



Jenny & Jim Evans did a fantastic job with the rally in Amish Country – the area of Dundee, OH. What interesting activities we enjoyed: Football Hall of Fame in Canton; Cheese manufacturing tour; Horse drawn farm implement manufacturing tour; a Wedding feast in an Amish home. We really got a feel for what it is like to be growing up and living in the Amish culture.

The Royale Coach Club is fortunate to have many members volunteering to host upcoming rallies: Mary & John Habicht, Ft. Myers mini rally in January; Richard & Denny McCurdy, Philadelphia rally in May; Bo & Stanley Reahard, northern MI rally in late August; Bill & Shirley Sage, rolling rally, MI-CO in September. Thanks to each of you for your hard work organizing these rallies. This is what makes the Royale Coach Club unique. It gives us the opportunity to experience and learn about many different areas of the country from a fresh viewpoint, and allows us to do so with friends.

After several years of great support from Liberty Custom Coach, we have reached an agreement to begin a new sponsorship relationship with Millennium Luxury Coach. Nelson Figueroa is excited to be sending a coach to our upcoming rallies. We are very appreciative of all the support that has been provided by Liberty and are looking forward to this new relationship with Millennium.

I am excited about a fantastic year in 2015. See you in FL, PA (where I may have first grandbaby photos!), MI and CO! Safe Travels.

Anne Gould

Royale Coach Club Rally

Evergreen Park

Amish Country



## Rally Recap by Kally Kitchings



Jim and Jenny Evans sure got the Royale Coach Club Rally off to a great start with a great meal and fellowship the first evening at the Evergreen Park. It was so good to visit with people we had not seen in months, and in some cases, years. I could not believe all the raffle items that were presented that night with the promise of more to come later in the week. We had a small welcome and orientation from the owner of Amish Heartland Tours. Lavon only gave us a sampling of what we would be receiving the following day on our tour. The Evans welcomed the club to their rally and then introduced first timers Denny and Ruthann Robb. We also took our club photo at this function.





The next morning (actually every morning) was a delicious breakfast and more time for socializing. We had a little free time and lunch on our own before we boarded the Prevost bus supplied by Prevost (thanks Prevost!) for our back road tour of the Amish country. This tour was my favorite of the entire rally. Lavon gave us so much information about the Amish and Mennonite people and their culture. I had no idea that school children only go through the eighth grade. We visited a horse drawn farm implement manufacturer that ships all over the world. I think they might have gotten us confused with another RV group from the looks of the welcome sign that was displayed!!!



Our next stop was a basket artisan home. We were able to purchase handmade baskets (I bought 4) along with jams, jellies and other handmade items. But of course I wasn't the only one purchasing items!



It was so nice driving through the back roads seeing all the rolling hills and colorful blooming plants and flowers. It was amazing how our bus driver maneuvered the roads - - - glad it was him driving and not me!!

Our last stop for the day was for a genuine "wedding feast." We dined in an authentic Amish home and celebrated the wedding feast - - - and actual 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Gary and Janie Brethauer! The witnesses to the celebration were the Ricks and the Bosts, all of which wore the traditional Amish attire. We all had such a good time.



At the conclusion of the meal we were entertained by the two daughters of the Amish couple that owned the home. Both girls sang while one played the guitar. They sang several songs but one was very meaningful to me. The most important lyric of the entire song was - - - "Love Isn't Love Until You Give It Away."

After breakfast the next morning we boarded the Prevost bus to tour the Lehman's Hardware Store. Many of us wondered, "Why are we going to a hardware store?" It didn't take long to figure out the answer once we arrived. This hardware store was HUGE and certainly sold a lot more than just hardware. Ron and I found the exact wind chimes that we had been searching for. There sure were a ton of shopping bags carried out of the store.



The next stop was Heini's Cheese Chalet. Here we learned how cheese is made, did some tasting and a lot of purchasing. We also learned that cheese can indeed be frozen for later consumption. The trick is freezing it airtight and in the thawing. It needs to thaw very slowly, 2 to 3 days in the refrigerator. I purchased enough cheese and most of it is in my freezer right now! I guess Jenny didn't think we got enough of the cheese sampling at the Heini's because she hosted a wine and cheese gathering that night at the campground.



Wednesday Ron and I split up! No, we didn't have an argument (ha-ha). He went to the Pro Football Hall of Fame and I went SHOPPING!! Jenny took a group to an Amish Bulk Food Store and then shopping in Berlin which was a town very nearby. We also had a great salad/sandwich lunch during this outing.

That evening the Royale Coach Club had a private tour of the Warther Museum. Ernest "Mooney" Warther began his lifelong passion as a "whittler" and became a "Master Carver." He never sold any of his carving but made his living in knife making. Warther's Cutlery is made exclusively in the Dover, Ohio workshop by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation descendants that continue the tradition of excellence and fine artisanship. We had a wonderful catered dinner at the museum. During dinner Jenny presented each couple with a personalized Warther paring knife as a gift. Here is a photo of my favorite carving.



Bob Hansen wanted to purchase a special knife but Gail told him it would not fit in her kitchen drawer!



The last day of the rally started with breakfast and the Royale Coach Club Business Meeting. During the meeting we were given some brief information about upcoming rallies. To learn more please go to the Royale Coach Club website for details. Also during the business meeting a book that was written by the father of Richard McCurdy was made available for reading. For those of you that do not want to wait for your turn to read it, here is the link to Amazon.com to be able to purchase the book.

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=dino%20mccurdy](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=dino%20mccurdy)

Our last night of the rally was a catered dinner of pulled port, Amish noodles (my personal favorite), baked beans, salad and dessert. I am so glad there was too much food because I got to take some home. The remainder of the raffle items was raffled off and for whatever reason Graham and Mary Catherine really seemed to love the chair they won!



The Gould's won the painting donated by the Evans and the Lein's won the quilt donated by Rita Creel-Bunch.



I think everyone would agree that the socialization and fellowship of the Royale Coach Club is the best part of every rally.



Of course a rally wouldn't be a rally without a couple mishaps. Jimmy Brown fell off a bench, Ron Kitchings turned over in a chair and Gary Brethauer was stung by a bee! And yes, at least one of these mishaps involved alcohol . . . and it was not the bee that was drinking!!

Thanks again to Prevost for supplying the buses and to Liberty for the sponsorship funds.



And a big special THANK YOU to Jim and Jenny for hosting their second rally for the Royale Coach Club. Both of you really outdid yourselves!!

## Ten Things That Will Disappear In Our Lifetime

This is USA oriented, but Canada & the rest will not be far behind. Whether these changes are good or bad depends in part on how we adapt to them. But, ready or not, here they come.

### 1. The Post Office

Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.

### 2. The Check

Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with check by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process checks. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the check. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of business.

### 3. The Newspaper

The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.

### 4. The Book

You say you will never give up the physical book that you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages. I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered that I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. And the price is less than half that of a real book. And think of the convenience! Once you start flicking your fingers on the screen instead of the book, you find that you are lost in the story, can't wait to see what happens next, and you forget that you're holding a gadget instead of a book.

### 5. The Land Line Telephone

Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. Most people keep it simply because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes.

### 6. Music

This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being

given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalogue items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with, older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."

#### **7. Television Revenues**

The networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things that take up the time that used to be spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put out of our misery. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.

#### **8. The "Things" That You Own**

Many of the very possessions that we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it if need be. But all of that is changing. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." That means that when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the Internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books, or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. That's the good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out that photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.

#### **9. Joined Handwriting (Cursive Writing)**

Already gone in some schools who no longer teach "joined handwriting" because nearly everything is done now on computers or keyboards of some type (pun not intended.)

#### **10. Privacy**

If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure that 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates, and the Google Street View. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits. "They" will try to get you to buy something else. Again and again.

All we will have left that can't be changed are "Memories."

# MAX'S MAKE OVER

By Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings



Hi Everyone!

I don't know if all my friends from the Royale Coach Club realize that my mom and dad have been having some words about me - - - many many words and sometimes they are not nice words!!!! You see, mom is the one that takes care of me. She feeds me and takes me to the groomers. She also gives me a bath and tries soooooo hard not to pull my hair out as she tries to get the tangles out. Most of the time when my hair is wet it really hurts to get it brushed or combed. And I can't stand that machine that blows fast air to dry my hair.

Anyways, these words mom and dad were having was about my hair. Mom wanted me to have a "make over" and dad didn't. She just can't stand it when my hair is in my eyes. She was even making me wear barrettes in

my hair. I did not like barrettes because they are for girls! Well I guess mom's words were stronger because I now have a short "do". Dad's only request was to wait until we got home to Fort Myers so my special friend and groomer Chris at Lucky Dog Groomers could do it. Mom agreed so she dropped me off with Chris for him to do his wonders with my hair. He took a lot of pictures of me before, during and after my make over. I sure like Chris.





Wouldn't you know it - - - as soon as mom brought me back home - - - Dad said he loved my new look. Now those are words I love to hear!!

Until next time, safe travels!

Maxamillion "Max" Kitchings



For those of you that have signed up for the Fort Myers mini rally - - - you will not have to worry about your car looking like the one below!!!!



See you in January in Fort Myers, Florida!