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BAC President's Report

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As I write this article, I am back at my winter base just outside Phoenix, Arizona for a little rest and needed dieting after five rallies in a row. The series of rallies stretched from the fantastic BAC(k) to the Future International Rally in Canyonville, Oregon to the Aloft in Albuquerque Rally at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. This added up to five weeks of great Beaver fellowship and more weight gain from all of the food than I care to admit. Even though the BAC(k) to the Future Rally and the Aloft in Albuquerque Rally were above expectations, the Draft Horse Classic was surprisingly enjoyable, and anyone who can make it to that rally when it is given again should attend; but you may not get to see Beulah the Beaver riding in the Royal Carriage in the opening parade as we did. Thank you John and Kathi Shurtz.

Next up is the winter rally schedule where there are several rallies planed from Florida to Southern California. But we would all like to see more rallies, so if anyone has an idea for a future rally, contact your area Vice President or Director and we can make it happen. Even if you have never been a Rally Master before, your area VP can either help you learn or find someone else to be the Rally Master for your idea, and you can be the Co-Rally Master or just the Idea Person. Remember that the BAC is a great social club that depends on volunteers to run our many rallies, and the more people that are involved in the activities of the club, the better the club is.

Will there be a new Beaver? Mike Snell, Monaco RV President under ASV, commented at BAC(k) to the Future.

Speaking of volunteers, I would like to ask all club members to join me in welcoming the three new Vice Presidents and Directors who started their terms on the 1st of October. The new Region 1 VP is Bill Sprague and his Director is Jerry Carr. The new Region 2 VP is Jim Nichols and his Director is Ann Sair. The new Region 4 VP is Julie Lauderdale and her Director is Glenda Farris. Also I would like to thank Keith Cooper for stepping up as Region 5 Director to replace Jim Contratto who had to resign for health reasons. It is a welcome sight to see that half of the new club officers are ladies.

The Southern Comfort International Rally at Hilton Head, South Carolina in March of 2014 sold out in September, so Ron Gettig, the Rally Master, was able to book an additional fifteen sites. Therefore, if you have not registered for the rally yet, you need to hurry and get your registration in before it is sold out again, because the facilities at the park will not allow us to expand the rally any more.

The other International Rally that is scheduled for 2014 is the Hill Country Happenings International Rally in October. Rally Masters Rett and Claire Porter recently told me that registrations were coming in fast, so if you want to attend, you should get your registration in soon, before it sells out.

The BAC Board of Directors voted to start planning an International Rally for the spring of 2015 in the southern California area. So be sure to pencil that in on your calendar to go along with the fall 2015 International Rally in Branson, Missouri. Everyone knows that Lamar's Branson rallies are fantastic and even though the rally is nearly 2 years off, the registrations are coming in pretty fast, so get yours in if you want to go.

Since I will be wintering in Arizona this year, the next rally that I will be at is Quartzsite, so I hope to see many of you there in January.

Gerald

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Beaver Tales **highlights current rallies.** ***BAC members are invited to attend any rally in any region.*** **Simply fill out the coupon at the end of the magazine, and mail it to the Rally Master with your deposit. Not a member? Ask the Rally Master about becoming a "Beaver Guest."**

See the *Beaver Tales* in full color at beaveramb.org. Click on *Beaver Tales*

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Thank you SkyMed!

John & Diane Trujillo (253-344-7286 - dialovtruj@gmail.com) arranged a presentation on this medical evacuation program at Gillette. As a result they donated $200 to the BAC.

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For information about BAC, your area, or hosting rallies, visit the club website at beaveramb.org, or contact any officer listed to the left.

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Monaco RV Technical Support - 800-450-6336

BAC International Rally
Southern Comfort

Arrive March 9, 2014
Depart March 14, 2014
Hilton Head Island Motorcoach Resort, South Carolina

Register soon for this great rally preceding the Perry, Georgia FMCA Family Reunion
Enjoy Southern Hospitality in a beautiful resort area.

Full or continental breakfasts each morning
Pizza night, 2 catered dinners, and an evening dinner cruise
Guided, trolley tour of Savanah, Georgia
Optional golf tournament (If interested please contact Keith Cooper at keithc290@att.net.)
, dialovtruj@gmail.com Rally Fees: $595.00 with final payment due December 15th, 2013

Limit of 70 coaches. (15 more spots added, but they are going fast.)
Send your coupon and fees to Dianne Gettig to hold your spot.

Rally Master: Ron & Dianne Gettig
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Join the security caravan to Perry for the FMCA rally. See note below.

Co-Rally Masters:
Tom & Lynn Crowley
Jim & Carol Contratto

Save the Date
(sort of)

International rallies are such great fun. Getting together with lots of Beaver friends, learning from seminars on a wide variety of topics, and, of course, wonderful food and entertainment.

It is not too early to plan (at least vaguely) for another one:

Mystery International Rally
(before FMCA in Pomona)
With a mystery date of somewhere around March 2015
With a mystery location of somewhere in Southern California
And with the very mysterious (and fun, creative, enthusiastic) rally masters
Jim and Natasha Nichols

If you enjoy a mystery and would like to help solve one, please feel free to contact them.

NEEDED: SECURITY VOLUNTEERS FOR PERRY, GA, MARCH 2014

FMCA's Family Reunion will take place in Perry, GA March 17-20, 2014. BAC has been asked to provide the security volunteers for that event. As usual, they will need about 120 volunteers for this responsibility. I'm asking all of you in the southeast to step forward and help out (along with any available western area coaches and snowbirds returning home.)

If you're going to the FMCA event and want to volunteer send me your names, F#, address, email address, and a contact phone number. If you have a friend who would like to join the group we'd love to have them also. I will need to turn in the list of volunteers by January, 2014 to FMCA.

Thanks from Mandy Canales (760-221-8636, mcanales31@gmail.com)

What's New on the Forum?

For my new Beaver I can't find much information about the IDS leveling system. Is there a source of information somewhere about that system? I would like to have information about the manufacturer, servicing requirements, schematics (electrical and hydraulic), and any other info I can get my hands on.

None of our four slides will retract. After two 30 degree nights here in Richfield Utah, I found a "DC 20A fuse" blown in position 12. The cover panel references the bedroom slide. A new fuse blows immediately. None of my four slides will close so we are stuck.

I have a Hurricane Model C045D in my 2000 Patriot. Last night I went to fire it up, which it did, then shut down, then fired back up, and shut back down.

We had a real bad rotten egg smell that didn't appear to be coming from the black tank???? An RV service tech said it sounded like water in the washer/dryer P-trap that has been sitting! I thought no way since we've never used the clothes washer since buying the coach! Well, after running a couple loads through it, that was it! I guess water can get into the trap via the shower somehow!!

On my coach the air intake is up high on the driver's side, but it is at the corner. On the road to Canyonville I was passed by a couple in a similar year Marquis and noticed a snorkel or duct that was in place so that air was directed into the air intake rather than just sucked into it. I am thinking of installing one. Anyone have an idea where they are made.

Hill Country Happenings

BAC International Rally

October 14-19, 2014

Buckhorn Lake Resort

Kerrville, Texas

Included:

- 5 nights of full hookups (50 amps) on large, level concrete pads
- 4 catered dinners, 5 breakfasts
- 1 dinner on your own in Kerrville, Fredericksburg or Bandera
- 4 nights of Texas Hill Country entertainment
- seminars and vendors

Free time to explore the Texas Hill Country:

- LBJ Ranch in Johnson City
- Fredericksburg (shopping, eating, enjoying German culture, National Museum of the Pacific)
- Kerrville (Museum of Western Art, James Avery Jewelers, YO Ranch with tours featuring exotic animals, local festivals)
- Bandera (Cowboy Capital of the World)
- Luckenbach
- San Antonio
- Austin

- optional golf tournament
- optional exploration of the numerous wineries in the Texas Hill Country

80 sites available for the rally

Register online or send rally coupon to rally masters.
Send $100 deposit check made out to "Claire Porter."

You may sign up for 3 additional nights (total) at this renowned RV resort before and/or after the rally at the rally rate.
CONTACT BLR DIRECTLY TO RESERVE THOSE ADDITIONAL NIGHTS BY CALLING 830-895-0010.

Easy access to resort at exit 501 on I-10; resort is visible from I-10.

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Co-Rally Masters:
Gerald & Glenda Farris
Gary & Pat Gerber

BAC International Rally
September 15 - 22, 2015
Branson, Missouri

Approximately $700
(for a 2-person coach)
$200 Deposit to hold a spot.
Checks payable to Lamar Keck

"Beavers in Branson"

Arrive September 15 - Depart September 22, 2015

7 nights camping, full hook-ups with 50 AMPs
Wi-Fi Internet at all sites
4 meals, 4 continental breakfasts
7 shows - TBA at a later date
Optional Golf and shopping
Lots of seminars
Games - Texas Hold 'em, Mexican Train, etc.
Limited to 100 Coaches

Rally Masters:
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805-443-0359 / 805-796-7213

Sign up early and
don't get left out.

Final payment
due June 1, 2015.

Co-Rally Masters:
Roy and Carol Mueller
Tom and Joanne Fadale
Garland and Dorothy Land

REGION 1

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North West VP's Report

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I've been the Region 1 Vice President for less than a month and I've been thinking about what I should do with my new job. Other than BT Regional Reports like this, what does a VP do? I've not found a job description anywhere. If I did, I think it should read something like this: "A BAC Regional Vice President will facilitate and encourage the creation of BAC activities that will provide for the development and enhancement of friendships through the sharing of common interests." Traditionally, that means rallies. From every rally we've attended, we come away with new and better friends. So, in other words, my job is to help plan rallies. I think there are other things we can do. While Mike Humble was Region 1 VP, we experimented with "Circling the Wagons" (like the pioneers on the Oregon Trail!), "Camping Circles" or "Beaver Circles". A couple of them worked, but there were not nearly as many as there were rallies.

Rallies, as the primary BAC activity, have a 30 year history and grew through a mailing system. Every three months members would get a Beaver Tales in their mail box, read the ads and mail in a coupon for every rally they found appealing. Rallies have themes, events, social hours and (usually) some provided meals. We can read Beaver Tales as a print magazine or electronically and the rally system continues to thrive. To "Circle the Wagons" is entirely different. There is only internet communication; there are no provided meals and no events. Planning is limited. The common element is the opportunity to make new friends.

As "Circling the Wagons" is primarily an impromptu, unplanned event, there may be another opportunity. Weather in Region 1 teaches us to go south or winterize our motorhomes for a few months. Perhaps we can "Circle the BAC Members" (without their wagons) for a local, no host restaurant dinner or two. During the off season, it would give us opportunities to develop and enhance friendships by continuing to trade our thoughts and interests about planned motorhome travel.

Looking back at the summer, we had wonderful rallies in Region 1. We spotted whales, studied BAC history, looked into the BAC future, shot the bull, played golf, and admired airplanes. What a fun way to spend a summer! Congratulations to all that planned, worked on, and attended those events.

Looking forward to rallies next year, Region 1 will be running a wild river, learning about Washington State wines, drinking craft ale, shooting the bull some more, and perhaps witnessing the unveiling of the first new Beaver coach for several years.

With just a little bit of luck, I think we can look forward to shared dinners and "Wagon Circles". Already a good source says that, although we may be lined up in rows, there will be a "Circle" on the Oregon Coast for New Years. Other discussions for rallies or "Wagon Circles" have included gathering for Dutch oven cooking, Kitsap Peninsula Naval history, Scottish culture, salmon fishing, Shakespeare, and clam digging near Port Townsend.

I opened with my idea of a job description. I'll conclude by saying the Region VP does not do the job alone. Certainly all who know us also know that my wife BJ does most of the work. Jerry Carr has accepted the title of Director and he agrees we will take the team approach. Most important are the 200 or so members in Region 1. We encourage you to phone or write with suggestions, ideas, and plans.

Bill

BT Reminder Emails

by George Morlan

Some of you who get a printed copy of Beaver Tales may wonder why you have received an email message telling you where your next issue of Beaver Tales will be sent unless you make a change. We've received at least one note saying essentially "I gave Iris a seasonal address; why this message?"

The answer is that a lot of members do not remember to let Iris know about a seasonal address or to let her know when their plans change. After all, changing the address on the BAC records is not the highest priority item on most people's to do list getting ready to move the coach. By sending the email messages (which cost the club nothing) we increase the chances that the issue will get to the right place and (in the case of bulk mail) not wind up in the post office's trash.

Iris and I are planning a similar mailing in December in preparation for printing the Membership Directory.

Mt. View RV Resort

To Hell and Baker?

June 10 - 15, 2014

Mt. View RV Resort in Baker City, Oregon

Grand Geiser Hotel

Enjoy this great western themed RV resort with 50 amp big rig sites with full hookups.

Included in rally fees: Rally Welcome with Appetizers, 2 Continental Breakfasts, 1 Dinner and 1 lunch. Visit to Oregon Trails Interpretive Center. Beautiful Scenic Drive to Hell's Canyon Jet Boat Ride with lunch included. Sumpter Valley Train Trip to Sumpter. Grand Geiser Hotel (on National Registry) for tour and dinner Plus: A day on your own for exploring Baker City and La Grande, just a short distance away. Optional Golf is available, not included in the rally.

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15 Coach limit
Rally Fee: $525.00 2-person coach
$374.50 1-person coach
Send $100.00 deposit to hold your spot.
Full payment due by April 1, 2014.

ONLY 3 SPOTS LEFT!

Co-Rally Masters:
Eldy & Carol Swendsen
541-536-1335

Hell's Canyon Jet Boat

Oregon Trails Interpretive Center

Sumpter Valley Train

Wine(ing) With the Sprague's

Arrive June 22 - depart June 25, 2014

Wine Country RV Resort

Prosser, Washington

Featuring the Best of Washington's Yakima Valley Wines, Full Day Wine Tour Local Wine Tips and Tastings, Gourmet Picnic Lunch Among the Vines Italian Bistro Dinner

Rally Fee $450
Deposit $100
Limited to 7 Coaches

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253-312-1075, 253-312-5864

(Walla)2 + Wine

Arrive June 25 - Depart June 29, 2014
Walla Walla, Washington
Join us for 4 days of fun, food, friendship and fine wine!

Four nights at Blue Valley RV Park
4 dinners, 4 breakfasts
All-day wine tour including Walla Walla superb "big reds"
Tour Fort Walla Walla

Rally fee $450. Limited to 10 coaches.
Send $100 deposit to BJ Sprague.

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Co-Rally Masters - Reuben and Janis Tsujimura

Beaver Ale Trail

Arrive August 3-Depart August 10, 2014
Bend, Oregon

Visit the 12 microbrewery/pubs on the Bend Ale Trail.
7 nights camping at Scandia RV park

Included are 1 pub dinner, 6 pub lunches, 5 late afternoon pub appetizers
Not included is purchase of alcoholic beverages by the rally.

Maximum 10 coaches

Cost: $700 per couple. Final payment due by June 1, 2014.
After June 1 refunds are at the discretion of the rallymasters.
Please send $100 deposit check made out to Connie Bradish.

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Rising in Redmond Rally

FMCA Security Volunteer Rally
Aug 10 - 13, 2014
Redmond, Oregon

Included:
3 nights dry camping at Deschutes County Fairgrounds
Arrival dinner and socials

Please send registration and $100 deposit check to Connie Bradish.

Contact Mandy Canales (mcanales31@gmail.com) to volunteer for security duty
Don't forget to register for the FMCA 90th Family Reunion,
Redmond, Oregon "High Desert Sunrise" Aug. 13 to 16, 2014.

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Peter's phone 321-652-2435

Co-Rally Masters:
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Sit N Bull 3

August 18 - 22, 2014
Grants Pass, OR

Park at the Bull's with electricity and water.
First night dinner by the Bulls with three other dinners,
including a local bakery/cafe, an Ole Time Beaver Steak Night,
and a Jet Boat River Run with dinner.
Home-made desserts and ice cream.
Three full breakfasts at the Bull's by Jim and crew.
4th day continental breakfast and/or left overs.

There will be tables set up for games, cards or crafts, or just sitting
(and chewing) and a book exchange.

Limit 10 coaches with electric and water

Rally fees: $300
Deposit of $100 to hold your spot.
Final payment due by June 5, 2013

Rally Masters:
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gerdabull@yahoo.com

SISTERS QUILTIN' N FISHIN'
JULY 20 - 23, 2015
SISTERS, OREGON

INCLUDED:
4 NIGHTS AT THE BEND SISTERS GARDEN RV RESORT
GUIDED FLY FISHING EXPEDITION
QUILTING EXTRAVAGANZA

LIMITED TO 8 COACHES
SEND $50 DEPOSIT TO HOLD YOUR SPOT

RALLY MASTERS: BILL AND BJ SPRAGUE
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Thank you Mike & Donna and all your helpers for a fantastic BAC(k) to the Future rally. Great venue, great food, great seminars, great entertainment. And also thank you to several of our great BAC sponsors who attended the vendor day to provide services.

Bend RV Repair

Mary Moppins

Henderson's Line-Up

RV Outfitters

Southwest VP's Report

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Well, I'm taking a deep breath as I start my term as the Vice President for Region 2. I want also to introduce my director, Ann Sair. She and her husband Ken and my bride Natasha and I want to let you know we're excited to talk to you about your ideas for rallies in Region 2, and to help you get those ideas off the ground. I also want to thank Garland and Dorothy Land for the great job they did in Region 2 during the past two years. Not only was Garland your VP, but he also put on several rallies.

Speaking of the Lands, they are planning a repeat of the very popular Grand Circle rally which they did a few years ago. They are meeting their group in Las Vegas in September, 2014 and will travel to tons of fascinating national parks in in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. This almost month long adventure features a Hummer expedition, dinner and a cruise on the Colorado River, a guided tour of Monument Valley and a boat ride on Lake Powell to visit Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Only 12 coaches can go, so if you haven't signed up yet, drop that check and registration in the mail. Even if you make the waiting list, since it's a year away, you may just make it on this great trip. BTW, you can also sign up for Meteor Crater to Hill Country, a rolling rally at the end of the Grand Circle trip. You DON'T have to be on Grand Circle to do this rolling rally to Kerrville, TX in time for Hill Country Happenings.

Another rally in the works in Region 2 is one at Mule Days in Bishop, CA in May of 2015. If you enjoyed the Draft Horse Rally, you will love Mule Days. Tim and Diana Bentley are teaming up with Mike and Prudy Randolph and Pete and Maryalice Wilhite to plan this one. Check the ad in this issue for more information.

In January, Mandy and Violet Canales are planning their annual Security Rally at Indio, Dogpatch, USA. A lobster dinner highlights this rally, with lots of pot luck items to share if you're not into those luscious crustaceans! Beavers do security for many FMCA events, and this is no exception. You need to sign up for the FMCA Western Region Rally (make sure to register for an electric site and indicate you're working security with the Beavers) as well as the Beaver rally. And after Indio is Quartzsite, but that's not in my region, so I'll let Julie Lauderdale tell you why you should attend that one…..I can't quite remember who the rally master is for that one. Can you?

We had a fantastic time at John and Kathi Shurtz' Draft Horse Rally. This time I could actually walk, and got to get into the stables and stalls and really talk to the horses. And for the first time in a long time, Beulah Beaver made an appearance; the Draft Horse Classic organizers were so taken with beautiful Beulah that she and the Shurtz' were invited to ride into the arena in Queen Victoria's coach during the final evening of the event. How's that for recognition?

You know I enjoy fixing things for people, right? But sometimes my bride gets a bit frustrated with me because stuff on our coach gets ignored….. you know, like the plumbers' wife. So on the way to Arizona from Albuquerque (what a great rally, George and Bev Morlan!) we needed to go to Camping World, and we had it plugged into our GPS, Eunice. We were going west and saw Camping World on the left. Rather than waiting for Eunice to tell us to take an exit, we took the upcoming exit… an exit that took us to completely the wrong place. Eunice got crazed with "recalculating…..recalculating," while my bride was madly using her iPhone to try to figure out how to get us off the little road we were on. We spotted one single driveway before the little road petered out and it looked like there was a wide area near a house. We decided to take a chance and go down the driveway and turn around. As we're pulling up toward the wide area, we realized it was a dairy farm, with all the paraphernalia and equipment such an operation needs. The farmer came running up to us, waving. No he was not happy to see us. Apparently he was waiting for the hay wagon, which was just turning into his driveway back behind us. We were boxed in and couldn't turn around where we hoped. The farmer needed to get our behemoth out of his open space so the hay behemoth could come in. He told us to pull back behind the barns (through all manner of manure) to wait for the hay wagon to pull into the wide spot so we could get behind it and go back down the lane and back down the road. So we managed that, and got back on the highway and realized we'd gone past Camping World. We risked another turn around over an overpass, and got going west again. Then we spotted Camping World again, and this time my bride's iPhone was telling us to take the exit we'd taken to begin with…..back to the dairy farm! We figured we weren't meant to visit this particular Camping World and decided we'd be better off to continue toward Gilbert, AZ. This is an almost mostly true story…..I know you all can relate to it!

We have some great ideas for rallies: live in Nevada? Call us! Live near Solvang? Call us! How about in the Mother Lode? Got some ideas! Looking forward to talking to you. Stay safe out there.

Jim

REGION 2

SOUTH WEST

CA

HI

NV

Grand Circle 2

Sept. 8 – Oct. 6, 2014

Meet at Las Vegas, Nevada

Includes:
28 nights camping with mostly 50 amps
Dinner and live western show
4 x 4 Hummer Adventure
Dinner & Colorado River Cruise
First class steam train ride in private car
Monument Valley guided tour
Lake Powell boat ride to Rainbow Bridge NM
Farewell Dinner

Visit:
Zion NP
Bryce Canyon NP
Capitol Reef NP
Canyonlands NP
Arches NP
Mesa Verde NP
Durango / Silverton RR
Chaco Culture NHP
Monument Valley
Rainbow Bridge NM
Grand Canyon North Rim
Grand Canyon South Rim
many more places

12 Coach Limit
Rally Fee will be approximately $2800 and will be posted in next Beaver Tales.
To hold a spot send $500 deposit and coupon to rally master.
Balance due June 1, 2014
Cancellation fee is $10 if made before June 1, 2014. No refund guaranteed after June 1 unless someone takes your place.

Rally Masters
Garland and Dorothy Land
12772 Castle Rd.
Manteca, CA 95336
209-815-0889
gel_2@netzero.net

NOTE: Some activities may be strenuous & require considerable walking or hiking.
3 or 4 full days will be spent away from your coach.
Some RV Parks are at elevations up to 8000 feet.

Co-Rally Masters
Brinley Thomas &
Charles Bentley
3655 W. Anthem Way
Suite A-109 #127
Anthem, AZ 85086
541-953-5442
brinley@aol.com

Draft Horse Classic III

September 18 - 22, 2014

Nevada County Fairgrounds

Grass Valley, California

Included: 4 nights full hook-up Rv Site, 50 Amps
Full admission to all Draft Horse Classic events (six)
Welcome Social with heavy appetizers
4 continental breakfasts and Farewell Dinner
Options: "Taste of the Gold" food and wine fest,
Classic Rib Cook-Off, Bluegrass events,
Clogging Jamboree, Barn Tours,
Explore California's gold country.

Rally Masters:
John and Kathi Shurtz
13035 Lone Star Road
Auburn, Ca. 95602
714-473-4471 307-433-4013
Shurtzj@gmail.com

Co-Rally Masters:
Larry and Sue Anderson

Maximum 15 coaches
Rally Fees: 2-person coach - $460.00. 1-person coach - $350.00
Send $100 deposit with rally form to Rally Masters to hold your place.
Final payment due April 20, 2014. Full refund until May 1, 2014

Dogpatch - USA

in conjunction with the Western Area FMCA rally

BEAVER SECURITY VOLUNTEER RALLY & LOBSTER BOIL

Arrive Jan. 5 - Depart Jan. 12, 2014
Riverside County Fairgrounds
Indio, CA

Registrants are expected to do Security assignments unless physically unable.

Hosts:
Mandy & Violet Canales
760-946-0581 (H)
or 760-221-8636 (C)
mcanales31@gmail.com

Co-hosts: Chuck and Jan Rendall, 818-360-8618

Activities:

Daily socials and evening campfires. Bring a bundle of wood (if you have some. Don't buy any.)
NO generators allowed in the electric area. Electric is included in your FMCA rally fee for the whole week.

Daily Schedule

Sunday, Jan.5 - 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Arrive at fairgrounds. Pay one night's dry camp fee of $20.00 when checking in.
4:00 p.m: Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share.
Monday, Jan. 6- 1:00 p.m.-security orientation in Queen's Gallery Bldg.
5:30 p.m. - Potluck dinner & Lobster Boil at the fairgrounds.
Tuesday, Jan. 7- 8:00 a.m. - Security duties begin
5:30 p.m. - Volunteer recognition dinner hosted by the Western Area Officers
Wednesday, Jan 8—5:30 p.m. ------- Heavy Hors d'oeuvres ?????
Wednesday through Saturday - Security duties continue. Utilize the activities of the Western Area Rally (seminars, entertainment, exhibits, ice cream socials).
Sunday, Jan. 12 - 9:00 a.m. - Optional no-host get-away brunch at the Indio Elks Lodge on Madison Ave. Cost is about $9.00 per person.

Rally Registrations: (1) Register for the FMCA Western Area Rally in the *Family Motor Coaching* magazine beginning with the October 2013 issue, at fmca.com, or call 800-543-3622 and
(2) Send ***$30.00*** for rally essentials plus ***$24.50*** per ordered lobster by ***December 1, 2013 to:***

Mandy Canales
18960 Munsee Rd,
Apple Valley, CA 92307

Write the number of lobsters you ordered (1, 2, 3?) on the coupon, where it indicates "Extra cost rally activities."

Friends of Beavers: Friends of Beavers are always welcome. They have the same registration as listed above. Send me their name, F#, address, phone number, and if they want any lobsters.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN!

Mule Days

May 18–25, 2015
Bishop, California

Enjoy this fun-filled, world class event, part mule show, part test of skills, and part wild west show. Whatever horses can do, mules can do too (better, say some.) This includes gymkana, jumping, cattle working, racing, roping, and driving; and they have more than 14 shows over 6 days to show you.

Included:

7+ nights RV parking (choose dry or W/E)
Reserved grandstand seating for all shows
Opening night supper and barbecue supper
Country Western concert and dance
"Behind-the-scenes" tour
Optional dinner at Whiskey Creek
and pancake breakfasts

Rally Fees:

2-person coach DRY $585 (1-person - $365)
2-person coach W/E - $765 (1-person - $545)
Extra Person - $240
(Note: You may arrive Sunday 5/17 and/or depart Tuesday 5/26 at no additional charge.)

Limit - 25 Coaches

Send $200 deposit made out to Diana Bentley

Final payment due December 1, 2014 in order to get reservations together.

Rally Masters:
Tim & Diana Bentley
14454 Range Park Rd.
Poway, CA 92064
858-829-4616
timndiana1@gmail.com

Co-rally Masters:
Mike & Prudy Randolph
prudyrandolph@mindspring.com
Pete & Maryalice Wilhite
loye56@aol.com

REGION 3

NORTH CENTRAL US

IA, IL
IN, MI
MN, MT
ND, NE
OH, SD
WI, WY

CANADA

AB, MB
ON,SK

North Central VP's Report

Kathy DuCharme
Email: ducharmedk@yahoo.com

Greetings Fellow Beavers,

Finally received medical clearance to travel in mid-August and it didn't take long for us to load up as quickly as possible and head West. What a delight to have the wheels rolling under us once again. We enjoyed a beautiful trip across the northern U.S., including a few days in Glacier National Park, before joining our Beaver family in Blanchard, ID for the Panhandle Potpourri Rally. Rally masters Brinley Thomas and Charles Bentley together with co-rally masters Gene and Barbara Bacon put on a great rally in a beautiful location (the golf course wasn't so bad either). We spent a few days after the rally with my Region 3 director, Harvey Zeigler and his wife Marilyn, who spend their summers on Lake Pend Oreille. We, of course, spent most of the time talking about future Region 3 rallies and session planning. That was after a day boat trip around Lake Pend Oreille. Harvey and Marilyn were great guides and full of information about the lake.

Our west coast destination was, of course, the BAC(k) to the Future International Rally in Canyonville, Oregon. The McCoys (aka Humbles) Hatfields and Spraques orchestrated a great rally with all the requisite business meetings and social activities. They kept us very busy and fed us way too much. We attended a great rally seminar led by Glenda Farris which led to a roundtable discussion for each region. Harvey and I were able to meet with several people from Region 3 and discussed a possible rally in Montana, with a rolling rally from there to Madison, WI (FMCA) in 2015. I will keep my fingers crossed that it will come to fruition.

Don and I are still working on the rally in Shipshewana, IN. From there we are traveling and meeting up with the Lauderdales (somewhere), and then on to the International Rally in Kerrville, TX. Maybe someone out there in Region 3 would like to do a rally in conjunction with this rally. Let's get pumped up and get active in Region 3. Please call me and we will work out dates and locations. I will guide you gently through the process. I promise it won't even hurt.

This being the last issue for 2013, we hope you had a Spooky Halloween and a Happy Thanksgiving, and will have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. God bless you all!

Happy Trails,
Kathy and Don

POP TABS PROGRAM by Mandy Canales

The tabs from soda, beer, pet foods, and soup cans are being collected by several BAC individuals to help defray Ronald McDonald housing costs for needy parents whose children are in hospitals. People I know who are collecting these tabs are Carol Mueller, Vicki Warren, Mandy Canales and possibly others not known at this time. All of our BAC members and friends can help this program by saving your tabs at home and at any rally attended. There are vessels usually available to collect tabs at various rallies. Invite any of your friends and neighbors to take part in this program and take the tabs to your next rally. The tabs are really appreciated.

Splendide Dryer Information by Vicki Warren

Recently Vicki Warren discovered that her clothes were not drying, even after a 60 minute cycle. With a little help she was able to clear a bunch of lint out of the external vent. Here are the instructions she received from Splendide. The directions pertain to the newer 2100 series.

1. Start the unit on cycle # 11 without clothes and with the dry time off. When the water stops entering the unit push and hold the start button until all the lights come on then release the button.*NOTE: If the water is not at least half way up the glass repeat this step.
2. Move the cycle knob to cycle # 2. Push the extra rinse button then press the start button once (do not hold), then let it run through that complete cycle.

Do this 3 times, then test the dryer. If the dryer works, then repeat this procedure (one time only- not three), once each month.

If you don't have cycle numbers try this:
To remove lint from the vent hose going from the machine to the outside of the coach you can either gain access to the rear of the machine if the coach allows and remove the hose from the back of the unit and clean the lint from there and/or remove the vent cover on the outside of the coach and clean the lint there.

NEW BAC MEMBERS

We welcome another wonderful group of New Members to the Beaver Ambassador Club. We hope that each of you will soon be able to start enjoying some of the many features of the club, and will find a special place here, as have many before you. The rallies described in this issue, are put on by volunteer Rally Masters who want to share the highlights of their area with you, and give you the opportunity to meet like-minded travelers. Attend one, and we are sure you will be impressed by the friendly, helpful spirit of our club. And, speaking of helpful, be sure you check out the Forum, at beaveramb.org. Got a problem with your coach? Want to find out where to get a part you need? Want to see how people have modified their coaches? Or do you just want to get an idea of where to go? The Forum offers advice and suggestions from members who have years of experience and who are willing to answer YOUR questions too. Check it out.

REGION 1 ~~ NORTH WEST

BEAUCHAMP, Chris & Susan	Friday Harbor	WA
CENTER, Clifford & Wanda Rains	Kingston	WA
CURTIS, Blair & Ingrid	Kamloops	BC Canada
DAVENPORT, Homer & Karen	Clinton	WA
DeKORTE, Dan & Melody	Medford	OR
DOLPH, David & Jill	Brush Prairie	WA
ESTES, Ron & Anne	Bend	OR
FACKLER, Dick & Janice	Bend	OR
GARCIA, David & Linda	Bremerton	WA
GARY, Robert & Katherine	Veradale	WA
HOWARD, Frank & Carolie	Bend	OR
MARTINOLICH, Grant & Karen	Delta	BC Canada
MIELENZ, Robert & Donna	Port Orford	OR
SCHAFER, Bob & Judy	Eugene	OR
SHELTON, Steve & Patti	Bend	OR
SWENDSEN, Eldy & Carol	La Pine	OR
TERRY, Darrell & Judy	Sherwood	OR
THOMASON, Bill & Ann	Bend	OR
YAMAMOTO, Glenn & Marilou	Redmond	OR

REGION 2 ~~ SOUTH WEST

COLLIGAN, Frank & Carol	Livingston	TX
DEEBLE, Roy & Gail	Brea	CA
HAMMALIAN, Dan & Melody	Calistoga	CA
HARGER, Matthew & Cara	Oakley	CA
HUFF, DeWaine & Patty	Westminster	CA
MOFFAT, James & Janet	Rancho Mirage	CA
SANDERS, Jerry & Nancy	Martiinez	CA

REGION 3 ~~ NORTH CENTRAL

LUBBERS, Frank & Pat	Monticello	IL

REGION 4 ~~ SOUTH CENTRAL

AMESTOY, Larry & Dana Johnson	Phoenix	AZ
BAKER, John & Jill	Canadian	TX
BENSON, Bruce & Michelle Miller	Houston	TX
HARGROVE, Patrick & Charlene	Centerville	TX
HEATH, Charles	Frisco	TX
KAISER, Jim & Arlis	Mesa	AZ
LEGER, Dennis & Monica	Youngsville	LA
LUND, Albert & Lynda	Phoenix	AZ
MARCHANT, Carl & Denise	Hollister	MO
MASON, Bill & Joyce	Surprise	AZ
MELOT, Terry & Lee	Peoria	AZ
MEYERS, James & Kathy	Harlingen	TX
MURRAY, Ted & Carolyn	Claremore	OK
ROMERO, Fred & Jackie	Gonzales	LA

REGION 5 ~~ EAST COAST

PARHAM, David & Julia	Pensacola	FL
RHODES, William & Jeni Sani	Lynn Haven	FL
SCHERRER, Glenn & Carol	Ft Myers	FL

REGION 4

SOUTH CENTRAL

AZ
AR
CO
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MO
NM
OK
TX
UT

South Central VP's Report

Julie Lauderdale
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As I begin my term as Region 4 vice President, I want to encourage everyone to attend not only the rallies in this area, but to also attend the ones in other areas. Brent and I have traveled corner to corner of this great land and have met very special friends along the way.

We helped Ken and Susan Neal with Poncho Villa in Deming October 1 – 6; while there were only six people who attended, we had a lot of fun and ate a lot of super New Mexican food! Dan and Pat Urso and Brent and I were able to explore the Deming Luna Mimbres Museum which tells the history of the Luna County area. The six of us along with a friend of the Neal's spent one day traveling 30 miles to Palomas, Mexico to experience shopping in The Pink Store and enjoy the local cuisine. We enjoyed a Wine Fest at St. Clair Winery in Deming on the last Saturday, watching grape stomping, an uncorking competition, and listening to local music. We also had a very informative tour of the facility and enjoyed the wine tasting.

We were not able to attend the Balloon Fiesta this year, but we enjoyed the many, many pictures posted. We know everyone had a wonderful time watching the morning ascensions along with all the other activities that were planned.

2014 has several rallies listed in Beaver Tales and more in the works! Beavers in the Wild West, hosted by Jim and Natasha Nichols, will be January 15 – 19, and we hope that many will attend the dry camping experience in the Quartzsite, AZ desert. After the East Coast rallies in March, Shopping Canton Style, April 3 -5, will make a fun stop on the way back west.

We look forward to our travels in 2014 and to seeing old friends and making new friends along the way. I will be very happy to help anyone host a rally in Region 4 if you need any help.

As always, Safe Travels and Big Hugs,

Julie

Dear Bucky, by Glenda Farris, is a new feature where you can get your questions about rallies or BAC answered.

Dear Bucky,

Q: Can I bring my dog to a BAC rally?

A: Certainly! We have a lot of members with dogs and other pets. Usually the only rule we have is that pets are not allowed in any food area, like social hours or meals.

Q: We have friends in their RV that are traveling along with us. Can they also come to a rally with us?

A: We have a category called "Friends of Beavers" (FOB) and allow a member to bring up to 2 FOBs to any rally. They can be in any type of RV. The only stipulations are that you can't register them until the ad in Beaver Tales has been published for at least 30 days and, if their coach qualifies, they must accept an invitation to join the club to attend another BAC rally.

Q: I've heard a lot about RVers heading to Quartzsite in January. What's this all about?

A: Many years ago, Quartzsite was a mecca for "rock hounds". There were lots of rock shows and vendors. It has grown to include vendors selling just about everything. There is a big RV show the last week in January that lots of RVers like to attend. Plus, it's free camping in the desert. BLM owns most of the land surrounding "Q" and there are four free 14-day areas and two $ long term areas (for folks spending the winter there).

You can do a search on the internet and find lots of information about Quartzsite and BLM (Bureau of Land Management) dry camping areas.

The BAC started having dry camping rallies in Quartzsite several years ago. We meet at the Roadrunner 14-day free dry camping area about 10 miles south of town. We have breakfasts cooked on grills, games, dinners and campfires every night. Everyone attending takes part in preparation, cooking or cleaning up and it's a great way to make new beaver friends. During the day, you can shop at the many vendors in town or explore the area. It's a great low-cost rally.

By-Law Change Notice

by George Morlan

Notice is hereby given that changes to the BAC Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws will be presented to the membership for approval at the Corporation Meeting in Hilton Head, SC in March 2014 to implement a change in the state of incorporation from Oregon to Florida or such other state as the Board of Directors may determine. Additionally, the members will be presented with a resolution authorizing the Board to take all steps necessary to implement this change, including the transfer of assets to the new corporation.

The reasons the Board is recommending this change are:

- As an Oregon corporation, BAC is subject to a 6.6% tax on what the IRS defines as unrelated business income, which includes interest on our investments and income from the Overland Insurance Services, Amazon, and Google arrangements. For many years we had only the investment income in this category, but with the loss of support from the manufacture and sale of new Beavers we have needed to develop new sources of income. This tax amounts to nearly $900 per year. Florida and many other states do not levy such a tax.
- Because Beaver coaches are no longer being manufactured, and will almost certainly never be manufactured in Oregon again, there is no particular reason for BAC to remain an Oregon corporation. Even if Monaco RV introduces a Beaver in the future, as the President of Monaco RV indicated it would do when he spoke to us in Canyonville, the coaches would not be manufactured in Oregon.

The specific changes to our governing documents are:

- The Articles of Incorporation will be amended to establish the new corporation as Beaver Ambassador Club, Inc. instead of just Beaver Ambassador Club. The incorporators will be the BAC President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Registered Agent will be the current backup Treasurer, who will be a candidate for Treasurer when the current Treasurer's term expires on September 30, 2014.
- The By-Laws will be amended to change the name of the corporation to Beaver Ambassador Club, Inc.

The membership will be asked to approve an initial slate of officers for the new corporation, which will be the same as the current officers.

While we believe that the Board has the authority to take the implementation steps necessary, we believe that it is in order for the membership to adopt a resolution authorizing all actions necessary to implement the change. Among the necessary steps already identified are:

- Transfer of Wells Fargo and Bank of America accounts (checking and investment) to the new corporation.
- Filing with the IRS to either transfer the Employer Identification Number to the new corporation or to obtain a new number and to establish the new corporation as a 501(c)(4) non-profit social welfare entity.

Costs of this change will be minimal. The filing fee to establish a new non-profit corporation in Florida is less than $100. We may incur some expense for the printing of new checks if one or both of the banks require us to open new accounts.

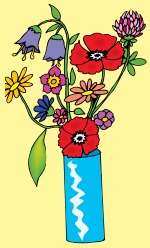
Members who will not be present at the Corporate Meeting in Hilton Head but wish to vote can obtain a ballot by contacting the Secretary.

The Sunshine Lady

Jan Strobel
cjstrobel@earthlink.net

Get Well Soon

Sandy Brown
David Dolph
Ron Gettig
Gus Harrison
Randy Hopper



Angel Marien
John Oliveira (former CEO Beaver Coaches)
Rose Sharman
Jan Strobel

Final Trip

We express our deepest sympathy to the famlies and friends who have lost a loved one:

Paul Cooley (former BAC member)
Sharon Fischer
Gus Harrison
Linda Van Loan

To send cards to members or past members not in the BAC Directory, please include an address that is current with your request.

Jan 602-549-4952.

Sunshine Thank You

I've needed a little "Sunshine" in my life for the past several weeks! After an extended hospital stay following surgeries, I'm delighted to say I'm on the "road to recovery." Special Sunshine has surely come from the Beavers with the beautiful cards, phone calls, and messages I've received. It's virtually impossible to respond individually to each of you! Thank you so very, very much for the outpouring of love, concern and caring. It means so very much to both Claire and me.

Happy Holidays,

Sunshine Lady Jan

History of BAC Video Available

One of the many highlights of the BAC(k) to the Future rally was Mandy Canales' slide show covering the history of the Beaver Ambassador Club. Bill Sprague took a video of the seminar and then spent hours working on improving the quality of the pictures, He posted the result at https://vimeo.com/75646929 for all to view and download if you wish. If you would prefer, Bill will mail you a DVD for $5 to cover the disk and postage. (His address and email is in the officer list on page 2.)

Beavers in the Wild West

January 15-19, 2014

Quartzsite, Az

Slightly new format - still dry camping only
1 pot luck, 4 breakfasts,
2 dinners and a BYOM (meat) dinner
Different games and optional trips,
The Big Tent will be open
And the famous evening fire and desert stars!
Unlimited number of Beavers and FOBs
Rally fee: $65/coach

Payment due by December 20, 2013
so that rally bars will be received on time.

Rally Masters:
Jim and Natasha Nichols
514 America's Way #3700
Box Elder, SD 57719
Jim: 707-217-0903
oneguyinlabor@gmail.com
Natasha: 707-738-7840
nmerkuloff@gmail.com

New! Co-Rally Masters:
Doug and Sue Neal
Invaluable Helpers:
Jim and Gerda Bull
Glenda and Gerald Farris
Brent and Julie Lauderdale
Jerry and Carol Parker
Doug and Nancy Strand
Larry and Joyce Waterman
Pete and MaryAlice Willhite

Seeking Southern Comfort

A rolling rally from Tucson, AZ to BAC International Rally in Hilton Head, SC
*Begin Tucson, AZ February 24, 2014 - Arrive Hilton Head, SC March 6, 2014**

Highlights: 11 nights camping in RV parks,
Social hours, one dinner at the Road Runner Café in Ft. Stockton,
Two-night stay at Rayne, Louisiana featuring a
real Mardi Gras parade in Church Point, Louisiana
Optional group dinners on the road
No more than 300 miles in one day

Rally Masters: Gary and Pat Gerber
3700 S. Westport Ave; #2681
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
phone: 480-861-0863
mcgarygerber@gmail.com

Co-Rally Masters:
Rett and Claire Porter
Phone: 512-639-2050

Rally fees for 2-person coach: $450
Call rally master for pro-ration for
different point of entry to rally.
10 coach maximum
Send coupon and $100 deposit
to Pat Gerber
Final payment due January 15, 2014

* Price includes one early night at Hilton Head. You must contact Ron Gettig (Rally Master) to pay for any additional days at the Southern Comfort International Rally.

Shopping Canton Style

Apr 3 - 5, 2014
Mill Creek Ranch Resort
Canton, TX

Enjoy the
"World Renowned
Canton Flea Market"

3 nights full hook-ups,
First night catered dinner, 3 social hours, last night bring something to share.
Lots of time for fun and shopping!

10 coach limit
Rally Fees: $300/2-person coach
$50 deposit will reserve your spot

Brent & Julie Lauderdale
P O Box 725
Stratford, OK 74872
580/399-5931
jbminv@hotmail.com

Co-Rally Masters:
Ken & Susan Neal

Meteor Crater to Hill Country

Rolling Rally to Hill Country Happenings
October 6 - 12, 2014
Rally starts at Meteor Crater RV Park in Winslow, Arizona and ends in Kerrville, Texas

Includes:
5 nights camping
(mostly 50 amps)
1 night dry camping
Tickets for McDonald
Observatory Tour

Options:
Meteor Crater National Landmark
Standin' On The Corner Park in Winslow AZ
Petrified Forest National Park
Fort Davis National Historic Site
Star Night at McDonald Observatory
Dinner at Cattleman's Steak House

Cost $225
Send a $50 deposit to the rally masters to save your spot.
Balance due July 1, 2014. No refunds after July 1.
If you're attending the International Rally be sure to register with the Porters ASAP.

I contacted Kim at Buckhorn Lake about us arriving 2 days early. You will have to pay the $34 per day rally rate when you arrive.

Rally Masters
Garland and
Dorothy Land
12772 Castle Rd.
Manteca CA, 95336
209-815-0889
gel_2@netzero.net

Co-Rally Masters
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Charles Bentley
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Treasurer's Report

George Morlan
Email: gdmorlan@gmail.com

We finished our fiscal year with a net of nearly $13,000, compared to a budgeted loss of over $2,000.

On the income side, the biggest items were strong performance of the Overland Insurance arrangement and significant miscellaneous income. The main sources of the miscellaneous income were Glenda Farris' clothing sales (thanks, Glenda), a $200 contribution from SkyMed based on their sales after a seminar at the Gillette rally, and a $150 gift from FMCA in recognition of our 30th anniversary.

On the expense side, the biggest event was shifting the Gillette rally from being an international rally to being a regional rally, thus avoiding all the expenses associated with an international rally. We also significantly under ran regional rally expenses because officers did not seek rally fee reimbursement for as many rallies as budgeted.

I recently had occasion to make a comparison between the cost of a BAC rally and one held by another organization. Another large group arrived in Albuquerque the same day that our Aloft in Albuquerque rally started and left the same day we did. The organization sponsoring that rally charged $1225, compared to BAC's $675 (before a rebate at the end of the rally). We had to make some adjustments for different things provided by the two rallies; for example a day trip by bus to Santa Fe and one pump out/water delivery were provided by the other rally, and BAC included field passes for every event while the other rally provided only two. But after making reasonable adjustments for all these differences, the BAC rally cost nearly $400 per coach less. And this put no value on the premiere location enjoyed by our rally.

Two decisions were made during the year by the Board to increase membership value. We returned to the practice, abandoned about ten years ago, of providing dress badges to members attending their second rally. (I recall that the old practice was five rallies.) And we increased the grant to each international rally from $3,000 to $4,000 permitting international rally masters to provide a bit greater bang per buck to rally attendees. In addition to these grants, BAC also guarantees the $3,000 contribution from Monaco so that rally masters do not need to worry about whether Monaco will come through. (Despite all its turmoil, Monaco always has.)

My report would be incomplete without a plea for every member to help with the generation of non-dues income. When your RV insurance comes up for renewal, give Overland Insurance Services a crack at your business. Our members have found their service as an insurance broker to be very good, and this frequently results in a cost savings to BAC members. When you start a new policy or renew an existing one, BAC gets a contribution. And when you make your Amazon purchases through the link on the BAC website, you experience no difference but BAC gets a small commission on sales. These income sources are certainly better than having to seek a dues increase.

George

INCOME AND EXPENSE OCT 2012 - SEPT 2013	BUDGET	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE	*2013-14 BUDGET*
INCOME				
BT SPONSORSHIPS	9,200	9,838	638	8900
DUES				
Renewals	21,285	22,426	1,141	18800
New Members	5,000	3,190	-1,810	5000
Life Members	2,340	2,280	-60	2000
Commercial	160	120	-40	120
Total	28,785	28,016	-769	25920
OVERLAND INSURANCE	7,500	10,736	3,236	10000
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0	1,427	1,427	0
RALLIES				
Beaver Tales Advertising	5,200	3,800	-1,400	5200
Rally Bars	3,000	3,814	814	3000
Regional Rally Gains	2,000	1,954	-46	2000
Total	10,200	9,568	-632	10200
INVESTMENT INCOME	2,500	1,110	-1,390	630
TOTAL INCOME	***58,185***	***60,695***	***2,510***	***55650***
EXPENSES				
BADGES AND BARS	1,400	2,010	610	2100
ELECTIONS	200	45	-155	200
BEAVER TALES				
Editor's Contract	1,300	474	-826	2027
Freight & Postage	1,700	876	-824	2000
Printing & Binding	4,000	4,154	154	4200
Total	7,000	5,504	-1,496	8227
DIRECTORY	200	172	-28	200
DUES OPERATIONS	500	415	-85	500
MEMBERSHIP	22,260	22,899	639	22260
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	2,075	1,805	-270	1475
INTERNATIONAL RALLIES				
Officer Reg. & Early Arrival	8,800	4,086	-4,714	8800
Officer Fuel Reimbursement	5,300	3,532	-1,768	4200
Other	800	374	-426	800
Total	14,900	7,992	-6,908	13800
REGIONAL RALLIES	9,000	5,686	-3,314	6000
TAXES	2,903	1,371	-1,532	2700
TOTAL EXPENSES	***60,438***	***47,899***	***-12,539***	***57462***
NET	***-2,253***	***12,796***	***15,049***	***-1812***

BALANCE SHEET 9/30/13

ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	54,242
Inventory	5,954
Receivables	3,464
Prepaid Expenses	595
Rally Advances	2,000
Investments	157,180
TOTAL	223,435

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	2,144
Dues & BT Postage for Future Years/Issues	15,088
Equipment Reserve	5,242
International Rally Reserve Committed to 2014 rallies	21,000
International Rally Reserve for future rallies	29,543
Life Member Reserve	22,170
Operational Reserve	111,404
Members Equity	16,844
TOTAL	223,435

East Coast VP's Report

Ron Gettig
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Well winter is upon us and I hope everyone is in a place where the weather is warm. Region 5 has 4 rallies currently scheduled. The first is Lake Wales Adventure in December. Then it is on to Southern Comfort International Rally, March 9-14 at Hilton Head Island Motor Coach Resort. There will be lots of sightseeing , a dinner cruise, a trolley tour of Savannah GA and a lot more that I think you will enjoy. We were able to get 15 more spaces so now we can take 70 coaches and we have 62 signed up at this time so there is still time and space left.

Next we caravan to Perry, GA for the FMCA's Family Reunion, March 17-20, where BAC members are working as Security Volunteers. After Perry, George and Bev Morlan are doing Winding Down in the Mountains, March 21-24; then we have a break before Discover D C, with Rally Masters Jack and Peggy Whitmill, at the end of April. This is followed by Keith and Eileen Cooper doing the Colonial Heritage rally in Williamsburg May 2-7. There are a few rallies in the planning stage but we could use a few more. If anyone has any ideas please let me know.

Dianne and I left home the first of August and headed for Oregon for some repairs on the coach, then to Newport for a couple of weeks before the BAC(k) to the Future International Rally at 7 Feathers. I would have to say that it was one of the best rallies I have attended, and I would like to say thanks to Mike and Donna, Bill and B J, as well as Mike and Brenda for a job well done. Then we were off to the Draft Horse Classic II in Grass Valley California, hosted by John and Kathi Shurtz, where we saw some of the most beautiful and LARGEST horses I have ever seen. We also were part of the Beavers To Balloons rolling rally from Grass Valley to Albuquerque, with stops in Manteca California where we were treated to a hot fudge sundae at the Ghirardelli candy outlet, and later to hamburgers and hot dogs at Garland and Dorothy Land's home. The next day we toured the Blue Diamond Almond processing plant. In case you didn't know, Garland and Dorothy grow almonds. They have at least 2000 almond trees. We then toured Edwards Air Force Base near Lancaster, CA and went on to Williams, Arizona where we were able to visit the Grand Canyon.

We finished our rallying in Albuquerque for the Balloon Fiesta, where we spent 9 days watching over 500 hot air balloons inflating, launching, and glowing every day. It is truly an experience I wish everyone could enjoy.

I'd like to welcome my new Director Keith Cooper, who took over when Jim Contratto had to resign due to health issues. Thank you Jim and Keith for your service to the club.

Dianne and I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I hope to see you in Hilton Head.

Ron

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Don't fight the crowds, shop the easy way. Just click on this Amazon Portal link (or use your smart phone and this QR code) to go to your Amazon account. From there you are presented with thousands of gift ideas that will be mailed directly to your home (or the home of your recipient - even gift wrapped!) Most have reviews so you can pick the best gift ever and have an idea of how it will perform.

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EAST COAST

US

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CANADA

NF, NS PE, PQ

First Timers

Eileen Cooper
Host - East
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OK all you new members! It is time to discover the best way to enjoy your motorhome. Beaver rallies let you explore new places, meet new friends, get information on, or help with your coach and just enjoy life. Please consider doing what these members did and attend your first Beaver rally soon. We look forward to seeing you.

Natasha Nichols
Host - West
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DRAPER, Leah	Corrales	NM
ERVIN, Wes & Jeanne	Woodburn	OR
HALEY, Hurshel & Janice	Hillsboro	OR
HUFF, DeWaine & Patty	Westminister	CA
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MARCOCCHIO, Michael & Gail	Ft. McMurray AB	Canada
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Chalet Suzanne

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March 1-9, 2014

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Winding Down in the Mountains

Arrive March 21- Depart March 24, 2014
Dillard, Georgia

After the International Rally and FMCA, relax at River Vista Mountain Village, a first class park in the beautiful Northeast Georgia Great Smoky Mountains, just 215 miles on interstates and 4-lane highways from Perry.

Included: Full hookups (50 amp power).
Dinner at the famous Dillard House. Two dinners on site. Two light breakfasts.

Area Highlights: Easy day trips to Helen, Georgia (a delightful Bavarian-themed mountain town) and Cherokee (Harrah's casino among other things).
Antique shops in Dillard and many quaint shops in nearby Highlands.

Limit: 20 coaches Rally is full with a short waiting list.
Rally fee: $295. $50 deposit holds your space. Send deposit to Rally Master.
Final payment due by January 1, 2014.
Full refund to January 1, 2014 if you must cancel.

Co-Rally Masters:
Jack & Peggy Whitmill

Rally Masters:
George & Bev Morlan
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Acworth, GA 30101-4097
Landline 770-974-9543
Cell 404-213-4671
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Discover DC

Arrive April 25, 2014 - depart April 29, 2014
Cherry Hill RV Park
College Park, Maryland

Includes: 4 nights camping
DC Orientation presentation; welcome get-together
one day Metro passes
Optional night tour of DC

Cost: $340.00 per 2 person coach, $310.00 for a single coach.
Send $100 deposit to rally masters to hold your space
Early or late day @ rally rate. Please call park for reservations.
Limit of 20 coaches

Send coupon and deposit to rally masters.

Rally Masters:
Jack & Peggy Whitmill
148 Lantana Ave.
Flagler Beach, FL 32136
904-994-1325
applejac41@juno.com

Co-Rally Masters:
Ron & Dianne Gettig

Colonial Heritage

May 5th to May 11th, 2014
Williamsburg, Virginia

Visit the site of Cornwallis' surrender in Yorktown. Tour America's first permanent English colony in Jamestown. Experience the historical reenactments in Colonial Williamsburg.

Included:

- 6 nights in the American Heritage RV Park with 50 amp full hook-ups
- Welcome pizza party at the campground
- Southern BBQ Dinner
- 7 day pass to the Colonial Triangle (Jamestown, Yorktown, and Colonial Williamsburg)
- Lunch and dinner in Colonial Williamsburg
- BYOB socials and some evening activities in Colonial Williamsburg

Optional:

- Visit the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia
- Enjoy a wine tasting at the Williamsburg Winery
- Golf at Williamsburg National (weather permitting)

Rally Masters:
Keith & Eileen Cooper
373 Harmony Lane
Titusville, FL 32780
keithc290@att.net
Keith 678-982-8898
Eileen 678-925-8985

Co-Rally Masters:
Ron and Dianne Gettig

Details:
15 Coach limit
Rally Fee: $675 for a two-person coach or $595 for a single
Send a check for $200 to Eileen Cooper to hold your spot.
Final payment due by March 1, 2014.
Full refunds to March 15th.

National Director's Report

Mandy Canales
Email: mcanales31@gmail.com

FMCA National Scene: We're still celebrating FMCA's 50th Anniversary the whole year. It's also great that FMCA is celebrating its 50th and our own BAC is celebrating its 30th anniversary in the same year. Gillette, WY turned out to be a great event and great to see all the nostalgic presentations in various locations at the Cam-Plex.

Financial: As the fiscal year 2014 budget was being developed, the overall economy was in a slow recovery; sales of motorhomes were increasing slightly, fuel prices remained at an all-time high; and the decline of FMCA membership continued. Total revenue was expected to remain relatively flat, which decreases the ability to fund popular member, area, and chapter benefits. With all this in mind there is optimism with prudent management FMCA will continue to remain financially sound. As of June 2013 FMCA has realized a $457,207 operating surplus.

National Elections: As most of you already know, the results of the national officer election at the Gillette Governing Board meeting are as follows: President, Charlie Adcock; Sr. Vice-president, Jon Walker; Treasurer, Percy Bell; and Secretary, Vicky Ferrari.

Member Benefits Update: The following benefits have been added to other FMCA benefits: Members can now download the smartphone app for use with Apple and Android products; the digital edition of the Family Motor Coaching magazine was launched in January, 2013; there are currently 682 campgrounds as FMCA commercial members; more than 4000 members have benefited from the Michelin Advantage tire program; Tour Connection, powered by Fantasy RV Tours continues to be extremely popular; the Office Depot national discount program; and Costco Wholesale Membership which is the newest benefit.

Future Family Reunion Conventions:

Winter 2014	Perry, GA	March 17 – 20
Summer 2014	Redmond, OR	August 13 – 16
Winter 2015	Pomona, CA	TBD
Summer 2015	Madison, WI	TBD
Winter 2016	TBD	
Summer 2016	Indianapolis, IN	TBD

Pun Break: If a pig loses its voice, is disgruntled?

INTERNATIONAL AREA (INTO):
Again, a reminder for that our Beaver Ambassador Club is a chapter in this INTO Area along with approximately 85 other chapters of FMCA. There are 10 areas or regions within the FMCA structure. Our INTO area, with Alfred Vormittag as president, has the largest number of chapters (85) within its structure. This next year's INTO Rally will be in Lebanon, TN May 2 – 6, 2014. Check the INTO web site for information and registration for this rally. The one in Tucson, AZ this past spring was a great rally.

Pun Break: Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

CHAPTER SCENE: Roy Mueller, BAC Alternate National Director, and I as National Director attended the FMCA Governing Board business meeting in Gillette, WY this past June. There were 2269 coaches in attendance there.
The Governing Board which comprises the 470 plus National Directors had 72% of the voting members in attendance.
The financial report, which takes the bulk of the morning's meeting, the election of national officers, the committee reports and the two Bylaw changes consumed the whole day.
Some of projected 2014 surplus money will be spent on maintenance of both parking lots in Cincinnati which have been neglected in recent years. A major hardware and software upgrade has been completed to benefit membership issues.
Some major issues face FMCA, namely; (1) the concerns for employee moral, due to cuts in staff; (2) employee burnout; (3) the lack of pay raises, health benefits, and the 401K these past few years; and (4) employee retention. These issues will be acted upon by the new administration.

'Til next time…keep the shiny side up.

Mandy

Other questions to ponder:

Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

What color hair do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older: then it dawned on me… they're cramming for their final exam.

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?

At income tax time, did you ever notice: When you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells…'THEIRS?

Breath of Fresh Air

By Mary Findley copyright@2013

Travel books tumble off the shelf as thoughts of the open road tug at the heart. An itinerary follows and safety checks made to ensure hazard free travel. Only inside the cabinets lurk silent villains that pose more danger than those generally encountered on the road.

Cleaning compounds, laundry detergents and air fresheners are just a few criminals that contribute to serious aliments like cancer, skin irritations and organ damage. Let's rummage through the cabinets and flush out these villains.

Bathroom blues: Grab your bottle of hair shampoo, conditioner and hand lotion then look for Sodium Laurel Sulfate (SLS) on the list of ingredients. SLS leaches the petrochemicals out of plastic bottles. The combination forms Dioxin, the main ingredient in Agent Orange.

Dioxin seeps into the pores of the body where it bioaccumulates or builds up in fat cells. The liver is unable to expel it and can result in cancer, dementia or other serious ailments. Look for products in health food stores sans the SLS, which is the foaming agent in products.

Air fresheners mask odors by numbing the sinuses. The nose doesn't know, except when sinus infections or polyps erupt. Hair spray clings to countertops, floors and internal organs. Leave that stuff in the bottle unless you are a fan of liver, lung and kidney problems.

Kitchen Issues: Phosphorus, bleach and other toxic chemicals in dishwasher detergents cause sinus congestion, infections and headaches. These pollutants find their way to lakes and streams where they destroy marine life. Liquid dish soaps contain sodium laurel sulfate and phosphorus. Anti-bacterial products geared to kill germs on kitchen counter tops and other surfaces generally contain triclosan, a known carcinogen. Mix a 50/50 solution of food grade distilled white vinegar to water. Vinegar kills more germs than bleach yet is safe to use.

Laundry room dilemmas: Every wonder why your skin itches or rashes appear without cause? Powdered laundry detergents use fillers, generally sawdust that cause these irritations. Bleach turns white clothes grungy, shortens the life of fibers and leaches petrochemicals out of bottles to form Dioxin as does SLS. Switch to Borax for whiter whites.

Got stains? Dilute an EPA or Green Seal approved concentrated all-purpose cleaner to banish most clothing and carpet stains. These cleaners effectively clean bathroom and kitchen surfaces except Corian or stone. One product - multiple jobs, saves cabinet space, money and is kinder to our Earth.

The rest of the story: Most leather, vinyl and ultra-leather products come as a pair. One bottle cleans and the other conditions. Buying two products aids the company's bottom line but at a high environmental cost. Opt for an all-natural bees-wax based combo cleaner and conditioner. Steer clear of products that contain oil as it leaves a sticky residue. The same holds true for wood care products.

Mary Findley, owner of Mary Moppins, a line of eco-friendly cleaning tools and cleaners, is a veteran cleaning expert and author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Green Cleaning." She is a cleaning consultant to RV manufacturers and dealers. Her tips appear in magazine such as Real Simple, This Old House and Woman's Day. Reach Mary through her website goclean.com or call 800-345-3934. Mary Moppins Company is for sale. Interested parties may call Mary at her 800 number.

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Membership Director's Report

Iris M. Schmidt
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Greetings to our 996 BAC members and a very special greeting to 44 new members who have been processed during the last three months. We're so looking forward to becoming acquainted with everyone. If you see a name from "home" or someone you recognize, please call or email me for an address and phone number. I guarantee they will be delighted to hear from you! Let's share our Beaver Fever!

What an absolutely fabulous celebration we enjoyed to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Beaver Ambassador Club; truly a milestone of pride and achievement. Our heartfelt thanks to the Humble-Hatfield-Sprague team in achieving an outstanding venue for all to enjoy. Seven Feathers RV Resort provided the perfect setting, the amenities were complete for every taste and desire!

Our 2013-14 fiscal year officially began October 1 with new VPs Bill Sprague, Jim Nichols, and Julie Lauderdale already wearing their running shoes! Thanks are immeasureable to retiring VPs Mike Humble, Garland Land, and Rett Porter, all still heavily involved in various BAC capacities. We have a busy schedule of rallies and events for the coming year with still more to come.

The Forum continues with superb information, truly our best source for new members eager to become better acquainted with their coaches. We have the "professional" touch from Gerald Farris and Roy Mueller plus the posts from many others who share their knowledge and experience. These contributions provide well-rounded guidance.

I so appreciate George Morlan sending the email blast to verify your mailing address for the upcoming issues of Beaver Tales. Plans change, the dates for address changes often vary considerably from the original choices made. We both so appreciate knowing "where" you will be with your winter migration schedule.

Our new MsMac (MacBook Pro) computer and I are learning each other's little idiosyncrasies. I'm delighted she has become a part of my life, doing a far more dependable job with sorting as well as many other helpful responsibilities. Learning a new word processing program has also become a challenge, but we'll get there!

Our beautiful Indian Summer is gone, we are approaching the winter season with excitement and looking forward to the holidays. Please take a moment to be thankful for the world we live in with thoughts of those far less fortunate. Wally and I wish everyone a joyous and festive season with a healthful and happy year in 2014 ~~ warm, special thoughts with Beaver Hugs for all.

Iris

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RALLY ROUNDUP

Lake Wales Adventure (22)
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Peter and Connie Bradish
phone: 321-432-2435 (Peter),
321-432-0407 (Connie)

Dogpatch USA, Beaver Security Rally and Lobster Boil (w/Western Area FMCA) (13),
Jan. 5-12, 2014, Indio, CA, Mandy & Violet Canales, 760-946-0581 (H) or 760-221-8636 (C),
mcanales31@gmail.com

Beavers in the Wild West (18)
Jan. 15-19, 2014, Quartzsite, AZ,
Jim & Natasha Nichols,
Natasha - nmerkuloff@gmail.com,
oneguyinlabor@gmail.com
707-738-7840, Jim-707-217-0903,

Seeking Southern Comfort (18)
Rolling Rally, February 24- March 6, 2014, Tucson, AZ to Hilton Head, NC,
Gary and Pat Gerber
480-861-0863

Heading to Hilton 2014 (23)
March 1-9, 2014, Florida to Hilton Head, Pete & Connie Bradish,
Connie-321-432-0407
Peter-321-652-2435
bradish@attglobal.net

Southern Comfort (3)
BAC 2014 International Rally
March 9 to 14, 2014, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Ron & Dianne Gettig, 478-232-4251,
478-232-4250, drg1130@aol.com
gimpers88@aol.com

Rally Registration

To register for a rally, fill out a registration coupon on page 30 and mail it, with your check, to the Rally Masters listed in the individual ads. If you need more coupons, please copy the page or just send all the information required to the Rally Master.

There is also an online registration form on *beaveramb.org.*

YOU MAY ATTEND ANY RALLY IN ANY REGION. IF RALLY IS FULL, SIGN UP ANYWAY AND GET ON THE WAIT LIST.

FMCA Family Reunion, March 2014, Perry, Georgia. Get informtion in FMCA magazine or at http://www.fmca.com

Winding Down in the Mountains (22)
March 21-24, 2014, Dillard, GA,
George & Bev Morlan,
gdmorlan@gmail.com,
770-974-9543, cell 404-213-4671

Shopping Canton Style (19)
April 3-5, 2014, Canton, TX, Brent and Julie Lauderdale, 580-399-5931,
jbminv@hotmail.com.

Discover DC (24)
April 25- 29, 2014, College Park. MD
Jack & Peggy Whitmill, 904-994-1325,
applejac41@juno.com

Colonial Heritage (24)
May 5 – 11, 2014, Williamsburg, VA,
Keith & Eileen Cooper,
keithc290@att.net, 678- 982-8898,
678- 925-8985

To Hell and Baker (7)
June 10-15, 2014, Baker City, Oregon,
Mike & Marina Wolfgram,
541-536-9222, Cell 530-713-3766,
mnmwolf1@hotmail.com

(Walla)2 +Wine (8)
June 25 - 29, 2014, Walla Walla, WA
Bill and BJ Sprague, bsprague@att.net, bjsprague@att.net, 253-312-1075, 253-312-5864

Beaver Ale Trail Rally (8)
August 3 - 10, 2014, Bend, OR
Peter & Connie Bradish, 321-652-2435, 321-432-0407, bradish@attglobal.net

Rising In Redmond Rally (9)
(FMCA Security Volunteers Rally)
Aug 10- 13, 2014, Redmond, OR, Peter and Connie Bradish,
bradish@attglobal.net,
321-432-0407, 321-652-2435

Sit N Bull 3 (9)
Aug. 18 - 22, 2014, Grants Pass, OR,
Jim & Gerda Bull, 541-471-4381,
541-944-7815, gerdabull@yahoo.com

Wine(ing) With the Spragues (7)
June 22-25, 2014, Prosser, WA, Bill and BJ Sprague, bsprague@att.net,
bjsprague@att.net
253-312-1075, 253-312-5864

Draft Horse Classic III (12)
September 18 - 22, 2014, Grass Valley, CA, John and Kathi Shurtz,
714-473-4471 (K) 307-433-4013 (J),
ShurtzJ@gmail.com

Grand Circle 2 (12)
Rolling Rally, starting at Las Vegas,
Sept. 5 – Oct. 6, 2014, Garland and Dorothy Land, 209-815-0889,
gel_2@netzero.net

Meteor Crater To Hill Country (19)
Oct. 6 - 12, 2014, Meteor Crater RV Park in AZ to Kerrville TX,
Garland and Dorothy Land,
209-815-0889, gel_2@netzero.net

Hill Country Happenings, BAC International Rally (4)
Oct. 14-19, 2014, Kerrville, TX,
Rett and Claire Porter,
claireport@aol.com, 512-639-2050

Mule Days (13)
May 18 – 25, 2015, Bishop, CA,
Tim & Diana Bentley,
timndiana1@gmail.com,
858-829-4616

Sisters Quiltin' n Fishin' (10)
Sisters, OR, July 20 - 23, 2015,
Bill and BJ Sprague, 253-312-1075,
253-312-5864, bsprague@att.net

Beavers in Branson BAC International Rally (5)
Sept. 15-22, 2015, Branson, Missouri,
Lamar Keck/Karen Rogers,
Lamar.Karen@me.com
805-443-0359 / 805-796-7213

Numbers following the rally names refer to the page on which the ad can be found.

Rally Registration Coupons

Send coupon with check or money order to address indicated in rally ad. Use an extra sheet of paper as necessary to provide additional information such as special requirements for handicapped, trailer parking, all electric coach or additional phones/email. Go to bacrallies.com for more details.

Rally _____

Dates_____Rally Fee _____ Amt. Remitted _____

Pilot _____ Cell _____

Co-Pilot _____ Cell _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip_____

Pilot email _____

Co-pilot email _____Landline? _____

FMCA# _____ # in Party _____

Guest _____

BAC Member? Yes /No First Rally? Yes / No

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number _____

Coach Length _____ # Slides _____

Attending associated function? (e.g., rolling rally to/from, caravan to FMCA, etc. Only if mentioned in rally ad.) Yes / No

Food Allergies/Medical Restrictions_____Vegetarian? ☐

Special Needs: _____

Number and kind of pets: _____

Extra-cost rally activities (e.g., golf): (include fees in total on front)

Activity	Number	Fees

Early Arrival? Yes ☐ No ☐ Arrival Date: _____

Please make arrangements with park unless otherwise noted in rally ad.

Rally _____

Dates_____Rally Fee _____ Amt. Remitted _____

Pilot _____ Cell _____

Co-Pilot _____ Cell _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip_____

Pilot email _____

Co-pilot email _____Landline? _____

FMCA# _____ # in Party _____

Guest _____

BAC Member? Yes /No First Rally? Yes / No

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number _____

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Beaver Ambassador Club Membership Application

The Beaver Ambassador Club (BAC), a chapter of Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA), invites those looking for a fun and helpful club, to join our international (United States, Canada and Mexico) motorhome organization. All Beaver coach owners may join. Owners of non-Beaver diesel coaches may join if sponsored by a BAC member. Membership in FMCA must be maintained.

To check out BAC before joining, go to beaveramb.org. There you will find specifics about the club, its rallies (including pictures) and helpful links. There is also a link to the Forum, an excellent resource for information about maintaining your coach and enjoying the RV lifestyle. Beaver owners may also attend one rally without joining the club. Call the Rally Master to see if the conditions have been met for you to pay your rally fees and attend as a Beaver Guest. We are sure you will enjoy the experience.

Dues: First year, $40 (includes name badges and computer mailing setup). Dues following first year, $30 annually. All applications received after June 1 apply to the following fiscal year (October 1 to September 30). IMPORTANT: BAC membership requires current FMCA membership. If you are not currently an FMCA member, please complete the FMCA application on the reverse side. Include a $50 check payable to FMCA along with your completed BAC application and a $40 check payable to BAC. The BAC Membership Director will process both applications.

Complimentary Membership: If you buy a "pre-loved" Beaver coach at a dealer, check with them about BAC membership. Some dealerships offer Beaver coach purchasers, who have not been previously registered in BAC, a first year complimentary membership. Applications must be returned to the Membership Director within one year from the date the sale is recorded, in order to participate in the Complimentary Membership package.

BAC New Member Application: $40. **FMCA New Member Application $50.**

Beaver Ambassador Club Membership Application

Please Print Clearly. Complete the following application and mail to the BAC Membership Director. Include a $40 check or money order payable to BAC **(in U.S. Funds)**. If you are not an FMCA member, complete the FMCA application on the reverse side and include a $50 check or money order payable to FMCA, or complete the credit card form for the FMCA dues only . **AMT ENCL** $ _____ (no cash)

Name Cell phone Birthday: Mo./Day

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Primary mailing address (street, city, zip+4, telephone, "from/to" effective dates

Secondary mailing address (street, city, zip+4, telephone, "from/to" effective dates

Email address(es) Coach Model Year Length Last 6 digits of VIN

Friend of Beavers - Please complete this section

Name of sponsor Coach Make

Please complete the following information for membership name badges. Print first and last name (or nickname and last name), location and FMCA number as you wish them to be engraved on each badge.

Name Name

City, State FMCA Number

Signature of Applicant Signature of Applicant

Please list the areas of expertise from work experience, education, and/or hobbies that you could share with the club:

Name Skills

Name Skills

Mail completed application(s) and check(s) to:
Iris Schmidt, #F60829, BAC Membership Director, 3590 Round Bottom Rd., Cincinnati, OH, 45244-3026
Messages: iris.bac@mac.com, Cell: 541-953-3595

D. Bentley, BeaverTales Editor
14454 Range Park Rd..
Poway, CA 92064

FMCA New Member Application: $50. BAC New Member Application: $40. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

FMCA Membership Application

Please complete the following application and mail to the BAC Membership Director. Include a $50 check or money order payable to FMCA. The BAC Membership Director will process both the FMCA and BAC membership applications.

Last Name _____ Husband _____ Wife _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

(Area Code) Home Phone * _____

Occupation* (if retired, former occupation) _____

☐ Check here if former member: Member # _____

How did you hear about FMCA? _____

What member benefit interests you most? _____

☐ Please send commercial application.

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Use this QR code to go to the FMCA web site using your smart phone.

Coach Mfr. _____ Model yr, _____ Approx. length _____

License Plate # _____ State of registration _____

☐ Production motor home ☐ Converted coach Other _____

NOTE: If motor home owned by applicant is not a production motor home, please include photo.

I enclose $50 (US Funds) for a Family membership. The $50 is composed of $10 initiation fee, $35 for one year's membership dues, and $5 for a one-year subscription to Family Motor Coaching Magazine (includes coach identification emblems).

Make check or money order payable to: FMCA, Inc.
Please allow a minimum of four to six weeks for processing.

I understand that upon acceptance of my application, I will be sent a copy of the FMCA Code of Ethics. I agree to read and abide by this code, which represents all our endeavors to be good neighbors, careful and responsible coach owners and operators, and good citizens of our communities. I own at least 33 1/3% interest in a qualifying coach.

Signed _____

Please charge my: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____
(If charged must be signed here)

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