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LifeStyle Coach LS II & LS III a division of COACHWORKS,

L.L.C. has been exceeding customer expectations for over twenty-two years with quality, dependability and service that can be counted on. Started in 1985 with a dream of converting used passenger buses into motor homes based on each customer's dream.

Fast forward to 1995 when the company had grown to ten dedicated skilled craftsman; now learning, building and inventing new generations of buses to meet the needs of leasing companies, professional sport franchises, corporations and U.S. armed forces. Now

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entering 2008 with over twenty-five associates dedicated to excellence and innovation in every segment of the bus industry, Texas Custom Coach continues to be a leader and innovator in Custom Coach Conversions.

2007 ushered in the completion of two years of preparation of both our new conversion

facility, and the design and engineering of a new line of private custom built coaches. The birth of a new LifeStyle LS II, and LS III custom designed private coach was realized. The quality of workmanship, design and function was achieved and our goal to offer a custom private coach with all that is expected in today's coach design, equipment and amenities



has been achieved. The challenge was to offer these built one at a time coaches at a price that astounds customers when compared to equal coaches built today. Our reputation of quality, reliability and design are here for a select few customers who value

owning or leasing a custom converted coach in the same high standard we hold ourselves.

Our original facility has been reconfigured and placed into service as our service and remodel center. Services provided are coach remodel, system upgrades, system additions and all installed system repairs. The installation of all electrical, plumbing and air conditioning systems are done with licensed master electrician, plumbers and refrigeration technicians trained for both bus and RV coaches. Our cabinetmakers have a combined ninety years of experience in custom cabinets and counter tops made of the finest hardwoods, **Continued on page 3**

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

We are rapidly approaching the close of another year. My, how the time flies, especially when you are exploring this beautiful country of ours in one of those "Ultimate Class" Prevost coaches. We spent six months in ours this year as I'm sure some of you did as well. Some spent the whole year in theirs, which "ain't" bad! It's a great lifestyle if it's your cup of tea. We never seem to tire of traveling the roads. We catch ourselves revisiting places time and again. We hope your year has been a good one wherever and however you chose to live it.

The Club enjoyed two "over the top rallies" thanks to Bill and Shirley Sage (Branson), Ron and Laurel Volberding (Chicago) plus the Polar Bear Tour by Graham and Mary Catherine Ricks. Plans are underway for 2008 Rallies, so mark your calendars now for some more exciting times in Atlanta and Santa Fe and Albuquerque. See elsewhere in newsletter for more details. We are so fortunate to have such creative and tal-

ented folks who are willing to host our rallies. Our sincere thanks to the past rally masters and also to the future ones. We really appreciate you!!!!

About this time last year, our Club was so excited about our venture with Legendary Luxury Coach. It just seemed too good to be true and as it turned out it actually was. It was a short term relationship that was a sad experience for each of us. We survived as we knew we would.

Texas Custom Coach or Lifestyle Coach has agreed to underwrite our rallies. We look forward to working with them and sincerely hope it will be a long and fruitful relationship.

I have enjoyed the past two years serving as your President. It has been a very rewarding experience. I especially want to thank the officers for their help and support given me and of course the members as well. You are a wonderful group of folks and I treasure all your friendships. I look forward to continuing as a Director and working with the Club in any area I may be of service. Thanks again for "the good times".

MIDNIGHT TRAIN TO GEORGIA......Rally Masters, Ron and Donna Pressley Royale Coach Club Spring Rally- April 22-25, 2008

Donna and I are looking forward to hosting the Spring Rally in 2008. After being set back with family illness this summer and fall and with both of us working every day, we are beginning to get plans moving for a great rally.

We know that each of you will have a great time in Georgia, which has the most wild flowers of any state in the nation, especially in the spring. We have reserved plenty of camp sites in the 3,300 acre Stone Mountain Park, with 441 camp sites. The park is beautiful, easy to get to just east of Atlanta, and has the world's largest solid stone outcropping. The carving on the face of the mountain is a real wonder to see. There is a steam train around the mountain, river boat on the lake, a beautiful golf course, sky lift to the top, Civil War museum, and the world's largest outdoor surround sound system



with laser show. The Antebellum Plantation on site has 19 homes and buildings restored to the 1800's and decorated to an authentic southern plantation with gardens. Visit www.stonemountainpark.com to learn more.

We plan to visit downtown one day to see The World of Coke, CNN Center, Centennial Olympic Park, the new Aquarium (world's largest) and Underground Atlanta, all within a few blocks of each other.

We will also visit another day, a small beautiful mining town in the North Ga. Mountains and have a wonderful southern country meal. For the ladies, it is full of great shops for all kinds of goodies.

We plan to have a great dinner on the paddle wheel river boat on the lake, see the laser show, and several other ideas for a surprise.

There is so much to do here that we will also have some free time to allow you to explore things on your own.

Some of these are the High Museum of Art, Callaway Gardens, Phipps Plaza, Fox Theater, Lake Lainer (if it has any water) and many other things so see and do.

We hope all of you will plan to come visit us in your "Midnight Train to Georgia" for a great time.





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laminates and solid surface materials. Added to our remodel staff is a complete repair, re-fabrication staff of welder/fabricators, body repair and paint technicians. Our service, quality and pursuit of excellence are not matched in coach building today.

In 2008 we have committed to, and look forward to a great partnership with The Royale Coach Club of America. We're excited with this new partnership for both what it can mean for COACHWORKS and for Royale coach owners from all over America. Our commitment to the Royale coach owner is the same for all our customers and that is to exceed expectations.



Together we believe we can build a long lasting mutually beneficial relationship that will last for years to come. We will be the best and that's our promise! We would like the opportunity to prove ourselves to you, The Royale Coach Club, as our customer.

ATTORNEY'S ADVICE - NO CHARGE...Editor's Note: We received this in an email and thought we would pass it along.

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate Attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1.. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED."

2... When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

3.. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call to cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieve(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5.. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one)

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7.. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact if your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 888-397-3742
- 3.) TransUnion : 800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 800-269-0271



"UP, UP, AND AWAY!".....Bud and Carolyn McCollum, Rally Masters

Start planning for our Royale Coach Club fall 2008 rally to be held in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico " The Land of Enchantment"--September 30th thru October 6th 2008. Three days at Santa Fe Skies R.V. Resort with full hookups--Great restuarants, entertainment, museums, art galleries and time for shopping.



Then caravan to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Park V.I.P. parking [dry camping] for three days at the south end of the Balloon Park with daily access to the Balloon Park field and great views of the Mass Ascentions each morning. You will have time for balloon rides and shopping for Balloon Fiesta memorabilia and breakfast burritos plus time for San Dia Pueblo Casino and more.

New Mexico fall weather is usually brisk but beautiful. Total number of coaches is limited to 35, so plan to register early. Twenty-seven members at the Chicago rally indicated that they would attend. Total cost is estimated at approximately \$ 900.00. Parking at the Balloon Fiesta is expensive and even increased for Balloon Fiesta time in Santa Fe.

Hope to see many old friends and meet new club members here.



WINDY CITY WANDERINGS-Recap......Kally Kitchings

Everyone at the Windy City Wanderings rally in Joliet, Illinois the last week of September could tell that Laurel Volberding was in her element. The smile never left her face for the entire rally. Ron and Laurel hosted a wonderful rally. They (she) made the work they (she) did seem so easy and fun to do. Thanks to the both of you.

The rally started (as usual) with everyone wearing their "skinny" clothes. Of course those type clothes would not last



for long because the first order of business was the fabulous pot luck dinner. The second order of business was the wonderful pot luck breakfast the next morning. The remainder of the morning and afternoon was spent visiting with each other, relaxing and having our awnings repaired by ZIP DEE. Everyone enjoyed the Wine and Cheese open house hosed by Steve and Joanne Gray of Lifestyle

Coach. Their show coach was beautiful and the personal tours were appreciated. Then we were off to the historic Joliet Rialto Theater for our private organ concert and dinner.

Tuesday brought us the Chicago Architectural Tour which gave us the opportunity to see Chicago from boat side. The photo opportunities were endless. Lunch at the Signature Room on the 95th floor of the John Hancock Center gave us views of Chicago that were unbelievable. And then it was off for some SHOPPING in Chicago!

Wednesday was museum day and each person had a choice of 4 different museums to explore: the Field Museum, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium or the Museum of Science and Industry. From the museums it was off to the Navy Pier. The views from atop the Ferris wheel were awesome. After a full day of touring and a full meal aboard the Mystic Blue Dinner Cruise ship, how did everyone muster up the energy to dance the night away to that great rock-n-roll music? I really enjoyed the "friendly" competition of winning Marti Gras style beads - - I lost - - - Laurel won!!

On Thursday we were able to sleep late after the late night the night before. We needed the extra sleep because it would be a full afternoon



and evening in Chicago. The first stop was to see Cloud Gate, aka: The Bean, aka: That Big Shiny Thing in Millennium Park. My first thought when I saw Cloud Gate was, "How did they get it here?" Lucky for you I did some research. Cloud Gate was designed by an Indian Sculptor from Bombay who now lives in London named Anish Kapoor and built by the City of Chicago Millennium Park Project. It is 66 feet long, 32 feet high, 42 feet wide, a 12 foot high arch and weights 110 tons. It is stainless steel plates over a fortified steel frame. Under these plates, it is actually hollow on the inside. It was built in place because it was too heavy, bulky and dangerous to transport into Downtown Chicago. Also, after it was built, it had to be polished and have its

seams removed, giving the appearance of being one large shiny object, instead of being the sum of many shiny stainless steel plates. Construction was started in 2003 and completed in 2005. Estimated cost to build was 9 million but actual cost came in at 23 million (ouch). Dave Brendle made good use of the Bean for our rally photo.

The several hours we spent at The Art Institute of Chicago were only enough time if you walked and looked very fast. There was so much to see there. My favorite was Grant Wood's famous American Gothic painting and the interesing facts I learned of it. I had always assumed this painting was of man and wife. It is actually a farmer and



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his unmarried daughter. The people that posed for this painting were the artist's sister and the artist's dentist. And the painting was not conceived for the people but rather for the gothic style cottage in the background.

Dinner at Mike Ditka's was wonderful. Everyone is officially wearing their "fat" clothes by now. We need those fat clothes to be comfortable to sit for a few hours and watch the totally superb Broadway Show WICKED! The acting, the costumes, the music and the story line was amazing. The show puts brand new meaning to the song "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead".

Friday morning brought more food and the Royale Coach Club Business Meeting. New officers were elected and will take office on January 1st.

The afternoon was spent shopping at the Premium Outlet Malls, a little gambling at the Empress Casino or simply relaxing at our coaches.

The final evening was complicated for our hostess Laurel Volberding. She had to console more than half of the women at the rally because they found out their husbands were all having love affairs with the CANARY SISTERS!!!! What an evening this was - - -

Laurel, you saved the best for last. There were people dying and hitting the floor from gunshots and from being poisoned. Most everyone's actual pain came from laughing so hard.

I am sure that our first-timers, Larry & Jean Daniel, Skip & Marilyn Evans and Tom & Margaret Kyle will be back for future rallies after seeing how much fun we have. Our rally guests, Roger & Charlotte Hatcher, John & Arlene Rose and Smitty & Brenda Schmitz are always welcome.

It would be very difficult to have these type rallies without the support of our vendors and sponsors. Many thanks go out to Prevost Car for providing the tour buses to transport us to our rally functions, ZIP DEE for providing those awning repairs and Lifestyle Coach for the Wine and Cheese Open House.

Thanks also to the Bankers for their jambalaya and the Brendles for their breakfast. And tons of thanks to Ron and Laurel Volberding for all their hard work and making this a great rally.

One final comment - - - after a full month of a walking program since the rally I am officially back in my "skinny" clothes!!!! Hope to see everyone in Atlanta.



I would like to thank everyone for the confidence they have shown in me by making me your president for the next two years.

Also, I would like to thank Bob and Barb Chalk for all of the work they have done during a very trying time because of Monaco's decision to withdraw future sponsorship.

After acquiring a new sponsor in Legendary Coach, we all thought it was going to be a great deal for all parties, but as you know, it was short lived.

I hope our new association with Texas Custom Coach will be long and rewarding to all parties.

I look forward to being your new President and hope I can do as fine a job as my predecessors have done.

As I look forward to my term as President, I am dedicated to keep our club strong and financially sound. I look forward to seeing you all in Atlanta at my first rally as President.

Happy Holidays!







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SOME NEW HELPFUL HINTS!......Editor's Note: from a recently received email.

Kills fleas instantly...Dawn dishwashing liquid does the trick. Add a few drops to your dog's bath and shampoo the animal thoroughly. Rinse well to avoid skin irritations. Good-bye fleas .

Smart splinter remover. Just pour a drop of Elmer's Glue-All over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.

Did You Know that drinking two glasses of Gatorade can relieve headache pain almost immediately without the unpleasant side effects caused by traditional "pain relievers."

Did you know that Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns

Before you head to the drugstore for a high-priced inhaler filled with mysterious chemicals, try chewing on a couple of curiously strong Altoids peppermints. They'll clear up your stuffed nose.

Achy muscles from a bout of the flu? Mix 1 Tablespoon of horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as massage oil, for instant relief for aching muscles.

Sore throat? Just mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria.

Cure urinary tract infections with Alka-Seltzer. Just dissolve two tablets in a glass of water and drink it at the onset of the symptoms. Alka-Seltzer begins eliminating urinary tract infections almost instantly-- even though the product was never been advertised for this use.

Honey **remedy for skin blemishes**. Cover the blemish with a dab of honey and place a Band-Aid over it. Honey kills the bacteria, keeps the skin sterile, and speeds healing. Works overnight.

Listerine therapy for **toenail fungus.** Get rid of unsightly toenail fungus by soaking your toes in Listerine mouthwash. The powerful antiseptic leaves your toenails looking healthy again.

Easy eyeglass protection ... To prevent the screws in eyeglasses from loosening, apply a small drop of Maybelline Crystal Clear nail polish to the threads of the screws before tightening them.

Cleaning liquid that doubles as **bug killer**. If menacing bees, wasps, hornets, or yellow jackets get in your home and you can't find the insecticide, try a spray of Formula 409. Insects drop to the ground instantly.

Hunt's tomato paste **boil cure**. Cover the boil with Hunt's tomato paste as a compress. The acids from the tomatoes soothe the pain and bring the boil to a head.

Balm for broken blisters... To disinfect a broken blister, dab on a few drops of Listerine a powerful antiseptic .

Vinegar to heal bruises ... Soak a cotton ball in white vinegar and apply it to the bruise for 1 hour. The vinegar reduces the blueness and speeds up the healing process

Quaker Oats for **fast pain relief.** It's not for breakfast any more! Mix 2 cups of Quaker Oats and 1 cup of water in a bowl and warm in the microwave for 1 minute, cool slightly, and apply the mixture to your hands for soothing relief from arthritis pain.



A Royale Canadian Adventure, October 2007.....A Poem By Shirley Sage

We came from the states, and there abouts, We wanted to see the far North, We circled the wagons, and plotted our routes, From Rugby we all journeyed forth.

Nadean and Lyle, they led the way, Lester and Nancy behind, With hot dogs for fuel, we started our trip, Bright eyed at what we would find.

The Peace Garden was great! We stopped to reflect, And think of how things could be, But our bubble was burst, the border we found, Was not to be hassle free.

A phone call or two, a fee to be paid, A poke and a prod, here and there, We made it across, and many a tale, Later that day we did share.

Nelda and Buck, they're number 3, Chalks and Davidsons then, Foster and Hansen, Hatcher and Kyle, Not even close to the end.

Martins then Moss, Richardsons too, Lets not forget the whole cast, Ricks, then Sage, Solberg and Stemmle, Tuls and Volberdings last.

Onward we drove, into the North, Cold, rain and mud was the norm, We conquered it all, sharing the load, And friendships all of us formed.

Hookups were few, precious were dumps, "Where was that station ahead?" "I think I've got heat," "The guys fixed my leak," "There's nothing to fear," Lyle said.

Boussevain, Brandon, Dauphin and then, The Pas (Paw), Snow Lake and so, Thompson was next and onto the train, Ever Northward we'd go.

Editor's Note: This poem was inspired by a "Polar Bear" excursion taken by several Royale Coach Club members following the Chicago Rally.



Peace Garden



Train Ride



Churchill



Tundra Buggy



Polar Bear



Polar Bear



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Snowy then Cosmo, Chardonay & Sage, Awaited the sound at the door, While Snuggles & Bubba, Miss Millie & Hope, Were sound asleep on the floor.

The Hudson Bay Line, this train was called, Exploring it's cars we were giddy. An overnight ride in stateroom or berth, We awakened next day, not too pretty.

Miles to go and the train ambled on, We busied ourselves on the way, Frank did protest and a trial ensued, Graham, the victor that day.

Churchill at last! Our goal was at hand, It's bears we wanted to find. So into the buggy and onto the trail, The bumpy road, we didn't mind.

A day of adventure! An awesome event! The weather and pictures were grand! Nine or ten sightings we counted that day, Bear tales to spread through the land.

Monday and Tuesday a bus was our fate, But Bill the driver was fine. "That sorta thing" and "That's for sure", Were often his favorite line.

Loonie and Toonie, bannock and borst, Strange words for us to say. INUKSHUK (INOOKSOOK), Metis (May-T), Ptarmigan, Cree, Now we're Canadian, Eh?

Two nights in Thompson, Grand Rapids and on, Winnipeg just round the bend, Our tour was near over, the days have flown by, Soon we will leave all our friends.

So one last time, we loaded the bus and toured and did every store. Memories saved, not soon to fade Winnipeg's great! "That's for sure"!

So raise up a glass, cup, mug, or schooner, To Ramseys and Morfins we toast! The adventure was grand, we made it home safe, You're truly the "hosts with the most"!

BANANA SUNDAE PIE ----Laurel Volberding

stick butter or margarine
Cups graham cracker crumbs
T. powdered sugar

Mix together to form crust. Pat into 9 x 13 pan. Bake 10 minutes at 200 degrees.

2 eggs2 sticks butter or margarine2 Cups powdered sugar

Beat together for 10 minutes. Pour into baked crust.

Slice 3 to 4 large bananas lengthwise and place over filling. Top with a large can of drained crushed pineapple.

Top with Cool Whip and decorate with sliced maraschino cherries and chopped nuts...and a drizzle of chocolate syrup, if desired.

BLUEBERRY AMBROSIA---Dianne Brendle

- 1 c. fresh blueberries
- 1 c. fresh, peeled peaches, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 c. canned pineapple, crushed or chunks, drained
- 1 c. grapes, halved & seeded
- 2 c. diced marshmallows
- 1 c. sour cream
- 2 T sugar or to taste
- 1. Mix all ingredients in a bowl.
- 2. Let stand in refrigerator, covered, for at least an hour, stirring occasionally. Makes 6 servings.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE CASSEROLE---Clara Webb

- 1 20 oz. can pineapple tidbits
- 1/2 c. sugar
- **3** T flour
- 1 c. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2 T butter
- 1 roll Ritz crackers, crumbled



Drain pineapple, reserve juice. Combine flour and sugar; mix with juice and stir into pineapple. Add cheese, mix well, pour into greased 8 in. x 8 in. baking dish. Melt butter and mix with crushed crackers. Sprinkle over pineapple. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. This recipe can easily be doubled. Bake in 9x 13 in. pan for pot luck and family gatherings.













Calendar of Events

79th FMCA Winter Convention, Pomona, CAFebruary 25-28, 2008	
Spring Prevost Prouds Rally-Phoenix, AZApril 1-4, 2008	
ROYALE COACH CLUB SPRING RALLY-Stone Mountain, GAApril 22-25 , 2008	
Kentucky Derby Rally-Louisville, KYApril 28-May 4, 2008	
Summer Prevost Prouds Rally-Quebec CityJuly 7-10, 2008	
80th FMCA Summer Convention, St. Paul, MNJuly 14-17, 2008	
ROYALE COACH CLUB FALL RALLY-Santa Fe & Albuquerque, NMSept. 30-Oct. 6, 2008	
81st FMCA Winter Convention, Perry, GA	
82nd FMCA Summer Convention, Bowling Green, OH	

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