



Country Coach Texans

Spring 2018

Cajun-Country Rendezvous

From rally hosts, **Pat Turpin, Terrie & Bobby Howard**



The Spring 2018 Rally of CC Texans was held April 23-27 at **Cajun Palms RV Resort** in Breaux Bridge, LA. We had 29 coaches registered for the rally, with six guest registrations. In contrast to our Fall 2017 Rally, every day was beautiful sunshine with moderate temperatures. Such a joy!! **Pat Turpin and Terrie and Bobby Howard** were your hosts for this rally.

As registrants arrived, they received the rally bags with agenda, membership roster, relevant maps of the area (and off-site activities), information from the Lafayette Visitor Center, 2018 pocket calendars (courtesy of **James & Jennifer Stallings, X-Treme Graphics**), hot/cold covered cups (courtesy of **David Schnautz: Clark Freight**), pens and notepads (courtesy of **Jurhee Ivy's company, GEMCO Pelletizing**), gifts from **Motorhomes of Texas**, and treats (courtesy of our co-hosts).

We began our festivities with a wine and beer reception Monday evening, sponsored by Motorhomes of Texas. The reception was followed by a delicious dinner of red beans and rice with smoked sausage, fried chicken strips, and desserts, provided by our caterers from **Crawfish Town**.

Tuesday morning, we gathered for a delicious breakfast of Cajun egg casserole. Our General Membership Meeting followed

breakfast (minutes for this meeting are posted on the [website](#)). After the meeting, **Craig Dorsett** representing Motorhomes of Texas, one of our corporate sponsors, provided us with a general update of what is happening at Motorhomes of Texas, to include their upcoming plans to develop a campground. Tuesday afternoon, folks took a variety of journeys: to **Avery Island** to visit the Tabasco Company Headquarters and the Jungle Gardens; shopping in Breaux Bridge or nearby Lafayette. Our day was completed with a fabulous dinner of hamburger steak topped with Acadian sauce: Wow! Delicious!! The evening entertainment was Card Bingo, with six members claiming the winning prizes!

Wednesday, we began the day with scrambled eggs, biscuits, and bacon. Some



folks left for the 11am airboat tour at **Atchafalaya Basin Swamp Tour** in HENDERSON. Others went on the 1pm tour. Those not joining the swamp tour visited neighboring sites, including the **Opelousas Cultural Center** for a fascinating afternoon. Many gathered at the Turtle Bar adjacent to the Atchafalaya Basin to get our happy hour

started early. Our special dinner for the night was crawfish etouffee/fried catfish with dessert (of course). We were entertained by **Don Babin** (Tet Dur) for the



evening. Lots of dancing and listening to this amazing performer.

Thursday, Crawfish Town staff served us delicious Cajun breakfast burritos to start our day. Members had the day to tour the Cajun-country area, shopping, or visiting places others recommended from their time here. We gathered at the clubhouse to carpool to **Pont Breaux's Cajun Restaurant** for selected dinners and an "official" Cajun band. Plenty of time for dancing or just listening to the wonderful singing and violin, accordion, guitar, and drums.

Friday morning, we had homemade cinnamon rolls, biscuits, and fresh fruit cups as continental breakfast. Many of us

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said our goodbyes and headed out to our respective destinations. Several planned to stay through the weekend so they could "continue the party."

Our thanks go to the Cajun Palms staff for providing us with excellent backup support throughout the rally. **Ms. Wendy**, owner of Crawfish Town, and her staff provided us with wonderful meals and hospitality! They were amazing!

We hope to see everyone Monday, October 15 - Friday, October 19, 2018, at **Antler Oaks Lodge and RV Resort** in Bandera, TX.

Safe travels,

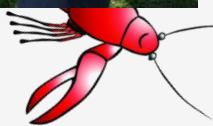
Pat, Terrie, and Bobby



See that doohickey next to that whatchamacallit? (the joys of motorhome ownership — it's always something, but often, someone has an answer, or has been there, done that and is willing to help)



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DON'T MAKE ME GO
CAJUN
ON YOU!



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More photos and a video are posted on the [CCT website!](#)

Thank you to Whit Byers, Jurhee Ivy, Jennifer Stallings, Pat Turpin & Sarah McLemore for their photo contributions and to Kevin Ford, our drone videographer.

From the Club Officers

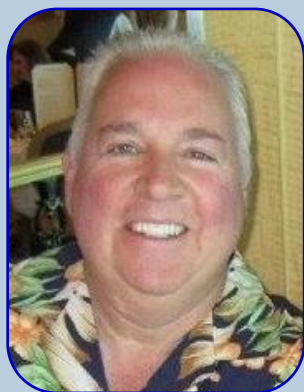
What a great rally we experienced at Cajun Palms RV Resort. Twenty-nine coaches having a great time is a sight to see. Special thanks our rally hosts **Pat Turpin** and **Terrie and Bobby Howard** for their great planning and execution in making this rally such a success. The food was great as well as our side trips and entertainment. We must thank our sponsors : **Texas Custom Coach, Motorhomes of Texas, Extreme Paint and Graphics, GEMCO Pelletizing Dies & Machining, and Clark Freight.**

Thanks to each of you, our membership, for your support of our club. Without members we could not survive. Our next rally will be in Bandera ,TX October 15-19 at **Antler Oaks Lodge and RV Resort.** Our rally hosts will be **Jerry and Geneva Keeton** and **Kevin and Sheila Ford.** I know we will have a great time. See you there.

David



*From President
David Twilley*



*David Schnautz
Vice President*

Hello folks! The Cajun Palms rally is in the books. Thanks to our hosts and everyone that helped with the Rally, and, a special thanks to those that attended. The weather was perfect. The more attendees, the better the times...

Our fall rally in Bandera is looking to be great. Many plans have been made already. Our spring 2019 rally will be in Galveston. Planning is already in motion to make this a great "April Fools" rally.

Thanks to everyone for the support of our rallies. A rally is what keeps us all together. Be safe in your travels. See you in Bandera.

David

Since our last rally in Kerrville in October, email reminders were sent to all members to renew membership and records were updated to remove those choosing not to renew. The Club roster and birthday list has been maintained and the required documents have been sent to FMCA to recertify CC Texans.

The Club welcomed two new members, **Scott and Debbie Starnes** and **John and Kimberley Wilcox.** Scott and Debbie joined us at Cajun Palms. I invited John and Kim to the rally, however, they had a schedule conflict. Hopefully, we'll meet them in Bandera.

The Minutes from our General Business Meeting held at Cajun Palms are posted on the [website](#).

Pat



*Pat Turpin
Secretary*



*Laura Osiecki
Treasurer*

Our club is in sound financial shape with a bank balance of \$9,638.64. We have collected dues from 46 member units for 2018 and welcomed two new members in our club since our Fall 2017 rally.

Our spring 2018 rally was a huge success with expenses coming in as budgeted.

Laura

See the General Business Meeting Minutes on the website for L. B. Butt's Alternate National Director's Report.

Welcome New Members



Scott & Debbie Starnes
Kerrville, TX



John & Kimberly Wilcox
Dickinson, TX



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”. A group of CC Texans, family & friends met in Galveston for the second time in February.

**Mark your calendar for the
Fall *"Roundup Rally"*
October 15-19, 2018
Antler Oaks Lodge & RV Resort
Bandera, Texas**

**Hosts: Jerry & Geneva Keeton
Co-hosts: Kevin & Sheila Ford**



***More details will be announced
and posted on the website as
the date gets closer***