



Country Coach Texans

Spring 2019

Rally on the Coast

From rally hosts

Sheila & Kevin Ford

Diane Moyer & David Schnautz



Twenty coaches, and 39 attendees headed south for the Spring Rally April 1-5 at **Stella Mare RV Resort** in Galveston, Texas. We didn't quite have the spring beach weather we had hoped for, but we managed just fine and had a great time. The resort does not have a dedicated rally room, so we took the opportunity to mix it up a bit. As we kicked off the festivities on Monday night with a tropical-theme Happy Hour at the park Tiki Bar, we welcomed new members **Greg & Barbara Ricketts** and guests, **Don & Jessica Dippell** and **Jen Christiansen**. In addition, we congratulated **Richard & Sarah Bishop** on their recent marriage. As many know, Richard was a former member and has now rejoined with his lovely bride. Everyone kept with the night's theme, wearing

their tropical attire, even if it was worn in layers or covered by a jacket. As the evening cooled down, we gathered around fire pits provided by **Jerry Keeton** and **Kevin Ford**. Galveston's **Little Daddy's Gumbo Diner** catered in two types of gumbo, slaw and garlic bread with desserts provided by the hosts. A few door prizes were awarded with more drawn throughout the rally, so that each coach-unit eventually won a prize. Thanks to **Geneva & Jerry Keeton** for donating a door prize.



Tuesday morning we gathered in the resort's Sea Breeze Room for breakfast burritos and fresh fruit catered by **Way West Grill & Pizzeria**. We later headed down the Seawall to the **Island Famous "The Spot"** for our General Business Meeting before a private burger bar buffet luncheon in The Spot "RumShack", a tiki-style upper deck of the restaurant overlooking the Gulf,



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complete with a cozy fire pit. The burgers were huge and accompanied by onion rings, waffle fries, and chocolate chip cookies - all delicious! The rest of the afternoon was open until Happy Hour in the Sea Breeze Room. As the night went on, some decided it was time to eat again and headed out to local restaurants. Luckily, as the days went on, the weather got warmer.

Wednesday morning offered free time before meeting at the **Kemah Boardwalk** for lunch at the **Flying Dutchman Restaurant and Oyster Bar** overlooking the boardwalk and waterfront. Attendees made their selection from a customized menu of three starters, six entrees and three desserts. Some arrived early or stayed afterward to walk around the boardwalk or to look in the shops. We met back at Stella Mare for Happy Hour in the Sea Breeze Room.

On Thursday morning, Way West Grill & Pizzeria catered a full breakfast in the Sea Breeze Room and the rest of the afternoon was free time. Trips to Space Center Houston, The Moody Mansion, The Strand, drives along the coast, hooking up with friends and dining at local lunch spots were some of the activities taken in. Our last night kicked off with Happy Hour at the Tiki Bar with **Lonny and Lavada Stevens** whipping up their special Margaritas for us. We very much appreciated them doing it and they are always a favorite.

We were so happy that **Sonny Broome**, one of the founding members of the CCTexans joined us for the festivities. As a special treat, **David Schnautz** arranged for the **Clark Freight Cook Team** of **Geo Cuellar and Jerry Ochoa**, to bring their big grill/cook station trailer onsite to fix a



Founding members Ron & Cherie Rang, Sonny Broome and Lavada & Lonny Stevens

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inside this full Mexican fare dinner. They did a terrific job and the food was great. Life on the coast can be unpredictable -- it was warmer this evening, however, a heavy fog rolled in about the time the **"Cool Water Band"** kicked off for our listening and dancing pleasure. The fog didn't deter our hard-core partiers, who stayed and enjoyed visiting and dancing.

A continental breakfast coordinated by the hosts was ready early in the morning on Friday in the Sea Breeze Room, as we gathered to say our good-byes. We thank all who joined us and hope you had a great time - we did! A special thank you to our sponsors, **Texas Custom Coach (Dave Miller)** and **Clark Freight (David Schnautz)** for their contributions to the rally. In addition, we were very appreciative of the staff at Stella Mare who were very accommodating, making sure we had everything we needed, including allowing us to take over the Sea Breeze Room and Tiki Bar. Safe travels wherever your next adventure takes you and we'll see you in the fall!



More from the rally...



More photos & a rally highlights video
are posted on the CCTexans
[website.](#)



From the Club Officers



*David Twilley
President*

President

What a great Spring Rally at Stella Mare RV Resort in Galveston. Thanks so much to our hosts **Kevin and Sheila Ford, David Schnautz and Diane Moyer**. The off-site venues and activities more than made up for the lack of meeting space at the Resort.

On a personal note, I had heart surgery on April 8TH and am recovering well at home. Thanks to each of you for the wonderful cards, calls and visits.

Next on the agenda will be our Fall Rally in Mineola. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

David

Vice President

Hello CCT Folks. Another rally is in the books. Thanks to our WONDERFUL rally hosts for another successful and memorable rally! Thanks to everyone that was able to attend. Even those that had to leave early, we appreciate your attendance. We had a few challenges but nothing we, as a group, couldn't overcome. You can read Sheila's full rally report in this newsletter.

The dates are set for our fall rally in Mineola, TX, for October 23-27, returning to a Wednesday - Sunday rally schedule. **Pat Turpin** will be our rally host and will be assisted by **Ron and Cherie Rang** and **Lonny and Lavada Stevens**. We are still looking for volunteers to step up for our Spring 2020 rally. It sounds like a long way off but it's really not. Since no one has spoken up just yet, you can start with a clean slate. Being a host or co-host is quite rewarding and appreciated by the membership. Step up and make a difference! This is all for now. Travel safe and thanks for being a part of and supporting the CCTexans!

David



*David Schnautz
Vice President*

Secretary



*Cindy Rodney
Secretary*

First, I would like to thank **Pat Turpin** for all her help in getting me ready for the Secretary's position! No one could ask for a better mentor and friend. Pat mailed out new directories to all members and new members have been given new member packets. The Stella Mare - Galveston rally was a great success with a lineup of fun events. CCTexans know how to get the best out of everything. The minutes from the General Business Meeting are posted on the website.

We welcome new members; **Richard and Sarah Bishop, Greg and Barbara Ricketts, K.C. and Theresa Williams** and **Frank and Norma Jean White**. We also welcomed guests in attendance at the rally, **Don and Jessica Dippell**, from Destrehan, LA. and **Jennifer Christiansen** from Kerrville, TX. Plans have been set in motion for the next rally in Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, Texas. Hope to see everyone there. Safe travels!

Cindy

Officer Reports cont.**Treasurer**

Our club is in fine financial shape. We have a bank balance of \$10,177.64. Our Spring 2019 rally in Galveston was a huge success with expenses coming in UNDER budget.

So far, we have welcomed three new member units to our club in 2019 and have collected dues for 2019 from 44 member units.

Please continue to invite your friends and introduce them to our wonderful club!

Laura

National Director

FMCA held its 99th national convention in Perry GA this past month. A very successful rally with a little over 2200 family coaches in attendance.

FMCA will host the 100th national rally this August 14-17 in Minot, ND. Special guest appearing will be **Capt. Sully Sullenberger**. Also in Minot, elections will be held for FMCA's four officers and five of the Area Vice Presidents.

FMCA announced that the group will be making a return visit to the Pima County Fairgrounds in Tucson, Arizona, March 26-29, 2020. FMCA will welcome owners to this 640-acre event complex for the 101st International Convention and RV Expo.

For the month of March, FMCA gained 445 new members. Another positive month bringing the total member count to 78,508 with just 4,000 of these being towables.

Finally, South Central Area (6 State) will be hosting their 46th annual rally Sept 18-21 at the fairgrounds in Shreveport, LA. This is billed to be an exciting venue filled with music, street dancing, cook offs and much more!

L.B.



L.B. Butts
National Director



Remember to utilize the Country Coach Texans Facebook page to learn about or inform other members of "unofficial" get-togethers, we're calling "no-rally rallies". We've had several of these fun get-togethers.

Welcome New Members



Richard & Sarah Bishop
Baytown, TX
(Sarah is a new member, Richard is a rejoining member)



Greg & Barbara Ricketts
Kerrville, TX



K.C. & Theresa Williams
Austin, TX



Frank & Norma Jean White
Weimer, TX

***Mark your calendar for the
Fall Rally at the
Mineola Civic Center
Mineola, Texas
October 23-27, 2019***



***The Civic Center offers concrete pads, full hookups, a great rally banquet hall
and is only one mile from downtown Mineola, where you'll find restaurants
and shopping. Plans for special activities are underway - stay tuned!
More details will be announced as the date gets closer.***

***Host: Pat Turpin
Cohosts: Ron & Cherie Rang
& Lonny & Lavada Stevens***

Photo compliments of Mineola Civic Center