

Royale Coach Club

Newsletter

Spring 2020



President's Message

Hello Friends, Another Memorial Day has come and gone, and with it the unofficial start to summer. As I write this, the thermometer here in South Carolina is about 90 degrees, and Stanley and I have just completed our sheltering in place for two months at the beach house on the Isle of Palms.

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day. We normally watch the Indy 500 (since I grew up in Indianapolis), but this year it will not be held until August 8. Memorial Day is all about remembering those brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, and we took time as a family for that remembrance.

We were happy to see many of our members at the mini rally in Port St Lucie in January and then those who made it to the Prevost-Stuff shown in February in West Palm Beach.

It was disappointing that we had to cancel our spring rally but we are still hopeful that our fall rally will come together in some form.

In the meantime, have a great summer, travel safely, and stay cool!

God Bless You,

Bo Reahard
President



Spring 2020 Rally

These are unfortunate times we are living through. The Coronavirus, COVID-19, has really affected our day-to-day living. An unfortunate part of this is that the many hours of hard work that Charlene and Anthony McNeal (and Jenny Evans) invested in our spring rally in North Carolina has come to naught. However, safety of our members is of utmost concern and the rally could not go forward with the assurance that everyone would be safe and that the events planned for the rally would be available. Virtually every event planned would not have been available due to closures related to the COVID-19.

We are hopeful that the some normalcy will be restored by the time the fall rally is to occur in September, but there are no guarantees. We can only hope for the best.

Be safe and may you and your family and your friends make it through this period with no problems.

Best Wishes
John Habicht
Newsletter Editor

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

New Royale Coach Club Members



- Mark & Doreen Judge - Port St Lucie, FL
- Ken & Cheryl Schroeder – Clearwater, FL
- Daniel & Carmen – Hershey, PA
- Barry & Jewel Jacobs - Mt Vernon, OH
- Ben Crowell - Shady Shores, TX

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Highlights of Winter Mini Rally

[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.]

WINTER MINI RALLY IN PORT ST. LUCIE

written by Kally Kitchings

The awesome hospitality shown by Rally Hosts Bo and Stanley Reahard was simply outstanding - - - and so was the meal that they arranged for us to eat. The steak, chicken and shrimp stir fry was delicious - - - and I finally learned what bok choy is (a Chinese cabbage) and realized its really good! Bo and Stanley have a beautiful lot at the center of a cul-de-sac at the Motorcoach Resort St. Lucie West. Their outdoor kitchen is to die for!! Thank you Bo and Stanley for letting us impose on your hospitality.



The next evening (Friday) was a happy hour with beer and wine furnished by the Home Owners Association of the Motorcoach Resort. The resort brought in “food trucks” that were stationed outside the clubhouse where food could be purchased. This function was for the entire resort so there were probably a couple hundred people in attendance. The lines at the food trucks were long but the new people we met while standing in line furnished us with a lot of laughs!



There was always music playing in the background and an old song came on by The Crystals. The name of the song was Da Doo Ron Ron - - - and wouldn't you know it, I looked over my shoulder and there was the Royale Coach Club version of the song - - - none other than Ron Presley and Ron Kitchings!!



Saturday evening was another trip to the clubhouse for happy hour and dinner/ dancing! The tickets for this event were donated by the owner of the phase three development of Motorcoach Resort John Richardson. John also arranged for reserved seating for the Royale Coach Club. A big thank you to John for this kind gesture. You can tell from the below photos that Richard and Anne Gould took full advantage of the open bar and really enjoyed themselves!!



We have new members as of this rally - - their names are Mark and Doreen Judge. They just happen to be owners at the Motorcoach Resort and they invited the Royale Coach Club to brunch at their coach home on Sunday morning. What a fabulous feast the Judges provided to us. Their coach home is simply beautiful. I think I counted three different areas to cook food and that doesn't include the kitchen in their coach. Their view of the waterfalls from their lanai was stunning. Many thanks to Mark and Doreen for their hospitality!



The logo for PrevoSt, with the word "PREVOST" in a stylized, metallic, blue and silver font.

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PrevoSt Update...

First off, I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy! I certainly missed everyone and was really looking forward to the rally in my old hometown of Asheville, NC as I am sure many of you were too. I look forward to getting together again soon!

As we were not able to be together, I wanted to give you a quick update on how and what PrevoSt is doing through this pandemic. Foremost, during this crisis PrevoSt is continuing to put you, our customer, first. Our service centers have and continue to stay open throughout this period providing the critical service of keeping our customers on the road. We have put in place new protocols at our service centers to ensure that we can do this safely for both our customers and employees. We have also adapted our services - you can now get on-site, contactless service with one of our service vans coming out to your motorhome to do many services. A special thanks to my colleagues that have continued to keep our coaches rolling during this entire period, our service team has really shined and shown their dedication. If you have an opportunity, I encourage you to give them a special thank you.

The true partnership with our converters is also showing through during this time. A special thanks to Millennium which has made and donated masks very early on to our service centers to help keep our team members and customers safe while they work throughout this period. We continue to work closely with all our converters to minimize the supply and manufacturing disruptions that this pandemic has caused. We know that many of you are eagerly looking forward to receiving your new motorhomes in order to travel and enjoy the US and Canada in the safety and comfort that they provide.

PrevoSt has been in business for 97 years now, so this is not the first obstacle that our company has overcome. We have benefited not only from the financial strength of being part of the Volvo Group, but also from the on-the-ground experience from their global operations which first saw the impacts of the virus a couple of months ahead of North America. Despite the short term challenges and disruptions this virus has caused, I am confident PrevoSt will come out this crisis stronger than ever as we have focused our efforts during this time to improve our processes, efficiency, and knowledge.

I hope each of you have also been able to find the silver-linings and opportunities that this pandemic has created, whether that is getting to spend some extra time with family, or on

projects, or learning a new hobby. I do look forward to seeing each of you again soon and hearing all about it!

God bless and stay safe,

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To Our Friends at Royale Coach Club,

Hello everyone... For those of you who don't know me, I'm Scott Puch, the Sales Manager for Millennium Luxury Coaches. I came from Nashville, TN where I worked on the entertainer coach side of the Prevost chassis. I spent 10 years as Service Manager for a company running a fleet of 60 Prevost coaches. In 2014, I came to Millennium and held the position of Service Manager here, then last fall, Nelson, Lara, my wife Misty and I, came up with a plan to transition to Sales Manager and Misty to Sales Assistant. We work as a traveling sales team. Some of you may have had the opportunity to see us out before the COVID-19 lockdown (if not, we look forward to seeing you later this year).

Here at Millennium, we were looking for a way to contribute to help ease the spread of COVID-19. We came up with a plan to make and distribute masks to our employees, their families, along with our Millennium family and friends. We quickly designed and started fabricating our masks. Misty and I take care of cutting the material, and we have 4 team members operating sewing machines and putting the inner and outer liners together,



then the straps get sewn on. From there, our shipping department ships them out as soon as we fill the orders. We've been getting requests from all over the U.S. and Canada. We have shipped over 400 to our great friends at Prevost. We are happy to oblige all the requests; we feel it's our duty to serve those in need.



All in all, it's been a gratifying experience, to know we are helping people who truly have a need. To date, we have made and either shipped out or personally handed out 1,000 masks. Can I get a

GO TEAM MILLENNIUM!!!

We look forward to seeing you in the very near future, but until then, remain safe.

Scott Puch
Sales manager
Millennium Luxury Coaches



Royale Coach Club Fall Rally 2020

The Royale Coach Club Fall Rally will be held September 3 to September 8, 2020, at Geneva on the Lake, Ohio. Hearthside Grove Lake Erie is the location of this year's rally and it is located 45 minutes east of Cleveland This resort is a new facility and is a sister resort to Hearthside Grove , Petoskey, MI.

Because of the Coronavirus, this year's rally will be different from what we would normally expect a Fall rally to consist of. Many venues were planned and reservations made prior to the pandemic but since then there are so many uncertainties that it is impossible to make any more plans or to even confirm any of the reservations previously made. We have a Prevost bus scheduled for transportation but the bus company cannot tell us if social distancing is going to be in effect. The normal rate for this would be \$3,200 but if social distancing is involved the cost could go as high as \$10,000. This is just one example of the many problems and uncertainties that exist.

The decision came down to not having a rally or having a mini rally. So our fall rally is going to be an Ala Carte event. There will be many events and attractions to select from but no transportation will be provided. You plan your daily schedule and team up with a group or go on your own using your own transportation.

Please call Hearthside Grove Lake Erie at 833-800-2959 or 440-261-4063 to make your reservations and tell them you are with the Royale Coach Club. We have reserved 30 sites for this event but reservations MUST be made by July 1st. After that, the sites will be released.

There is going to be another rally this summer for a group from Tennessee and I have attached their itinerary just as an example of what to expect. There are many other venues to participate in that we will include in our rally Again, this is a sample of what we can do; ours will include these points of interest in addition to several other choices. More information will follow as we get closer to the dates.

Nelson and his Millennium crew are planning on attending this event also.

This is the draft itinerary for the gathering at Geneva on the Lake for the Tennessee group's event. Our gathering will probably follow a similar plan...

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

1:00 check-in & personal escort to individual lots – Mobile RV Wash available Wed - Fri
5-7:00 Welcome reception at *The Oasis*, sponsored/hosted by Eric & Diane Frantz; wine & cheese pairings with wine connoisseur Lauren Fiala
7-10:00 Socialize at one of the many resort fire patios

THURSDAY, JULY 23

8-10:00am Coffee & Madsen donuts at The Oasis
All Day Discover Geneva-on-the-Lake and Geneva State Park
Walk or bike the lakeshore; visit the beach; go fishing, ziplining or shopping; enjoy water fun with kayaks or
paddleboards; golf cart rentals available
5-7:00 pm Group dinner at a winery (location TBD)

FRIDAY, JULY 24

8-10:00 am Coffee & Madsen donuts at The Oasis
10-5:00 pm Choose your road rally adventure (these tours repeat on Sunday)
Wine Country Road Rally. Carpool/group drive on pre-set scenic route visiting wineries, vineyards, and a
distillery; (3-4 hours, 4-5 stops, lunch at a winery)
Covered Bridge Road Rally. Carpool/group drive with a guide; visit select covered bridges including the
longest in the country (3-4 hours, 6-8 bridges + pizza lunch in a former covered bridge)
Amish Country Road Rally. Carpool/group drive to Middlefield, Mesopotamia and Cherry Valley to see
Ohio Amish Country and enjoy shopping and dining
6-10:00 pm Food truck(s) at *The Oasis*, live music, firepit socializing

SATURDAY, JULY 25

8-10:00 am Coffee & Madsen donuts at The Oasis
10 – 5:00 pm Create your own adventure
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (1-hour drive, 2-3-hour tour, lunch at or near the museum)
Fishing Charter on Lake Erie where the Walleye fishing has never been better (early morning departure, 4-6
hours, departs from the Geneva State Park marina .5 miles from the resort.
Bridge Street excursion. Visit “The Harbor” in historic Ashtabula (15 min. from the resort) for shopping,
dining, 2 museums (Maritime and Underground Railroad), and watch the bascule lift bridge open each half
hour for boat traffic.
5 – 7:00 pm Dining on Bridge Street at the Ashtabula Harbor. Multiple restaurants with small group reservations.
8 – 10:00 pm Socialize at one of the many community fire patios at Hearthside Grove

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8-10:00 am Coffee & Madsen donuts at The Oasis
10-5:00 pm Choose your road rally adventure (these tours are a repeat from Friday)
Wine Country Road Rally. Carpool/group drive on pre-set scenic route visiting wineries, vineyards, and a
distillery; (3-4 hours, 4-5 stops, lunch at a winery)
Covered Bridge Road Rally. Carpool/group drive with a guide; visit select covered bridges including the
longest in the country (3-4 hours, 6-8 bridges + pizza lunch in a former covered bridge)
Amish Country Road Rally. Carpool/group drive to Middlefield, Mesopotamia and Cherry Valley to see
Ohio Amish Country and enjoy shopping and dining
5-8:00 pm Community block party potluck at *The Oasis*, followed by firepit socializing

MONDAY, JULY 27

8-10:00 am Coffee & Madsen donuts at *The Oasis*
11am Check-out

Spring Rally May 9-15, 2021



If it is Sunday, May 9, 2021, it must be Washington, DC. Come join us for 6 days of fun filled activities.

Activities being looked at this time are...

- (1) **A Night Tour of DC.** We will make stops at the **Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, and FDR Memorial.** See our national monuments and federal buildings flooded in lights, from the illuminated dome of the **US Capitol to the The Kennedy Center, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, House and Senate Office Buildings, Federal Triangle, Pennsylvania Avenue, The White House, Capitol Reflecting Pool, Georgetown, Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) Memorial, and the World War II Memorial.** You will be fully captivated during this 3 hour tour.
- (2) **Tour of the FBI Exhibit**
- (3) **Tour of the Washington Holocaust Museum**
- (4) **Arlington Cemetery Tour** and viewing of the **Honor Guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier**
- (5) **White House Visitor's Center**
- (6) **Bureau of Engraving**

Also, Prevost has invited us to tour their Volvo Plant which is being looked into.

I am trying to work in a FREE day to re-visit DC on your own, using the Metro System near the campground. No parking problems on this trip. Visit the museums of your choice and meals on your own that day.

Come Early or Stay Late. But Come!!!!!! This trip will have a hundred things to do!

Unfortunately, the tidbits this month are very relevant...



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

How to Protect Yourself & Others

Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness. More information on [Are you at higher risk for serious illness](#).



Know how it spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to **spread mainly from person-to-person**.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone Should



Wash your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home.** If possible, maintain 6 feet between the person who is sick and other household members.
- **Put distance between yourself and other people outside of your home.**
 - Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - **Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.**
 - Do not gather in groups.
 - Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.
 - Keeping distance from others is especially important for **people who are at higher risk of getting very sick**.



Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Everyone should wear a **cloth face cover** when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
 - Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.



Cover coughs and sneezes

- If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Then, use a household disinfectant. Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants [will work](#).



Monitor Your Health

- Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Especially important if you are running essential errands, going into the office or workplace, and in settings where it may be difficult to keep a physical distance of 6 feet.
- Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
 - Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, like acetaminophen.
- Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.