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OSHKOSH B'GOSH (Our Visit to EAA Air Venture Oshkosh 2009)

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Six couples, all members of the Royale Coach Club, made their way to Oshkosh, Wisconsin the last week of July to attend their very first Oshkosh Air Show. The seventh couple, Bob & Gail Hansen, are seasoned Oshkosh veterans, and they graciously served as our hosts and "rally" masters.

Our group rallied Friday, July 24th, in Darien, Wisconsin, parking our coaches at the wood products factory owned by the Hansen's, just a few miles from their home. That evening we dined at Snug

BBO at Hansen's

Harbor, a local "supper club" enjoying locally caught fresh fish and lots of Royale Coach Club camaraderie. Saturday morning, Bob gave us a tour of the factory, and later that day we were treated to a wonderful dinner at Bob & Gail's lovely home. Sunday, July 26th, anticipation ran high as we caravanned the 128 miles to Oshkosh and checked into our reserved spot in Camp Scholler, on the sprawling air show grounds. We were now ready for the experience of a lifetime.

Rather than writing the article based solely on our Oshkosh experience, and because everyone was free to choose what they wanted to do each day from an overwhelming selection of activities, I asked each couple to contribute by writing their own recaps. Those recaps follow, but first a brief history of the show.

The first Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In Convention was held at the Milwaukee Airport in 1953, with less than 150 members in attendance. Fifty-six

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years later the show, now named EAA Air Venture Oshkosh, boasts attendance figures of 500,000 people and 10,000 aircraft annually. In addition to a daily 3-hour air show extravaganza (why would anyone want to wing walk?), the show also includes 1,000 workshops/forums, four large aircraft hangars filled with 800 exhibitors selling anything and everything related to aviation, and 2,500 show aircraft including homebuilts, antiques, warbirds and ultralights. In addition to daytime activities, evenings at Oshkosh offer entertainment at the Theater in the Woods or



At the flightline... waiting for the show

classic aviation movies on the five-story-high screen at the Fly-In Theater. There is truly something for everyone at AirVenture Oshkosh, from novice first-timers like us to folks like Bob and Gail who have been attending for decades.

And now, please enjoy the recaps submitted by each couple.

BOB & GAIL HANSEN, our rally masters. Gail wrote: "I've been there 25 or 30 times (can't remember for sure) and my favorite this year was learning the new card game Ron and Laurel taught us, Foot and

Mouth." Editor's note: Gail did not want me to include this, but I couldn't resist. Also, the card game is called Hand and Foot.

Bob wrote: "Like Gail I've been going to "Oshkosh" for about 30 years, most times going early and leaving late. It's hard to pick out a single item as a favorite because there are so many things to see and hear. One thing does stand out for me and that was watching the first timers' reaction to the AirVenture experience. It was a lot of fun for me to see the smiles on all of your faces which told me you had a great time. Next year you'll all be veterans and know your way around. I'm already looking forward to next year."

JOHN & MARGE BRUTVAN wrote: "John and I thoroughly enjoyed the EAA experience. We are not pilots or enthusiasts but found the exhibits fascinating even for a novice. The size of the show was almost overwhelming. We met people from around the world, all very informative and interesting. We were amazed at the Airbus 380 and how quiet it was for its size. We have recommended it to friends to put on their 'Bucket List'."

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

As I write my last letter as your President, I want to say it truly has been a rewarding experience to serve as the club President for the last two years. We have had many changes and seen our Royale Club grow and become the premier RV club, known by all Prevost owners.



We have been blessed to have good sponsors support our club throughout its history, and now we have the very fine sponsorship of Liberty Coach. We look for a long-lasting relationship with Liberty. Of course, we also have to thank Prevost Coach for their generous support throughout the years.

I would like to thank the past board members and volunteers for all of the help they have given me. I am confident that the new board, under the leadership of Laurel Volberding, will do a great job. I'm looking forward to serving on the board as Past President.

I want to thank Charmaine and Richard Wilson and Avice and Wayne Bost for a great rally in Delaware. We had a wonderful time in the "First State". The weather was perfect, the food was outstanding, the free beer was delicious and the venue was super! How many clubs have a free beer wagon available 24/7? Thanks again to the Wilson's and the Bost's. A special thanks goes to Charmaine for dog sitting.

We look forward to our spring rally in April in North Carolina, hosted by Mary Catherine and Graham Ricks.

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





Royale Coach Club Spring Rally

April 12 – 17, 2010 Lake Lure, North Carolina

Appreciating Vacation Friends
Prevost, At Acquiring
Pets, Lake Royale
Life, & Lure & Memories
Each other Enjoy
Yourself

Rally Hosts: Graham & Mary Catherine Ricks Sponsored by Prevost and Liberty Coach Registration forms will be sent out in January.

LOOKING BACK AND MOVING AHEAD......Frank Konigseder-VP Liberty Coach

I'm sure many of you feel as I do that 2009 has flown by. It's been an interesting year full of many firsts and unique challenges. We are so thankful for our accomplishments this year and for the great people we have representing Liberty Coach who have worked hard and traveled extensively to promote the lifestyle we love. Through sacrifices made by our entire family and staff, and lots of hard work, we are happy to have this year under our belt. We also look back with many fond memories from our travels this year to all the great rallies we had the pleasure of attending and the new friendships we have made. We are happy to count so many of you, our Prevost friends, as members of our extended family!



One of the biggest challenges of the last 18 months has been trying to figure out a model for success in an environment for which we have no frame of reference. As many of you may be aware, we scaled back our new coach production in 2009 to 12 coaches/year and so far this year we have been fortunate enough to sell every new unit we have produced. We are working with a much smaller production staff that has become an efficient team and broadened their skills. We are not sacrificing quality in construction or components; we have been producing our high-quality coaches for 40 years and we won't change how we do things. We know what people expect from Liberty and we are confident that we will continue to fill our niche. We are gearing up production for 2010 and hope to be back on track to 28 coaches/year in the next 24 months.

We have seen major changes in the coach manufacturing industry in the last year. The dust is beginning to settle and things are starting to stabilize. The people out there that love this lifestyle are not willing to give it up without a fight. The support and encouragement from The Royale Coach Club has been so much appreciated by all of us. It's great to be a part of a group that is so enthusiastic and upbeat. Thank you for letting us join you at your rallies and for helping to promote this lifestyle. For those of you that haven't joined us at a Liberty Rally I would like to extend an invitation and let you know you are always welcome. Please stop by Liberty Coach of Florida the next time your travels take you near Stuart. We are a Prevost Factory Authorized Service Center and would be happy to help with any repairs or maintenance items you may need. We have an RV Park on-site with hook-ups for your convenience.

We look forward to being a part of your adventures and your lifestyle in 2010.



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Prevost Engine Compartment Fire Suppression System & NEW Prevost Front End

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Prevost's high-efficiency projector headlights feature special lenses that broaden the range of vision from left to right, which means better visibility in rain or fog. Made from polycarbonate, they're more resistant to the impact of stones. They're coupled with LED directional signals that blink with high contrast, so driver intentions are always clear, even when the high beams are on. What's more, anyone who travels in bad weather will welcome Prevost's new optional headlamp cleaning system. It uses a single jet of liquid to remove accumulated grime from headlights, increasing visibility, safety, and peace of mind. The Xenon projector headlights are 5 times brighter, last 6 times longer, and consume half the energy of conventional halogen lamps. This is the most powerful ever lighting system offered by Prevost. Both standard halogen and optional Xenon headlight clusters are hinged for easy bulb replacement and aim adjustment. In fact, no tools at all are needed to change bulbs, and high and low beams adjust with one universal screw control.

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"OSHKOSH"- Continued from front page......

RICHARD & JONEEL HARRIS sent this report home to friends and family: "We saw the WhiteKnightTwo (WK2) fly today. Here are pictures and a video: www.airventure.org/news/2009/090728 wk2.html and a description: www.airventure.org/news/2009/090224 wk2.html."

"Tonight, I also got to see and hear Burt Rutan discuss the building and testing of WK2. Although it is a very large airplane (140-foot wingspan), the



controls are all (push/pull) mechanical (no hydraulics or fly by wire) and do not require the complicated and expensive multiple backup systems of modern airliners. It was a significant control surface design challenge, but saved a ton of money and is very reliable. He compared it to the control linkages of a J3 Cub. He said the engines are so powerful to carry the (I think he said 50,000+pound) SpaceShipTwo (SS2) that WhiteKnightTwo will climb to 50,000 feet on idle (I assume without carrying SpaceShipTwo). I think the release of SS2 is at about 50,000 feet. The design is such that passengers in WK2 (husband for example) can wave to the

occupants of SS2 (wife for example) as it blasts off to sub-orbital outer space!"

"We also saw the world's largest passenger airliner, the Airbus A380, land today and will get to tour it tomorrow. Here is a description, flight video, and cockpit tour. In the cockpit tour it looks to me like the left seat guy has to fly left handed. Surely I am missing something? www.airventure.org/news/2009/090415 airbus.html "



"We also saw several J3 Cubs in excellent condition and an OX-5 engine on display in the Vintage Hangar. The OX-5 was first introduced in 1915, the first mass-produced aircraft engine: www.chet-aero.com/ox-5.php"

"Also, Graham Ricks arranged for Joneel and me to take a ride in a power chute that was quite an experience. Mary Catherine made a great video of it."

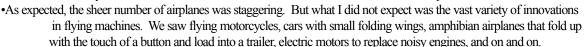
BUD & CAROLYN McCOLLUM (and grandson Christopher) said: "A great time was had by all! Christo had soooo much fun having his every whim catered by half a dozen sets of grandparents...biological and surrogate. He particularly loved his pre-Oshkosh time at the Hansen's, fishing and the sleep-over with their grandchildren. Having a golf cart to cruise around the flight line was too cool...thanks to the Harrises."

BOB & NORMA MOSS Bob wrote: "So there I was, trying to win a contest and a ticket for a ride in a Ford Tri-motor. I answered three questions, all of them wrong. The other contestant easily won the tickets and lo and behold he said, 'my wife's not here would you like her ticket?" What a guy. So there I was the next morning, lining up for a ride in a reconditioned Ford Tri-motor that said Eastern Airlines on the side. The ride was short, only nine or ten minutes, but I loved it. I was surprised at how quickly it lifted off the ground and yet flew so slow. So thanks to my new found friend, Dave, from Wisconsin. He gave me a memorable moment in Oshkosh."

GRAHAM & MARY CATHERINE RICKS shared this: "I first heard about Oshkosh fly-in from a customer in 1985. He had always wanted to go, and he described it with such excitement and enthusiasm that I immediately added it to my bucket list. It only took 24 years to get it crossed off the list, but I will definitely go back again soon."

"There were many impressive aspects of the Oshkosh Air Venture:

- •The number of campers, from tents to Prevosts, makes an FMCA convention look like a pre-rally. With no "parking committee", one would expect pandemonium. However everyone picks a spot and gets along like old friends.
- •Volunteers are everywhere. Their mission did not seem to be to enforce rules, but rather to provide assistance when needed.





•This is not a national event, but truly an international gathering. Not too far from us in the campground was a 'tent city' of students from South Africa.

And many of the vendors and airplane manufacturers were from other countries, too."

"Early the first morning, we heard an airplane overhead and stepped outside the coach to check it out. What we saw appeared to be a flying go-cart, suspended from a colorful parachute. I had seen one of these contraptions before, and thought that whoever would leave the ground in something like that must be doing drugs. But then another one flew by, then another, and so on for an hour. Who would expect to see flying go-carts at the world famous Oshkosh air show! I jumped on my scooter and hurried to the airfield to check it out."

"After hours of investigation and talking with the pilots and the dealers, four of the Royale members signed up for a ride in a Powered Parachute, the official name of this aircraft configuration. You can see a video of our ride on the Royale website...go to the Photos page and click on 'Royales in the Air - Oshkosh 2009 Video'."

"I have flown many hours in commercial aircraft and helicopters, and even have my Private Pilot certificate. But nothing compares to this experience. A powered parachute normally flies at a few hundred feet above the ground, along side the birds. Its top speed is about 30 miles an hour. The world looks different from there, and it is very uplifting, as if man were meant to fly!"

"Thanks to Oshkosh, and the Hansen's and the Royales. It was a great experience."

RON & LAUREL VOLBERDING conclude with this: "For us, the Oshkosh AirVenture can be summed up with three 'P's...Planes, People and Passion."

"We have never seen so many planes, and so many different kinds of planes. The huge Airbus A380, the sleek private jets, the warbirds roaring above us in formation, the bi-planes with wing walkers (again, why??), the acrobatic planes flying upside down a few feet from the ground...the list could go on and on. Knowing nothing about aircraft, each one was unique and magical to us."



"The people at AirVenture were amazing, and not just the folks in the cockpits. The visitors to the show came from all walks of life (and many countries as well), they were young and not-so-young, male and female, but they all had one thing in common: a fascination with flying. In addition, with daily attendance in the tens of thousands, the air show grounds were neat as a pin, a testimonial to the EAA organization and its respectful visitors. Four people in particular come to mind who really made the show memorable for us:

- •Jessica Cox the first person without arms to earn her pilot's certificate. Imagine flying a plane with arms, then try to image flying a plane without arms. What a courageous young woman who dreamed big despite her 'handicap.' The first time she buckled into her pilot seat it took her 45 minutes! You can learn more about her at www.rightfooted.com.
- •Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and First Officer Jeffrey Skiles the heroes who saved the lives of 155 people on board US Airways flight 1549 by landing their bird-disabled aircraft on the Hudson River. When asked what they would have done differently they joked and said they would have done it in July (rather than January)!
- •Bob Hoover WWII fighter pilot, test pilot and acrobatic pilot. Bob shared many war stories including his escape from a Russian POW camp."



"Finally, passion. The one thing that sets those who fly apart is their love of and dedication to flying. When you listen to pilots speak, many will tell you they have dreamed of being a pilot since they were a child. Goals, hard work, focus, dedication. A great lesson for today's 'I-want-it-now' generation."

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this article and many thanks to the Hansen's for making our adventure possible. The dates for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010 are July 26th through August 1st. Interested? We hope so! For more information you can check out the website at www.airventure.org.

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Why, Why, Why,

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

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Rally in the First State-Delaware Rally Recap... By Kally Kitchings

Did someone say NO SALES TAX? Did someone else say CASINOS? Did someone else say FOOD, DRINK AND FELLOWSHIP? If you did not hear these things then you were not present for the wonderful Royale Coach Club Rally held in the First State of Delaware and hosted by our great friends Richard and Charmaine Wilson! The rally was held at the Cedar Creek Landing Campground in Lincoln, Delaware from October 5th through the 9th. Of course, as usual, if you were not there early then you were considered late. There were pre-rally meals, gatherings, motorcycle rides, golf outings, croquet games and, most importantly, shopping without having to pay the extra money on sales tax. I ended up being on a

first-name basis with some of the shop owners! The last minute potluck that took place at Richard and Charmaine's place two days before the rally started was remarkable. Janie Brethauer and Roger Hatcher outdid themselves cooking the prime rib.

The actual rally started with a wine and cheese gathering hosted by our sponsor Liberty Coach. We were able to tour two beautiful Liberty coaches while saying hello to fellow Royale members that we have not seen in a while and to meet the first timers and guests. Many thanks to Liberty Coach for the event to kick off the rally.





It was an early morning the second day of the rally. We boarded two sponsors-provided Prevost buses at 7:45 and headed out for Atlantic City, New Jersey. The buses were loaded on the ferryboats for the one and a half hour ferry ride. During the ride some people enjoyed the



sunshine outside visiting with each other while others played a dice game inside. I still do not know who won the game. When we arrived in Atlantic City, everyone was on his or her own for meals, sightseeing and gambling. Since Ron and I had never been to Atlantic City, we elected to walk the famous boardwalk. I know that Ron Presley had a VERY profitable trip to the casino as I hope many others did too.

We did not want to sleep late the next morning because we had to be up and ready to eat the break-

fast that was delivered to our coaches. What a wonderful idea. We had most of the day free and once again, did some-

one say NO SALES TAX? Some people toured the fishery and the brewery while others played golf. Then on purpose, we worked up our appetite to get ready for the pig roast. Oh my goodness, that was the best pulled pork I have ever eaten. In addition, I know the beer drinkers wants to say an extra Thank You to Richard for the beer wagon that was on site 24/7.

After our breakfast was delivered for the second day, Dover Air Force Base and Dover Downs were on





line for Thursday. Once again, we had the use of the Prevost Buses for our transportation and we thank Prevost for their very generous contribution to our rallies. The different types of airplanes and helicopters were amazing to tour and our tour guide was very informative.

For those of you that were in the military, especially the Air Force, I know that tour brought back many memories. Some people had the chance to experience the flight simulator and found out it's not

easy to land an airplane! We left Dover Air Force Base and headed to Dover Downs for more gambling, shopping and eating. Everyone was on their own for dinner and Ron and I were able to have a very peaceful and enjoyable dinner with good friends Graham and Mary Catherine Ricks.



"RALLY RECAP"-Continued from previous page

Breakfast was delivered for the third straight day (I could get used to that) prior to the Royale Coach Club Business Meeting. First order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance and then to welcome our first-timers and guest. Our first-timers were Bill and Diana Newman and John and Kay Strickland. Our guests were John and Jane Frese, Ted and Juanita Harrison and John and Patricia Mongellow. New officers were nominated and voted on during the meeting. The new officers are:

President Laurel Volberding 1st Vice President Ron Kitchings 2nd Vice President Bo Reahard Secretary Charlotte Hatcher Treasurer Morris Yates FMCA National Director Bob Chalk FMCA Alternate Director Graham Ricks Director Jon Jahn Director **Bob Chalk**

After the business meeting we had free time to do as we pleased and that NO SALES TAX got to me once again! After such a busy week there were people who elected to do nothing more than rest until we were ready to dance the evening away. Our last night of the rally was spent at the Moose Lodge for dinner, dancing and even a little karaoke singing. We all thanked Richard and Charmaine for such a wonderful rally. Before long it was time to start saying our good nights and good-byes. The hello hugs are always easier than good-bye hugs. We will all look forward to the hello hugs at the next rally in Lake Lure, North Carolina hosted by Graham and Mary Catherine Ricks.

Until then, safe and happy travels!

Editor's note: For more Rally pictures, go to www.royalecoachclub.com.

MADRE KIDZ!... Children's Science Exam

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?
A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen)

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean?
A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarian

A: The Caesarian Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?'

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

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MAKE AHEAD FRENCH TOAST......Charmaine Wilson

5 eggs, lightly beaten

1 1/2 cups milk

1 cup half & half

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 challah bread, sliced

1/2 cup butter, melted
1 cup light brown sugar
2 tablespoons maple syrup

1 cup chopped pecans





Whisk together eggs, milk, half & half and vanilla. Dip bread slices into egg mixture and place layered in a greased 9 by 13 baking pan. Place in fridge overnight.

Next Morning:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In small bowl combine butter, brown sugar, syrup and pecans. Spoon mixture over bread. Bake for 40 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

NEIMAN'S \$250 COOKIE RECIPE---Unknown, passed down thru the years.

The Story:

A friend of my mother-in-law had lunch at "The Hedges" at Neiman-Marcus in November, and for dessert she had a cookie. She thought it was the most wonderful cookie she had ever tasted, and asked if the recipe was available. She was told that it was and the charge was two-fifty. She said, that's fine. She received the recipe and told them to just charge her account.

In December when she got her bill, there wa a charge of \$250. She called Neiman's and told them there was a mistake on her bill, that the charge should be \$2.50. She was told that there was no mistake-the charge was correct.

She has vowed to get them back by giving the cookie recipe to everyone she possibly can. She also asks that everyone who gets a copy to send it to everyone they know...PLEASE!

So here it is!!!

- 2 Cups Butter
- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Teaspoons Vanilla
- **5 Cups Blended Oatmeal***
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 2 Teaspoons Baking Soda
- 18 oz Grated Hershey Bar (Candy)

- 3 Cups Chopped Nuts (Black Walnuts)
- **4 Cups Flour**
- 2 Cups Sugar
- 4 Eggs
- 2 Teaspoons Baking Powder
- **24 Ounces Chocolate Chips**
- (Hershey's Semi-Sweet)

*Blended Oatmeal: Measure and blend in a blender to a fine powder.



Cream butter and both sugars. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix together with flour, oatmeal, salt, baking powder and soda. Add chips, candy and nuts. Refrigerate for one-half hour. Roll into balls and place 2" apart on cookie sheet. Bake for 6 minutes at 375. Makes 112 cookies. The recipe can be halved.

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Rally in the First State-Delaware!......Maxamillion "Max"Kitchings -





There was so much happening at the Rally in the First State that I hardly know where to begin. Of course there is that saying that says, "Start at the beginning" so I guess that is what I will do. Tootis Schmitz, Murphy Jahn and I started out having a great time at Miss Charmaine Wilson's potluck dinner before the rally even started. She was a little concerned about Bonnie and Clyde so she did not let them out too much to play with the rest of us. There was a fence with a closed gate so all of us were able to run around without our leashes on. That was so much fun. Here is a photo of the three of us.



Miss Charmaine was so good to all of us. While all of the parents of my friends were out touring and enjoying different things with the rally Miss Charmaine would come over to our coaches and visit all of us. She would take us out for a walk and let us take care of some business. Then she would give us all a treat before she took us back home. She is such a wonderful lady.

I went over to Miss Charlotte's coach and really really tried to play with Snuggles, Bubba and Moree Hatcher but they just did not want to have anything to do with me. Oh well, I played with their toys anyway and had a good time.

Miss Maggie Kyle had a new friend for me to meet. Her name is Belle and she is just a little bit bigger than I am. Well, Miss Maggie and my mom had a little swapping of clothes party so I got some of Belle's clothes that were too small for her and she got some of the clothes that my mom bought that was too big for me. Overall, I think both of us came out winners and luckily, the clothes were not gender specific! Then just about every day my mom would really get into this thing called NO SALES TAX. I really do not understand what that means but I sure did get a lot of new clothes, collar and harnesses because of it.

Gizmo and Razor Presley and Oliver Moss came down to visit me several times during the rally. They were a lot of fun to play with. I also met first-timers Lucy and Lizzy Newman. Those two girls looked so much like me that we could be related. It sure was nice to see everyone again.

Maybe at the next rally in Lake Lure, North Carolina we could arrange to have a four-legged party so we could all be together at one time. Wouldn't that be fun?

Since I will not see you until next April, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



MAINLY MAINE......Fall 2010 Rolling Rally......Jim and Nancy McNaulty, Rallymasters- PART 1

The Rally will begin with arrivals on Sunday, September 12th, at Bayley's Camping Resort (located at 275 Pine Point Rd. Scarborough, Maine 04074. (207) 883-6043. www.bayleys-camping.com.) Early arrivals are welcomed. Please contact campground directly to make arrangements.



We have reserved Big-Rig sites at Ashley Pond at the campground. This area can be viewed by looking at the second window in Bayley's on-line brochure.

We will begin the rally with a pot-luck supper at 5 PM on Sunday evening. Lobster stew and New England corn chowder will be provided.

Please bring sides and desserts.

On Monday at 8:30 board buses for 9:30 trolley tour of city of Portland and Portland Headlight www.PortlandDiscovery.com. Return to Portland Old Port district. 12 PM tentative lunch at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant. Free time for shopping in Old Port after lunch. Will try to arrange early and late

buses back to campground. Dinner on own.

Tuesday: Board buses around 9 AM to Portland (www.visitportland.com) for 10 AM "Sails and Tails" cruise ("classic windjammer sailing and traditional island lobster bake"). www.Portlandschooner.com. Return to Portland at 3 PM. Board buses for return to campground. Dinner on

Wednesday: Tentative pancake breakfast at campground. Depart in own motorcoaches for Acadia National Park (Bar Harbor) for second half of rolling rally, hosted by Chris and Kathleen Koch. Travel options to Acadia may include a stop at LL Bean and outlet

stores in Freeport, Maine and/or a narrated guided scenic tour up Route 1 to Acadia (approximately 5 hours).

We are looking forward to hosting the Royale's in Bar Harbor, ME, 9/15/10 to 9/18/10.

9/15......Check in at Narrow Two Campground.

9/16......Board buses for Acadia National Park Visitors Center. We'll see a short video, followed by a guided tour of the Park. Although Acadia National Park is one of the smallest National Parks in the United States, it is the second most visited. After the Park tour, we will go to Jackson Labs for lunch and a tour. Jackson Lab is a "world class" medical research facility, employing 1,400 people. They have 800,000 square feet "under roof" facilities and this makes for a fascinating afternoon. Individual groups will be no more than 5 couples each. Return to campground with dinner on your own.

9/17......Board buses for downtown Bar Harbor for a Nature Cruise on Frenchman Bay. After the cruise, lunch on your own in Bar Harbor. We will have 2 buses back to the campground, one departing later than the other so there is plenty of time for shopping!!!! Dinner on your own.

9/18......Breakfast and business meeting at campground. Day on your own. Lots to do, hiking, walking on carriage roads, lobster pound lunch, golfing, shopping, lobster boat tours, kayaking/canoeing, carriage ride in the park, visit Southwest Harbor, Northeast Harbor, Schoodic Peninsula, etc. Our dinner will be catered at the Seal Cove Auto Museum.. This museum has a terrific collection of brass cars in additional to many others.

9/19......Depart or stay longer - plenty to see and do and the weather in September is usually very nice!

Looking forward to a great time together, as usual!!!





Calendar of Events

83rd FMCA Winter Convention, Albuquerque, NM	.March 22-25, 2010
Prevost Prouds Rally, Savannah, GA	May 5-8, 2010
ROYALE COACH CLUB SPRING RALLY-Apple Valley, Lake Lure, NC	April 12-17, 2010
82nd FMCA Summer Convention, Redman, OR	.August 11-14, 2010
ROYALE COACH CLUB FALL RALLY-Portland & Bar Harbor, MESep	tember 12-19, 2010
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