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Nancy Breeding, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the perfect blend of sun and moderate temperature, I got myself outside today to start to wash the RV. We'd had it washed in Florida by somebody who came to the campground when we were down there a couple of months back, so it wasn't as bad as it has been when we've let it sit for the entire winter. Even so, first wash of the season is typically a big job. I figured it was going to take me to the afternoon to get the roof really good and clean. Then I'd stop. I would tackle the sides on another day. I had this Quick & Easy Wash stuff Gail Rebecca Williams had talked about at the rally last October. It speaks to the infrequency with which I wash my own RV that I have not tried it until now.

Holy cats, the stuff is amazing! These little black specs that have been on my roof for I don't know how long came up with only minimal effort! With no presoak, with no final rinse, the roof washed up cleaner than I've seen it in ages.

The job that I had budgeted a whole afternoon for was over in no time! I suppose I could've kept working and gotten the whole Chinook done in one afternoon. Yeah, but where's the fun in that? So I went for a sandwich.

Anyway, many of us who were at that rally made note of the product Gail Rebecca had spoken of. I wanted to mention it again for the benefit of the non-rally goers and the newer members. This stuff is the bomb: uses minimal water, low effort, and fast. Try it for yourself and give yourself a treat ("Every day, once a day, give yourself a present. Don't plan it, don't wait for it, just let it happen.") Here's the URL: https://www.amazon.com/Quick-Easy-Wash-32-oz/dp/B003YJNBEQ/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1495397908&sr=8-1&keywords=Quick+and+easy+wash

BTW, I wrote this sitting out in the backyard by dictating to Siri on my iPad. Probably would have been faster just typing it out for myself. The humor in some of the dictation was epic. You all would've been trying to buy Wiccan easy Wash.

Happy cleaning! Happy driving! Look forward to seeing you on the road.
Mark



SPRING RALLY WRAP-UP

Bob and Charmaine Gibson and Jim and Linda Stamper hit it out of the ball park again at the Spring Rally at the KOA in Asheville NC. Sunday's Meet and Greet introduced us to first time rally attendees **Bill Dendor and Don Kivior, Charlie and Cheryl Blackwell, Jeffrey Howard and Christina Urdaneta, and Bob and Vera Raudman**. About 26 coaches attended, with some comings and goings during the week.

Omelets and pancakes were the Monday morning treat, complete with



southern-style grits! Breakfast was followed by a tech talk and share in the pavilion, accompanied by the clattering of rain on the roof and strong wind gusts. **Terry Arnold** had hoped to do a hands-on Chinook 101, but the educational walk-around to learn about systems maintenance had to wait until later after the rain moved out. Meanwhile, there were visits to the hot dog stand up the hill for lunch, and coach tours in between rain showers.

Monday evening brought the always-anticipated pot luck dinner, a Chinook Club specialty. After sampling what everyone had brought to eat, we enjoyed the entertainment by **The Sigmon Stringers** band. Incredible multi-generational vocal and instrumental talent!

Tuesday morning early risers enjoyed sausage gravy and biscuits, ham biscuits and pastries and an assortment of breakfast goodies. **Bob Gibson** led a short updates meeting, where we could catch up on the status of some members with health challenges, toss around some ideas, concerns and updates on future activities.

Since the rain had cleared out, we took the club rally picture and spent the day visiting, touring, walking around the lovely lake, playing games on the lawn and enjoying the scenery. **Jim Stamper** grilled hot dogs for everyone for the evening weenie roast.

For additional fun, we all brought "white elephant" gifts--something you don't have a use for, of limited value to you but useful to someone else. Using site numbers, each coach had the choice to pick a wrapped gift from the table, or to "steal" an item already picked by someone else. Much laughter ensued, as they say!

Wednesday morning, leftovers were consumed, goodbyes said, and another rally was complete. Many thanks to the rally hosts, **Linda and Jim Stamper** and **Bob and Charmaine Gibson**, and to all the meal helpers and activity coordinators. Without all the volunteers to pitch in, rallies would never get off the ground!



UPCOMING RALLIES



SUMMER RALLY COMES TOGETHER!

DATES: 6/19/17-6/23/17

LOCATION: West Canada Creek Campsites

12275 State Route 28

Poland, NY 13431

Phone Local: 315-826-7390

Phone Toll Free: 1-888-461-2267

Fax: 315-826-5239

Email: camp@westcanadacreekcampsites.com

<http://www.westcanadacreekcampsites.com/>

This is a small family campground is situated in the bend of a big creek right next to the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York. There are lots of interesting things to do in the area or you can spend a day tubing around the bend and walking across the campground to do it again if you want! Check out their website for things to do.

COST: We are getting a 15% discount so our daily rate for the weekdays is \$30.60. Weekends would be 39.10 daily if you are coming early/staying late.

RESERVATIONS: Please call the campground to reserve your spot: [1-888-461-2267](tel:1-888-461-2267)



Branson East Meets West Joint Rally
BRANSON, MO September 25 - 30, 2017

Branson is an Ozark town in southwest Missouri known as a family vacation destination. Its 76 Country Boulevard is famously lined with theaters, which once hosted mostly country music performers but today present diverse entertainment. Also along the strip are the Marvel Cave, the Wild West-style Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner Attraction and Silver Dollar City, an 1800s-themed amusement park with live music.

LOCATION: Branson Lakeside RV Park, 300 South Boxcar Willie Drive, Branson, MO 65616 (located right on the White river, also called Lake Taneycomo - you can Trout fish from the edge of the park)

HOSTS: Jim and Marnie Weidmaier

SITES: 40 sites have been reserved. All are full at this time, but if you would like to come, let Jim know, as they expect some cancellations.

COST: The daily rate for the 5 days of the rally is \$26. If someone wants to come early or stay over the rate is \$35.36 per day, but if you stay 6 days the 7th is free.

RESERVATIONS: All inquiries and reservations should be directed to Jim at jmweid@att.net or [816-262-9638](tel:816-262-9638) to eliminate double booking or confusion. Contact Jim now to reserve your site. The cut-off date for signing up or going on the wait list is going to be July 15.

Check out all that's available in Branson: <http://www.explorebranson.com/> (Once you've looked over the home page and "Exploring Branson" map, select the "Things to Do" link.)

WE ARE ASKING THAT FOLKS SEND JIM WEIDMAIER THE MONEY FOR RALLY ATTENDANCE BY AUGUST 15. The cost to stay for the entire 5 days of the rally is \$135.20. If you are staying less than the full five days, please be sure to coordinate that with Jim: he can tell you what you will owe him. His contact info is Jim Weidmaier [816-262-9638](tel:816-262-9638) or email him at jmweid@att.net.

IMPORTANT

If you are planning to come before or to stay after the five days of the rally you need to make those arrangements through the campground, not through Jim. Extra days before and after the rally will be at the campground's regular rates. Not sure what sites you would get either. Again, speaking for myself, I'm keeping it simple: arriving on 9/25 and leaving on 9/30 is plenty of Branson for me. But if you need to speak to the campground, it is Branson Lakeside RV Park, 300 South Boxcar Willie Drive, Branson MO 65616. [\(417\) 334-2915](tel:417-334-2915). The name of the person you must speak to is Denise.

Jim is really pulling out the stops to insure that everyone is able to see the fun stuff Branson has to offer. We will have two 15-passenger vans available to take folks anywhere at any time. There will be at least two POVs among us as well.

Jim is going to secure tickets for two attractions, and we'd like to start to get a headcount of how many people are interested in going to these two shows. The first one is [Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede](#), cost of \$45.75 a head. The second is the [Showboat Branson Belle](#), dinner, entertainment, and cruise for \$51.57 a head. Please send Jim an email if you'd like to go to one or both of these. Attendees can include the cost of the show(s) when we send our checks for the rally to Jim by August 15.

Contact Info: James Weidmaier 19119 Hwy. 59 Country Club. Mo. 64505 [816-262-9638](tel:816-262-9638) or email him at jmweid@att.net



WINTER RALLY

If you're looking ahead to the 2018 winter rally, we do know that it's going to be back at Flamingo Lake in Jacksonville Florida. Rally dates are Jan 22-Jan 24 2018 (departing on Jan 25). Coaches can arrive on Sunday Jan 2. Thirty sites are being held, lakefront (back-in) and pull through. I've put myself down as wagon master (though I'm not 100% sure we'll be making Florida this winter: we shall see). In any case, we're still looking for a host.

Flamingo Lake RV Resort 3640 Newcomb Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218 [800-782-4323](tel:800-782-4323)
www.flamingolake.com. Our contact person is Donna.

Do you know of a campground that would be perfect for a rally? Do you have a suggestion about an area of the country to search? Would you like to host a rally? (It's not really that difficult, everyone pitches in.) Contact T (Tara) Burgess ccrallyvp@gmail.com or Judy Boone daydremaussies@msn.com

NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

From Diane Cremens: I would like to retire as Chair of the Nominating Committee; I have been doing it for way too long and think that someone else could do it much better. This an elected position. Also, even

though many of the other officers said they would be willing to continue, if anyone thinks they would like to run for office, please contact me. It would really be great if we could hold an actual election. Club positions are President, VP Rally, VP Membership, Treasurer, Secretary and Nominating Committee. My email is dscremens@gmail.com. My phone number is 815-985-4612. Please leave a message and I will call you back promptly. Thank you for your considering serving our club as an officer.

ANY SUGGESTIONS?



At the rallies, we hope to have some time for discussions of club business and ideas, but since not everyone attends the rallies (if you haven't attended, we hope to see you soon!) we want to make sure you are sharing your ideas, opinions, comments, issues and kudos with us! Please make sure to send along your thoughts and ideas to chinookcamping@icloud.com. The club is only as good as the members that contribute! Thanks for all you do!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Report for the June 2017 newsletter.

We have 81 coaches registered.

We also have 1 associate member.

Members in 28 states.

Covers 13 model years.

New Members:

Deborah & David Marks CCC 420

Terry & Larry Gregory CCC 421

Jeff Howard & Christina Urdaneta CCC 422

Cheryl & Charlie Blackwell CCC 423

Jon & Ann Colson CCC 424

Departed Members:

Jim Rohrborn & Lisa Lutzeier CCC 347

Corrections:

The last report had **Sue & Dave DeMartini** leaving the club and moving to Utah. They did move, but are members of East and West.

The **Findlings** are still with the club.

Please add **Chuck Burks** name along with Lorie.

Please review your information on the Membership Directory, and send any corrections, mismatches or updates to me at ChinookCampingClub@gmail.com

EZ Member Directory App:

The EZ Member Directory app is based on our e-mail addresses. I had tried adding additional addresses into the system, but this created a problem with clicking to launch on email programs. Anyone with multiple addresses will notice that they have been moved further down the page.

This is accessible within the app and can be edited by you.

Use the app to view your entry and click the crayon at the top of the screen.

We will use the "Info 3" field for additional addresses.

Each phone/device requires a separate email address.

Please let me know if you are adding a device, so I can program the new address into the app.

If you need your access code or assistance with the app, please send your questions to

ChinookCampingClub@gmail.com

Some of our members have not had the opportunity to attend a rally. SOOO, we do not have photos of you or your Chinook.

If you wish to have your picture in the Member Photo Directory, please send me a photo of yourself and your Chinook to me.

I have tips and cord to repair your bolos, so bring them to a rally and I will repair them.



DUES ARE DUE IN OCTOBER



MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO



“Chinook Camping Club” and mail to:

Chinook Camping Club

Dottie Norris

57 Downes Rd.

Underhill VT 05489

CLUB DUES OF \$35 PER COACH ARE DUE EACH YEAR ON OCTOBER 1.

Dues are considered delinquent after December 1.

ORDER YOUR CHINOOK LOGO ITEMS NOW FOR FALL DELIVERY



Polo and T-shirts available in Men & Ladies sizes
Sweats and Vest are “unisex”



Items available by order only
Please contact Eileen for current pricing and sizes
chinook121@tampabay.rr.com



Zip Front Hooded Sweatshirt not shown but now available!

CLUB LOGO ITEM PRICING Prices as of March 2017 and are subject to change

KC Brushed Cotton Twill Cap – KC8210S – Royal \$9.75

Ladies Pique Polo – BG6500 – Royal/White \$15.75

Mens Pique Polo – BG7500 – Royal/White \$15.75

Ladies T-Shirt – GL200L – Royal/White \$8.75

Mens T-Shirt – GL200 – Royal/White \$8.40

Sweatshirt – GL120 – Royal \$15.60

Fleece Vest – M985 – Royal \$22.50

Hooded Zip Front Sweat – \$22.40

Tote Bag – UC8861 – Royal \$9.95

Add \$2 per size for each size larger than XL

TIPS FROM THE TECH ROUNDTABLE

Since we had some new Chinookers, even first time RV owners, **Terry Arnold** did a coach-side walk around tech session, covering Chinook 101 basics. Even those of us who have been owners for a while learned a thing or two however! It's always good to continually be reminded how to care for the different systems in our coaches, from batteries and tires, to propane and water pumps. Thanks Terry, for sharing your knowledge and experience with all of us!

Dan Ashby brought a warning about carbon monoxide, particularly for those who park in boondocking situations at crowded events. Check to see where your generator is exhausting. Especially in close situations, or breeze-less days, you may be pumping exhaust up into the coach through windows and door openings. The solution is to buy and keep on hand the Gen-turi system to extend your generator exhaust above your roof level. Check it out at <http://www.camco.net/product/gen-turi->



[generator-exhaust-system-10216/](#) It sets up quickly and easily, and could save a life.

We recently replaced the plastic trim around our bathroom door opening, as it had cracked years ago and was hanging on by plastic tape. I ordered aluminum channel from a company in Canada called Extrude-a-trim. Not a cheap solution, but it made the door frame look better. I ordered two of the .055 thickness,

Product #: IE1620AN

Description: Anodized 5/8" x 1 1/8" x .055" Channel x 12' which may be a little too thick, as we had to do some adjustments to the door to get it to close firmly. But if you want to investigate the product, check it out at <http://www.extrude-a-trim.com/aluminum-extrusions/aluminum-channel/channel/3>



CHINOOK EASY EATS

Some of the eats that were popular at the spring rally. Thanks to **Linda Stamper** for the almond cake recipe and **the Breedings** for the grape salad.

CREAMY GRAPE SALAD from TasteofHome.com

Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 pounds seedless red grapes
- 2 pounds seedless green grapes
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons chopped pecans

Directions

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until blended. Add grapes and toss to coat.

Transfer to a serving bowl. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Sprinkle with brown sugar and pecans just before serving. Yield: 21-24 servings.



5 MINUTE ALMOND CAKE

1 Stick of butter (1/2 c)

2 Eggs

1 Cup of all-purpose flour

1 Cup of sugar

2 tsp almond extract

2 Tbsp sliced almonds

Powdered sugar (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees

2. Melt butter in glass bowl in microwave. Using a fork, beat the eggs into the butter. Add the flour, sugar and almond extract and mix well.

Pour into a small 8 inch pie plate or cake pan and sprinkle sliced almonds on top. Bake 45 mins., or until golden brown and a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serves 8.



SUNSHINE UPDATES

Do you know a member who is ill or recovering that needs some SUNSHINE? Send the info to **Debbie Person** debper68@att.net

We are keeping **Klaus and Nita Wilkinson** in our thoughts and prayers!

CHINOOK CLUB AND TRAVEL RESOURCES



Many resources are available for Chinook travelers. Here are some to make sure you follow!

Chinook Facebook groups:

Chinook Camping Club (closed members only group, request membership from Mark McCluski)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChinookCampingClub/>

I Love my Chinook --Public Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140061510117/>

Web site: Chinook Camping Club <http://chinookrvclub.com/chinookeastclub.html>

Chinook Forums:

Chinook RV Owners Yahoo group [see instructions here on how to join](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ChinookRVOwners/info)

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ChinookRVOwners/info>

Chinook Forum <http://www.chinookrvforum.com/>

Photos from rallies: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/chinookcampingclub/> Most of the photos are download protected, contact cnbreeding52@gmail.com for a login to download photos.

Parts suppliers list: http://chinookrvclub.com/images/Parts_and_Service_Listings_Update_Feb_2017.pdf

Member lists: EZ Member directory app, contact Gerry Rutter for how to get access ChinookCampingClub@gmail.com

Travel Blog Spot: set up by Sally Arnold to share information on campgrounds <http://chinooktravel.blogspot.com/>

Additional useful resources:

<https://www.overnightrvparking.com/> yearly fee, lots of good info on places to boondock, or park overnight.

Escapees RV Club <https://www.escapees.com/>

annual fee, also provides access to the Days End Directory for small fee

RVtravel.com website and newsletter

Harvest Hosts: small member fee, boondock at farms, wineries, museums <https://harvesthosts.com/>

Apps: Search your Android or IOS app store

RV Dump Sites

Allstays Camp and RV, small fee, worth every penny

Gas Buddy

More Facebook groups to follow: search in Facebook

Walmart & Casino RV Overnighting Across America <https://www.facebook.com/groups/255277397995748/>

Roadtreking: The Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/roadtreking/>

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(Both of the above are dedicated to small motorhome travel)



Do you have resources you consult for trips, maintenance and repair, general RV fun? Let us know!

Send it to editor at cnbreeding52@gmail.com



SPRING RALLY PHOTOS

The [spring rally photos](#) have been added to the Chinook Club Flickr site. These albums will not be searchable to the general public. The address is <http://www.flickr.com/photos/chinookcampingclub/> Each of the rallies has an album, click on albums to choose a particular rally. Thanks to **Eileen Disbrow** for uploading the pictures, and to **Ed Cremens** for being the club photographer when they can make the rallies!

The photos are not available to be downloaded unless you sign in. The login for the site will be in an email sent to members. To download you would click on the photo, and then click the download arrow in the lower right corner. Enjoy! Let me know if you have any questions about how to access them. cnbreeding52@gmail.com

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