 5 miles from the show which was a hassle but after some aggravating moments, we finally got both cars on the rain soaked field. It was a nice day, both cars won awards and we were definitely ready to load up and head for home first thing Monday morning.. Since college was in session, we had to be out of the parking lot by 7:00 am. No problem for me, I am always ready to get up at any hour when it means we’re headed home! So off we went at about 6:45am and arrived home safely Tuesday afternoon without any further misadventures!

I don’t think we would ever go on such a long trip driving two different vehicles again. It was challenging and stressful and not too much fun driving alone. We did have walkie-talkies so we could be in touch. I have driven the truck and trailer on many occasions, but never through a toll booth. That first time was an experience. The wheels on the trailer were rubbing on one side, I got traightened out and from then on - just went through the “WIDE LOAD: lane - hey whatever works! Stay tuned for more adventures/misadventures with the Koch’s.

**While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... 'Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'**





# Up, Up and Away!



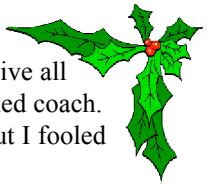


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# My First Rally and New Experiences.....Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings

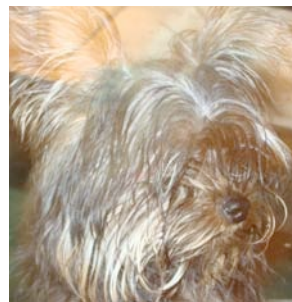


I could hardly wait for my very first rally with the Royale Coach Club. I knew I would get to meet many new people and give all the nice ladies some kisses. Not only was this my first rally, it was my first real road trip in mom and dad's newly refurbished coach. I knew they were a little nervous about leaving me in the coach alone and wondering if they would come home to a mess but I fooled them because I kept it very clean.

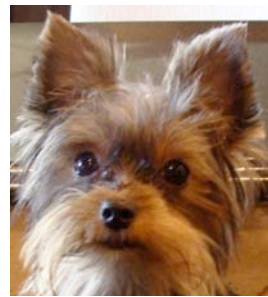
For the first time in my life, I got to meet some new four legged friends. In Santa Fe I went for a walk down to Smitty and Brenda Schmitz's coach and got to play with Babe, Toots and Susie for quite a while. In Albuquerque we parked right next to Frank and Judy Davidson so Snowy and I got to know each other. I do think that Snowy got a little bored with me jumping all over him. Mom took me down to Tom and Margaret Kyle's coach to visit with Beau. Beau taught me to mind my manners while in someone else's coach and try not to act like I own the place! Since I am only 3.5 pounds, all of my new four-legged friends are bigger than I am but I sure did enjoying meeting them. Mom told me that at the next rally Jon and Caryl Jahn will probably have Murphy with them and that he is more my size. I am really looking forward to meeting Murphy.

By now I am sure you have all heard about my accident in Albuquerque. What was I thinking when I stepped off the passenger seat and went head first into the step well. I sure did upset my folks when I knocked myself out cold. I want to thank all the nice people who came to visit me and check on how I was doing. Frank Davidson was there in a flash. I want to give a very special thank you to Charlie (Dave and Karen Miller's grandson) for bringing me a new get-well chew toy. After my head stopped hurting, I was ready to continue enjoying my first rally.

I did not want the rally to end because I was having such a good time. I kept overhearing mom and dad talk about getting me my first haircut when we got home and something about getting me fixed. The haircut experience was not too bad but that business about getting fixed was no fun at all. I sure am glad I don't have to go through that again. Here's a before and after photo of my new hairdo.



Before



After

It will be next spring before I see everyone again so let me be the first to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in Charleston!!



**ALL GOOD THINGS MUST END...**

**ALL THINGS THAT END,**

**SPAWN A NEW BEGINNING...**





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# \*\*\*\*\*RALLY PREVIEW\*\*\*\*\*

*Editor's Note- The following is preliminary info on various future rallies.*

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## Delaware.....Fall Rally 2009-Rallymasters Richard and Charmaine Wilson

**DATE:** October 5th thru October 9th leaving on the 10th.

**LOCATION:** Cedar Creek Landing Campground, 8300 Brick Granary Road, Lincoln, DE 19960. It's 3 miles south of Milford, DE on state route one. The campground is brand new, with no trees. We will all be together in a solid block. The campground has direct tv at each site, 277 lots with none smaller than 40 X 50. Swimming pool, cable tv and internet along with laundry and restrooms.

**ACTIVITIES: Monday:** Check in all day with some type of pot luck dinner.

**Tuesday:** Trip to Atlantic City, NJ. 1 1/2 hours on the Cape May Lewes ferry and then around 40 miles to Atlantic City. Leave the campground around 8 am and return around 7:30 pm. On your own in Atlantic City.

**Wednesday:** We have a nice golf course about 6 miles and factory outlet stores about 15 miles from the campground. The outlet stores are very popular and Delaware has no sales tax. There are so many stores that it would be hard to use the buses because the stores are all in the same location but spread out over about 5 miles. We thought the men could play golf or ride the motor cycles and the ladies could go shopping. Then around 3pm we will have a great pig pickin cookout with other meat available and all the sides too.

**Thursday:** Board the buses at 1pm and travel 20 miles to the Air Force Museum at the Dover Air Force Base. Around 4pm board the buses and travel to Dover Downs Casino (about 5 miles). They have a great buffet and then we can go out into the casino. The time to leave the casino will be set later. Then travel 25 miles back to the campground.

**Friday:** Business meeting in the morning. Free time till about 3 pm and then a first class goodbye party.

After talking to a few of the members and getting their input, I tried to include their ideas in this rally. They seem to like lots of shopping, lots of in the campground socializing and not a lot of traveling. There will be breakfast served every day and we will have our draft beer wagon available every day 24/5. The area has many things to do and see for the free times. Any suggestions are more than welcome.

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## Arizona.....Spring Rally 2010-Rallymasters Frank and Judy Davidson

The Spring 2010 Rally will be in Dewey, Arizona. No dates are set at this time.

We will spend time in Prescott and Sedona with lots of history, museums and beautiful landscapes to see.

We are putting together an off road trip for those with 4 wheel drive vehicles. We cannot rent ATV's.

Golf, fishing and casinos are also available in the area.

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## Maine.....Fall Rally 2010-Rallymasters Jim and Nancy McNulty

We are exploring the possibility of staying at Bayley's Campground, located in Scarborough, Maine (approximately 10 miles from Portland). We are waiting to hear back from the campground re: their ability to accomadate our group (their website does indicate that they welcome rallies).

We are considering a foliage tour through the White Mountains of New Hampshire, with a trip up to Mt. Washington via the cog railway. We would like to include lunch at the Bretton Woods Inn on this day trip. Shopping at the outlet stores in North Conway, NH could be included, time permitting.

Other activities to be considered include trips to the city of Portland (great shopping, Portland Museum of Art, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow House, Victoria Mansion); a boat trip around the many islands of Casco Bay; a trip to Freeport, Maine (home of LL Bean and many outlet stores); and perhaps seeing a musical at the Ogunquit Theater.

Following our stay in the Portland area, we would head up the coast (or rather "down east" as they say here in this part of the country) to the Bar Harbor area.

*(Editor's Note-Further info coming on the Bar Harbor area)*



# Calendar of Events

- Naples Prevost Dinner-The Club at the Strand-Naples FL.....January 25, 2009
- 81st FMCA Winter Convention, Perry, GA.....March 16-19, 2009
- Prevost Prouds Crawfish Rally-Rayne, LA.....March 22-25, 2009
- ROYALE COACH CLUB SPRING RALLY-Charleston, SC.....April 20-24, 2009**
- 82nd FMCA Summer Convention, Bowling Green, OH.....July 20-23, 2009
- ROYALE COACH CLUB FALL RALLY-Delaware.....October 5-10, 2009**
- 83rd FMCA Winter Convention, Albuquerque, NM.....TBA 2010
- ROYALE COACH CLUB SPRING RALLY-Arizona.....Spring 2010**
- 84th FMCA Summer Convention, Redmond, OR.....TBA 2010
- ROYALE COACH CLUB FALL RALLY-Portland & Bar Harbor, ME.....Fall 2010**



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