

Royale Coach Club

Newsletter

Spring 2019



President's Message for Spring 2018 Newsletter

Summer time is near and Stanley and I will be headed north to The Promised Land in Leland Michigan very shortly. We want to give a big congratulations to John and Mary Habicht for a wonderful rally in St. Augustine. We had a great time there and enjoyed all the wonderful events that were prepared for the group.

During the rally, the group got to meet our first time rally participants - David & Lou Ann Bouchard from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Peter & Betty Stefani from St. Petersburg, FL.

Also attending his first rally was our new Prevost representative, Ryan Piercy. Ryan is taking over the position held by Robert Jones. Ryan and his wife Tara had the opportunity to get to know the Royale club members and are looking forward to visiting future rallies.

The rally members were blessed to have the president of Millennium Luxury Coaches in attendance. Nelson Figueroa and his wife Lara spent lots of time fellowshipping with the attendees. Nelson also spoke at our business meeting and shared his commitment to the club. Daniel O'Leary, a Millennium sales rep, also attended as well as Walter for tech support. Millennium brought two show coaches. Two Royale Club members at the rally shared their new Millennium coaches which were both delivered in 2019. Ron & Kally Kitchings and Ed & Susan Forbes had an open house to show off their beautiful new coaches. The club is certainly blessed to have such a fine sponsor as Millennium.

At the business meeting, an announcement was made about the upcoming elections for the board that will take place in September at our fall rally in Maine. The nominating committee is Bill Bunch, Jenny Evans and Tom Kyle. Please contact them if you would like to nominate someone for the board or if you would like to be a candidate for one of the board positions.

The rally masters for our fall rally will be Richard & Ann Gould and Jim & Nancy McNulty. I am sure they are planning a great event for us. Stanley and I are looking forward to our first rally in Maine.

Safe travels to everyone this summer. You are all welcome to stop by for a visit at the Promised Land if your travels bring you to northern Michigan this summer.

Bo Reahard
President



Highlights of Saint Augustine Rally



The Spring Rally was held at Compass RV Park in St. Augustine, Florida. As was usual for Royales' rallies, many coaches arrived early before the official start on Monday. 15 coaches had arrived by Sunday. John and Mary Habicht, the rally hosts, supplied a dinner for the early arrivals that evening. The dinner was catered by Terry and Amanda Godfrey who are also members of the Royales' family. They prepared meat lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, salad and garlic bread. Wine, beer and water were also available. For dessert they made homemade flan and homemade cheesecake. Everyone really enjoyed the food. Terry and Amanda catered all of the campground meals during the rally.





The remainder of the coaches and Millennium's show coaches arrived on Monday. Ryan Piercy was at the rally representing Prevost Car, who supplied the buses for our use during the rally. Ryan replaced Robert Jones who retired. During the rally, the Millennium group was headed by Nelson and Lara Figueroa, Daniel O'Leary and Walter Kowal. Monday afternoon, the Kitchings and Forbes were kind enough to open their brand new Millennium coaches for everyone to see. Monday evening, Millennium hosted a Welcome dinner, catered by Terry and Amanda. Balsam butt brisket, baked beans, redskin potato



salad, mustard potato salad and coleslaw were on the menu. Dessert was homemade cherries jubilee with cream cheese icing and homemade banana pudding. In the evening after dinner, a campfire was set up near the pool and clubhouse and was enjoyed.

Tuesday started off with a wonderful breakfast. Terry and Amanda cooked breakfast every morning of the rally. The breakfast this morning included scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, grits and fresh fruit. At 10AM, everyone boarded the



Prevost bus for the first touring event of the rally to Ripley's Believe It or Not. This was an interesting outing. Some of the exhibits were designed to startle



you. Two examples were a platform that people walked on that suddenly dropped a couple of inches and, to exit the museum, you walked through a perfectly stable walkway but you were walking through a rotating barrel that made it feel like you were falling over. Unfortunately, the visit was marred somewhat by a group of elementary school age children that came shortly after we started viewing the exhibitions. They were loud and rushing through all the exhibits. Even though they started after our group, they were gone by the time we finished. The museum staff indicated that the group of children had arrived earlier than they were supposed to and refunded half the admission for our group. The group returned to the campground at 12:30. The rally schedule had been set up so that, after a morning tour, the bus returned to the campground so that pets could be attended. At 2PM, everyone was back on the bus for the afternoon events. Tours were held for the group at Whetstone's Chocolates and at San Sebastian Winery. The two tours were within walking distance of each other so the group was split in two. Half of the group did the chocolate tour while the other half did the winery tour, then the groups switched. The chocolate tour took the group through the making and packaging of the



Whetstone Chocolates. The winery tour explained their process from the fields to the table. Of course each tour offered samples. There was an opportunity for everyone to buy wine and chocolate after the tours. After the tours, the bus took everyone near to the Columbia Restaurant in old St. Augustine for dinner. I say near because we are talking about very old St Augustine. The streets were so narrow in the area of the restaurant that the bus had to drop everyone off a



couple of blocks away. The weather was pleasant and the walk was past the shops in the old district. Everyone enjoyed an excellent meal at the restaurant.



That evening after returning to Compass RV , there was another campfire to



enjoy.

At 10AM, after a breakfast that included scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,



biscuits and sausage gravy and fresh fruit, everyone boarded the Prevost bus for the morning tours at the colonial fort and pirate museum in old St Augustine. As the previous day, the group was split in half. Half group did the Pirate



Museum then the Colonial Quarter and then switched so that everyone saw everything but the group wasn't too large. After touring these events, everyone



boarded the bus at 12:30 to return to Compass RV Park. At 2:30, it was back on the bus for the afternoon events. It should be noted that St Augustine was only about a 15 minute ride from the campground so, even though we were on and off the bus twice in one day, there wasn't much time spent on the bus. Flagler College was toured in the afternoon. Flagler College was originally built in 1888 as Ponce de León Hotel, a luxury hotel. In 1968, it became a 4 year liberal arts college. The areas we toured are incredible ornate for a college as the



photos show.

Even the cafeteria in which the students eat is very ornate. Dining that night



was at Harry's Seafood Bar & Grill on the main street of St Augustine and



overlooks the water. We had another campfire again in the evening after returning to the campground. Tonight, however, there was already a group of young people already there. They had guitars and were singing and invited us to join them. Everyone had a good time and we were entertained by Dan O'Leary when he joined in on the singing. Two of



the people were staying at the campground while they worked in the area. The others come down on Wednesdays from Jacksonville to have a good time with them. They were still going strong when the old folks decided to call it a night so we just had them turn off the gas fireplace when they were finished.

After a breakfast of French toast made with regular bread and with cinnamon raisin bread, eggs, bacon, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits and fresh fruit, the Royales had their business meeting. The rest of the day after the meeting



was free with no activities planned. The Old Town Trolley would come to the campground to pick people up and drop them off. Mary Habicht had arranged a special two day ticket for the group. Some people took advantage of that to go into St Augustine. Terry and Amanda had so much food left over from the meals that they offered to put out all the leftovers from 4 to 5PM for anyone to enjoy. People could then take leftovers from the leftovers back to have at a later date. The campground was having a watercolor painting class from 6 to 8PM in the clubhouse and some of the women participated.

Breakfast Friday morning was scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, monkey bread and fresh fruit. A few coaches had to leave the rally early and left last night and this morning. For those that remained, everyone boarded the bus at 10AM and headed for the St Augustine Wild Reserve. The St. Augustine Wild Reserve is a non-profit corporation created as a rescue center for unwanted exotic animals. Clark, our driver, did an excellent job getting the coach into tight quarters when we arrived. We saw one or



more tigers, lions, porcupines, wolves, bears, coyotes and more. They have more tigers than any other animal. They take large animals no one else will take. The animals' cages are large, surprisingly large. And it is obvious by how each animal related to the human volunteers that they like them. At the end of the tour, the rally hosts announced that, if people wanted, they could give an additional donation and many did. Everyone enjoyed the reserve and thought it served a worthwhile purpose. The rest of the afternoon was free after returning to the campground. At 5:30, the group had the farewell dinner at the campground. Terry and Amanda fixed smoked beef brisket that Terry had been smoking all day. Dinner was Mexican cocoa rub brisket, coffee rub brisket, mashed potatoes, gravy, coconut custard pie and lemon meringue pie. A drawing for the quilt Rita Creel had made for the rally was done.



There was some confusion when the number was drawn. The final result was that Betty Stefani won the raffle quilt and Ginger Williams was given a second quilt that Rita had made. At the end of the evening, there were several pies that

Amanda had made and were not eaten. An auction was held for the pies. The money that was collected, \$55, was subsequently donated to the St Augustine Wild Reserve. There was one last campfire in the evening after dark.



*SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL
AND TO ALL A GOOD LIFE!*

New Royale Coach Club Members

- David & Lou Ann Bouchard – Mt Vernon OH
- Wally & Val Chambers – Cordova TN



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- Darrell & Lisa Darrow – Chesapeake VA



- Peter & Betty Stefani – St. Petersburg, FL



First Timers

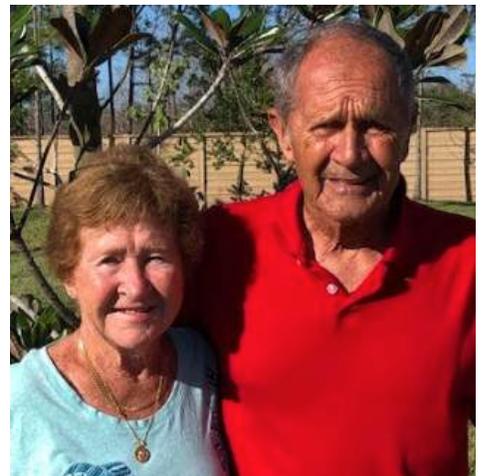
- David & Lou Ann Bouchard – Mt Vernon OH



- Darrell & Lisa Darrow – Chesapeake VA



- Peter & Betty Stefani – St. Petersburg, FL



Highlights of Winter Gathering

[Editor's Note : I was not at the Winter Gathering. I would like to thank Kally Kitchings for the write-up and photos from the gathering. Without them, there would be no newsletter entry for this event.]

The 2019 Royale Coach Club Mini Rally was held in Juniper, FL. The rally was originally scheduled by Bo and Stanley Reahard at The Palm



Beach Motorcoach Resort but unfortunately at the last minute both Bo and Stanley AND their coach got sick/broken and had to cancel. Luckily it was a do-nothing rally, therefore we didn't need any printed schedule or agenda that

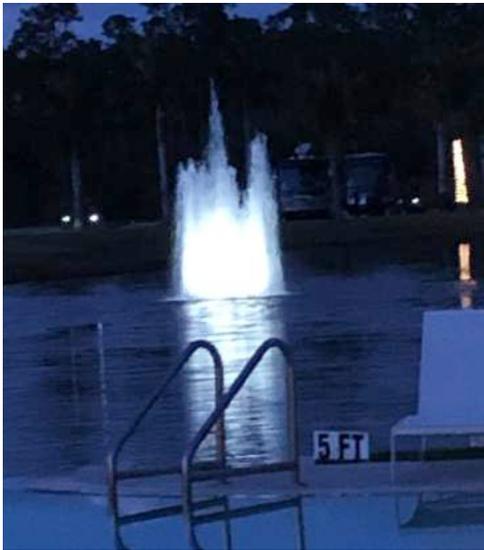


we needed to follow. Most everyone did their own thing.

We had one large gathering at The Jetty Restaurant and one large pot luck dinner! Daytime activities were shopping, going to the beach, touring and more eating. The Resort sponsored a gathering for the entire park in their beautiful



clubhouse/ pool area. For those of you that did not attend, I want to let you know this resort is wonderful. Since it is fairly new not a lot of RVer's know about it yet and you can still get reservations to stay there . . . give it a couple years and it will be full all season in Florida.



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Prevost Update...

I would like to start out my first entry in the Royale Coach Club newsletter by giving a huge thank you to John Habicht and all of the wonderful Royale Coach Club members I met at your rally in St. Augustine, FL. Each of you made me feel extremely welcomed coming into this club and new role within the Prevost. When Prevost first approached me about this new role, Robert Jones told me it was the best job in the company, and the highlight of his career to meet and get to know many of our motorhome owners at the various rallies and events. I am fast learning he was 100% correct.

2019 is an exciting year for Prevost in many respects. First, it is Prevost 95th anniversary this year and excitement is building as the company gets closer to celebrating 100 years in business. It is humbling to work for a company with such a tradition. We announced an update to our X3-45 platform at the beginning of the year at the largest seated-coach tradeshow called UMA. The updated motorhome version of this will first be available to our converter partners late this fall and early next year. Finally we continue to execute on expanding our service center locations with the new location recently opened in Orlando, FL and construction starting on what will be our largest service center outside San Francisco, CA to open this fall. We continue to invest heavily in this area with the goal of having 20 Prevost service centers across the US and Canada by 2020. It is an exciting time to be a part of Prevost!

Prevost has a long history of supporting the motorhome lifestyle and we are proud to support the Royale Coach Club and our wonderful converter partners such as Millennium Coach. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to carry on this journey and hopefully get to know many of you over the coming years. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, my contact information is below. I look forward to seeing many of you soon in Maine!

All the best,

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To Our Friends at Royale Coach Club,

Millennium Luxury Coaches would like to extend our gratitude to all of you for the honor of being the sponsor of this magnificent Coach Club. We had such a wonderful time with all of you in St. Augustine, at the many amazing venues and activities. The memories and laughter will last a lifetime, from Ripley's Believe it or Not, Shopping, Restaurants, a Grand tour of Flagler College, to just sitting around the campfire singing. A better group of people cannot be found.

I would, also, like to thank you all personally for making me feel so welcome at my first Royale Coach Club Rally, even though I did get yelled at for NOT being late to the bus (Mary!). Nelson and Lara had a ball catching up with all of you. Walter was busy doing his thing; I was appreciative to have been a part of this event. Please be assured of our continued support and commitment to The Royale Coach Club. Here's to many more smiles, laughter, and experiences. If any of you ever need anything, please do not hesitate to just call. On behalf of Nelson, Lara, Walter, myself, and the entire Millennium family, Thank you. Until the next time, safe travels.

Daniel O'Leary

Sales Coordinator

Millennium Luxury Coaches



Editor's Note: We would also like to thank Nelson, Lara and Walter for coming.



Nelson



Lara



Walter

Royale Coach Club Fall Rally 2019

Maine, The Way Life Should Be!

Sept 5-12, 2019

We will explore Mount Desert Island from Narrows Too Campground, in Trenton, ME, where we will stay for 3 nights beginning Thursday, Sept. 5th. Narrows Too Camping Resort will give you a discounted rate for 2 extra nights before the rally if you'd like to arrive early. You only need to call for reservations if you need extra nights.

Narrows Too Camping Resort
1150 Bar Harbor Rd
Trenton, ME 04605
Reservations 877-570-2267



Plans include a Lighthouse and Park Tour aboard a boat (bring binoculars) and a tour of some of the quieter places on Mount Desert Island. If you have a National Park Pass, please bring it with you so you can tour the Park Loop Road in Acadia National Park in your vehicle.

On Sunday, Sept. 8th, we will relocate to Scarborough, ME, where we will be staying at Bailey's Campground for 4 nights. You only need to call for reservations if you need extra nights.

Bailey's Camping Resort
275 Pine Point Rd
Scarborough, ME 04074
Reservations 207-883-6043

Plans while staying in Southern Maine include a wonderful Schooner Sailing excursion and, of course, some delicious lobster!

September's weather in Maine is variable – it can be hot and it can be cool. Please bring layers, especially for the boating activities.

The rally will end on Sept. 12th, which is the departure day.

Rally hosts are Anne and Richard Gould, 207-431-2293, and Nancy and Jim McNulty, 207-329-1112.

Which plants pose a hazard to pets

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center handled almost 30,000 calls last year from pet owners concerned that their animals had ingested insecticides, herbicides or toxic plants.

Dr. Charlotte Means, director of toxicology for the center, says the actual risk from plants varies greatly and can depend on the age and activity of the pet, as well as the genus of the plant. "Some animals are going to eat a leaf and some are going to destroy it," she says. "All of that is going to make a difference. In toxicology we say 'It's a dose that makes a poison.'"

While homeowners probably don't need to rip up their azaleas, she says some plants, such as daylilies and Asian lilies, do pose a significant risk if the homeowner has cats, and should be removed.

Some of the most common hazardous outdoor plants, according to the ASPCA website are:

- Azalea begonia
- Black walnut
- English ivy
- Caladium
- Calla lily

- Chrysanthemum
- Clematis
- Coleus
- Daffodil
- Dahlia
- Daisy
- English holly
- Foxglove
- Geranium
- Gladiola
- Hellebore
- Hydrangea
- Iris
- Lantana
- Lavender
- Laurel
- Lily of the valley
- Milkweed
- Mint
- Nandina
- Rhododendron
- Vinca
- Wisteria
- Yew

The Animal Poison Control Center is available 24 hours a day, and can be reached at 888-426-4435 or aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control.