

## Club Sponsors Member in Breast Cancer Walk



A JOURNAL ENTRY.....Laurel Volberding

Much has been said lately about gratitude, and how acknowledging what we have to be grateful for enriches our lives. Many choose to keep a gratitude journal to record their blessings. Do you keep such a journal? I do not officially keep one (I like to think I mentally keep track of what I have to be thankful for), but if I did keep a journal, here is how today's entry would read.

“Monday, June 4, 2007 - 7:00 a.m.

“It's raining this morning. One of those nice, gentle rains that sinks into the soil and nourishes both the flowers I have planted and the vegetable seeds sprouting in the garden. I am grateful for this rain, but I am equally grateful it didn't rain Saturday or Sunday while my friend Beth and I were walking downtown Chicago in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.



Powdering the tired puppies!

It would have been miserable walking even one of those 39.3 miles in the rain. I'm grateful for the sunshine of the past two days and for the shade on tree-lined streets and for the breezes that cooled our hot, tired bodies.

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“I'm also grateful for my own bed I slept in last night. I slept fitfully in the hotel bed Friday night knowing I had to get up at 4 a.m. to catch the shuttle bus to Soldier Field for the opening ceremony at 6:30.

Saturday night Beth and I shared a two person tent. I'm thankful I spent \$20 on an inflatable air mattress so I wouldn't have to sleep on the lumpy ground. I'm also thankful the tent sheltered us from the rain which fell overnight and for my snugly sleeping bag.

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## Windy City Wanderings.....Rally Masters-Ron & Laurel Volberding

While we are enjoying the “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” right now, it won't be long before the Royale Coach Club gathers in Joliet, Illinois for our fall “WINDY CITY WANDERINGS” rally in Chicago.

Ron and I are busy planning a busy, fun-filled few days in this great city on Lake Michigan...hopefully the site of the site of the 2016 summer Olympics. We believe there is something on the schedule for everyone, from a dinner cruise on the lake, to shopping on the Magnificent Mile, to the Broadway musical “Wicked”, and more. And of course, there is the incomparable fellowship of the Royale Coach Club. Who could want anything more?

We hope you will look at your schedules and plan to attend. The July 1st deadline for registration is fast approaching. (Note: the deadline had to be changed from July 15th to July 1st to meet unchangeable deadlines with some of our venues.) So don't delay. Get your registration in today. We look forward to seeing you in the Windy City in September.



If you have any questions, please call us at (630) 240-8058 or (847) 727-8058, or e-mail us at [ronlaurelv@earthlink.net](mailto:ronlaurelv@earthlink.net).

# The President's Report.....Bob Chalk

It's the first week of June and we just arrived at Traverse Bay. We left Texas to find cooler climates and that we did. Last night it was 40 degrees! This morning on came the furnace and out with the sweats. We also brought with us some of our Texas rain, which everyone has been thanking us, as it has been extremely dry around these parts.



Our "Kickback in Branson" Spring Rally in April was a great success. Bill and Shirley Sage did an outstanding job of planning this fun-filled week for us. The weather cooperated very well for us. We experienced a little dampness, but not enough to curtail anything or slow us down. Thanks again guys for all your hard work and efforts.

We really appreciate our rally masters and would like to take this opportunity to express to them our sincere thanks. It's a lot of work, but at the same time, enjoyable and gratifying. It's also a great way to acquaint you with fellow club members. If you should feel the urge, I'm sure Graham Ricks will be happy to assist you.

In our business meeting, we elected a nominating committee consisting of Morris Yates, Bill Somers, and Barbara Chalk. We will be receiving their report at our Fall Meeting in Joliet, IL in September. Our new slate of officers will begin their tenure January 2008. Our Club voted to contribute \$1200.00 in support of Laurel Volberding on the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Chicago. Laurel will be walking 39.3 miles on the weekend of June 2nd and 3rd. Wish we could have been there to root you on and congratulate you on this achievement and the great cause it benefits. We made our last commitment to Drew Hollingsworth, our scholarship recipient. That closed out our Scholarship Fund. I think this represents the caring, compassion, and generosity of our Club members.

Our Club continues to be very healthy. Our membership is fairly constant, gain some, and lose some. The rallies and also non-rally events are well attended. The treasury is solid and in good order.

Our first rally with Legendary Luxury Coach proved to be everything and more than anticipated. The Legendary Luxury Coach people, Tim Bennion, Jim Simms, Dave Rousey, and Brent Green of Florida Luxury Coach did an excellent job in presenting their product, two beautiful Prevost buses exquisitely designed for their new and anxious audience. I was impressed with their workmanship, the design layout, the incredible sound system, and particularly the detailing in the bays (that's a man thing). I received some good reviews from their representatives about the warmth and friendliness of our Club. I believe there was a mutual feeling from our folks as well.

I'm happy with our Club's decision to partnership with Legendary Luxury Coach and hope it continues to be a long, comfortable, and enjoyable relationship with our new friends in Oregon. We look forward to "Windy City Wanderings" in Joliet, IL Sept. 23-29, 2007.

## **JULY ADDENDUM**

*Early July, we received news of the unexpected closing of Legendary Luxury Coach. It is a sad time for them as well as Royale Coach Club. We are aware of the fact that the high end RV market is suffering through a very troubled market.*

*Tim Bennion, President of Legendary explained that although they were building a beautiful, well engineered coach, they just couldn't sell enough to survive. We wish the Legendary Luxury Coach employees all the best in the future and hope to see them "down the road."*

*To all Legendary coach owners, we extend an open invitation to become and/or remain members of the Royale Coach Club and join us at a future Rally.*

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

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Fortunately, I don't have any information for the Sunshine Report.

Chris and I would like to thank all the Royales for their cards, emails, thoughts and prayers concerning our granddaughter, Patti. It means so much to us. Patti recently had some tests and the results were encouraging. After 30 days of radiation, the tumor shrunk by 25%. She is on an experimental drug that is supposed to stop the tumor from growing again. Please keep those prayers and positive thoughts going and we'll keep you updated. Safe travels to all. Any Sunshine information - please call me as we will be away from the computer at least for the month of June and part of July - 904-461-8707 or 386-793-3008.



"Then there's my renewed gratitude for bathrooms. Last night I showered in my own comfortable, private bathroom. I didn't have to wait in line like I did Saturday night for a shower housed in a semi-trailer. To be honest though, I was grateful the Porta Kleen trailers had excellent water pressure and abundant hot water to refresh me after walking a marathon (26.2 miles) in nine hours. And...what would we have done without those porta-potties? As unpleasant as they can be, ours were relatively clean and there were plenty of them at every rest stop.



"I'm grateful I was physically able to walk all 39.3 miles. Some walkers dropped out due to heat exhaustion or dehydration. Others were forced to quit by knees or ankles or muscles that refused to carry them one step further, or from blisters that made walking unbearable. (Those walkers were thankful the 'sweep vehicles' picked them up and carried them to safety and medical treatment.) Of course I am thankful for my overall good health. There were 268 breast cancer survivors participating this weekend. While I waited for my shower I spoke with a woman who had a couple of whopper blisters. When I said that a couple of blisters were nothing compared to the chemotherapy most breast cancer patients endure, she agreed, saying she was happy her breast cancer was treatable with radiation instead of chemo. Wow. That instantly put things in perspective. Even now I cry thinking about her. My good health is truly a blessing. After a good massage and a few days' rest I will be good as new, but today hundreds of women will hear their doctor say, 'You have breast cancer.'



"I'm thankful for all the volunteers who made the walk possible and successful. It takes a lot of people to take care of 3,662 walkers! For the crazy motorcycle crew members who traveled from intersection to intersection stopping traffic so we could cross safely. For the folks at the rest stops who kept us supplied with food, water and Gatorade (purple is my favorite), and encouraged us to 'eat, drink, and pee!' For the residents of the neighborhoods we walked through who cheered for us, turned their sprinklers on to cool us, or offered us water and snacks. I'm grateful for Tylenol and its ability to take the edge off when aching muscles begin to rebel. For band-aids, foot powder and anti-blister balm. For good walking shoes and for socks that wick away moisture. For medical professionals who donated their time to tend to injured walkers, and that I didn't need to be treated by them. For men who aren't afraid to wear pink t-shirts that read 'I'm 4 Boobies' or 'Save Second Base'. The list goes on and on.



"I'm especially grateful for Ron who supported me when I decided to walk for a third time. I know he really didn't want me to. He walked with me all those training miles. He could have walked this weekend...he would have done well! I'm thankful he knows which of my 'kooky' ideas to encourage and which ones to suggest I rethink.

"Lastly, I'm extremely grateful for all the people who supported me financially. Their generosity overwhelms me! I had my most successful walk ever, raising \$3,025! I could not have done it without them, and I cannot say 'THANK YOU' enough. This year's Chicago walk was the most successful as well, setting a new record of over \$8.3 million. Amazing!! That's money for research as well as free mammograms and treatment for women who cannot afford it. I'm grateful I can afford it, but hope I never have to.



"As I close this journal entry, I must admit I am both pleased and proud I did the walk again. I knew I did the right thing when a young woman in her early 30's got up on stage at the opening ceremony and announced, 'My name is Kiko, and I am a breast cancer survivor.' I thought this year's walk would be as 'easy' as my 2003 and 2004 walks were, but it was much more difficult. The warm weather and humidity took a toll on me this year. I never really considered quitting, but a couple of times I thought how simple it would be to jump in a sweep vehicle. I'm so pleased I didn't however, because nothing compares to how awesome it felt walking across that finish line with hundreds of people cheering for me, knowing I walked every step of the way. And for the entire experience I will be forever grateful."



## “KICKBACK IN BRANSON” RALLY RECAP.....By Barbara Chalk

“KICKBACK IN BRANSON” and that's exactly what 33 coaches and a few other VIP folks, who unfortunately had to rough it in hotels or motels did at our Spring Rally April 24th-28th. Our hats are off to Bill and Shirley Sage, our Rallymasters, for the superb job they did in providing us with what we like best: “FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP”.

A few coaches met at the Ozarks Outdoor Resorts in Blue Eye, AR before moving on to Branson and joining up with more early arrivals. As most of us know, unless you're two days early for the Rally, you are way behind and can never catch up. With so much to do in Branson, you could sneak in a few more “touristy” things and catch a few more shows, or just “kickback”.

We welcomed first-timers, Tim and Michele Fischer and Daniel and Jo Ann Wagner, and also eight guest coaches. It was so good to have some of our previous Royale family owners join us for this rally as well as the friends of other Royale owners. We were delighted to have two of our honorary members; Dan and Vicky Jourdan, former employees of the Royale Coach Factory join us. They soon will be celebrating their first anniversary. Congratulations guys!!! We also were privileged to have Steve Zeigler and Brian Thomson of Prevost Car join us for a few days and continue to witness “our ultimate class and ride.” Thank You Prevost Car! Up next on our privileged list appears Tim Bennion. Jim Simms, and Dave Rousey of Legendary Luxury Coach. This was the first rally together since the marriage and we seemed to mesh together quite well. Brent Green, representing Florida Luxury Coach, was on hand to showcase two beautiful Legendary Coaches. They provided a very informative tech talk and an excellent presentation of their coaches. We can hardly wait for the next rally to see what they have in store for us!

The Rally officially began at 5 o'clock on Tuesday. We were greeted with this beautiful array of luscious fruit; cheeses of all kinds, a tasty assorted meat tray plus all kinds of munchies and you're thinking, “This is just the hors d'oeuvres”. Ah yes, I'm afraid so, and in a short time every one was bringing in their special dishes for the potluck. Can you believe we each made our way through an endless line of delectable foods with our plates filled to the brim? We are all familiar with our “Royale” cooks, or I should say chefs. They're just too good! Following our feast, we were entertained by Dave Hamner, a very talented magician in one of the Branson Theaters and a singer from another Branson Theater. Our bodies sated with the good things of life, we ambled back to our coaches searching for the Tums and looking forward to tomorrow.

Following a full country breakfast in the Campground Rally Room, aka Celebrity Station, we had free time to choose a selection of offerings. The golfers were off to the golf course chasing that little white ball around, bikers were lost somewhere in the Ozarks, shoppers shopping till dropping, crafters crafting and some just “kickbacked”. I just have to tell you about the terrific craft class Shirley had set up for us, home made note and greeting cards. She had it so organized, “you would have thought you were in one of those commercial classes”. We each went home with a very unique note card with the know how to make our very own personalized greeting cards. Now, to find the time to do them is the next best thing. Thanks again Shirley! That evening we loaded the buses for the Circle B Chuckwagon Dinner Show, real down home country style food with some good wholesome music and comedy. Back to the campground for a special ice cream social and a very relaxed evening of “golden oldies” performed by Sheldon Tucker. Most of us could identify with this guy as he sang our era music. “Thank God For The Memories”, however, some of us could not resist moving around the floor to some of our favorites.

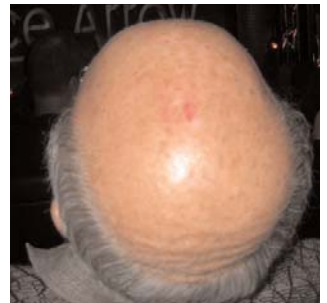
Thursday we were once again boarding our Prevost buses for the new and wonderful Branson Landing Shopping Mall, located on the beautiful Lake Taneycomo. Lots of great shops and the guys got to drool at the Bass Pro Shop while we gals were busy elsewhere. If you had any money left, you could then head to the Tanger Outlet Mall for more shopping.

Arriving back at the Campground, we had just enough time to stow our treasures and then, “guess what? You got it! Eat Again” Another display of lovely hors d'oeuvres and beverages for us to enjoy as we again got a chance to visit with old friends and get more acquainted with our first timers and guests. The Campground caterers did another fine job on our dinner, just a wide assortment of good stuff to eat. Tonight we were chauffeured in our Prevost Buses to The Pierce Arrow Show. This was a really good show, but the highlight was their comedian. That guy was something else! Most of us were unconscious as we left from laughing so much. He even cracked up his partners when they “were” expecting it.

Speaking of comedians. We were among the privileged few to have our own “in house” comedian. She was at a number of our functions at the campground entertaining us with her hilarious laughs and antics. She was readily available for birthdays, anniversaries, hellos, goodbyes, you name it.. Her specialty, a big smooch with her large, red, luscious, inviting lips planted on the bald or near bald head of most of the men. Eat your heart out all you guys that still have hair!

Our last Rally day began with another bountiful Royale breakfast followed by our Club Meeting .The rest of the afternoon was free to “KICKBACK IN BRANSON”. Our final evening began with our Cocktail Hour where we caught up on everyone's news of the day and week and good times we had shared all week. The Royale Farewell Dinner was indeed done royally, a menu to fit every one's taste and such a wide selection of choices. It was a known fact, no one would leave hungry.. Our Grand Finale Show was The Haygoods, a multi-talented family of musicians, singers, and dancers. This one tap dancing number done on some kind of board with sound and music and aerobics was spectacular. I just can't describe it, you would have to see it or have someone that is more knowledgeable than I to explain it. It was indeed a very high energy show. I was breathless and sweating just watching them. Anyway, I would highly recommend the show.

It seemed the week flew by and all too soon we were saying good-bye to old friends and also our newly made ones. Hugs and well wishes all around and looking forward to our next gathering with more of the same, the thing that the Royale Coach Club does best FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.



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## Good Tips!!!.....Dianne Brendle-Co-editor

*We recently received this handy email, and thought that we would pass it along to you all.*

### **Reheat Pizza**

Heat up leftover pizza in a non-stick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza. I saw this on the cooking channel and it really works.

### **Easy Deviled Eggs**

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done easy clean up.

### **Expanding Frosting**

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar/calories per serving.

### **Reheating Refrigerated Bread**

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

### **Newspaper Weeds Away**

Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go, cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic, they will not get through wet newspapers.

### **Broken Glass**

Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little broken glass pieces of glass- the fibers catch ones you can't see!

### **Squirrel Away!**

To keep squirrels from eating your plants sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

### **Easier Thank You's**

When you throw a bridal/baby shower, buy a pack of thank you cards for the guest of honor. During the party, pass out the envelopes and have everyone put their address on one. When the bride/new mom sends the thank you's, they're all addressed!

### **TO PROVE IT'S MINE!!!!**

If you purchase a new bike for your child, place their picture inside the handle bar before placing the grips on. If the bike is stolen and later recovered, remove the grip and there is your proof who owns the bike.

### **Flexible Vacuum**

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

### **Reducing Static Cling**

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks and - voila - static is gone.

### **Measuring Cups**

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill it with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

### **Foggy Windshield?**

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

### **Reopening Envelope**

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. It unseals easily.

### **Conditioner**

Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's a lot cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought, but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

### **Good-bye Fruit Flies**

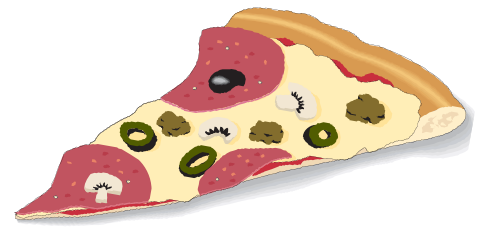
To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dishwashing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

### **Get Rid of Ants**

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," & can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works & you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

### **Take Baby Powder To The Beach**

Keep a small bottle of baby powder in your beach bag. When your ready to leave the beach, sprinkle yourself and kids with the powder and the sand will slide right off your skin



## **Bear Hugs & Horse Power.....Graham Ricks, 2nd Vice President-Royale Coach Club**

In addition to the great club rallies held twice a year, Royale Club members are also participating individually in some commercial tours. Two upcoming tours include a trip to Churchill, Canada this fall to see polar bears, and a rally next spring to see the Kentucky Derby. Each of these is immediately following a Royale Coach Club rally. More information is on our website, [www.RoyaleCoachClub.com](http://www.RoyaleCoachClub.com), or you may call Adventure Caravans at 800-872-7897.



### **Polar Bear Migration**

**Special tour exclusively for the Royale Coach Club, October 3 - 24, 2007.**

Each year scores of Polar Bears gather along the shore near Churchill, Manitoba waiting to begin their annual migration for their winter feeding season. We will be there during this peak time. One day we will ride in the comfort and safety of a chartered world famous “Tundra Buggy”, specially built vehicles with huge tires made exclusively for Polar Bear viewing in the Tundra. On another day, we will take a bus and view Polar Bears up close at the “Dog Pond.” This is an area where the bears congregate for their daily meals. These magnificent animals can weigh as much as 1,300 pounds and often stand on their hind legs to peek into the windows of the tundra buggies. Join this Arctic Adventure to view and photograph the incredible Polar Bears of Churchill. Although the tour is now fully booked, a wait list will be developed in case there are cancellations.



### **The 2008 Kentucky Derby**

**Adventure Caravans tour to the “Run for the Roses”, April 28 to May 4, 2008.**

This 7-day tour follows the spring Royale rally in Georgia, and just a few spaces are still available. We will visit sites in Louisville, Lexington, and Frankfort, including a thoroughbred training center, breakfast at Churchill Downs, dinner at the famous Kingfish on the River, the Governor’s mansion, the Henry Clay Estate, and the Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade. The rally closes with some of the best horseracing in the world - The Oaks on Friday, followed on Saturday by the Kentucky Derby. This is a regularly scheduled tour that is open to the public, and it sells out quickly every year. Call today if you are interested in joining us.



# Calendar of Events

Summer Prevost Prouds-Tiger Run RV Resort- Breckenridge, CO.....	August 5-8, 2007
78th FMCA Summer Convention, Redmond, OR.....	August 13-16, 2007
<b>ROYALE COACH CLUB FALL RALLY-Chicago, IL Area.....</b>	<b>September 23-29, 2007</b>
<b>POLAR BEAR TOUR-Ripley, ND &amp; Winnapeg, Manitoba.....</b>	<b>October 4-24, 2007</b>
Prouds Winter Rally-Dates and Location to be determined.....	February 2008
79th FMCA Winter Convention, Pomona, CA.....	February 25-28, 2008
<b>ROYALE COACH CLUB SPRING RALLY-Atlanta, GA.....</b>	<b>April 21-26, 2008</b>
<b>KENTUCKY DERBY TOUR, Louisville, KY.....</b>	<b>April 28-May 4, 2008</b>
Prouds Summer Rally-Quebec City, Canada.....	July 7-11, 2008
80th FMCA Summer Convention, St. Paul, MN.....	July 14-17, 2008

More info to follow on the Chicago & Atlanta Rallies

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