



# Country Coach Texans

## Spring 2014

### Spring Rally Rendezvous at Buckhorn

*from Jim Bobo and Mike Carnes*

The Buckhorn Lake RV Resort in Kerrville, Texas, was the location for thirty coaches at the spring CCT "Rendezvous at Buckhorn" rally held May 14-18. The rally started Wednesday on a saddened note when we learned of the passing on May 12 of **GINNY BROOME**, one of the club's charter members.

The registration table was manned by **Bobby and Terrie Howard** and **Kevin and Sheila Ford** who welcomed several new members to their first rally. The evening got underway with a wine reception hosted by rally hosts, **Jim and Velma Bobo** and **Mike and Nancy Carnes** and was followed by dinner of chicken fried steak with cobbler and ice cream for dessert. Entertainment was provided by disc jockey, **Ray Gutierrez**. He played quite an assortment of music and sang as he played keyboard getting many of the members up on the floor dancing.



*Rally hosts (l-r) Velma and Jim Bobo and Nancy and Mike Carnes*

Pinnacle Grill, where they enjoyed some great food and beautiful views of the hill country. The crew from **National Indoor RV Centers (NIRVC)** was available to fix coach problems and wash, wax and detail the coaches. They stayed busy all week. The afternoon was devoted to sightseeing or resting. After a BYOB happy hour, a spaghetti dinner with cheesecake dessert was served by the crew at Buckhorn. Then, the "**Moonlites**", a group singing 50s & 60s Doo-Wop music entertained us and their tunes brought back some great memories with members dancing and singing along.

motorhome issues. Following the tech session, thirty-nine members and guests carpooled to the **YO Ranch** where they enjoyed a barbecue lunch followed by a bus tour of the ranch. Many exotic animals, from different continents of the world, were seen. Several times, the guide stopped the bus and fed cookies to some of the animals. She even gave one to a member! It was amazing to see the animals up close. That evening, following happy hour, a dinner of pecan chicken was served with pie for dessert. The entertainment for the night was provided

ed by the "**Lone Star Pickerz**", a country and western band from San Antonio. They were terrific and kept the crowd dancing and enjoying the music until 10:00 pm. There were several line dances with gleeful members boot scootin' to the tunes. Some of the ladies joined the band on stage for a couple of songs playing various percussion instruments.

Saturday was a free day to do as you wished after breakfast. The NIRVC crew finished their work and left with a well-deserved thank you. After happy hour and a dinner of pork loin and red velvet cake dessert, the final raffle and door prize items were awarded and the auction was started with **Jerry Keeton** as the auctioneer extraordinaire. A total of \$3,295.00 was raised from the raffle



Thursday after breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, the club business meeting was held. Following the meeting, twenty-five of the ladies headed off for a pre-planned luncheon at the

After another full breakfast on Friday, the NIRVC crew continued repairing and detailing coaches. **Eddie Braley** and several of the NIRVC technical guys held an informative technical discussion concerning

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and auction for the **100 Club of Gillespie County.**

Sunday the group enjoyed a continental breakfast and said their goodbyes until the next rally.

Many thanks to the members who brought raffle and auction items. Thanks also to the corporate sponsors - **Country Coach Corporation, Motorhomes of Texas, National Indoor RV Centers, Premier Motor Coach Services, Premier RV Services, Texas Custom Coach, and Xtreme Paint & Graphics.**



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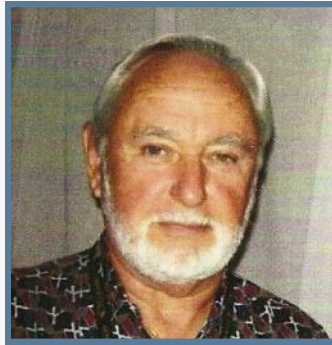
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*The ladies enjoyed a luncheon at the Pinnacle Grill*



## From the Club President



**Rod Reames**

For those who could not attend the rally at Buckhorn Lake RV Resort, you really missed a memorable event. It was a blast from the past when Country Coach would send techs from the factory to work on coaches. **Eddie Braley** and his team of technicians from **National Indoor RV Centers** provided service work on coaches with the only cost being for the parts that needed replacement. He also brought in a detail crew that did a wonderful job of washing, waxing and other cleaning enhancements. One attendee proclaimed that his coach did not look that good when he bought it new. When I thanked Eddie, he said that it was their intention to continue providing this service at our future rallies. In addition, we really appreciate the support from our other sponsors who are listed in the rally article. We must remember to support our sponsors, as it is through them that we can have such great rallies.

**Jim and Velma Bobo** and **Mike and Nancy Carnes** were our rally hosts and they went all out. The food is always good at Buckhorn, and the entertainment was so good that the majority of the attendees

stayed until the performers stopped playing.

At this rally, we also welcomed eight new members. With the By-Laws change, which now allows membership to other brands of coaches, it appears we may have stemmed the decline in membership. Since this change, five out of ten new members own other brands. We're very happy that you have all joined us!

On a somber note, prior to the start of the rally, we learned that we had lost one of our charter members, **Ginny Broome**. Our sympathies go out to **Sonny** and their family. Ginny will be missed by all those who were fortunate to have known her.

In our business meeting, a discussion took place concerning our rally raffles and auctions that benefit a local charity. Mike Carnes had brought up the issue in the Officer's Meeting by stating how difficult it is for the rally hosts to acquire the items for the raffles/auctions, and that this may be inhibiting members from volunteering to serve as rally hosts, which has been an ongoing challenge. After much discussion, a motion

was made to do away with the rally charitable raffles/auctions. The motion passed with a 33-1 vote.

The Country Coach Texans Executive Officers met via conference call on May 27 to discuss the issue of club badge distribution and to clarify who should be responsible for solicitation of funds to underwrite support for club rallies. As a result, the Standing Rules have been modified and posted under "Resources" on the CCT [website](#) to reflect the policy on replacement badges.

Following discussion of the issues related to the workload of rally hosts, it was decided that the Vice President, who is charged with duties of coordination of rallies, will be the primary person responsible to solicit sponsors for rallies. Suggestions for potential sponsors may be directed to the Vice President.

We have rally hosts for our fall rally, to be held in October in Mineola, Texas. You will not want to miss it. I hope to see you there.

Have a great and safe summer.

**Rod**



## VP's Report

From Terry Ray

It's time to mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Country Coach Texans fall rally. The rally is scheduled to be held in Mineola, Texas on October 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our rally will be co-hosted this time by **Terrie and Bobby Howard** along with **Jennifer and James Stallings**. Plans are underway for meals, meetings, entertainment and fun in air-conditioned comfort. Mineola is a little off the beaten path for some, but the park has all concrete pads, lovely grounds and a first-class civic center for our use. Although the town of Mineola is small, it has a few restaurants and a lot of antique shops for the antique enthusiasts in our group. Our co-hosts are busy planning other activities for all to enjoy.

If you have not already hosted a rally (or if you haven't hosted one in awhile), please consider volunteering for this post at one of our rallies. Now that the hosts will no longer be handling a charity auction, the duties of the host are much lighter than before. There is a notebook with an outline of responsibilities that will make the job easy, even for a first-timer, and many of our seasoned members are willing to advise if you have questions.

If you missed the spring rally, then you missed the opportunity to provide suggestions for future rally spots. We are always looking for input as to places we can meet as a group, and I hope that as you travel about the country, you keep the Country Coach Texans in mind. We are looking for RV parks that can accommodate between 35 and 50 coaches and that have a meeting place for our meals and meetings. Send your ideas to me at [tar@terryray.com](mailto:tar@terryray.com) and we will look into them.

Don't forget the next rally --- We hope to see you in Mineola!



**Terry Ray**



## From Our Secretary

**Pat Turpin**

Since the rally in the fall 2013, I have sent three sympathy cards following the loss of **Dr. Ben Houle**, **Joyce Little**, and **Ginny Broome**. In addition, get well cards were sent to former members **Hayden Yarling** and **Marty Sidener**, who have since resigned from CCT due to their illnesses. I also sent thank-you notes to all of our corporate contributors for the fall rally in Austin.

The Membership Roster had nine new members added and a few changes of address. Copies of the Roster were distributed with materials for the spring rally in Kerrville. I will email updated lists to all following the rally. The Birthday List has been maintained and was also distributed in the rally packets.

The Membership Directory is scheduled for revision and printing within the next month. I am very grateful to **Sheila Ford** for "capturing" our new members attending the rally so their pictures can be added. The two new members who were not at the rally will be asked to send a picture suitable for the directory so that all members' pictures will be included in the production. We now have 65 member couples in the club: six will need complete directories and everyone else will need pages for the nine new members.

Minutes were taken at the Officers' Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> and the General Membership Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Membership Meeting minutes are available on the CCT website. Members may request a copy of the Officers' Meeting Minutes, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Pat**

*Minutes from the Spring Rally  
General Business Meeting are  
posted on the website  
[www.cctexans.com](http://www.cctexans.com)*

## Trea\$urer's Report



**Pam McCaskill**

First of all, I want to thank Peggie Fink for turning over great financial records when I became Treasurer.

Secondly, I want to thank **Jim and Velma Bobo** and **Mike and Nancy Carnes** for being so organized with the spring rally, and making my job easier as Treasurer. Everyone I talked to said they had a really good time at the rally.

The financial statements are posted under [Club News \(Spring\)](#) on the CCT website. As of May 27, 2014, we have \$6997.82 in the bank.

See you in Mineola!

***Pam***



**Jim Payne**

## National Director's FMCA Update

The Six State Rally will be in Shreveport, Louisiana Oct 1-4. There is a lot planned to do in the Shreveport area and if you are planning on attending, give me or Rod a call so we might schedule a small get together.

Finances look good. We closed out fiscal 2013 with an operating profit of \$481,491 compared with an operating loss of \$422,000 in the prior year. The balance sheet looks good. We recently hired a new investment advisor and our investments have outperformed the average. Currently we have over \$7 million in investments.

There is a new FMCA RV Insurance program. You can contact them and they will help with securing multiple insurance quotes. For information, visit their website at

[www.fmcarvinsurance.com](http://www.fmcarvinsurance.com) or call 877-589-3599.

The Michelin Advantage Tire program has been renewed and you might want to check them out when thinking about new tires. Go to the [FMCA website](#) for more info.

FMCA is currently in the process of launching a new membership management and customer relation software. This is in an effort to keep members as well as obtain new ones. Membership as of December 31, 2013 was 76,991. Our net membership loss has slowed down some.

***Jim***

The FMCA 89<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion and Rally was held at the state fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia and was attended by 2554 family coaches and 448 commercial coaches.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion and International Reunion will be held in Redmond, Oregon August 13-16, 2014, at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. There are still a limited number of full hookups available, but you should call soon.

# Welcome New Members



**Tom & Zandy Benefield**  
Corpus Christi, Texas



**Blaine & Lisa Fortin**  
Houston, Texas



**Dave & Martha Harrington**  
Kerrville, Texas

**Grady & Kermit McGuire**  
Nacogdoches, Texas  
(no photo available)



# Welcome New Members



**Paul & Laura Osiecki**  
Coppell, Texas



**Lynne Potempa**  
Livingston, Texas



**Nickey & Mary Smith**  
Kerrville, Texas



**LJ & Vi Verderber**  
Conroe, Texas



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*Eddie Braley, and the team of technicians from National Indoor RV Centers, held an informative tech session and worked on coaches throughout the rally.*

*The wash and detail crew from National Indoor RV Centers had coaches looking beautiful.*





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**YO Ranch Tour**



*The guide  
got the  
animals close  
by feeding  
them cookies*



*More photos are available on  
the Club website:  
[www.cctexans.com](http://www.cctexans.com)*





**Mark your calendars for the Fall Rally  
October 15-19, 2014  
Mineola Civic Center & RV Park  
Mineola, Texas (East Texas near Tyler)**

**Our hosts**



*Bobby & Terrie Howard*



*James & Jennifer Stallings*

**The Rally will coincide with the Texas Rose Festival in nearby Tyler**

**Complete rally details to be announced as the date gets closer**