



I'm sitting here in Maine a full month after the Philadelphia rally, and it's the third consecutive day where the high temperature hasn't reached 50 degrees. So, I guess we were very fortunate with the beautiful weather we enjoyed during the rally.

Richard & I certainly enjoyed the tours of the area, especially the Hagley Museum and the Water Works (how many times have you landed on Water Works while playing Monopoly??) But we also loved driving around and looking at the nice, neat Amish farms and seeing teams of horses or mules being used to work the fields.

It was also nice that we were so close to our daughter's house – a great excuse to stop to see our new grandson on the way to and from the rally. Richard & Denny McCurdy did a fantastic job organizing every detail of this gathering – from the delicious gourmet breakfasts to all of the logistics each and every day. My thanks go out to them – local knowledge and willing rally hosts are what make the Royale Coach Club special.

Of course, we have awesome sponsors! Prevost once again got us wherever we needed to be, on time, and very comfortably. Thank you, Prevost! Millennium kicked off the Philly rally with a fantastic reception, which was enjoyed by all. Not only did we get to see Millennium's gorgeous show coach (which had Gary & Janie Brethauer's framed photo in it....???), but we also got to walk through Ron & Kally Kitchings' new coach – they had only taken delivery of it one week prior to the rally.

Millennium's service technician, Barry, was onsite for the entire rally and many folks kept him busy. Many thanks to Nelson, Melanie and Barry for all of your enthusiastic support for the Royal Coach Club. We appreciate all of your hard work.

After many years as the Newsletter Editor for the Royale Coach Club, Kally Kitchings is passing her pen over to John Habicht, who will take over in the fall. Thank you to Kally for all of the weeks you have spent on this task! I am thankful that Kally will continue to do the Sunshine Report and to send welcome letters to new members.

The weather here is supposed to feel more like spring tomorrow – let's hope for a gorgeous summer. Everyone, be safe on and off the road, and HAVE FUN!!

Anne Gould



PHILADELPHIA AND BRANDYWINE COUNTY RALLY



Spring Rally 2015 Recap by Kally Kitchings

For several months prior to the spring 2015 rally of the Royale Coach Club hosted by Richard and Denny McCurdy, I had many phone calls and many emails with Denny concerning their rally. Denny was asking my advice about rally functions. She was so nervous because this was their very first rally to host and she wanted to make sure everything was perfect. Well we all know now that she accomplished her goal . . . EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT!!!!



Thank you so much Richard and Denny for the perfect rally!!

The first “official” function of the rally was the first “official” reception of our new “official” sponsor, Millennium Luxury Coaches! We cannot say thank you enough to Nelson Figueroa and Melanie Schraff for the wonderful wine and cheese reception that actually turned into a HUGE meal!!! I guess Nelson heard prior to the rally that the Royale Coach family loves to eat and drink!! Additional thanks to Barry Lyons for all the work performed on our coaches!!



After everyone had eaten as much as they possibly could hold the show coaches opened their doors for everyone to see the beautiful work that Millennium produces . . . and Ron and I are lucky enough to be the proud owner of one of the show coaches that was displayed!!

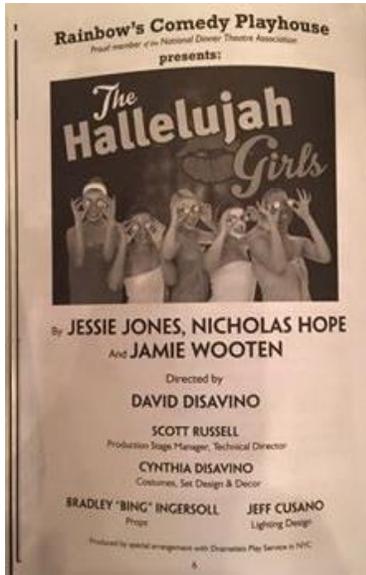


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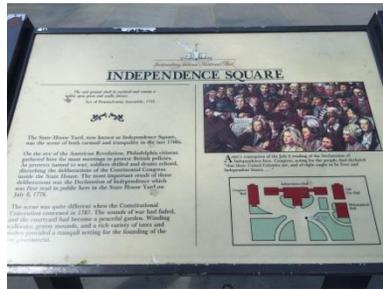


NOT FOR SALE!!!!

The next morning we all started eating again!! This meal was the first of five different breakfasts that was cooked on site by the caterer. I think everyone showed up for all five meals! That evening we boarded the Prevost supplied motor coach (thanks Prevost!) and we were delivered to the Rainbow Dinner Theater to see the comedy production of The Hallelujah Girls. The meal was delicious and the play was full of laughter.



The next day we boarded the bus for tours and “more food”! Our first stop was Valley Forge National Park. After a short informational film at the visitor’s center a guide boarded our bus and gave us a narrated tour of the grounds. We had a large box lunch on our bus as we headed towards Philadelphia for the guided tour that included the Liberty Bell, President’s House site, Independence Hall, Old St. Peter’s Church and Water Works.



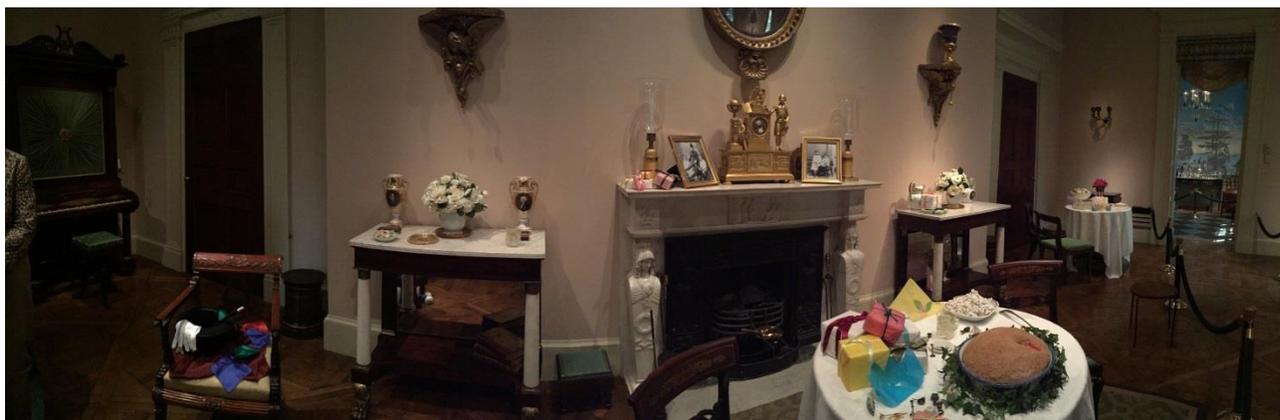
Philadelphia was the first Capital of the United States and is filled with history of our country. The Constitution was written and signed in Philadelphia in the Assembly Room of the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall. This was the same place the Declaration of Independence was signed. The original signed, handwritten Constitution is at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Dinner that evening was served at City Tavern. The City Tavern first opened its doors in 1773. In 1774, members of the First Continental Congress used it as a gathering place. Thirteen years later, the Constitutional Convention held its closing banquet there. As we walked into the City Tavern you could feel and hear the floor creek under our feet completing the feeling of the historical value of the building.

Our next tour was of the Hagley Museum which is located on 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine in Wilmington, Delaware. Hagley is the site of the gunpowder works mill founded by E. I. du Pont in 1802. This example of early American industry includes restored mills, a workers' community, and the ancestral home and gardens of the du Pont family.



We had lunch at the Hagley Café before re-boarding the bus for our tour of Winterthur. Founded by Henry Francis du Pont, Winterthur (pronounced “winter-tour”) is the premier museum of American decorative arts, reflecting both early America and the du Pont family’s life here. Its 60-acre naturalistic garden is among the country’s best, and its research library serves scholars from around the world.



There were two days of the rally that were available to do as we pleased. There are several outlet malls in the area that many of us visited. There are also many small towns in the area that featured local arts and crafts. Some toured the antique farm equipment that was next to the campground while others toured the Yuengling brewery! There was a campfire gathering one evening that Jim McNulty felt it was time for a pizza dinner . . . so he bought pizza for everyone!!

There were also a few special guests at the rally . . . GRANDCHILDREN!!!



On one of the bus trips we had a wonderful (and hilarious) viewing of a 1980's something episode of the television show *Wheel of Fortune*. Those of you that did not attend the rally just will not understand this special moment of the rally. Back in the day of John Habicht's "youth" (he really did look young!!) he was a contestant on the *Wheel of Fortune*. We were all worried about his playing ability because he kept calling for an L and it was never there!! But in the end John got it together and ended up the big winner. He won \$8000 in cash and a brand new Jaguar car for total winnings of over \$56,000!! On today's market that would probably be a value of a gazillion dollars!!! And now we all know someone who actually got to hug Vanna!!

The last day of our rally started at the Herr's Snack Factory. The Herr Foods story began in 1946 when 21-year-old James Stauffer Herr bought a small potato chip company in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for \$1,750 that included a panel van truck, a cooking pot, a potato peeler and a small customer list. In 1947, the business moved into a vacated tobacco shed on the Herr family farm. As he learned more about the business, Jim Herr developed new and better cooking processes and the delicious snack food became even better. As demand for Herr's Potato Chips grew, so did the company. The Herr's brand is now sold in all 50 states and 7 countries!



And of course the tour included shopping and free samples of hot-off-the-line potato chips!!

Lunch was a very filling box lunch eaten in the relaxing atmosphere of a nearby picnic area.



Our next stop was the beautiful Longwood Gardens. Years before it was a public garden, the land on which Longwood Gardens stands was home to the native Lenni Lenape tribe and Quaker farmers. Since then, the land has undergone significant transformation to become the magnificent property that is enjoyed by more than a million guests each year. The gardens in excess of 1000 acres are a living expression of all that founder, Pierre S. du Pont, found inspiring, meaningful, and beautiful. From the intricate fountain systems to the meticulous gardens to the architectural grandeur, awe-inspiring discoveries await at every turn.

I guess you could say that Melanie Schraff, Ron and I took our own turn at the gardens. We were on the open air tram when the driver asked if anyone wanted to get off to take some up close photos. The three of us jumped off thinking the tram would wait for us. We were wrong!! Oh well, I guess the extra exercise of walking back to the bus stop didn't hurt any of us.



It had been a long and exciting day and it was time for our last function of the rally. We boarded the bus for The Gables at Chadds Ford, a very elegant restaurant owned by the daughter of our very own rally masters Richard and Denny McCurdy!! The evening started with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the elegant gardens of the restaurant. The evening was very peaceful and relaxing as you can see from the following photos.



Not only was I able to get that group photo above, I was also able to get photos of our rally first-timers!



Ricky and Brenda Brady



Lauren and Eugene Esnes



Tom and Connie Kossen

I want to personally welcome our first-timers to The Royale Coach Club Family and I am looking forward to seeing all of you at future rallies!

As I stated earlier, this evening started out peaceful and relaxing . . . but it sure did not end that way!! Most everyone knows that Philadelphia is the home place of the television show American Bandstand. American Bandstand is an American music-performance show that aired in various versions from 1952 to 1989 and was hosted from 1956 until its final season by Dick Clark, America's oldest teenager. I can still see myself rushing home from school to watch American Bandstand and dance with my older sister to the beat of rock and roll. I sure love those memories.



I never owned a poodle shirt so I had to do the best I could with my “dungerees” and “saddle oxfords” as my outfit for the evening. I sure had a wonderful time and I could tell from the smiles and laughter that everyone else did too.



I am not sure what was going on at this table . . . and I'm not sure I want to know!!

It was time to head back to the campground and start saying our goodbyes. Once again, thank you to our sponsors Millennium Luxury Coaches and Prevost, and to our rally masters Richard and Denny McCurdy. It was so good to see Denny give that sigh of relief that everything went as planned.

Safe Travels to All



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MEMORIAL DAY MUSINGS

Written by Nancy McNulty

“Memorial Day is not National BBQ Day.” I can’t remember where I saw these words recently but they made me stop and think of what Memorial Day is really all about. I was reminded of my own family members’ involvement in various branches of the armed services for which I am thankful. I found myself reminiscing especially about my Mother’s history with the Marine Corps.

My Mother, her three sisters and brother all joined the USMC during World War II. One of my Mother’s older sisters, my Aunt Rosamond, was actually part of the first group of women Marines and Waves to be inducted into the service. My Mother’s brother, Uncle John, the youngest in the family, was inducted into the service at the age of 17, at the same time as my Aunt Rosamond.

My Mother’s two other older sisters, my Aunt Mary and my Aunt Elizabeth, were both sworn in to the Marine Corps at the same time. My Mother, Wanda, the youngest girl, joined as soon as her age allowed...but my Mother’s father still had to “sign for her”! My Mother said that the men referred to women Marines as BAMs, which she said stood for “broad axel Marines”. However, I suspect that the “A” stood for something else!

My Aunt Rosamond served as an airplane mechanic while she was stationed at Cherry Point, NC. She achieved the highest rank of her siblings, the rank of staff sergeant, before she was discharged. My Mother and her other sisters had less “glamorous jobs”, doing clerical work or serving in the PX at Miramar and El Toro, both Marine Corps bases in California. My Uncle John served in the Pacific at Guadalcanal.

My Grandfather, Joseph Leszkiewicz, immigrated from Poland when he was 18 and proudly served in the army during World War I. He was one of the most patriotic Americans I’ve ever known. My Mother always spoke of how proud he was that all five of his children had become Marines.



Wanda Leszkiewicz Loring



Aunt Elizabeth, Wanda (Mom), Aunt Rosamond

“Once a Marine, always a Marine”. This motto fits my Mother to a T . . . I grew up singing the Marine Corps Hymn as well as other lesser known Marine Corps songs. Even at the age of 90 my very outgoing mother will rapidly approach any stranger she recognizes as a fellow Marine! And the Sunday before Memorial Day, for as long as I can remember, my Mother goes to church wearing her Marine Corps “dress hat” (the only part of her original uniform that still fits, she’d be the first to tell you!) and proudly stands to be recognized, along with the other parishioners who have served in one of the armed services.

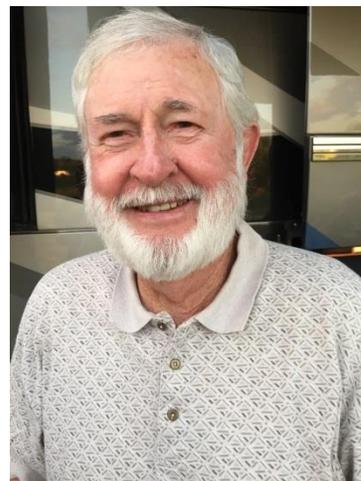
So this Memorial Day, rather than thinking of what the menu will be at our annual BBQ, I am thinking instead of all the men and women who have served our country, regardless of the branch of service . . . and I am grateful.

I would like to acknowledge the person who inspired me to write this piece: Kally Kitchings. Kally remembered that I’d shared some of my Mom’s history with the Marine Corps ... probably while we were sitting around the camp fire at one of our rallies. I’d forgotten about this until Kally mentioned it to me when we were together at the Royale Rally this past spring. She asked if I would write something for the newsletter. Well, how could I say “No” to Kally?! And, thanks to Kally, here it is.

Fort Myers, A Royale Gathering!

By Kally Kitchings

I did not attend all the functions of the Fort Myers Gathering so it is a little hard to write an actual rally recap. However, of the functions I did attend I was able to get some really nice photos. Here are some of them!





Girls just want to have fun, uh I mean boys, no, just boy names, girls really do want to have fun!!!!

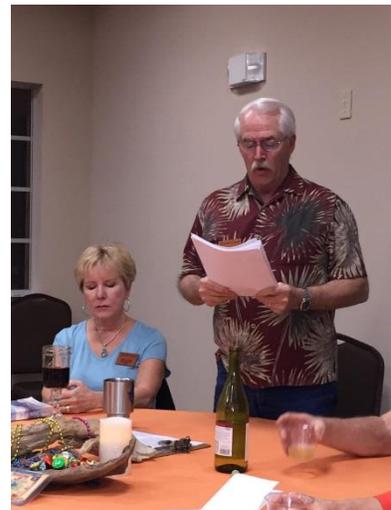
The above was Millennium's first "unofficial" rally. We think Millennium will fit right in with the Royale Coach Club!!



Mary Habicht



Denny McCurdy



Bill Sage

Rally Masters speaking about their rallies.



The turnout for the last function . . . dinner at The Hut . . . was simply amazing. Thanks to John and Mary Habicht for putting this gathering together.



By Melanie Schraff

A huge thank you from your Millennium Family!

What can we say? Well, first off "WOW" comes to mind! Our Millennium Team cannot thank you enough for such a wonderful time at the Spring Rally. From start to finish the rally was such an amazing experience, but of course, the best part was sharing laughs and making memories with our all of our wonderful friends within the Royale Coach Club circle.

The hospitality our team was shown is a perfect example of why Millennium is so proud and grateful to be the exclusive Royale Coach Club sponsor. Thank you for all your hard work and countless hours to create such a successful rally! We can't wait to see what future rallies bring!

PS- Melanie promises to bring lots of treats for our furry friends at the next Rally!

MAX'S RIDE

By Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings



Hi Everyone! Have you heard the news? Mom and Dad bought me a brand new bus and named it after me. It's called Max's Ride. They even got my brother to make a decal of a picture of me and they put it on the side of the bus. And then my brother surprised mom with Max's Ride Coffee Mugs. Here are pictures of the decal and the mugs. There is also a picture of me and mom in front of the decal.



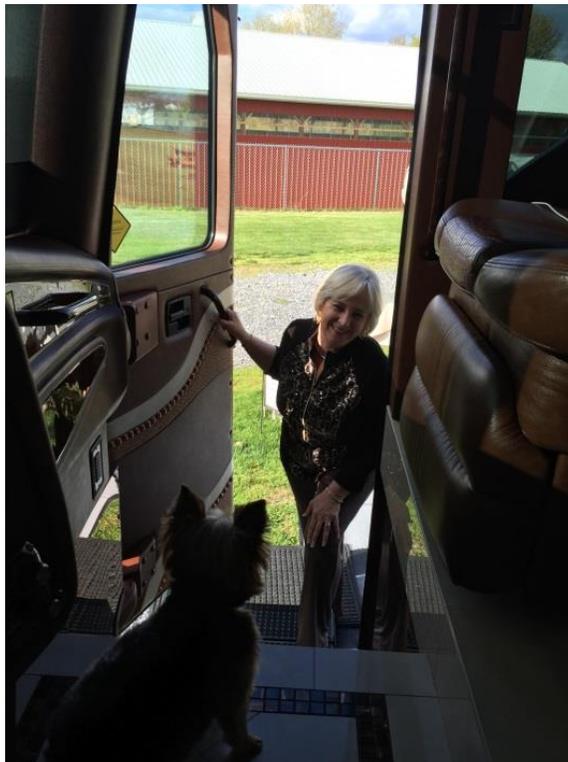
I just love my new ride and so does mom and dad. My folks even got a big king size bed in the new bus but guess what I got? I got TWO new beds. I keep one in the bedroom and one in the living room. I can sleep and nap everywhere! I even have my blanket on the corner of the couch and I can balance on the back of the couch to take a nap if I want.



When we were at the rally in Pennsylvania I got to spend a lot of time with Miss Charmaine Wilson. She is always so nice to me. She takes me on walks and gives me treats. Of course, she is nice to everyone. I know she also went to see Biscuit Barbeau, Belle Habicht, Sophie and Jasmine McNulty. She probably saw a lot of others too but I bet none of them got their picture made with her . . . But I did! Thank you Miss Charmaine for being my friend!



I also got my picture with someone else. Miss Charlotte Wilt made a special trip to see me. This is me greeting Miss Charlotte coming inside Max's Ride.



Miss Charlotte came to see me because she had an idea that she wanted to tell me about. She said she knew that my full name was Maxamillion. And she also knew I just got a new Millennium. So she ask me to think about changing my name to

MAXAMILLENNIUM!!!!

So what does everyone think of Miss Charlotte's idea. Should I change my name?

Safe Travels to Everyone!

Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings



A Little Laughter

Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have. Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there. Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news she said, 'Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love. I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness. The bad news is Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead.'

Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?'



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'

The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'



An 89 year old man was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

The man replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

He replied, "That would be my wife."

Royale Coach Club - 2015 Fall Rally

Northern Michigan

August 24 - August 29, 2015

Rally Masters: Bo & Stanley Reahard

Enjoy the area voted as most beautiful spot in America. This rally will include three days in and around Leland, MI and three days in and around Petoskey, MI.

In Leland, we will be staying at the Wild Cherry Resort

In Petoskey, we will be staying at Hearthside Grove.

Tentative Rally Events

Monday August 24, 2015 - check in day with catered dinner at The Promised Land in the evening. The Promised Land is the summer home for our rally masters.

Tuesday August 25 and Wednesday August 26 - site seeing, wineries, golf - the Wild Cherry Resort web site has an excellent page on the local activities.

Tuesday August 25 - evening cocktail cruise on Lake Michigan followed by dining at local restaurants.

Wednesday August 26 - dinner and entertainment at Bella Fortuna Restaurant in Lake Leelanau

Thursday August 27 - travel to Petoskey, MI to Hearthside Grove - Dinner at Castle Farms

Friday August 28 - bus to visit Mackinac Island and lunch at the Grand Hotel

Saturday August 29 - local activities in Petoskey

Saturday August 29 - closing pot luck dinner at the Hearthside Grove

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Royale Coach Club - 2015 Rolling Rally Michigan to Colorado

August 30 - September 17 2015

**Rally Masters:
Bill & Shirley Sage**

This rally begins where the Fall Royale Coach Club rally ends off in Petoskey, MI. on August 30, 2015. We are planning on a maximum of 20 coaches to join us as we mosey across the Midwest to Colorado. We plan on seeing Lambeau Field in Green Bay, and visit the Mall of America and take a boat cruise on Lake Minnetonka (if available). Our trip will take us to Mount Rushmore and once in Colorado we will experience its majestic beauty as well as great dining and fellowship all along the way. This rolling rally will allow you to take as many side trips as you desire. You can take more time in any particular area and catch up later if you want.

This is not an official Royale Coach Rally but is an addition. It is designed to be an: ON-YOUR-OWN, PAY-AS-YOU-GO rally. You will need to make all your reservations at least a year in advance and check on them to be sure the places you reserved are still in the system. A rolling rally itinerary with reservation dates and phone numbers for you to call are listed on the website. There may be some changes as we go but that is the fun of such an adventure. We hope all of us can be accommodated at the RV parks so we are hoping everyone who wants to go will make their reservations at least a year in advance. There are a couple campgrounds that cannot take early reservations. These are noted on the itinerary. All except those noted have been informed of our group and are awaiting your call.

With this type rally you can leave camp when you want and travel at your own leisure. The destination and time to drive is listed for each stop. Just try to check in on time so that we can have our get togethers as planned but it is OK if you are late OR don't show. Please pick another couple to buddy up with while traveling. There is not a Trail Master or Tail Gunner. You are on your own, but only as far away as a phone call to anyone of us if you need help. A roster of all who are going will be provided as soon as all names are in. The longest day's drive will be around 5 1/2 hours (depending on road conditions). Most days are shorter.

Although this rally will last eighteen days, you may not want to do the entire trip. Some may not want to take the Million Dollar Highway from Durango to Montrose. We have a friend who used to live in Ouray and he says he has driven his motorhome that way many times. He says big rigs take it every day. But we don't want anyone to push their driving skills past their limit. So choose wisely. We hope you will take advantage of the scenic stops in Silverton and Ouray.

When you make your reservations tell them you would like to be grouped together with the Royale Coach Club members. To join the rally or if you have any questions or need help please e-mail us at tonka42@cox.net or call us at 479-366-0653. We would like to have all 20 coaches accounted for no later than 9/30/14. Once you join please make your camping and

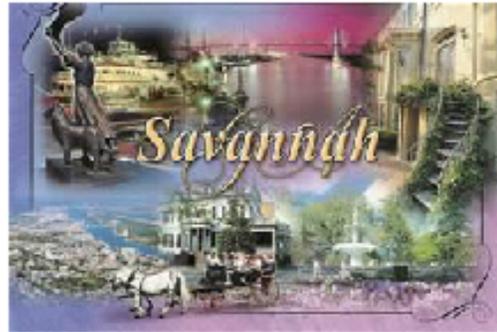
dinner reservations ASAP and note your confirmations on the itinerary. A waiting list will be kept after the first 20 are signed up. We are looking forward to you joining us. First come, first serve...

Cordially,

Bill & Shirley Sage

Note: The above was written almost a year ago and was taken directly off of the Royale Coach Club Website. There are references of making reservations a year in advance and to the daily itinerary. Please go to the Royale Coach Club website to access the additional information.

**Royale Coach Club's 2016
Spring Rally
"Life's a Box of Chocolate
in Savannah, GA"**



**Monday, April 25th, to
Saturday, April 30th, 2016**

Red Gate Campground
136 Red Gate Farms Trail
Savannah, GA 31405
Main Phone Number 912-272-8028
<http://www.redgatecampground.com/red-gate.html>

John and I invite you all to join us for 5 days of relaxation at Red Gate Campground in Savannah, Ga.

Most of the activities planned by us will be in the evenings except for Wed when we will be going in to Savannah for a tour, using Old Savannah Trolley Tours, before our dinner at Paula Deen's "Lady & Sons"

For your free days here are some other ideas.....

- Visiting all the sites in downtown Savannah (using 2 day trolley pass, Tues/Wed or Wed/Thurs)
- Touring the plantations in the area
- Walking the National and State Parks
- Going to the beach for the day
- Golfing (we will set up one day of Royale golf)
- Hiking
- Ride your Bike
- Or just lying around the campground.... The days are for however you want to spend them.

I have set up a Welcome Party followed by a Ghost Tour, Day City Tour, Dinner at Paula Deen's, Dinner at Mrs. Wilkes and an evening of music at the Old Savannah Theater, and a dinner/dance at the campground.

Hope to see you in Georgia,
Mary and John Habicht- 410-461-6677

The Passing of the Torch - - - (actually a keyboard) - - - of the Royale Coach Club Newsletter



By Kally Kitchings

It was the spring of 2010 that I took over as newsletter editor and published my first Royale Coach Club Newsletter. When I took over the newsletter I changed from a printed and mailed newsletter to an on-line version. My newsletters have been emailed to club members since I took over and they are archived on the Royale Coach Club website. Since that time I have taken thousands of photos to share in the newsletter and on the website. I have spent many hours writing, editing, collecting articles, researching and publishing the newsletter. I even had to teach Max how to type! It has been my pleasure to serve the club in this capacity. I have enjoyed publishing the newsletter for the Royale Coach Club; however, it has come time for me to pass this wonderful job to a new publisher.

John Habicht has graciously volunteered to take on this task and I want to thank him from the bottom of my heart. This is not an easy task and can be very time consuming but I know that John will do a fine job. He will put his own flair to the newsletter and I really look forward to seeing what he will do.

Max has not told me yet if he plans on continuing his article. Hmmmmm, I wonder what he plans to do????