



MUSINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to all our new members. See the website to view the complete list of our membership.

Thanks to Rally Masters, Mary and John Habicht for their efforts to make the Williamsburg Rally another great one. I've heard nothing but praises about the rally. As always, Mary had everything planned to the finest detail and John helped carry out the plan. There were plenty of interesting activities planned and also enough leisure time for socializing.

Additional thanks go to Cindy and Mike Barbeau for assisting Mary and John with some local knowledge of the rally area. The RV Resort was in a convenient location and had adequate facilities to meet our needs.

Thanks too, to our sponsors, Liberty Coach and Prevost Bus, for their continued support.

We thoroughly enjoyed dining at the King's Arms Inn and Shield's Tavern, in Williamsburg and Baxter's, in Norfolk. Being named as judges for the witches' trial, in the play, "Cry Witch" was great. I voted for hanging, but I was out voted by the liberals.

The ladies loved the shopping in Williamsburg, especially the Cheese Shop and the Yankee Candle Store.

The "Tattoo" show in Norfolk was awesome. It was a wonderful way to close out the rally! We've seen the show before, but it still sends shivers up my back. Laurel and Ron Volberding put a deal together when we were on the way to the Washington, DC Rally. If you haven't seen this show, you should make it a point to do so.

Our Fall 2013 rally, called a "gathering", is in Orlando, Florida at Disney and will be hosted by Mary and John Habicht. See the Royale Coach website for full details.

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 19th through the 26th. If you are interested, see the Royale Coach website for more details on signing up for the wait list as it is now sold out.

As of this date, we have no Spring rally scheduled in 2014. We are looking for volunteers to step up and plan one. Please consider hosting a rally in your local. We would love to have one in the Midwest or the West. If you have ideas for a rally, contact Wayne Bost or any other Board Member.

Our Fall 2014 rally will be in Ohio and will be hosted by Jenny and Jim Evans. It will have an Amish theme.

Larry Jones, our 2012-2013 Treasurer, resigned before our Spring rally. He and Kay decided they wanted to spend more time being grandparents and sold their coach. Larry did an outstanding job as Treasurer and we wish he and Kay the best. Graham Ricks has agreed to fill out Larry's term.

The election for Board Members for the 2014-2015 term will be held at the Fall Rally. The nominating committee, consisting of Stanley Reahard, Bob Moss and Bill Sage, has been busy putting together a slate of candidates. If you have any interest in serving, or if you have someone in mind for the board, contact any one of them. Nominations can also be made at the Fall Rally.

Safe Travels,

Smitty

EVERGLADES ISLE



Mini Rally Recap by Bob Moss

Driving down Interstate 75 in Southern Florida, one is struck by the beautiful scenery and homes from Ft Myers to Naples. That continues after turning East on FL 41, the Tamiami Trail, and heading toward Miami. But then all the signs of civilization seem to disappear and you find yourself in a rural and surrealistic setting. The road narrows and there is no siding to pull on to. You know you have passed into what is truly Florida when your navigator suddenly shouts “look, an alligator!” Yes, you are now in gator country and you see many of them just lying near the road sunning themselves. You soon realize that they are all on the north side of the road and you later learn that the road you are on runs between the fresh and salt water marshes of Southern Florida. Gators like fresh water and rarely are seen on the south side. Thank goodness because after about 25 miles we turn south and head towards a beautiful RV Park named Everglades Isle.

Located just on the edge of Everglades City, Everglades Isle is a beautiful park with paved roads and large campsites of paver bricks. About half of the sites were waterfront and the continual sight of airboats taking visitors throughout the “Ten Thousand Islands” made for interesting viewing. Twenty-five couples and their coaches were present for the rally. (You can see the attendee list at the Royale Coach Club web site). As usual there were several good places to eat and sightseeing in the almost abandoned town of Everglades City was interesting. When Barron Collier of New York, a wealthy land developer and for whom the County is named, was hired to build the Tamiami Trail from Naples to Miami, he decided to also develop the local community into a city named appropriately Everglades City. But the plan for its success was never achieved. However, the Rod and Gun Club, visited in the past by US Presidents and other dignitaries, is still a tourist resort of nominal interest. The area is now known primarily for its abundance of stone crabs whose claws are eaten all over Florida. So, what did we do? Airboat tours were popular as was a tour by pontoon boat to an outer island inhabited by hundreds of rare white pelicans. For some the accompaniment by dolphins to the island added to the enjoyment. A morning coffee klatch at the coach of Gary and Janie Brethauer grew each day as did a get together around a bon fire at Jim and Nancy

McNulty's coach. Also popular were the videos shown in the beautiful theatre of the campground recreation center. This campground or better described as a motor coach retreat is an excellent place to stop if you are ever in the area. Unlike the busier parks in and around Naples, Everglades Isle is quiet, friendly and close to many sights along the Tamiami Trail.

This review would not be complete without a big shout out to Graham and Mary Catherine Ricks who discovered the resort on their travels and made our stay there possible. Thanks Graham and Mary Catherine.



January 2013

Adventure in Williamsburg!



Rally Recap by Kally Kitchings

Well who doesn't like pot pies??? Apparently everyone liked the pot pies that Mary and John Habicht arranged to have for dinner the night before the Adventure in Williamsburg rally actually started. There were several different flavors and all of them were delicious. All the people that showed up early for the rally really enjoyed them.



Rally Masters John and Mary Habicht



Pot Pie Group

Monday marked the official start of the rally with more coaches showing up hourly to camp in the American Heritage RV Park. Mid-afternoon we boarded the Prevost bus and arrived for our private tour of Bassett Hall, a simple two-story 18th century white frame farmhouse nestled on 585 acres of lawn, garden and woodlands. Bassett Hall once was the Williamsburg home of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and his wife Abby Aldrich Rockefeller. This tour was also the start of Mary's "History Hunt Game." Everyone listened intently trying to get all the answers to the questions. There really are a lot of competitive people in our club!

After the tour we were supposed to walk to The King's Arm Tavern for dinner but the weather turned cold therefore the Prevost bus was called upon and our driver delivered us to dinner in warm Prevost fashion!

And talk about fashion, the wait staff was dressed in period costumes as was the violin player that entertained us with some lovely music. After eating until our hearts were content (and stomachs were full) we boarded the Prevost bus and returned to the campground.



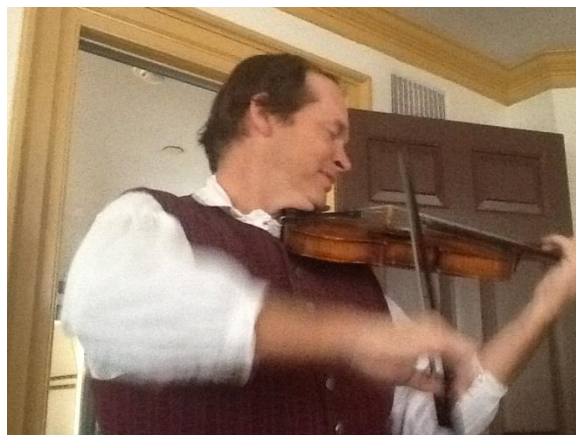
Banner in front of Restaurant



Coat of Arms

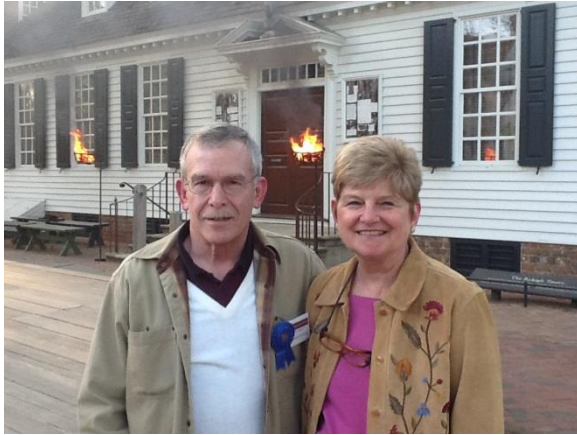


Enjoying Dinner



Violinist

Tuesday morning brought the first of four wonderful breakfasts with each one being different than the last one. It sure is nice to start out the day with a nutritious breakfast - - - and we don't have to cook it or clean up the dishes! Our morning was free to do as we pleased. Tuesday evening we boarded the Prevost bus and arrived at the Shields Tavern to have dinner. This restaurant also boasted period costumes, violin music and a scrumptious meal. After dinner we were able to have our group photo made before walking to the Capitol to view the play "Cry Witch." While waiting in line for the play I was able to get couples photos and a wonderful photo of our first timers, Richard & Denyse McCurdy and Nick & Naomi Theisz. Couples photos have been posted to the Royale Coach Club website. If anyone wants one of these photos please email me and I will email the digital photo back to you.



First Timers Richard & Denyse McCurdy



First Timers Nick & Naomi Theisz



Twelve of our club members were selected to sit on the jury panel, listen to testimony, ask questions of the witness and then determine guilt or innocence of the alleged witch. None of us wanted to watch a woman being burned at the stake so, Hooray, she was found not guilty. Would you want your fate in the hands of the jurors pictured below?????



Wednesday we boarded the bus once more for our group tour of Jamestown and the National Park. Everyone was walking around with Mary's "find the answer" papers in their hands. I admit there were a few I just could not find. We returned to the campground in time for the Liberty Open House Affair. Thanks so much to Liberty and to Robin King for everything they do for our club.



The weather was perfect for the Liberty Open House.

After we enjoyed the Liberty party and the pot luck dinner Mary had another game for us. The title to this game was "How Much Do You Know About the "Equipment" the Other Sex Uses." When I saw that title on the itinerary I thought to myself that Mary had lost her mind!!! But as always Mary had a very fun game up her sleeve and everyone loved guessing what the "men's tools" were and what the "women's gadgets" were. Thankfully Jim McNulty has a booming voice so I was able to get the answers to all the men's tools. Thanks Jim.



Men's Tools



Women's Gadgets



Who will get the most correct answers?

It was also our Beloved President's, Smitty Schmitz, birthday and of course we just had to celebrate! But wait, where are the rest of the candles??



Mary always makes sure that everyone goes home with a prize or gift of some type (like the wonderful cookbook she and John put together) but she also makes sure there is always one special prize that someone would win. The special prize for this rally was a beautiful "man's" quilt made by Rita Creel and was won by Janie Jones through the raffle. Janie had been eyeing that quilt for days so she was extremely happy to win it for Allan.



Club members were given a special presentation by Allan Jones that is near and dear to his heart. Allan's home town of Cleveland, TN was named after Colonel Benjamin Cleveland (1738 – 1806), a revolutionary war hero in the Battle of Kings Mountain, NC. During Allan's research of the Colonel he found out no picture existed of his likeness. All they knew was that the Colonel was 6 foot tall and weighed 300 pounds. Hmmmmm . . . are you starting to get the image. In 2012 artist Don Troiani completed the first historically authentic depiction of Benjamin Cleveland titled "Benjamin Cleveland's War Prize" (photo below.) Allan volunteered to be the fat model (his words, not mine!), shave his beard and get a white horse . . . which is exactly what he did. The Allan Jones Foundation funded the project but he's not telling how much he spent!!



Do you see the resemblance??

To find out more of this story go to www.wikipedia.org and search Benjamin Cleveland.

Thursday was a free day to do as we pleased which everyone did exactly that. Some shopped, some rode motorcycles, some played golf and some toured historic Williamsburg. Since dinner was on our own and everyone still had leftovers from the night before there was an impromptu pot luck dinner prior to the Dessert Night. Oh my goodness the calories that were consumed were GINORMOUS!!!! Oh well, elliptical machine here I come.

At breakfast on Friday morning Mary announced the winner of the History Hunt Game. Congratulations to Nick & Naomi Theisz and to Mike Baulsir and Chris Bowling as winners! The Royale Coach Club Business Meeting was held immediately after breakfast. Mary always seems to save the best for last. Since this was our last night of the rally people were already feeling sad about leaving - - - except for Cindy Barbeau and Nancy McNulty who just seem to want to wave and smile for my camera or these two people (who are they) making plans!!



Hi Ladies!



What are these two plotting?



We boarded the Prevost bus for the final outing of the rally. Thank you, Prevost, for your continued support of our club. We dined with a buffet meal at Baxter's. Since everyone knew this would be our last meal together for this rally everyone really enjoyed each other's company.



The restaurant was just a short walk from 2013 Virginia International Tattoo. If you have never been to the Tattoo (or don't even know what it is) you have really missed a wonderful show. The Tattoo is an international competition of military bands. The show is very colorful, very lively and very patriotic. This show was so good that I would attend it all over again!! Thanks Mary for thinking far enough ahead to get these tickets for the rally.





Yes, Mary and John saved the best for last. God Bless America!

LAUGHTER – WE ALL NEED IT!

A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps people when they lie. He decides to test it out at dinner one night. The father asks his son what he did that afternoon.

The son says, "I did some schoolwork."

The robot slaps the son.

The son says, "Ok, Ok. I was at a friend's house watching movies."

Dad asks, "What movie did you watch?"

Son says, "Toy Story."

The robot slaps the son.

Son says, "Ok, Ok, we were watching an X rated movie."

Dad says, "What? At your age I didn't even know what X rated meant."

The robot slaps the father.

Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son."

The robot slaps the mother.

Robot for sale!

Skipping Church

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. He told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

Travels by Max



By Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings

I have done so much traveling and been to so many places in the last couple months that I hope I don't forget the important things to tell you!

Mom and Dad and I left Florida a couple months ago in our house on wheels and one of our first stops was to see Snuggles, Bubba and Moree Hatcher. My folks are friends with their folks, Mr. Roger and Ms. Charlotte. Here is a photo of the kids.

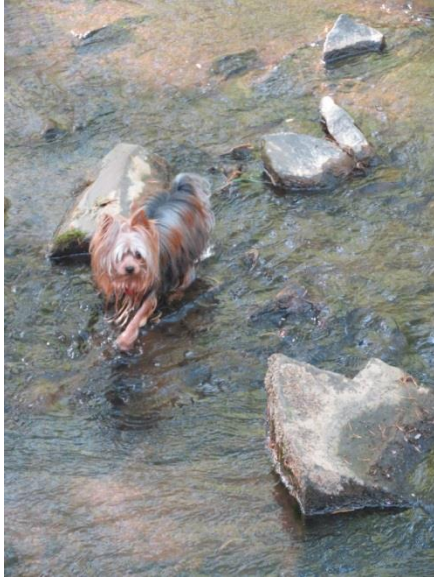


I can't figure out why they like that grass so much but they always seem to be hanging around it. I had a lot of fun there. I even got to go for a long golf cart ride around their lake just like I do when I am at my home in Texas.

When we left there we went to a place called Stone Mountain. I sure understand why they named it that because there sure are a lot of stones there. Mom and Dad played golf while I stayed at the bus and guarded it. I asked them if I could be their caddy but they just

said no. Then we went to visit all of our South Carolina family. It is always so nice to see family and catch up with everyone.

After that we went to visit my friends Mr. Graham and Ms. Mary Catherine. It was just so much fun there. I got to chase some squirrels and I even got to go swimming in the creek. Here are a couple pictures of me in the water.



I sure loved visiting there and Mom and Dad promised me that we would go back one day. They have such a beautiful home and wonderful place for us to camp.



From there it was time to go to the Royale Coach Club Rally. We always have fun at the rallies. We were not there 30 minutes and Biscuit Barbeau came over to greet me. He is such a gentleman and always minds his parents. Here is a photo of him getting ready to go on a hike.



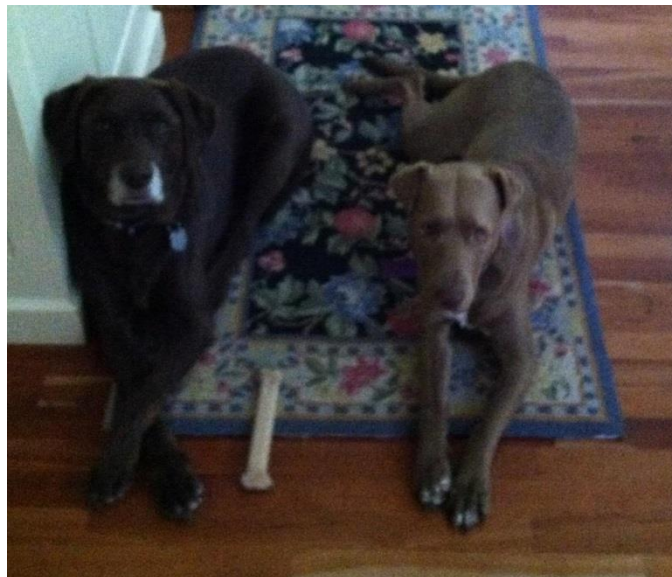
Biscuit Barbeau

Biscuit's mom Ms. Cindy told my mom of a place to take me to get a "pet"icure. It seems my toenails had gotten really long and mom was scared to cut them. I wonder why I didn't get to sit in a spa chair like Mom does when she get her nails done.

I guess since I got my nails done and took a bath and had my hair blow dried that Mom decided I could go to the Liberty Coach Open House. That was a lot of fun because I got to see all the people and tell them hello with kisses. Mom even took a picture of me with Dad and Ms. Anne Gould. Here it is.



When it was time to leave the rally Biscuit came back over to say goodbye to me. I sure do like him. A couple of other new friends I made were Jasmine and Sophie McNulty. From what I understand Sophie is a little skittish around people because she might have been abused. It was so wonderful that Mr. Jim and Ms. Nancy rescued Sophie and gave her a good home. We are going to be great friends.



Jasmine and Sophie McNulty

After we left the rally we traveled up to our Nation's Capital and visited more family. Then we left there and went to Elkhart, IN to Royale Phoenix because Dad needed something done to our bus. It had something to do with house batteries but I really don't know what that means. Mr. Dan and Ms. Vicki really took care of us while we were there. And I got to do something really really fun there while I was there. I have traveled or ridden in a lot of different ways, like the bus, trucks, airplanes, boats and golf carts. This time I rode something new - - - a forklift! Mr. Glenn with Royale Phoenix took me for a ride and put me to work. I asked Mr. Glenn if I was going to get a paycheck and he just patted my head. Oh well, maybe next time. Here's a photo.



We made a couple more stops, one in Cincinnati and one in Kansas City, to visit other friends before we started back to Texas. But one more thing happened while we were still on the road. I had a birthday! I turned 5 years old. The folks gave me a little party and a couple new toys to play with. It was a very good day. Here is my 5th birthday picture.



We finally made it back to Texas but only stayed long enough to see my sister and brother and cousins. Now we are on our way to Colorado. I love to go to Colorado and see all my deer and elk friends and rabbit and chipmunk friends!

Mom also told me that the next rally is at Disney World. Oh boy oh boy oh boy, that means I get to see Mickey and Minnie and Goofy and Pluto and Donald and Daffy and Cinderella and Prince Charming and Aladdin and Huey, Dewey and Louie! There are so many others I would like to see but I don't know if there will be enough time to see everyone or even if they will all be at home. One thing I know, it's going to be a lot of fun!!

Safe Travels to all,

Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings



Welcome to the new members who have joined the Royale Coach Club in the last year!

Manuel & Ann Sowers
959 Orchard Lake Drive
Daleville, VA 24083

Robert Hollaender
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Cincinnati, OH 45215

Fred & Mary Lou Stuffer
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Marlton, NJ 08053

Anthony & Charlene McNeal
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Franklin, MI 488025

Nick & Naomi Theisz
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Twp. Of Washington, NJ 07676

Wayne & Linda Lunsford
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Mebane, NC 27302

Chuck MacLennan & Sylvie Boivin
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Rigaud, QC Canada JOP1PO

David & Therese Benck
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Terry and Brenda Irwin
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Crawford, TX 76638

Ken & Victoria Curry
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Hanover, PA 17331

Ray & Charlotte Wilt
1441 Madara Drive
Hanover, PA 17331

Walter & Katie Adams
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Facebook Timeline of Richard and Joneel Harris during the El Reno Tornado.

Compiled from facebook by Kally Kitchings

For those of you not aware club members Richard and Joneel Harris were in El Reno, OK attending a gun shoot during the F5 tornado that ravished the area and took so many lives. We are all so thankful they made it out alive. Richard is an avid Facebooker and I was able to pull together a timeline from his facebook page. While not every entry is posted here you will get the idea of what they were going through. Please notice dates and times.

May 30th, Day before the F5 tornado.



Richard Harris, May 30 via mobile

Hope that's not a wall cloud to our west. Heading to the Oklahoma State Shoot in El Reno this weekend. — with Joneel Harris.



Kally Ratcliff Kitchings I hope that also. Stay safe. May 30 at 7:40pm via mobile · Like · 2



Dick Lindsay Watch it. Tornado watch is in your path. May 30 at 7:42pm via mobile · Like · 2



Kally Ratcliff Kitchings Just checked radar and if you headed up I35 you could be in for some bad stuff. May 30 at 7:46pm via mobile · Like · 1



Richard Harris I think we outran it. In sunshine now near Norman. Joneel kept the pedal to the metal! May 30 at 7:53pm via mobile · [Unlike](#) · 2

May 31st, Day of F5 Tornado



Richard Harris, May 31 via [mobile](#) near [Union City, OK](#) , Heading to friend's shelter



Dick Lindsay None too soon. May 31 at 5:57pm via mobile · [Like](#) · 1



Margaret Williams Kyle Hurry! May 31 at 5:58pm · [Like](#) · 1



Richard Harris FYI We have Senji with us! At Ron Bliss' house & shelter. We're invited for hamburgers & shelter. I can hear the sirens from here! May 31 at 6:07pm via mobile · [Like](#) · 1



Rick Harris R y'all safe? May 31 at 6:19pm via mobile · [Like](#) · 1

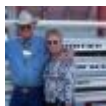


Richard Harris Yes! May 31 at 6:20pm via mobile · [Like](#) · 4



Clarence Schmitz Bummer May 31 at 6:33pm via mobile · [Like](#) · 1

Post of safe room where they weathered the storm.



Richard Harris, May 31 via mobile, near Union City, OK



A cool safe room.



Dick Lindsay Where? May 31 at 8:02pm via mobile · Like



Richard Harris Ron Bliss' a couple of miles south of gun club. May 31 at 8:05pm · Like



Rhea-Claire Galubenski-Griffin Hope y'all are safe! Can't believe the club house got hit! How close was the Coach? May 31 at 9:46pm via mobile · Like

The next posts are after the tornado and the Harris's were able to inspect damage at the gun club where they were parked. Note that the building "was" two stories.



Richard Harris, June 1 via mobile, near El Reno, OK

OTA clubhouse



Trish O'Connor thanks for posting the pictures for us. Wow, so glad everyone is OK and so thankful for Ron Bliss and the use of his shelter. June 1 at 6:30am · Like · 3



Margaret Williams Kyle Oh my....unbelievable! Is that your bus? Is it okay? June 1 at 8:03am · Like · 1



Charlotte Bracewell Hatcher So glad all of you are ok!!!! June 1 at 8:11am via mobile · Like · 1



Richard Harris Thanks for everyone thinking of us. Tomorrow is our 50th anniversary and there is never a dull moment living and traveling with Joneel Harris. We have duct taped the broken windows and missing Fantastic fan covers and plan to head to AR and NC from here to visit friends on the way to our grandson's HS graduation in Virginia. June 1 at 6:24pm · Like · 4



Clarence Schmitz Whose bus is that? June 1 at 8:28pm via mobile · Like · 1



Clarence Schmitz Happy 50th! June 1 at 8:29pm via mobile · Like · 1



Richard Harris That's our Royale coach on the right, Smitty. June 1 at 8:35pm via mobile · Like



Clarence Schmitz Wow! Good thing it was a Prevost....built like a vault. June 1 at 8:50pm · Like · 1



Charlotte Bracewell Hatcher Heck of a way to celebrate !!!!! But at least you can!!!! June 1 at 9:04pm via mobile · Like · 1



Richard Harris, June 1 via mobile, near El Reno, OK

The coach and 5th wheel trailer that were parked next to us. — with **Joneel Harris**.



Laurel Lichthardt Volberding SO glad you are safe. Praying for everyone affected by this storm.

June 1 at 6:16am via mobile · Like · 1



Francette Carnahan Wow!! You guys take care. Was anyone injured at the OTA? June 1 at 6:35am via

mobile · Like · 1



Margaret Williams Kyle Scary!

June 1 at 8:05am · Like · 1



Susan Harris wow glad to know you were not there and was in a safe shelter take care and hurry

back home love you guys. June 1 at 10:15am · Like · 1



Richard Harris Francette, Amazingly that no one at the shoot was injured. They had a bit of warning and many just got in their car and outran it. Some got in the trap houses. June 1 at 6:13pm · Like



Richard Harris, June 1 via mobile, near El Reno, OK

Coach — with Joneel Harris



Kally Ratcliff Kitchings So glad y'all are okay. Looks like your coach had a little damage but nothing compared to your neighbors next to you. Really a wicked tornado season this year. June 1 at 6:37am via mobile · Like · 1



Dick Lindsay It will fix. Thank God you were not there. June 1 at 7:16am via mobile · Like · 1



Charlotte Bracewell Hatcher O! M! G! Is that a 2 x 4 sticking out of the wheel well? June 1 at 8:10am via mobile · Like · 1



Margaret Williams Kyle Your bus looks like "the safe room". June 1 at 8:26am · Like · 1



Charlotte Bracewell Hatcher I agree Maggie!! June 1 at 8:27am via mobile · Like · 1

June 1 at 9:22am · Like · 1



Mary Habicht Glad you are all safe... Where did you ride out the storm? June 1 at 10:36am · Like · 1



Richard Harris Mary, we and Senji were at a friends house 3 1/2 south of the gun club that had a safe room. June 1 at 12:29pm via mobile · Like



Richard Harris Don't think I ever want to be near one of these again. We could have rode it out in the coach, but Joneel would have cleaning up more than broken glass. June 1 at 12:33pm via mobile · Like · 1



Vicky Jourdan So glad you are all safe!!! I still stand by what I always have said inside a Prevost is a pretty safe place if you can't get to a storm shelter. June 1 at 7:46pm · Like · 1



Clarence Schmitz Wow!! June 1 at 8:31pm via mobile · Like · 1



Skip Evans WOW!! Hope damage is min. Looks like mirror was moved, board stuck in side. So glad you guys are safe. June 1 at 8:53pm · Like · 1

There were 30 travel trailers destroyed along with the gun club. The Harris's continued along their trip as planned with a "Duct Taped" coach. But a few days later along the way . . .



Richard Harris, Monday near Philomont, VA via mobile I am not believing this. We are in a tornado watch until 10:00 pm and a severe thunderstorm warning with winds to 60 mph. Oops just lost power to the house and coach. Heading to the house with safe room.



Rhea-Claire Galubenski-Griffin It just follows y'all around! Monday at 5:33pm via mobile · Like · 1



Babette Riggs Cade Glad u took the bad weather with you, but man that sucks be safe. Monday at 5:38pm via mobile · Like · 1



Kally Ratcliff Kitchings Include this as the last paragraph on the article you are writing for me. It will make a great finish! Stay in the safe room until all is safe! Monday at 6:14pm via mobile · Like · 1



Margaret Williams Kyle Has been a warning/watch day here too.....stay safe! Monday at 6:21pm · Like



Mike Hessong Richard, I "think" you better check the back end of your Prevost, and see if you didn't pick up a tornado "magnet" somewhere along the open roads. Damn sure throw that thing away, if you find it !!!

There were a lot of people praying for Richard and Joneel. We are so glad they made it through the storm and will be able to join us in future rallies!

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

FICTION OR FACTUAL?

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science, (AAFS) President, and Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death. Here is the story:

On March 23, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus, and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to the effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly. Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

The room on the ninth floor, where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun! The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger, he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject 'A' but kills subject 'B' in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject 'B.' When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant, and both said that they thought the shotgun was not loaded. The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, assuming the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother. Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of the murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist. Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus. He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son, Ronald Opus, had actually murdered himself. So the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

Come Join the Fun at the Royale's "Fall Gathering" at Walt Disney World



October 21st – 26th, 2013 at Fort Wilderness enjoy full hook up for \$60.75 a night. Come in 5 days early or stay 5 days later at the same great rate. Come for the week or just a couple of days.

Not coming in your bus, Stay at Wilderness Lodge at \$325.13 a night or Coronado Springs Resort for \$189.00 a night. You can also check to see if there are specials going on that may be less.... Disney will match them.

The Gathering will be a time of fellowship and relaxation. This rally is all about YOU and how you want to enjoy your time here.

John and Mary will be setting up dinner gatherings at different locations around Walt Disney World. (List to follow) The reservations will be made 120 days out for 40 people (until around 14 days before dinner then it will be confirmed for those signed up). Each couple will pay their own tab each night. You can pick and choose which nights you join us.

Join us or enjoy an evening of your own design.

You will be able to make dining reservations at the time you book your site. You can also buy your park tickets at that time if you don't have a discounted way to get them. (Military pass, FL Residents, AAA, or undercvertourist.com)

Our group phone number to call for your reservations is 407-939-4686, which each coach/couple will do on their own.

Our Group number is G-0603830... Royale Coach Club. You need this number to receive our gathering camping/hotel price.

You will be able to cancel, following the Disney rules for canceling. So if you change your mind, you can back out with ease.

Once you have made your reservations please contact Mary at johnsgirlfriday@verizon.net so you will get more information as things develop.

Help us design a gathering by letting us know things you would like to do and I will see if I can work with Disney to make "your wish come true".

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Royale Coach Club's 2013 Fall Rally Disney World "A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes"



Monday, October 21th - Saturday, October 26, 2013
Fort Wilderness Campground, Walt Disney World

REGISTRATION FORM

DATE _____ FMCA # _____ EMAIL: _____

LAST NAME: _____ HIS NAME: _____ HER FIRST: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ CELL PHONE: (_____) _____

MEMBERS: IS THIS YOUR FIRST ROYALE RALLY? Yes or No

Campground/Hotel Reservation number # _____

Date coming in _____ I have Park Tickets for 1day 2 days 3days 4days 5days MORE

I will be coming for the Gatherings Only and will be staying off Disney Property yes or no

I will be joining the follow Gatherings.

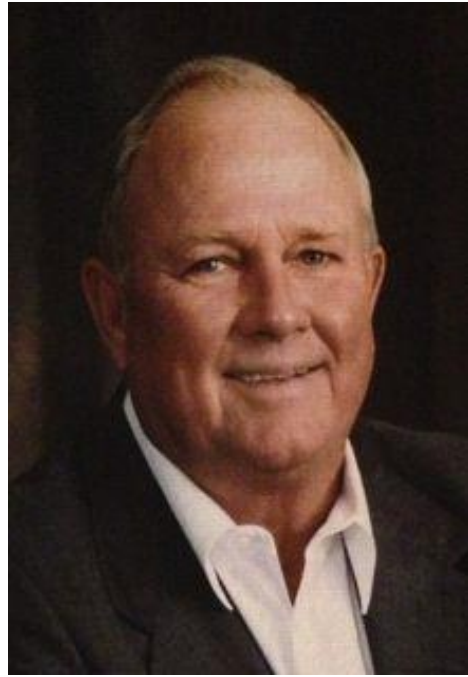
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<u>Monday Oct 21 4:00 Hoop Dee Doo Musical Revue (I have my tickets)</u>	<u>2 people</u>
<u>Tuesday Oct 22 The Not So Scary Halloween Party (I have my tickets)</u>	<u>2 people</u>
<u>Tuesday Oct 22 Dining at Tony's Town Square 4:30 (park/event ticket needed)</u>	<u>2 people</u>
<u>Wednesday Oct 23 Dining at Animal Kingdom Lodge's BOMA 4:30</u>	<u>2 people</u>
<u>Thursday Oct 24 Dining at Epcot's Chef De France 6:30 (park ticket needed)</u>	<u>2 people</u>
<u>Friday Oct 25 Dining at Downtown Disney's Raglan Road Irish Pub 5:00</u>	<u>2 people</u>

A rally fee of \$25 per coach is DUE BY Oct 1st. All other fees are pay for as you go.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "RCC- Disney" AND MAIL CHECK AND FORM TO:
MARY HABICHT 9829 OLD WILLOW WAY ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21042 410-461-6677 HOME

IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIENDS LOST



Ray Rabalais



Frank Lail