



Country Coach Texans

Fall 2015

Old and New Friends Unite for a Great Time in Kerrville



Rally Highlights by Pat Turpin

Twenty-seven Country Coach Texan members (50 people!) gathered at Buckhorn Lake RV Resort in Kerrville, TX on October 21, 2015 to kick off our Fall Rally. **Sandy Nikolai** found some really cute reusable bags with Cowboy/Cowgirl boots that we used as our rally bags to distribute agendas, rosters, birthday list, rally attendee site locations, and visitor packets from both Fredericksburg and Kerrville.

On Wednesday at 5pm, we enjoyed margaritas made with a "special" recipe concocted by **Pat Turpin** and **Mike Carnes**. Before dinner, President **Terry Ray** welcomed everyone and introduced our newest members, **Jill and Mike Holbrook** and **Jerry Clary and Jurhee Ivy**. He introduced several guests: **Janice Gould, Bill and Melissa Armstrong,**

and **Bob and Karen Louton**. Our hosts at Buckhorn prepared their famous pizza buffet, and everyone had more than enough pizza, as well as a delicious pasta salad. **Lonny Stevens** was celebrating his birthday, so we served a fun birthday cake and ice cream for dessert. Everyone had a great time just visiting and planning where to go and what to do during the open time during the rally week.

The Sponsor Board was placed on the performance stage to recognize our corporate sponsors for this rally: **Texas Custom Coach; National Indoor RV; Dazzling Detailing; XTreme Graphics; Premier Motorcoach Services, Tucson, AZ; Premier RV of Oregon; RV Mobile Lube; Norwex Products; and Country Coach Corporation**. As we have

done before, the sponsors were identified by name during the rally and members were encouraged to use services/products of sponsors and remember to identify themselves as CCT Members so sponsors will know they are getting a return on their investment with us. For this rally, sponsors contributed a total of \$1800 cash as well as door prizes.

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Thursday morning, we were served "Buckhorn Eggs Benedict" with sliced fruit. After breakfast, everyone gathered for the General Membership Meeting. **Terry Ray** called the meeting to order and **R.D. Vanderslice** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Paul and Laura Osiecki** were introduced as first time rally attendees. The Officers gave their activity reports (complete reports can be found in this newsletter). **Joe Taylor** (Vice President) had asked **Mike Carnes** to prepare a presentation on the Past and Future of Country Coach Texans RV club as



an agenda item during the business meeting. Mike prepared two beautiful 4'x4' poster boards with pictures from club archives from past rallies to enhance his presentation. The boards were prominently hung in the rally hall for all to admire. Also, members were given handouts with inspirational words to accompany "Volunteerism" and "Leadership" and a spreadsheet identifying all officers since the inception of the club in 2000. His talk was both inspirational and emotional. Some of the facts he shared about the original founding of the club was new information to many.

The Rally Schedules for 2016 were presented; everyone received



a flyer with dates, etc. in the rally bags: **Spring 2016 will be at Winstar RV Park at Winstar World Casino & Resort** in Thackerville, OK

April 20-24; **Fall 2016 will be at the Mineola Civic Center** in Mineola, TX October 5-9. Following the Business Meeting, members moved into the Roadhouse room for a presentation on **Norwex** products by **Ginny Konrad**. Everyone participated during the presentation, which included demonstrations and

door prizes. We also had the opportunity to buy some of these fantastic products or order with free shipping. **Norwex** is our newest corporate sponsor.

The afternoon was open for participants to explore the area or just visit with each other. In the evening, we gathered for happy hour and then enjoyed a delicious dinner of pork loin with cheesecake dessert. After dinner, **Dave Twilley** and **Mike Carnes** led us in five rousing hands of "Playing Card Bingo"! Prizes were awarded to winners, which added to the fun and competition!

On Friday, we started the

day with a breakfast of egg casserole with croissant. After breakfast, we gathered in the Roadhouse room for a presentation by another of our corporate sponsors, **Dave Miller**, owner of **Texas Custom Coach**. He began his talk by updating us on the changes he is seeing in the industry, including issues with satellite TV support; manufacturers' tendency to maintain zero inventory, which creates increased wait times for repairs; new trends for remodeling flooring; converting refrigerators to home-style; window repairs; window shades; and more! Several members requested individual consultation to arrange repairs/remodeling.



*Dave Miller,
owner Texas Custom Coach*

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Friday night's dinner was a very special, elegant meal of chicken breasts stuffed with artichoke hearts. Dessert was Buckhorn staff's famous Lemoncello! After dinner we were entertained by **The Bobby Dunn "Been There Dunn That" Band**. They were scheduled to play until 9pm; however, they were having such fun, as we were, and they played past 10pm! Most of us stayed and danced up until the last minute!

Saturday morning, breakfast was on our own; however, many joined the Buckhorn staff's regular Saturday morning breakfast with other park attendees. There was a sale of vintage cars going on in Fredericksburg, so several of our members couldn't resist that opportunity. Others got together to shop and just visit. For our evening meal, we had "spaghetti dinner" with cookies and the remainder of Lonny's birthday cake for dessert. The evening was to be "on your own;" however several members requested an activity and we managed to get two tables of attendees for Playing Card Bingo. No prizes tonight, but the competition was even more fierce than on Thursday. Those not playing cards were gathered around the TV for the various football games.

Sunday morning, we had our traditional Continental Breakfast and said our goodbyes.

Did I mention that it started to rain Wednesday afternoon? Oh, and it rained Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, too! Some members extended their stays to avoid heading back into bad weather. Did the rain dampen our spirits or the fun we had? Absolutely NOT!



Our rally hosts were: Pat Turpin, Mike & Nancy Carnes and Pam & Charles McCaskill (who were unable to attend)



See more rally photos on page 8

From Club President Terry Ray

As I write this column we are finishing the CCT Fall Rally held at Buckhorn Lake RV Resort in Kerrville. Fall, the cool, and rain have finally arrived breaking the long hot, dry summer. The rain did not dampen our spirits, and we enjoyed a wonderful time. New members were greeted and old friendships renewed.

At the Officers' Meeting on Wednesday, a proposal was made to authorize the Board to offer select members the title of "Honorary Lifetime Member", which will be offered to members who have sold their motorhomes, otherwise making them ineligible to participate in the Club. This new designation recognizes outstanding past leadership, service and loyalty to the club, and enables continued affiliation with their names remaining in the club directory, on the club roster (designated as Honorary Lifetime Member) and they will be able to register for future rallies at the membership rate.

At Thursday's General Business Meeting, the "Honorary Life Member" status was announced and bestowed to **Joe and Sandra Taylor** and **Jim and Velma Bobo**. We salute them for the contributions they have made through the years to the Club and hope they will continue to join us at rallies. Another group that I had the pleasure of acknowledging were past presidents, **Joe Taylor**, **Mike Carnes** and **Rod Reames**. They will now wear name tags denoting their past service for all to recognize.



In new business, we announced that the spring and fall rallies for 2016 have been set so that all can plan their schedules to attend. We look forward to seeing you there! Group discussions were held regarding other possible sites and the possibility of future mini-rallies in fun places. The board would like the input of all members regarding fun activities and locations which would allow smaller groups from our club to get together and experience new things, outside of our two official rallies each year.

A great presentation on our club's history was provided by Past President, **Mike Carnes**. Members were reminded that leadership and volunteerism is what keeps the Club going and that all should consider volunteering to host or co-host rallies. In doing so, you will be provided guidance and support and you will find it to be a rewarding experience. I have asked Mike to provide a written copy of his presentation to our webmaster, **Kevin Ford**, for inclusion on our website. Other items that you will find on the Club website at www.cctexans.com include calendars of future rallies and events, resources such as By-Laws, Standing Rules, sponsors, and photos you wouldn't want your grandchildren to see from rallies past!

Jill Holbrook, one of our new members and new to coaching, asked the group to each give one bit of advice on motor coaching that would help them better understand their task at hand. Before we broke up on Sunday, she had over four pages of suggestions and sage advice. She typed up all these tips and shared them with rally attendees.

With the first year of presidency behind me, I am feeling better about where our club is. I am blessed with a great board of officers and look forward to the next year! I would be remiss if I didn't thank our rally hosts: **Pat Turpin**, **Pam and Charles McCaskill**, and **Mike and Nancy Carnes**. Even though Pam and Charles were not with us physically, I know they were there with us in spirit. They were missed, and they will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Until next time, let's remember that all we want to do is have FUN!



Terry Ray

Our nominating committee, headed by **Rod Reames** and assisted by **Mike Carnes** and **Sue Houle**, brought forth a new Vice President - **Sue Houle**, and alternate National Director - **Rod Reames** (for a new term: Rod completed Joe Taylor's term when Joe accepted the role of Vice President last year). Though unable to attend the rally, **Pam McCaskill**, agreed to continue as Treasurer, and we are praying for her speedy recovery from heart surgery.



From Our Secretary Pat Turpin



Since the last report, **Jerry Clary and Jurhee Ivy** from Victoria, TX joined. At the rally in Kerrville, **Janice Gould**, and **Bill and Melissa Armstrong** submitted membership applications. Jerry and Jurhee received the Membership Directory, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. The Membership

Roster has a few changes of address and phone numbers (some members are going totally to cell phones, deleting their "home" phones). Copies of the latest Roster were distributed in the Rally bags at Buckhorn; I will send the updated roster to include the Armstrongs and Janice Gould very soon via email. The Birthday List has been maintained; will be sent to all via email. I have maintained email contact with several of our members who have had health issues this year; including **Jerry O'Connor, Martha Harrington, Charles and Pam McCaskill, Velma Bobo and Jerry Keeton**. Here's hoping everyone will have health restored soon!

I worked with **Joe Taylor, Pam McCaskill, Mike Carnes, and Terry Ray** to organize the Fall 2015 Rally at Buckhorn Lake RV Resort in Kerrville held October 21-25. We were ecstatic that we had 50 people registered for this rally!

As a member of the Executive Board, I volunteered to host the rallies for 2016, and set the following dates/locations:

- ♦ April 20-24, Winstar Casino and RV Park, Thackerville, OK.
Sandy and Len Nikolai and Peggie Fink and Rod Reames will co-host this rally.
- ♦ October 5-9, Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, TX.
Sheila and Kevin Ford and Lynn and R.D. Vanderslice will co-host this rally.

I submitted a proposal at the Officer's meeting to establish a membership category of "Honorary Lifetime Member" and recommended that **Joe and Sandra Taylor and Jim and Velma Bobo** be recipients of this honor. Read more about that in the [General Membership Meeting Minutes](#).

Respectfully submitted,
Pat

VP's Report

From Joe Taylor



Our thanks to **Pat Turpin, Pam McCaskill, Mike and Nancy Carnes** for hosting our rally. As I was under the weather, they took over my job and did a wonderful job. I want to congratulate our new elected officers, Vice President **Sue Houle**, Treasurer **Pam McCaskill**, and **Rod Reames**, Alternate National Director.

We were very happy to have new members **Bill and Melissa Armstrong** and **Jan Gould** join the Club. In addition, we welcomed **Mike and Jill Holbrook, Jerry Clary and Jurhee Ivy** and **Paul and Laura Osiecki** to their first rally.

Sandra and I would like to thank the membership for designating us as "Honorary Life Time Members" of the Country Coach Texans. As health problems have caused us to sell our coach, we were saddened by the thought of no more rallies. The friendships we have made while members are treasures to us. This honor will allow us to continue to share the good times and friendships in the future.

So, as I leave office, we wish all safe travels and let's get together for our next rally in the spring at the Winstar Casino and Resort. Mark your calendars now and look for more details as the date gets closer!

Trea\$urer's Report



Pam McCaskill

The Club remains in good financial shape. As of October 15, 2015, we have net income of \$7,778.32, with total current assets of \$15,446.15. Rally expenses will impact the current assets.

I collaborated with **Pat Turpin** and **Mike Carnes** to plan the Fall Rally at Buckhorn Lake RV Resort in Kerrville. Prior to the rally we had 58 members and received rally registration forms from 27 members!

I hope to see everyone in the Spring!

Pam

We thank the following for their donations and sponsorship for our rally:

- ♦ Country Coach Corporation
- ♦ Dazzling Detail
- ♦ National Indoor RV Centers
- ♦ Norwex Products
- ♦ Premier Motorcoach Services
- ♦ Premier RV of Oregon
- ♦ RV Mobile Lube
- ♦ Texas Custom Coach
- ♦ XTreme Paint & Graphics

National Director's FMCA Update



Jim Payne

Greetings to all and I hope you have had a fun and safe summer. Some FMCA news for you. Reservations are now being taken for the 93rd Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase in Perry, GA being held March 17-20, 2016. This promises to be a great rally with lots of vendors, seminars and show coaches for sale. Also as an added feature, a two-day driving school will be available. It will be conducted prior to the start of the rally, so if interested, plan to arrive early. All information is on the website fmca.com. I encourage you to check out the website for a lot of information including benefits, upcoming rallies and forums on all motorhome issues.

The governing board met in Madison, WI this past July and a balanced budget was presented and approved. The financial position continues to improve and there will be no increase in annual dues.

The national officer elections were held and the following were reelected, **Charlie Adcock**, National President; **Jon Walker**, National Senior Vice President; **Percy Bell**, National Treasurer and **Gayle Young** was elected National Secretary.

Future Rallies to put on your schedule:

Summer of 2016	Springfield, Massachusetts
Winter of 2017	Chandler, Arizona
Summer of 2017	Indianapolis, Indiana

Travel safe and we'll see you in Perry or at Winstar.

Welcome New Members



Bill & Melissa Armstrong
Waxahachie, TX



Janice Gould
Rapid City, SD



Jerry Clary & Jurhee Ivy
Victoria, TX



Mike & Jill Holbrook
Fredericksburg , TX



More Rally Fun



A group of the Club's charter members (l-r) Cherie & Ron Rang, Lonny & Lavada Stevens, Howard Andrews, Sonny Broome and Nancy & Mike Carnes



Visit the Country Coach Texans website
for more photos from this rally:
www.cctexans.com

**Join us for our Spring Rally at
Winstar World Casino Resort & RV Park
in Thackerville, Oklahoma
April 20-24, 2016**



Good Sam Club Photo

153 full hook-up sites

24-hour shuttle service to the casino

Resort hotel adjacent to casino

Concrete pads & patio with table

Enjoy gaming, nightlife, concerts, dining, golf, spa and more, just a shuttle ride away.

**Host: Pat Turpin
Cohosts: Sandy & Len Nikolai
and Peggie Fink & Rod Reames**

More details to be announced as the date gets closer