

Royale Coach Club

Newsletter

Spring 2016



PREVOST

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Prez says:

Well, I hear we missed an awesome rally in Savannah in late April. This must be the



only rally we've had with a ghost tour!

The Royale Coach Club continues to add new members and 5 first timers registered for the Savannah rally. Mary and John Habicht did a great job as the hosts of this rally.

As you enjoyed some nice breezes on the Georgia coast, Richard and I endured some very hot and humid weather in SW Florida to play in the first US Open Pickleball



tournament –

along with 850 other folks. There were players there from around the world, so it was quite an experience.

We missed visiting with the Royale Coach Club family and hope to catch up with you all at the Tucson rally in the latter part of October. Naomi and Nick have been working hard on that rally for a while, so it should be great.

We are so lucky to have the Royale Coach Club members as friends. Kally Kitchings does a fantastic job keeping in touch with members and sending cards to folks who are having issues. She also sends a nice introduction letter to each new member. It was recently suggested that the membership should somehow be notified of new members. The board has decided that a list of new members will be included in the RCC newsletter, which comes out twice each year.

Larry and Jean Daniel have volunteered to be rally masters for a spring 2017 rally in Powhatan, VA. Thank you, Larry and Jean! If you have a location in mind for a rally, think about volunteering to be a rally master, and contact Jim McNulty.

Bo Reahard continues to maintain and enhance the royalecoachclub.com website. Make sure to check out the member connect feature on the member tab of the website. You can share your current location and find out if any RCC members are nearby. Many thanks to Bo for all his work on the website and for the emails he sends out to facilitate communication regarding rallies.

Wishing everyone safe travels over the summer and into the fall when we see you again in Tucson.

Anne Gould, President





Highlights of “Life’s a Box of Chocolates” In Savannah, GA

The Spring Rally was held at Red Gate Campground 15 minutes from downtown Savannah. The 2014 Royale Spring rally had been held on Hilton Head Island. During that rally was a boat trip to Savannah to allow people to shop and eat. Many commented



that they enjoyed Savannah and would have liked to have more time there. Another rally was born.

As usual, most of the attendees to the rally arrived early. 18 of the 20 coaches that came arrived for a pre-rally party on Sunday. Terry and Amanda Godfrey, who are members of the Royales and fabulous cooks, cooked the dinner hosted by John and Mary for the group. Dinner included cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, bratwurst, smoked turkey, BBQ, grilled peppers, sautéed onions and sautéed mushrooms. For dessert, they baked coconut custard pie and flan. Beverages included wine, beer, water, iced tea and lemonade. Bill Brewer said the Blessing prior to dinner. The food was excellent! If anyone didn't get enough to eat, it was their own fault. First Timer Billy Stanley has started making (and hoping to sell at some point) Southern Heritage BBQ sauce using a



family recipe handed down from his grandfather. He gave each coach a decorative wooden box with two bottles of his sauce. Since many people requested it, he signed the boxes containing the sauce for a memento. Another First Timer, Peter Grimm, had brought his Tesla Model S all electric car to the rally with him and had graciously offered to take anyone for a ride who would like to go. Robert Jones was thanked for providing buses for our rallies. Mary had made Redneck wine glasses (candlesticks with a mason jar glued on the top) for the rally. She had made enough for each person to have one. People were told that if they wanted particular wine glasses, put their names in them. The party lasted until 7:30 and, even then, there were some still sitting around talking. At 9:40, I (John Habicht) walked back to the clubhouse to make sure everything had been turned off. The last group was just leaving having just locked up.

Monday was check-in day for the rally. The final two coaches arrived in the afternoon. At 5PM, Millennium hosted their Welcome Party for the rally. Millennium had brought two show coaches to the rally, a brand new 2017 coach and a 2008 coach. Millennium provides a stupendous spread for us to enjoy and the members appreciate it. There was more food than we could all eat plus wine, beer and water to drink. Nelson gave a short



talk welcoming everyone to the rally. He said Millennium has developed a relationship with Mountain Falls Luxury Motorcoach Resort in Lake Toxaway NC. Eddie Sharp from

Mountain Falls was at the rally the first day with Nelson. He gave a brief talk and then gave each coach a certificate for a free two night stay at The Ridge, the newest area at Mountain Falls.

At 7:30, everyone boarded the bus for the drive into Savannah where we went on a Blue Orb Ghost Tour of Savannah. This was a walking tour through some of the historic



district of Savannah. Adam, our guide, related stories of old Savannah as we walked past certain haunted residences and buildings. He related some of the tales from the book that was based on fact, *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*. The walk was about a mile and ended at the Colonial Park Cemetery. At 9:45, the bus was boarded for the return to the campground. Eight people stayed behind to continue to enjoy Savannah at night. Later, they took an Uber to get back to the campground. [Editor's Note : I understand they didn't return until late into the night... I heard they closed the bars... good for them!].

Tuesday morning saw the first of the four breakfasts that were catered by Jim & Renee's Vincenzo's Pizzeria from 7:30 to 9:30. Breakfast Tuesday morning included scrambled eggs, sausage patties, grits, bacon, fruit, apple and orange juices and coffee. At 10AM, Trey Dixon, Mike Carter and Gray Rhodes from WW Williams (Detroit Diesel) came to give a tech talk. There were about 20 people in attendance for the tech talk. After they gave a short talk on maintenance on the Detroit Diesel engine and Allison transmission, people got to ask lots of questions. They weren't any questions that they didn't have a good answer for and the people in attendance enjoyed the talk.

The rest of the afternoon was free for whatever people wanted to do. Nelson and his wife, Lara, had to leave this afternoon to take care of some personal matters and left with the new show coach. They were missed, but everyone understood. Some people did horseback riding that was available at the campground. Some just relaxed for the day.

At 6PM, the Pot Luck dinner started. Bill Brewer once again did the blessing before



dinner. There were lots and lots of food... appetizers, salads and main entrees for everyone to enjoy. Plus, Millennium continued to let us use the beverages they had

brought for the Welcome Party. Robert Jones was thanked for the bus service, then he made a short presentation to the group. At 7:30, we started a game of Songburst between two teams, men (Bill Brewer, Bill Bunch and Terry Godfrey) versus women (Nancy McNulty, Amanda Godfrey and Melanie Schraff). You were given the name of the artist, the title of a song and the year in which they recorded the song. You had to guess a lyric from the song. Each team was progressively given more of the lyric and had to recite/sing the entire lyric given on the card. This was a very loud game because everyone was shouting answers. If someone who wasn't on one of the teams shouted out an answer or what they thought was the answer, they had to join the team for the rest of the game. Several people were added to the teams as the game progressed after contributing from the audience (Robert Jones, Jim Steed and Rick Brady for the men and Kally Kitchings, Denny McCurdy and Susie Jones for the women). Originally, the game was going to go until a team had 10. However, the women were ahead 10 to 7 and the men thought they



could still catch up if the game continued, so the game was extended to 15. The women's team ultimately won 15 to 7. Each player won a bottle of coke, some microwave popcorn and chose a box of movie theater candy (the winning team chose first). Throughout the evening, people drifted out to return to their coaches until the only ones remaining were involved with or watching the game. Most of the rest of the people left when the game was finally over at 9:30. A few stragglers stayed in the clubhouse to talk and finally left at 11PM.

On Wednesday, the general business meeting was held at 9:30, immediately after breakfast. At 11:30, we boarded the bus to take us to the Visitor Center where the group had a private tour on the Old Savannah Trolley. In the Welcome Packet for the rally, each person was given a two day pass for the Old Savannah Rally. One of the days had to be used for this tour but the other could be used on Tuesday or Thursday. Sara, our driver and tour guide, took us on a 1 ½ hour trip around the loop (16 stops in the loop), narrating



while she drove. At various points, she would stop and someone would get on the bus to give a little pitch. For example, a “Pirate” got on at the stop at the Old Pirates’ House and



gave a little spiel. At the end of the loop, about half the people got off the trolley at the last stop near downtown. The rest of us returned to the Visitor Center where most rode the bus back to the campground.

Later, at 5PM, the group had dinner reservations at Paula Deen’s Lady and Sons Restaurant. Paula Deen’s had a buffet with chicken, meatloaf, vegetables, salad and



dessert. Later in the evening, at 8:10PM at the campground, we started the “campfire”. Sunset was at 8:02. There were 30 people there at the peak attendance. Early today, Mary



and I had purchased a product called No Natz that the campground office had told us about to combat the no-see-ums. Each coach got a bottle. Terry and Amanda made margaritas for everyone to share. We had two propane campfires going so that we had two fires in the circle. Everyone stayed until well into the night so I guess gnats weren’t a problem with the spray they were given. The campfire ended at 11PM when the last of the people left to go back to their coaches.

Thursday was another free day. It rained a little during the night and is still cloudy this morning. *[Editor's Note : I took a drive with Peter in his Tesla today. It was impressive. The pickup when you floored it is tremendous. It has Auto Drive. The car "sees" the lines on the road and speed limit signs. Peter was "driving" with his hands off the steering wheel. He turned the left turn signal on to change lanes and the car changed lanes on its own! Later, Mary took a drive with Peter's wife, Susan, driving although she didn't get as much technical jargon.]*



Peter driving with no hands on steering wheel

At 6PM, everyone met in the clubhouse for dinner. Terry and Amanda Godfrey were our cooks for the evening. They fixed a Low Country boil, a southern item. Shrimp, sausage, ears of corn, potatoes and onions are boiled in water in a large pot. Bill Brewer said the blessing again for dinner, this time preambled with a joke. While everyone started eating, Mary had a raffle to select which theater tickets people got. Charmaine



Wilson won the quilt made by Rita Creel after two other names were drawn that declined the quilt (each had won one of Rita's quilts at previous rallies). The table decorations and Redneck wine glasses that were still left were raffled off. The meal was fantastic and everyone really enjoyed it.

At 8:30, a "campfire" started again near the Hatchers' coach. There were fewer people tonight. At 10:40PM, I went back to the clubhouse to make sure all the lights and fans had been turned off. There was still a group of about six people talking and enjoying themselves. The campfire broke up just after 11PM.



The temperature reached in the low 90s today. Around 4PM, we were getting ready to board the bus for dinner at Mrs. Wilkes. However, Branden Armstrong noticed that a transformer on the pole near some of the coaches was smoking (someone else said they saw fire coming from it). Everyone unhooked from shore power and started generators (pets getting too hot was a concern). When it

was determined it was only affecting sites 13-21, the others continued using their shore power. GA Power was called and they showed up before we left. The Steeds had had problems with their generator so their pet was put in the show coach while we were gone. We finally left at 4:45.

Mrs. Wilkes is normally only open for lunch but a private dinner for the group had been arranged. If you drive by the restaurant before lunch, you normally see a line around the block because they don't take reservations and the restaurant is highly rated. Mary had called the restaurant to let them know we may be a few minutes late because of the transformer problem. When we arrived at 4:59, we had to wait because Mrs. Wilkes staff had delayed fixing the food so it would be hot when we got there. At 5:15, we entered the restaurant. There were four large tables in the main dining room. Five of us sat in a second dining room. The food is served family style. When dinner was served, there were



24 bowls/plates of food on each table. Fried chicken, pot roast and pork BBQ were the meat items. There was one plate of rolls/biscuits/corn bread. The rest were various kinds of vegetables including collard greens and rutabagas. *[Editor's Note : I had never had rutabaga before and it was really good. In fact, all of the food was excellent.]*

After dinner, everyone re-boarded the bus for the drive to the Savannah Theater where we had tickets to the show Rewind. Richard Wilson had called at 6:30 to say that power was back on at the campground sites with the transformer problem. Rewind was a musical revue of songs from the 1950s to the 1980s. Everyone enjoyed the show and



knew most of the songs they were singing. First timer Dennis Beach was pulled up onto the stage to take part in a rendition of one of the songs. He provided some fine entertainment for our group and the entire audience.

Saturday morning was pull out time since the rally was now over. Everyone seemed to have a great time this week.

SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD LIFE!

New Royale Coach Club Members

- Stan & Karen Baggett – Livingston, TX
- Tom & Sandie Bay - Seymour, TN
- Todd & Julie Bowser – Hollidaysburg, PA
- Mike English & Kathy Johnson – Sioux Falls, SD

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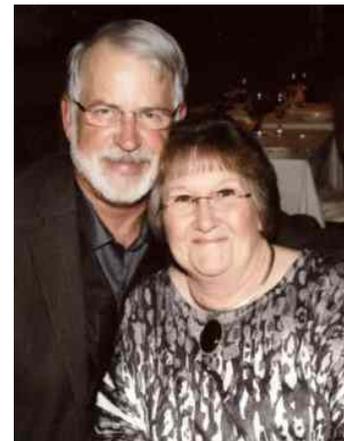


- Richard & Donna Potter – Frankston, TX
- John & Debra Shaw – Hayden, CO

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- Billy Stanley & Branden Armstrong – St. Augustine, FL



- Jim & Billie Wright – Azle, TX

First Timers at the Savannah Rally

- Dennis & Yvonne Beach – Beaufort, SC
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- Peter & Susan Grimm - Key West, FL
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- Richard & Donna Potter - Frankston, TX
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- Billy Stanley & Branden Armstrong - St. Augustine, FL
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- Jim & Carolyn Steed - Pleasant Garden, NC





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Prevost Update...

My wife Susie and I enjoyed spending time with you at the recent Royale Coach Club rally in Savannah. Mary and John did a nice job as rally masters. The weather was perfect and our Savannah experience was great.

Many of you had the opportunity to interact with Bill Jensen over the years in his role as Service Manager for the Prevost Shell Division. After enjoying a career that spanned 28 years and all of North America, he has embarked on a new journey.....a well-deserved retirement. Bill has done it all in the field of coach transportation. Driving coaches, selling them, and overseeing bus operations gave him the background to deal with many customers and situations during his tenure at Prevost. His focus on always helping our customers was central to his years of success. No matter the issue, Bill always kept in mind that the next phone call or the next day's appointment would be an opportunity to assist a Prevost customer.

Bill joined Prevost in 1988, when Prevost was a smaller company. The company leadership knew excellent customer service would be a key component for long-term growth and Bill is a terrific example of this. In his early days, Bill assisted customers in learning and repairing the Prevost H5-60 articulated coach in environments ranging from the cold of Alaska to the heat of Las Vegas. It was a steep learning curve but one that this US Navy veteran mastered. No matter the problem, Bill's intellect and good humor enabled him to assist our customers in getting their coaches up and running and back on the road.

In the mid-'90s, Bill became the Service Manager for the Prevost Shell Division, working with converters and motorhome owners. Bill also worked closely with our shell sales team, our regional service managers and our Prevost Service Centers. I enjoyed working with him and he will be missed. Bill provided excellent service in a very demanding job. The years ahead will give him a little time to relax and enjoy life with his wife, daughters, and grandsons. Bill is now doing some part time work with Prevost as a consultant and you may be seeing him at upcoming motor home events.

Kevin Laughlin is taking Bill's position as Service Manager for the Prevost Shell Division after spending many years as Regional Service Manager for the Midwest region. Kevin has spent a lot of time working with conversion coaches for our entertainer converters, entertainer leasing companies, motorhome converters and motorhome owners. I have worked closely with Kevin for more than 10 years and am certain that he will do a great job in his new role. Many of you already know Kevin and are aware that he knows his stuff.

Safe Travels,

Robert Jones | Prevost

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To our friends at Royal Coach Club

Thank you all for having us at the wonderful rally this year! Lara, Melanie, Walter, and myself all had a wonderful time and felt very welcomed amongst our RCC family. The Welcome dinner was a blast, but my favorite event had to be the Ghost tour that was super spooky (especially when I stood next to Mary Habicht and felt the temperature drop at least 10 degrees!). I also got to spend some quality time working with Ricky Brady on his coach's alternator, which was giving him a little trouble. We later found that a very important switch had been in the O.F.F. position and it needed to be in the O.N. position. Very technical, but we figured it out eventually. With all that fun the week was over before we knew it! We hope you all enjoyed the Rally as much as we did, and we hope that you'll remember that we here at Millennium are committed to the success of the club. If there is anything you guys every need, you're always our welcomed guest here in Sunny Sanford, Florida.

We are already looking forward to next year! See you soon.

Nelson

Royale Coach Club - 2016 Fall Rally

October 17 - 26, 2016

Rally Masters: Nick & Naomi Theisz

Rally fee Includes...

- Nine nights of camping (additional nights should be made directly with Voyager at rally rate for 3 nights before and after official dates)
- Nine breakfasts
- One lunch at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch
- Box lunch on travel day
- Box dinner on travel day
- Tucson Attractions Book
- Tech Talk and RV Safety Course
- One pizza party
- Surprise entertainment
- Two bus tours

In order to keep costs lower, we will be using the Tucson Attractions Book for several of the other attractions that we will be visiting because it provides a Buy One Get One* admission to these attractions: You will be paying one admission at each venue for two.

- Arizona Sonora Desert Museum* \$17.50
- Old Tucson* \$15.85
- Asarco* \$7.00
- Titan Missile Base National Monument* \$8.50
- Tubac Museum* \$5.00
- Pima Air Museum* \$15.50

The Optional Boneyard (Graveyard) tour of \$7pp is not included in the book nor is the tram tour around the museum grounds but it is recommended at \$6pp.

Extras...

- Optional dinner at Pinnacle Peaks with gunslinger show
- Optional Mexican dinner at a historic cantina or steak house for those who don't want Mexican food

Please call if you have any questions. 201-445-1217 or 201-264-8540.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY for TUCSON RALLY - Update - April 3, 2016

Activities noted with an asterisk will be paid for at the gate using a 2 for 1 Coupon Book provided with registration

Day 1 Monday October 17th Welcome and settle in. Millennium Reception and surprise entertainment

Day 2 Tuesday October 18th 6:30 to 8:00 Breakfast
8:15 Carpool to Sabino Canyon for Tram Ride.

- National Parks pass needed for parking.
 12:30 Buffet lunch at Tanque Verde Ranch
 2:00 Carpool Scenic Drive through Saguaro National Park East
 One passenger should have Senior National Parks pass.
- Day 3 Wed October 19th Breakfast 7 to 8:15
 8:30 Carpool to ASARCO Mineral Discovery Center * 1 ½ hours w/coupon
 \$7.00 for 2
 8:30 Carpool to Titan Missile Base * 2 ½ hours w/coupon \$8.50 for 2
 Lunch on your own at Casino Del Sol
 Docent led tour at San Xavier del Bac Mission
- Day 4 Thurs October 20th 7 to 8:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Carpool to Pima Air Museum * w/ coupon book \$15.50 for 2
 Optional tram tour around museum \$6 not on coupon book
 Optional bus ride through the Boneyard (airplane graveyard)
 \$7 Boneyard tour is not on the coupon book
 3:30 Tech Talk with Nelson
 5:30 Dinner at Pinnacle Peaks with show following
 Open menu \$17 to \$35
- Day 5 Friday October 21st 6:30 to 7:45 Breakfast
 8:00 Board bus for ride to Kartchner Caverns
 12:00 Board Bus for Bisbee Copper Queen Mine
 Box lunch on board
 2:00 Mine Tour
 Return ride through Tombstone, Arizona
- Day 6 Saturday Oct 22nd 7:00 to 8:30 Breakfast
 Carpool to Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
 Several lunch choices at the museum
 Nick and I recommend staying for the 2:00 Rapture show
 if you don't make it in time for the 10:00 show.
 6:00 Pizza and salad dinner with surprise entertainment
- Day 7 Sunday Oct 23rd 7:00 to 8:30 Breakfast
 Old Tucson, Famous Movie Location * w/ Coupon \$15.85 for 2
 The meal choices are not great at Old Tucson but you can snack.
 Dinner will be optional Mexican or steak house
- Day 8 Monday Oct 24th 7:00 to 8:30 Breakfast
 Carpool to Tumacacori National Monument and Tubac Museum * w/coupon
 \$5.00 for 2
 Someone in car should have National Parks pass
- Day 9 Tuesday Oct 25th 8:00 Omelets made fresh at the hosts site
 Time on your own
 3:00 Board bus for Ride to Kitt Peak National Observatory
 Box dinner at Kitt Peak
- Day 10 Wed Oct 26th 8:00 to 10:00 Farewell breakfast, door prizes and departure

Safe Travels,
 Nick and Naomi Theisz, Rallymasters.

Name _____ FMCA # _____ State License # _____

Guest? Yes _____ Who is your Sponsor _____ \$35 additional fee

Address _____ City, State & Zip _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____

Number of adults _____ \$ 290 Per extra person Single person in coach \$ 710 Guest coach \$1035

Will you require a pet sitter? Yes _____ First Timer? _____

Send registration and check made out to Royale Coach Club to Nick & Naomi Theisz
74 Salem Rd
Twp of Washington, NJ 07676

Please register by July 31st. Attendance at Kitt Peak is limited. Tickets will be issued on a first come first serve basis by date of receipt.

Dazzling Detail is willing to be on site to wash our rigs for \$125 (not included in the rally fee). We would like to know if you would want this service. The price will be less if enough rigs sign up.

____ Yes ____ No thanks

Name _____

Shirt Sizes His _____ Hers _____

Men's	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Chest	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-57	58-60	61-63
Neck	14 1/2-15	15-15 1/2	15 1/2-16	16-16 1/2	16 1/2-17	17-17 1/2	17 1/2-18	18-18 1/2	18 1/2-19	
Arm	30 1/2	32	34	35	36 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2		

WMS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Size	2	4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22	24/26	28/30
Bust	32-34	35-36	37-38	39-41	42-44	45-47	48-51	52-55
Arm	30-30 1/4	30 1/4-31 1/4	31 1/4-32	32-32 1/4	32 1/4-33	33-33 3/8	33 3/8-33 1/2	33 1/2-34 1/2

Coach with two people \$1,000

Coach with one person \$710

Extra Persons in coach \$290

Guest coach \$1,035

Total enclosed _____

Will you arrive early or stay later than the 10 official rally dates? _____

Recipes from Savannah

Cream Cheese Flan

By Amanda Godfrey and Rita Creel-Bunch

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
8 oz cream cheese
8 eggs
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 can evaporated milk
1 tsp vanilla

In the bottom of a metal cake pan, combine 3 Tbsp sugar and 2 Tbsp water. Cover over a medium heat until amber in color. Swirl around and set aside. Beat all other ingredient together. Pour on top of caramelized sugar in cake pan. Place cake pan in another pan and fill bottom pan with water halfway up side of cake pan. This is called bano de maria. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Refrigerate at least four hours before serving.



Sweet Potato Soufflé

From Mrs. Wilkes Cookbook (courtesy of postings on internet)

4 pounds sweet potatoes, pared and sliced
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup raisins
Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup shredded coconut
Miniature marshmallows

Place the potatoes in a pot and add enough salted water to cover. Cook until tender. Drain. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Mash and whip the potatoes. Add the remaining ingredients (except marshmallows) and mix well. Pour into a greased casserole dish. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and cover with marshmallows. Return to the oven and continue cooking until brown.

Rutabaga (Northern Turnips)

From Mrs. Wilkes Cookbook (courtesy of postings on internet)

4 pounds rutabagas
2 tbsp sugar
1 tbsp salt
1/2 cup margarine or bacon drippings

Peel and slice rutabagas and place in saucepan, cover with water. Add sugar, salt and pepper – cover and cook over medium heat about 1 hour. Drain in colander. Add ½ cup margarine or bacon drippings, mash and serve hot. Serves 8. *[Editor's Note: When we ate at Mrs. Wilkes, the rutabaga was cut into small diced cubes, not mashed.]*

Tribute to the Spring Rally

There is the Royale Coach Club,
Who no Prevost owner would snub,
We gather and eat,
See sights that are neat,
And we talk as well as eat grub!

The RCC is an amazing group,
Many places the group would swoop!
We rally and gather,
The venues do matter,
And No One is a nincompoop!

Our Savannah rally was jolly,
Especially the informative trolley!
But what we liked most
Was visiting the ghosts,
And Mrs. Wilkes food was not folly!

Yours,

Phillis and Bill Brewer