



# Country Coach Texans

Fall 2012

## Branson Ozark Mountain Jamboree

*By Rally Hosts,  
Lee & Jeanne Zaborowski*

Rally attendees at the Country Coach Texan's **Ozark Mountain Jamboree Rally** held in Branson, Missouri, October 8-12, 2012, took away a collection of memorable events, sights and show experiences.

Sixty-six attendees in 31 coaches created a lively environment at ABC Campground during the entire rally. The weather was a bit cooler than normal but that did not dampen anyone's spirit. We arranged for a 20' X 20' canopy where the registration and social/happy hours were held. All meals, meetings and entertainment were held in the circular pavilion, which provided a bright and warm venue with everyone having a great seat. The ABC staff was everywhere; assisting us, serving meals, singing along, and participating in the fun in more ways than you can imagine. We have to give a special thanks to **Ruthie Groff, ABC Groups Coordinator**, for her fine effort working with us to plan the Rally and then adding that special spice during the Rally. Attendees spent time daily, out and about in Branson attending shows, touring the area, and generally enjoying the local scene.



*A fun rally was coordinated by Rally Hosts and Co-Hosts:  
(l-r) Carlton Sheffield, Jeanne and Lee Zaborowski (Hosts),  
Kathe Letulle, Patricia Sheffield and Derrel Letulle*

Sunday was a pre-rally free day with an early bird registration in the afternoon. More than half the Texans registered then to renew friendships and plan the evening's dinner and a Branson show.

Monday morning was free time for all attendees already in camp. Regular registration was mid-afternoon, followed by a Happy Hour. Folks gathered under and around the canopy for beverages and laughter. Almost a third of the Rally attendees were non-members and this proved to be a great time for people to get acquainted. Non-members joined us from Minnesota, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Florida as well as some Texans new to the group.

Before the Monday Potluck we

officially opened the Rally with a presentation by **Arlen Lipper** representing the **Branson Veteran Events and Reunions**, our rally charity. A rousing opening ceremony was led by the **Branson High School ROTC Color Guard**. This established a palpable patriotic mood, which stayed with us throughout the Rally.

Our charity and Color Guard guests joined us for a fine baked ham potluck with awesome side dishes contributed by all. After dinner, folks danced and listened to music by our disk jockey, **Lamar Keck**, while catching up on news among couples.

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The Potluck Dinner was sponsored by **Xtreme Paint and Graphics**.

Tuesday began with a breakfast of Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits & Gravy followed by the Club Business Meeting, **Joe Taylor's** last time at the helm. The breakfast was sponsored by **National Indoor RV Centers**. After the meeting, folks split in all directions to go to shows, shop at The Landing, or for a cruise on Table Rock Lake. The evening began with the traditional Margarita party. **Lonny Stevens** was in fine form as everyone enjoyed his special concoction. During the Happy Hour, our own hillbillies came out of the woodwork to enjoy the festivities. Happy Hour was followed by ABC Campground's signature "Great American Cookout", sponsored by **Camping World**, during which we were all welcomed to Branson and ABC by **Sue and Jim Alkire**, the campground owners. We later learned that Sue is a singing talent in her own right as she joined in nightly with our evening entertainers.

The hillbilly theme came out in many ways, with dancing, costumes, singing, contests, laughs and "**Dilly the Hillbilly**" (Ruthie) entertaining everyone with her antics and ability to entice charity donations from the men. The Ozark Hillbilly Party brought out everyone's best humor. The band challenged those in costume to participate in a dance step musical parade, from which three



*Visitin' during Happy Hour*



*Mike Carnes, Jeanne Zaborowski and Richard "Smiley" Bishop.*



*"Dilly the Hillbilly" fixed David Twilley up with a new "do"...*

high steppers were chosen for an instrumental contest – **Mike Carnes** blow'n on the jug, **Jeanne Zaborowski** stroking the washboard, and **Richard "Smiley" Bishop** on the spoons. "**Smiley**" won a close contest with the loudest round of applause. For the closer, **Lee Zaborowski** did a classic rendition of "Ghost Chicken in the Sky". No doubt, fun was had by all, especially when "**Dilly the Hillbilly**" did a hair do-over on **David Twilley**. The band for the evening, the **Homestead Pickers**, was a first rate group and one of the rally highlights.

Wednesday began with a continental breakfast featuring Grandma Ruth's giant cinnamon rolls and yogurt. The cinnamon rolls seemed popular . . . they all disappeared! Rumor has it that one of our couples later hustled over to Grandma Ruth's shop to buy a dozen to take on the road. Yum! This was the free day, so some golfed, took in shows or other venues. After the afternoon Happy Hour, we were all treated to a dinner of Pot Roast and all the fixins' at the pavilion, sponsored by **Motorhomes of Texas**. This was our charity fund raising evening for **Branson Veteran Events and Reunions**. **Kathe' Letulle** was our moderator and auctioneer. The "**Adaptive Golf Program**" for disabled veterans was our rally charity. Their representatives were **Arlen Lipper and Dee Elledge of Branson Veteran Events and Reunions** (<http://bransonveteranevents.com/>).

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### Ozark Mountain Jamboree cont.

This was a good, local community-based organization to partner with. Our donation will help buy the first adaptive golf cart (<http://solorider.com/>) for vets. Arlen had shared stories of double-leg amputees using such a vehicle. He thought our rally donation could go a long way toward buying the first such cart in Branson, to be used only by local disabled vets.

We had three fund raisers and the patriotic spirit quickly rose again to the surface. First was a raffle, with our attendees having donated dozens of great items. We each bought raffle tickets and placed as many tickets as we wanted in the cup for that item. The more tickets you put in the cup, the more likely you'd win it in a drawing. That got the ball rolling. The second fund raiser was a live auction. Wow, was that lively, with many bidders contesting each other. The highlight of the auction was four people going for top bid on a new driver golf club contributed by **Mike Carnes**, with the winner(s) of the golf club to turn around and donate the club to the Disabled Golf Program to go with the cart. When it was all over, four people (**David Twilley, Terry Ray, Carlton Sheffield, and Derrel Letulle**) had each put up \$150, or \$600 for the golf club! Third and last, but not least, **Rich Toalson** started a \$100 donation challenge resulting in fourteen \$100 contributions!!!

Everyone deserves recognition for their exceptional generosity. When it was all over, our Country Coach Texans in attendance **raised \$4,150!** After the fund raising, Lamar Keck, treated us to music and merri-ment.

The Thursday brunch was John Wayne's Casserole and Biscuits, at the pavilion and sponsored by **Foretravel**. After brunch, folks split in all directions to enjoy the sights and sounds of the area, while some stayed back to try line dancing lessons with Lamar Keck. The afternoon's last Happy Hour proceeded a Bourbon Street Chicken Dinner sponsored by **Texas Custom Coaches**. Just before the evening's entertainment, we welcomed back rally charity representatives from **Branson Veteran Events and Reunions, Dee Elledge and Sarah Hord**, who accepted a donation check of \$4,150 from the Country Coach Texans. **Sue Alkire** also presented **Chris Rogers** with ABC Campground's Certificate for "Above and Beyond Service" to the Rally and ABC. The evening's entertainment highlight was a Wild West Musical Show with **Mary Lou Turner**, one of the Grand Ladies of Country Music and former performer on the Grand Ole Opry. Cowboy wear and dancing were in ample supply. "**Dancehall Millie**" (Ruthie), also made an appearance and somehow found ways to ply even more charity funds out of the folks.

The rains arrived Thursday night. Most of our rally attendees departed on Friday morning after a continental breakfast and under a wet sky; but full of musical and fun memories, and with a patriotic spirit.

**Jeanne and I**, along with **Co-Hosts Derrel & Kathe' Letulle**, and **Carlton & Pat Sheffield** want to thank the many volunteers who pitched in to make the Rally run smoothly. It really was a group effort!



More rally photos on pages 6 & 7



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## CCT President Joe Taylor Passes the Gavel

Thanks Joe for your five years  
of service to the Club !

The rally in Branson was a wonderful time. Beautiful country, lots of things to do and see. Our thanks go out to rally hosts **Lee and Jeanne Zaborowski, Carlton and Pat Sheffield and Derrel and Kathe Letulle**. They worked long and hard to provide the attendees a fun filled week, from the Happy Hours, to good food and outstanding entertainment. We had many laughs and time for fellowship. A grand time was had by all.

The overwhelming generosity of our Country Coach Texan members was never more prevalent than at this rally. Our designated charity, the **Branson Veterans Events and Reunions** was raising money to purchase a specially designed golf cart for disabled veterans to use. Our attendees raised **\$4,150** toward this effort. The representatives from the Branson Veterans were overwhelmed with our efforts. THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS CONTRIBUTION POSSIBLE!

Our thanks to our rally sponsors **Dave Miller of Texas Custom Coaches, Dave Robinson and Craig Dorsett of Motorhomes of Texas, Eddie Braley and Todd Spring of National Indoor RV Centers, and Jim and Jennifer Stallings of Extreme Paint and Graphics**. Their contributions are greatly appreciated. Remember when you need service, upgrades or repairs, these sponsors provide outstanding service and are real friends of the CCT's.

My congratulations to the new officers elected during the Rally. New officers include **Rod Reames - President, Pat Turpin - Secretary, and Jim Payne - National Director**. They, along with **R.D. Vanderslice - Vice President, Peggie Fink - Treasurer, and Buddy Bordes - Alternate National Director**, will lead our club into 2013. My thanks to each of them for accepting the leadership roles in our club. I ask each of you to support and give them your full cooperation.

This is my last newsletter article as your president. I wish to THANK all those whom I have had the pleasure of serving with over the past 5 years, **Karen Davies, Nick Caruso, Kevin and Sheila Ford, Ron and Cherie Rang, Peggie Fink, Bev Smith, Lonny Stevens, Sandra Taylor, Dave Twilley, and R.D.Vanderslice**. Their tireless dedication and wise counsel made my job easy. I have had a wonderful time serving as your president and as I turn over the gavel to Rod, I wish him and all the officers smooth roads and a tailwind as they take our club into the future.

Once again thanks for allowing me to serve and I'll see you in Bandera.

*Joe*



## More Rally Photos







*A special thanks to Lee & Jeanne Zaborowski, R.D. Vanderslice & Per Korslund for taking photos in my absence! More photos are posted on the CCT website, [www.CCTexans.com](http://www.CCTexans.com).*

*Sheila Ford, Editor*



## VP's Report



**R.D. Vanderslice**

It's easy being Vice President when you have great Rally hosts like the Zaborowskis, the Letulles, and the Sheffields. Thank you Jeanne, Lee, Kathe, Derrel, Patricia, and Carlton. The Branson rally they hosted was another great time together.

We are all looking forward to 2013 and it promises to be another great year. Our Spring 2013 Rally, set for May 22-26 in Bandera, the Cowboy Capital of the World, will be another fun time for all. **Geneva and Jerry Keeton** are working diligently to insure the tradition continues. May is a great time to be in the heart of the Hill Country, so mark your calendars. More info will be coming later.

Also, for the fall, **Pat Turpin** along with **Sandy and Len Nikolai**, have graciously volunteered to host that rally and are currently working on it. They have set their sights on several different venues and will have details later on. One thing is for sure, when you put several Country Coach Texans' heads together, good things tend to happen. Looking forward to seeing you in the spring.

## Greetings From Our New Secretary

Greetings! Prior to my official election as Secretary, I had the opportunity to substitute for **Cherie Rang** at the Branson Rally Executive and Membership meetings. Her previous minutes were a great help to me to "get into the swing..." Since then, **Cherie and Ron** have visited me in Cedar Hill, transferring all the historical Secretary documents, so I should be ready to go for the Spring Rally.

At the Branson rally, I had the opportunity to connect with FMCA regarding Incident Reports, as one of our members fell during the rally; although the incident was not due to anything that FMCA had control over, a formal incident report needed to be submitted.

Since the rally, I have sent two Get Well cards to members. I'm looking forward to being more involved in club activities. Please remember to contact me ([pgturpin@gmail.com](mailto:pgturpin@gmail.com) or 817-455-9942) to update your information for the Directory, or information about members who could use a cheery note from club members. We will be sending out updated pages for the Directory around the time of the Spring Rally.

**Pat Turpin**



**Pat Turpin**

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



## Trea\$urer's Report



**Peggie Fink**

Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and blessed Christmas. Be safe out on the road and we'll see you next spring in Bandera, Texas.



**Peggie**

Dear Country Coach Texans:

My sincere apologies for missing the excellent rally in Branson, MO. Raising over \$4,100 for our veterans is truly magnificent. My thanks to **Joe Taylor** for covering the Treasurer's duties while I was off celebrating a family wedding, and a long-awaited trip with my sister. I am surely glad we visited New England before Hurricane Sandy hit.

The Profit/Loss Statement for the Branson rally is included, along with the Financial Statements for this year, January 1 thru November 2, 2012. All bills are paid and we have a healthy cash balance of \$8,771.76.

**The dues for 2013 of \$25 are due. Please make your check payable to Country Coach Texans, and mail to: 5206 Rambling Range, Austin, TX 78727.** It will save much time and postage for our treasury if I do not have to separately invoice you-all. Thanks very much.

If you have any questions regarding the financial statements, please email me:

[peggiefink@gmail.com](mailto:peggiefink@gmail.com) and I'll be happy to answer.

### Profit/Loss Statement

#### **Branson Rally, Fall 2012**

As of 10/28/12

Description	Amount	% of Total Income
<b>Income</b>		
Rally registrations	\$7,829.00	86.2%
Rally sponsorships*	\$1,250.00	13.8%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,079.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
AFROTC Colorguard	\$50.00	\$0.01
Entertainment	\$3,450.00	38.0%
Food	\$5,695.33	62.7%
Campsite awards	\$406.00	4.5%
Equipment rental	\$306.90	3.4%
Supplies	\$363.64	4.0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,271.87</b>	<b>113.1%</b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>-\$1,192.87</b>	

#### **\*Sponsorships:**

Motorhomes of Texas	\$250.00
National Indoor Storage	\$250.00
Extreme Paint & Graphics	\$250.00
Texas Custom Coaches	\$500.00
<b>Total Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>

#### **Branson Veterans Events**

#### **\*\*Direct CCT Charity:**

Raffle Ticket Sales & Contributions:	\$2,586.00
Subsidy from CCT	\$182.00
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$2,768.00</b>
Branson Veterans Events	-\$2,768.00
	\$0.00

**\*\*Additional amount of \$1,382. paid directly by CCT members to Veterans to make total contribution of \$4,150**



**COUNTRY COACH TEXANS****Cash Flow Statement****For the Period 1/1-11/2/12**

<b>Cash Balance 1/1/12</b>	<b>\$9,188.74</b>
Net Loss, year-to-date	-\$416.98
<b>Cash Balance, 11/02/12</b>	<b>\$8,771.76</b>

**Balance Sheet as of 11/02/12**

<b>Checking Account-Chase Bank</b>	<b>\$8,771.76</b>
<b>Opening Equity 1/1/12</b>	<b>\$9,188.74</b>
Net Loss for Year	-\$416.98
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$8,771.76</b>

**Profit (Loss) for the Period 1/1-11/2/12****Income**

Dues	\$750.00
Rally Registrations	\$14,429.00
Sponsorships	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,179.00</b>

**Expense**

Rally Expenses	\$17,268.63
Donation	\$182.00
Office, Postage, Printing	\$1,087.85
Web Expense	\$57.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$18,595.98</b>
<b>Net Loss to Date</b>	<b>-\$416.98</b>

**Donated to Charity 1/1-11/02/12****Funds Raised:**

Spring Rally	\$2,312.00
Fall Rally	\$2,586.00
Donation from CCT club	\$182.00
<b>Total CCT Funds Raised</b>	<b>\$5,080.00</b>

**Funds Disbursed:**

Texas Honor Ride	-\$2,312.00
Branson Veterans Events	-\$2,768.00
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	<b>-\$5,080.00</b>

**P. Fink 11/12/12**We are  
pleased to



## FMCA Update



**David Twilley**  
**National Director**

The following is a summary of the latest FMCA Governing Board meeting which was held August 29<sup>th</sup> at the summer Convention in Indianapolis.

Membership continues to be an issue. We currently have close to 84,000 members.

The first nine months YTD operating income showed a loss of \$349K, however investment gains totaled \$564K, which gave us an overall profit of \$215K. The approved Budget for next fiscal year shows a small surplus.

Several bylaw changes were addressed; (1) Members can now hold chapter officer positions in two chapters at the same time, except for National and Alternate Director, which can only represent one chapter. (2) Chapters can now hold electronic meetings if needed. (3) A proposal to allow towable RV units as Associate Members was not approved.

FMCA assist (our medical evacuation) benefit was eliminated at the end of September 2012. The cost of this coverage was too expensive for FMCA to continue as a benefit. Members will be able to purchase coverage at the cost of \$105 per couple or \$85 for one person. Information about this program is on the FMCA website and in the October issue of our magazine.

FMCA's 50<sup>TH</sup> year anniversary convention will be held June 19-22 in Gillette WY. This will be an all volunteer rally. The 2014 Convention will be in Perry, GA beginning on March 17<sup>TH</sup>.

I want to thank you for allowing me to represent the Club for the past five years as your National Director.

*David*

# Welcome New Members

**Thomas Insall & Carol Marshall**  
**El Paso, Texas**

**Terry & Laurie Ray**  
**Brownsville, Texas**





**Polish your boots  
& dust off  
your hat...**

**Mark your calendar for our  
Spring Rally**

**May 22-26, 2013**

**Skyline Ranch RV Park in Bandera, Texas**

Highlights of the Rally will include:

- ★ Wednesday evening - Eleventh Street Cowboy Bar, Cook your meat of choice and listening to some great country music.
- ★ Thursday - Poker Run through the beautiful Hill Country
- ★ Friday night - Two Stepping to The Bobby Jordan & Ridgecreek Band
- ★ Saturday night - The Almost Patsy Cline Band
- ★ Catering by Briks Cafe

**Your hosts,  
Jerry & Geneva Keeton**