



Myrtle Beach May 2, 2012



Thoughts From the President

Well, this is my first post rally communication as President and unfortunately, Brenda and I couldn't be at the rally and enjoy the comraderie. Our plans to leave Florida on Friday the 27th and arrive at Myrtle Beach on Saturday afternoon were suddenly dashed when our dear daughter-in-law passed away at 12:30 AM on the 25th in Joliet, Illinois. Margy was diagnosed about two and a half years ago with stage four breast cancer. She fought a courageous battle and had just been given two more months to live two days before passing. Unfortunately, we never got the chance to say good bye. We want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, the beautiful flowers and the very nice sympathy card from the Royale Coach Club

As far as the rally, I want to thank the Rally Masters, Bill and Rita Bunch and John and Mary Habicht for all of their planning and hard work to make the rally a great one. The feedback I received was all very positive. A special thanks goes to Wayne Bost and the rest of the club's board for carrying on with the business at hand.

One good suggestion that came out of the meetings was for a survey of the membership about what type of rallies and what price range we need to be looking at for future rallies. This is really an important survey that all members should participate in. It will give the board and future Rally Masters some guidance as to what we need to be looking for in planning future rallies.

In place of an extensive report on the rally, I thought I would bore you with a little history about how Brenda and I came to be members of this wonderful club. When we bought our winter home in Florida, we just happened to buy in the same development as Caryl and Jon Jahn. We didn't know anyone in the neighborhood, but if you know Jon, you know he never has met a stranger. When he found out we had a motorhome, he immediately befriended us.

We worked together on a neighborhood beach bash and soon Jon invited us along on a 2005 trip to Calgary, Alberta, Canada for the 100th anniversary of the city and the Calgary Stampede. This trip was planned by Tom Krueger along with a group of nine Royale Coach Club members. It was a wonderful experience with planned stops all along the way. We were the orphans, with our Monaco Dynasty, but everyone welcomed us and treated us like old friends. (With only a 108 gallon fuel tank, we did have to make a few more fuel stops than those Prevosts)

We attended a rally hosted by a local chapter of the FMCA just outside of Okotoks, Alberta on a working cattle ranch. There were in excess of one hundred coaches in attendance. The FMCA chapter had only been in existence for three years and had a total of thirty five members, but they did a first class job with the rally. It was our first rally of any kind and we were hooked. After the rally we travelled with Caryl and Jon and Barbara and Bob Chalk to Banff and Lake Louise and then on home.

After a few more Royale Coach Club rallies as guests of the Jahns, we made the move and bought our Prevost. We still couldn't join the club because our coach was an American Coach conversion. We finally were able to join in our hometown of Joliet, Illinois when the rules were changed during the 2007 Windy City rally. I believe we were the first non Royale coach in the club. We were thrilled to now be full fledged members of this great club.

Safe Travels,

Smitty

FUN IN THE SUN AT MYRTLE BEACH!



Rally Recap by Kally Kitchings

Oh my goodness! The first thing that I was thankful for at the rally was name tags for all of our first-timers! There were so many of them no one would've been able to remember all of their names without those name tags. Our first timers, or as Mary Habicht like to call them, NEWBIES were: Dick and Patty Warren, Ron and Lynda Bergeron, Willy and Kathy Parrish, Doug and Rachele Stolfo, Paul and Peggy Branham, Jamie and Debbie Bradford. Welcome to the club all of you! I also want to welcome guests, Terry and Mandy Godfrey (Rita Creel's daughter and son-in-law) and Alice, guest of Wilf Stemmler (sorry Alice, I never did get your last name!)

Our first official function of Bill Bunch and Rita Creel's rally was a bus trip out to dinner at the Pier House. We loaded our Prevost provided buses (thanks Prevost!) and then had a wonderful viewing trip through downtown Myrtle Beach in order to get to the restaurant. One person that I know really enjoyed the dinner that night was Charlotte McLeod. She won the beautiful quilt made by Rita Creel



Of course she wasn't the only person having a good time that night. We all know Stanley Reahard loves to have a good time. Her personality comes out in the background of this photo that I was trying to get of one our first-timers the Bradfords. Sometimes Stanley can just be a goofball!!



I had a wonderful time and was ending the evening with my good friend (and neighbor) Laurel Volberding when my husband snapped this photo. Mary Habicht was just glad the evening was a success and was saying “awwwww” and trying to do a little relaxing when this photo was snapped. The Prevost buses took us back to the Ocean Lakes Campground where we were able to have a couple of cocktails before retiring for the evening. Of course it doesn't look like any of us needed those cocktails!



Breakfast was provided every morning of the rally . . . and every morning it was a different type of breakfast so it's no wonder that everyone showed up for the meal. And of course because there was so much food the Qigong exercise classes that Mary Catherine Ricks provided were really needed! One morning it was even performed on the beach. Tom Kyle really got into these exercises. Take a look at this photo . . . what a wonderful day on the beach!



Of course not everything at the rally went smoothly. There was a murder! In fact I believe there were three people actually murdered at the rally. But the poor girl pictured below took a really long time to die.



Our murder mystery dinner at Ripley's Aquarium was a lot of laughs and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. After dinner Mary Catherine was able to corral everyone long enough to get our official Royale Coach Club photo.

On Wednesday the Royale Coach Club business meeting was held after breakfast and then the remainder of the day was free. As for Ron and I . . . We played golf with a group of great golfers! At the beautiful Prestwick golf course a pair of beautiful swans had just hatched their eggs. The little furry swans were not ugly ducklings as you can see from the picture below.



That afternoon Stanley Reahard and I went to the beach. We soaked up some vitamin D and even rode boogie boards on the waves. The water felt amazing. Sure I'm glad no one was there to get a picture of us in our swimsuits. HA!

The Royale Coach Club loves to travel, so we took a trip around the world that night. Food dishes from around the world were served for the Liberty Welcome Party... Thanks Liberty! Charmaine Wilson was really having a good time at the dinner as you can tell from her beautiful smile Kay Jones and Stanley Reahard were enjoying their cocktails and apparently John Habicth had one too many!



There were a lot of mini parties during the rally. Here's one that apparently was for men only... Hmmm . . . Wonder what the conversation was.



And of course everyone had a good time the night before the rally started at Richard and Charmaine Wilson's party. My friend Laurel and I even compared toenails. There was also the Beaufort stew party that Bill and Rita had the night before the rally started. I know that Rita was so thankful that her daughter Mandy and son-in-law Terry manned the kitchen for this dinner. Thanks Mandy and Terry! And you can sure tell that Charlotte Hatcher and I really liked our new glasses.



Maybe John Habicht wasn't the only one with one too many drinks... after all... Stanley Reahard was sitting on Ron Volberding's lap! And the other Ron looked as if he was feeling no pain.



Thursday we all carpooled to Brookgreen Gardens and had a wonderful lunch at the Wall Low-Country Center. We enjoyed viewing the gardens, the zoo, the butterfly house and the sculpture gardens. There were plenty of walking trails at the Brookgreen Gardens or you could take the tram to go from place to place. Here's a picture George and Janice Ratchford and they loved the tram.



Thursday night was the night to party! It got a little bit noisy at the ladies night out with the margarita machine running almost nonstop! I sure am glad the kitchen had plenty of ice. Rita really outdid herself for this event. She had been working nonstop for a year getting ready for the ladies night out. Not only did everyone receive their personal embroidered flag for their coach in the welcome kit but now every lady received a personal hand-knitted shawl from Rita Creel. I actually had three different shawls but they were so beautiful they kept getting stolen from me. Every lady there just loved their prizes.

Many many thanks to Bill and Rita and John and Mary for this fabulous rally they hosted. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to put on a rally and we all appreciate it.



Why is it that the farewell dinner is always the best dinner of all? A lot of people won the table decorations that we had been using the entire rally. But I think the farewell dinner is always the best because of all the hugs and the promises to see everyone again at the next rally.

Our next rally will be in Orange Beach, Alabama. Our host and hostess will be Jim and Jenny Evans (pictured below.) From what was said during the business meeting about this upcoming rally we know Jim and Jenny plan on keeping everyone well fed. So my suggestion to Mary Catherine for the next rally is . . .

FAT BURN EXERCISES!





PAWS AT THE BEACH!!!

by

Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings

There are a few things I want to tell you about that happened at the wonderful rally that I attended in Myrtle Beach but the first thing I want to tell you about is really huge! And I mean HUGE! He is a new friend of mine and his name is Caesar Bradford. When my mom brought me outside of our coach to meet my new friend I saw her eyes get big big big. And then I found out why! It was because my new friend's head was bigger than I am. I have to admit I was a little bit scared by Caesar. I sure am glad he wasn't hungry because I would've just been an appetizer for him. Of course everyone knows I am just kidding, he was such a nice guy. His parents, Jamie and Debbie Bradford have really raised him right because he did not try to eat me not one time!! But I just can't get over how huge he is. Here's a photo of just his head and it's bigger than the pickup truck behind him!

WOW!



I got yelled at a few times at the rally. I just wanted to see what those jellyfish were all about laying on the beach. But every time I got near one mom would just go crazy and would yell no no no! Maybe mom was afraid I would want to eat it . . . yuck!! But I wasn't the only person around that was interested in the jellyfish. Look, here is a picture of Janie Jones taking a picture of the jellyfish.



I am so glad she didn't yell at me when I wanted to go swimming though. That saltwater ocean was cold but it sure was fun! I loved it when the waves came in and hit me. Here I am going in for a little dip!



For some reason I just kept getting into trouble during the rally. I went out for a walk with dad and we were having such a good time and all of a sudden I stepped in some soft gooey green bubblegum. It got all in my feet and on my legs and in my long hair. Oh it was just horrible. It was so bad I couldn't even walk. Dad had to pick me up and take me back home and try to get me cleaned up. Of course he and mom tried the trick with the ice cubes but they ended up having to cut some of my hair. I sure am glad hair grows back. I talked to a lot of my other four-legged friends at the rally and they were having problems too. Those stickers in the grass just grab a hold of hair and wouldn't let go. Oliver Moss was really having a hard time with the stickers. Our parents were constantly getting the stickers off of us.

The next rally is at another beach. Yippee, I get to go swimming again! Hope to see everyone in a couple months. Until then, safe travels to everyone!





It's that time of year again for the greatest air show in the world, **EAA AirVenture 2012**, better known as "**Oshkosh**". The dates are **July 23 – 29, 2012**.

Gail and I will lead a convoy from Darien, WI to the EAA campground on the airport in Oshkosh, WI on Sunday. You must be an EAA member to camp in the campground. You can go to www.EAA.org to join. Once you're a member you can pay for the camping and also get your admission tickets on line. You must pay for the weeks camping but if you leave early you'll get a refund. It is a huge campground and usually has around 43,000 campers. I will make arrangements with EAA so we will be camping together. They do not allow scooters or carts, other than handicap, on the show grounds but if you have such a vehicle it will come in handy in the campground and to drive to the entrance. They do have shuttles in the campgrounds and on the show grounds.

This is a very wholesome and patriotic event. There will be well over 500,000 visitors and the grounds will be spotless. Go to www.airventure.org and you can look at the schedule and get a feel for the weeks activities.

As in the past, our plan is to have a cook- out at our house on Saturday the 21st then head out Sunday morning for Oshkosh. It's about a 2 hour drive. We have plenty of parking for your rig. If you have any questions please email me at, rch53115@gmail.com, or feel free to call my cell, **608 201 3988**.

Please let me know as soon as you can if you plan to attend. We're looking forward to seeing you in July.

Bob & Gail Hansen



RECIPE OOPS!!!!

My apology to Kathy Solberg for mistakenly leaving out the below note and recipe in the Fall 2011 Royale Coach Club Newsletter. Kathy was good enough to email this to me and in my haste of trying to get everything published I just messed up and did not include it - - - So sorry Kathy!!

I don't know if you all had any of the biscuits and gravy at the Sunset House Restaurant breakfasts, but it was very unusual, very tasty, and I asked for the recipe. Several people commented on it and agreed with us that it was really good. I just got it from the restaurant manager yesterday and wondered if you might want to include it in the next Royale Coach Club newsletter. Here's the recipe!

Southwestern Chorizo Gravy

1 quart Basic White Sauce

1/4 cup Mexican Chorizo

6 oz. Spanish Chorizo (cured and chopped)

3/4 cup tri colored bell peppers

1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1/4 cup chopped scallion

Sautee Mexican Chorizo until done (it will look like cooked ground beef.) Add all veggies and sauté for 3-4 minutes. Add chopped, cured Spanish chorizo. Add basic white sauce. Simmer for 10 minutes. Ladle over biscuits or corn bread.

3, 2, 1 CAKE

Submitted by Kally Kitchings

This is perfect for those of us with just one or two in the house these days, hate to make a huge cake. This way you can make one 1, 2, 3 or as many as you need. These individual little cakes are amazing and ready to eat in one minute! They are perfect for whenever you feel like a treat without all the fat and calories that cake can have. Genius idea!

INGREDIENTS:

1 box Angel Food Cake Mix

1 box Cake Mix - Any Flavor

DIRECTIONS:

In a Ziploc bag, combine the two cake mixes together and mix well. For each individual cake serving take out 3 tablespoons of the cake mix combination and mix it with 2 tablespoons of water in a small microwave-safe container. Microwave on high for 1 minute and you have your own instant individual little cake!

Keep remaining cake mixture stored in the Ziploc bag and use whenever you feel like a treat! You can top each cake with a dollop of fat free whipped topping and/or some fresh fruit.

Helpful Tips:

This recipe is called 3, 2, 1 Cake because all you need to remember is:

3 tablespoons mix,

2 tablespoons water,

1 minute in the microwave!

TRY various flavors of cake mix like carrot, red velvet, pineapple, lemon, orange, etc. Just remember that one of the mixes has to be the angel food mix; the other is your choice. The flavor possibilities are endless! The best thing is you open both cake mixes into a gallon storage bag, one that 'zip locks' or 'self-seals', or a container that seals tightly, shake the two cake mixes to blend and then make the recipe. Storage of mix is simple, put it on a shelf. No need to refrigerate, since the mix is dry.

Always remember, that one of the cake mixes **MUST** be Angel Food. The other can be any flavor. The Angel Food is the cake mix that has the egg whites in it. So, if anyone is allergic to egg whites you cannot serve this recipe.



SKYLAR LAINE



For those of you that do not know - - - our very own club member Elaine Yates has a very special grand-niece!! Skylar Laine, the number five runner up from the 2011 American Idol show. Here is a personal message that Elaine sent for our club newsletter.

Please thank all of my Royale(ty) friends for watching and voting for Skylar. She is very happy with what happened at the show and even though it would have been nice to win, she now has all the opportunity in the world of success as a country music singer. Skylar is doing well. She is in LA working on music for tour. It is just my hope and prayer that in the meantime she can keep her feet on the ground. God has a plan for her and hopefully she will be able to stay on the right road.



Who knew?



Eliminate ear mites. All it takes is a few drops of Wesson Corn Oil in your cat's or dog's ear... Massage it in, and then clean with a cotton ball. Repeat daily for 3 days. The oil soothes the cat's skin, smothers the mites, and accelerates healing.



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.



Rainy day cure for dog odor: Next time your dog comes in from the rain, simply wipe down the animal with Bounce or any dryer sheet, instantly making your dog smell springtime fresh.

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 horseradish in 1 cup of olive oil. Let the mixture sit for 30 minutes, then apply it as a 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.



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.



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 just for breakfast anymore! 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.

Join the Royale Coach Club as we Tour historical Virginia. April 22 through April 28, 2013



Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and The Norfolk International Tattoo

Come join us for a week of history and fun. The group will be camping at American Heritage RV Park <http://www.americanheritagervpark.com/> Most of the day trips to area attractions will be done by car so we can come and go as we wish. Our tickets for the Tattoo will cover all three days so you may want to plan to stay at AH or closer to Yorktown (I have been told Yorktown is very noisy during the three days of the Festival due to planes flying in the area)

Tours will include:

- **Five night of camping at American Heritage RV Park with Full Hookups 50amp site, Cable TV, Wi-Fi, Fenced Dog Run**
- **Private Tour of Bassett Hall – Home of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and his wife Abby Aldrich Rockefeller during the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg.**
- **Colonial Williamsburg Evening Program tbd**
- **Jamestown Settlement and Museums**
- **Tickets for self tour of Yorktown**
- **The Norfolk Art Festival and International Tattoo with VIP Seats**
- **Free days for Golf and Bike Riding**
- **Self returning trips to Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown**
- **Extra days may be added to the weekend to enjoy the whole 3 days of the Yorktown Art Festival and International Tattoo Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

Meals at:

- **Monday-Tavern in Colonial Williamsburg**
- **Tuesday Night dinner and Evening program in Williamsburg**
- **Wednesday- Lite Lunch (on your own) in Colonial Jamestown**
- **“Jamestown Pot Pie Company” get-together Wednesday night in hall**
- **Friday-Yorktown Art Festival and International Tattoo and Dinner**