



### **MUSINGS FROM THE "OVER THE HILL" PRESIDENT**

Welcome to all new club members. I'm sorry that I haven't had the chance to meet you all personally.

First of all, I would like to thank the membership for allowing me the honor of serving as your President for the 2012-2013 term. I would also like to offer a thank you and a "well done" to the Board Members and the various Rally Masters who have stepped up when called upon.

Thanks to Rally Masters, Mary and John Habicht for their efforts in making the Orlando Gathering another fine outing. While it was one of our smaller rallies, as always, Mary and John worked hard to make it a memorable experience. Mary tells me she has many good ideas in mind for future rallies. Additional thanks go to Rita Bunch for donating a beautiful hand made quilt as a drawing prize. The lucky winner was Wilf Stemmler's friend, Alice.

While we didn't ask our sponsors, Liberty Coach and Prevost for financial help for this rally, I would like to thank them for their continued support.

Again this coming January, Graham and Mary Catherine Ricks are hosting a "mini rally". It will be at Key Largo, Florida. It runs from January 19<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. I've been informed that it is sold out, but if you are interested, contact Graham and our Royale website for more details.

Our Spring 2014 rally, hosted by Anne and Richard Gould, will be held in Hilton Head, SC. The dates are from April 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Royale Coach website for full details.

Our Fall 2014 rally will be in Dundee, Ohio at the Evergreen RV Park and will be hosted by Jenny and Jim Evans. It runs from September 21<sup>st</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup>. It will have an Amish theme.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Bob Moss, Bill Sage and Stanley Reahard put forth the following list of candidates for the Board Directors for the 2014-2015 term: President- Bill Sage; First Vice President – Jim McNulty; Second Vice-President for-Bo Reahard; Secretary- Anne Gould; Treasurer- Graham Ricks; Director(Past President) Smitty Schmitz; Director (Past Vice-President) Wayne Bost; FMCA National Director- Ron Kitchings; Alternate National Director- Mary Habicht. For additional nominations and the election of the new Board Members, an email site was used. There were no additional nominations and the Nominating Committee's choices were all confirmed. Congratulations to the new board.

In closing, I would encourage all of the members to attend as many of our rallies as you can. The rallies are the "duck tape" that holds the Royale Coach Club together.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve...

Safe Travels,

*Smitty*

# DISNEY WORLD

## A ROYALE GATHERING



Rally Recap by Kally Kitchings



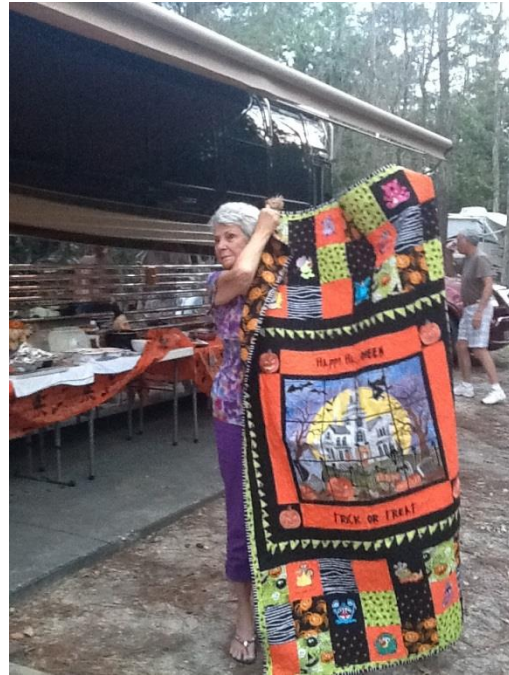
While Mickey Mouse was not at the entrance of Fort Wilderness to greet coaches as they checked in, you can be sure that John and Mary Habicht greeted all the coaches as they pulled into their sites. A total of eleven coaches attended the Fall 2013 Royale Coach Club Gathering at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. This was a smaller type rally which gave everyone the opportunity to visit and enjoy the fellowship with everyone there.

The only real schedule to be followed (if you chose to) was for the evening meals. All of the daytime activities were planned on our own. Disney World has four different theme parks therefore daytime activities were not a problem. Everyone seemed to go different directions during the day but met up again most nights for our evening meal.

The first evening there Ron and I had tickets to the Hoop-Dee-Do Musical Review at Fort Wilderness therefore we were not able to join the rest of the group at Splitsville for dinner and games of bowling afterwards. We enjoyed the show and the wonderful meal that we shared.

The second day was my personal favorite even though the weather was a little warm for our outdoor meal. We all gathered in the campground for our pot luck dinner. Mary had decorations hanging in the trees which we were allowed to take home with us. This gathering was also when Mary raffled off the

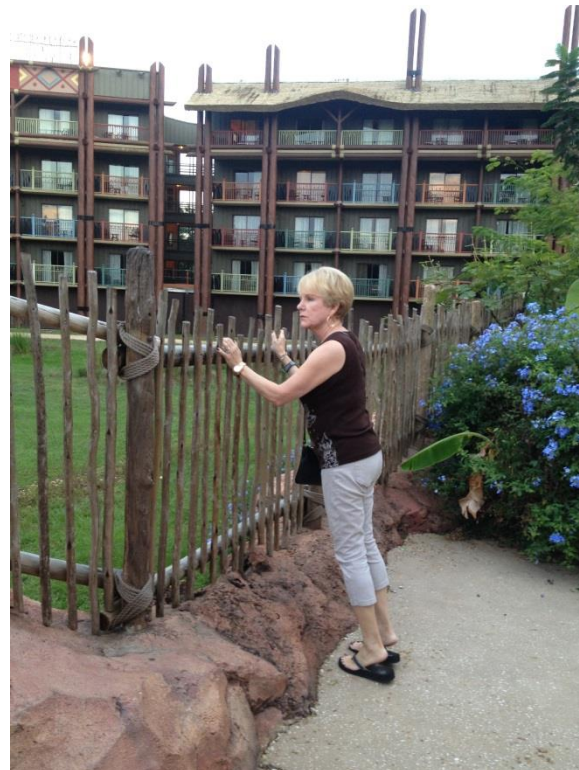
beautiful Halloween quilt that Rita Creel made (Thanks Rita!) Alice Rogers was so happy that her winning ticket was drawn.



Mary also made sure that all the men won something at the pot luck that they could use!!



The third day's gathering was at the restaurant Boma in the Animal Kingdom Lodge. The meal was a huge buffet and absolutely no one went away hungry. After dinner we all walked outside the lodge looking at all the animals that make that part of Disney their home.

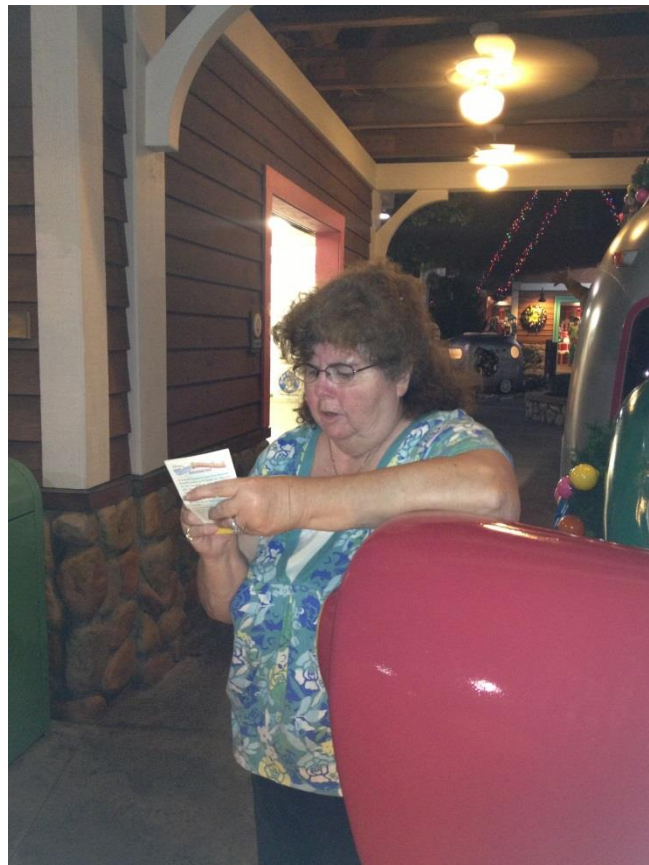


Shirley Sage really enjoyed watching the animals.

Three couples (Kitchings, Habicht and Wilt) then decided to play a friendly game of mini golf at Disney's Winter Wonderland. This was the only time all week that I held a golf club in my hands! Everything was going great until Frosty sprung a leak!!!



It was a fun evening but I'm not sure Mary ever told us who won after she added up the score.



Since the fourth day gathering was at Chefs de France inside Epcot, Ron and I decided to spend the entire day at Epcot. We could not believe the number of small children that were at Epcot. Here is one of many “parking areas” for baby strollers.



After all the walking we did that morning Ron really worked up an appetite so we decided to have pizza for lunch. Do you think he ordered a big enough pizza??



Everyone showed up for dinner right on time and once again the food was delicious and the fellowship was full of laughter. After dinner most everyone stayed at Epcot to watch the magnificent fireworks and laser show.

The fifth and last day we gathered at Ragland Road Irish Pub in downtown Disney. Ron and I went early to walk around the downtown area and I really enjoyed the LEGOLAND Store. The photos below show what is possible to build out of LEGOS!!!



That last meal was wonderful. We were entertained by Irish dancers. I don't think any of us could have gotten our feet to move as fast as they did! You can tell from John and Kay Strickland's smiles that they had a wonderful time!



Two of the eleven coaches at our gathering were first timers. I am confident that they had such a good time that we will be seeing them at future rallies. Here are photos of our new members.



Bill and Betty Bargabos

Ray and Charlotte Wilt



On Saturday morning before anyone had a chance to pull out of the campground Mary made sure everyone knew it was group photo time. Not all the ladies had their makeup on and it looked like some of the men had not combed their hair but we took that photo anyway. This “last minute” photo would have only been possible at a small rally. So maybe sometimes less is more!!



**Thank you so much John and Mary for putting this gathering together for us!**

# Travels by Max



By Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings

Well it sure was an exciting first evening for me at Disney World. I laughed and laughed to myself watching mom and dad and all my Royale Coach Club friends run around after it was totally dark trying to find Ms. Rita's fur baby. It seems that Mr. Bill left his coach door open so Tigger decided to take a little stroll. Those people had flashlights looking under coaches and up in the trees saying here kitty kitty kitty!! I just know that if everyone would have left Tigger alone he would have found that little mouse named Mickey that my mom has been talking about for the past six months. They finally found Tigger and Ms. Rita did not have to kill Mr. Bill after all. I sure am glad Mr. Bill is okay.

I just don't understand why mom won't let me outside during all the excitement. The very first morning I woke up at Fort Wilderness I heard this peck peck pecking on our bus. I finally got Dad up to figure out what was going on and he found these big big birds pecking our bus and scratching the ground. He called them turkeys. Mom got this picture of them.



Eventually mom let me out of the coach and I realized just how big those turkeys were. But guess what . . . they were afraid of ME!!!! Every time they saw me they would run away.

It was really strange that a place like Disney that has all those four-legged people living there would not let someone like me in their parks. I did not get to go to near the places that I would normally go to during a rally. I am not complaining because I did get to visit with my friends Bella Habicht and Jasmine and Sophie McNulty. It was so good to see them.

I am really looking forward to going to Key Largo in January to another Royale Coach Club Mini Rally. I love going to the beach! I keep hearing mom laugh and say this next rally is really an oxymoron because it's a BIG MINI. I don't quite understand that but she sure does laugh when she says it.

I sure hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving makes me wonder about all those turkeys I just saw at Disney. Hope they all make it through the holiday safe. The folks and I have already decorated our Christmas tree so let me be one of the first to wish you a very

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Safe Travels to all,

Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings



## FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE PHILOSOPHY OF AMBIGUITY, AS WELL AS THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF ENGLISH:

1. One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila . . . Floor.
2. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
3. I went to the bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me it would defeat the purpose.
4. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
5. If a deaf child signs swear words does his mother wash his hands with soap?
6. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, it is considered a hostage situation?
7. Is there another word for synonym?
8. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
9. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
10. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
11. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
12. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
13. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
14. If the police arrest a mute, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
15. Why do they put braille on the drive-through bank machines?
16. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
17. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
18. One nice thing about egotists, they don't talk about other people.
19. Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
20. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
21. How is it possible to have a civil war?
22. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
23. If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
24. Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an S in it?
25. Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
26. Can an atheist get insurance against the acts of God?
27. Why do shops have signs that read "Guide Dogs Only" because the dogs can't read and their owners are blind.