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The Chinook Camping Club shall be for owners of Chinook coaches, one that will establish a common bond of equality and genuine friendship among all members where we gather for fun in simple ways, reaffirm and celebrate our pride in Chinook ownership, and strive for more than one annual rally to give opportunity for all to attend regardless of location, time of year, or availability of vacation time.

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President's Message



I am happy to say the New Year is off to a good start!

Our VP, Membership, Nita Wilkinson has been hard at work processing new member applications and renewals. The Membership Directory is again in print.

We look forward to the upcoming rally at Gulf State Park and plan on seeing many of you there.

Remember, this is your club and if you have suggestions for improvement, or ideas that will help the club, please let me or any board member know! We are always happy to hear from you.

Thanks for continuing to help make our club a huge success!

Sincerely,

Eileen Disbrow



Members posed for our group picture in the KOA game room at the January rally. Our rally hosts did a great job and the rally was enjoyed by all.



The Chinook Camping Club banner was proudly displayed last year at Flamingo Lake RV Resort

SPRING TECH TIP

Summer travel will soon be here and it is a good time to check your tires for signs of wear. Check inflation before trips and every few days on long trips.

Use WD-40 to clean locks and latches on compartment doors then lubricate with silicone.

Clean awning with mild detergent and lubricate hardware.

Flush and sanitize your fresh water system.

WINTER RALLY HELD AT ORLANDO SW/FORT SUMMIT KOA

The Winter Rally was held at Orlando SW/Ft. Summit KOA in Davenport, FL. The location, with easy access to I-4, Hwy. 27 and the Orlando area attractions was ideal for members wanting to tour the area.

We occupied a total of 28 sites with 5 of those being filled by first time attendees: Vic & Donna Cruz, Bob & Deanna

Gorecki, Carl & Theresa Merrill, Bill Stormont and Paul & Sue Wright.

On Thursday evening we met for our Welcome Pot Luck Dinner. Here we had just taken off those few pounds from the holidays and we were looking at a real feast! Thanks to our great cooks. Friday morning we met for coffee and pastries

provided by the club. Members headed off to Bok Tower Gardens, Disney, SeaWorld and some shopping at the outlets. Friday evening a large group headed to Bob Evans for dinner. Breakfast buffet was available in the Café over the weekend. The Club hosted a Chili/Soup Dinner on Saturday evening with a variety of choices. The rally was wonderful!



Rally

For additional rally information, to suggest a rally site, or host a rally in your area please contact Alvin & Arline Cantrell our rally VP's.

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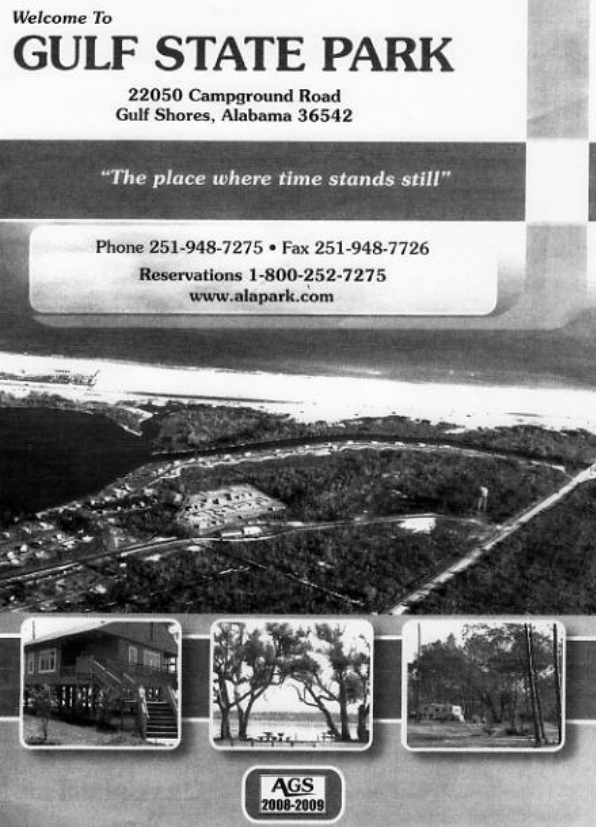
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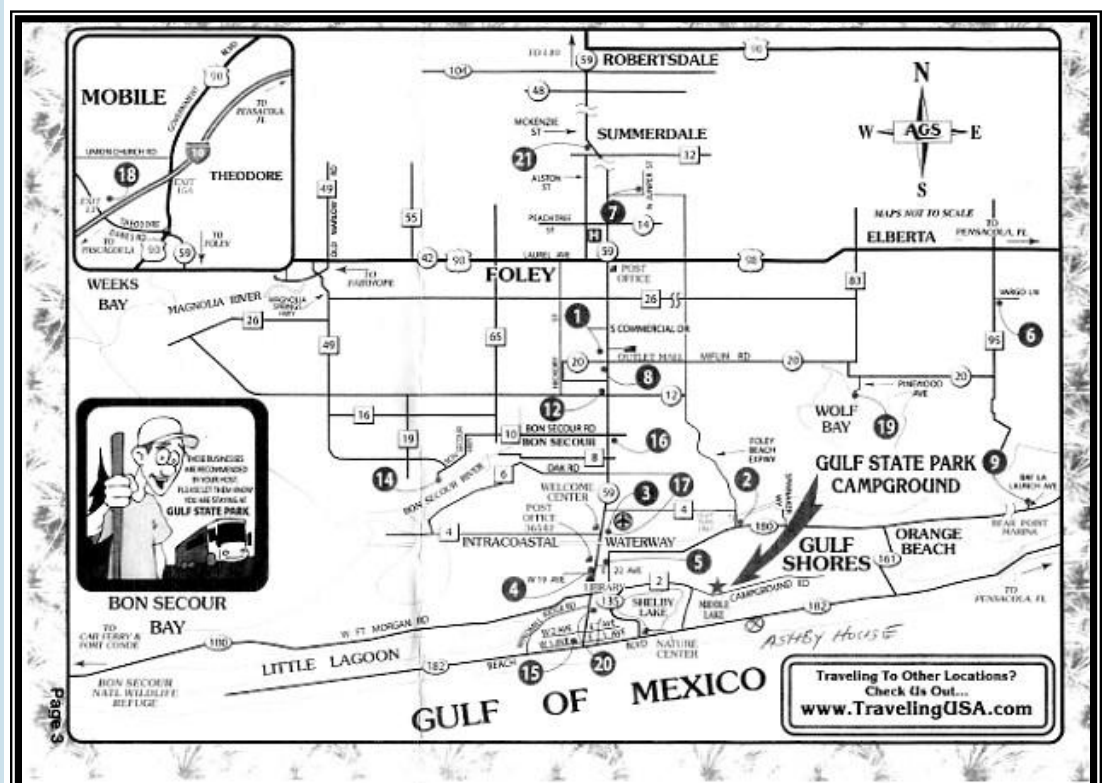
The Gulf State Park Rally will be held April 18 to 21, 2010.

The park is located in Gulf Shores Alabama and has been beautifully restored since Hurricane Ivan.

The sites are spacious, the bath-houses are new and the state park offers many amenities.

The new fishing pier on the Gulf will be open and available for the sports-men in the group who would like to try some fishing!

Dan & Maria Ashby will also have their beach front property available for our use.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RALLY VP'S

Hi Fellow Chinook members,

Start thinking about bringing out those warm weather clothes. It's only a month and a half till the Gulf State rally and I don't know about you, but I've had about all the winter I can stand. If you haven't made reservations for Gulf State, maybe you can still get one.

Detailed information will be sent later in the month for those of you who have reservations.

Deer Run should be a nice summer rally. Crossville is on a high plateau, so it is cool without being in the mountains. If you like to sightsee, this is the rally for you. The Homestead Project of the Great Depression is within a few miles. Other attractions such as Rugby, Oak Ridge, and the Appalachian Museum are further, but the drives are easy. If you just want to relax at Deer Run, there's a lake and plenty of areas for walking.

Our annual rally will be at Seashore Campsites in Cape May, New Jersey. This is a new area for many people and I hope as many of you as possible can come. Hopefully, some of our northern members will be able to attend. All of the above rallies start on the 18th, but check the start day. These are not Th., Fri., and Sat. as usual.

Now, for our newest rally. We will be having our winter rally next year from Jan. 10 to Jan. 13 at Lazy Days in Tampa. This is a Monday start date. On Wednesday, the Tampa RV show starts so we will be there for it. For those of you who have never been to the rally, the price includes three nights and most meals, plus entertainment each night. On Mon. night there is a welcome reception with enough hors d'oeuvres for a meal with entertainment following; breakfast, dinner, and after dinner entertainment Tues. and Wed., lunch daily and a continental breakfast on Thursday are also free, but they are at the Lazy Days cafe. Total price per rig is \$269.63. Lazy Days requires a \$135 deposit, but will refund it all if cancelled by Dec. 1, 2010. Cancellations after this but before 7 days will be charged for one night \$34.99. 7 days or less is nonrefundable. Many of us are newer members and haven't done this rally, so it should be fun.

Please be on the look out for rally sites as you travel and let me know if you find a park that you think will work. Two things that are a must for our club is a place to meet and good bathhouse facilities for those of us who have Premiers and Con-courses with the tiny bathrooms. On the way home from the winter rally, we checked out a park that we planned to use next winter. It was a lovely park, but the bathing facilities while clean were not private enough so we had to change plans. It's impossible to tell from pictures or write ups how a park really is. If you would like to host a rally, please let me know.

Arline & Alvin Cantrell

Rally VP's



SUMMER RALLY



July 18-21 Sun-Wed

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FALL ANNUAL RALLY & MEETING CAPE MAY, NJ

Monday, Oct 18 - Thursday, Oct 21, 2010



Ride the Cape May-Lewes Ferry



Visit the sites of Victorian Cape May
Enjoy the view from Sunset Point
Stop by the Cape May Zoo, local
winery and the beautiful
Cape May Lighthouse
Historic Cold Spring Village
and the nearby beaches and
boardwalks

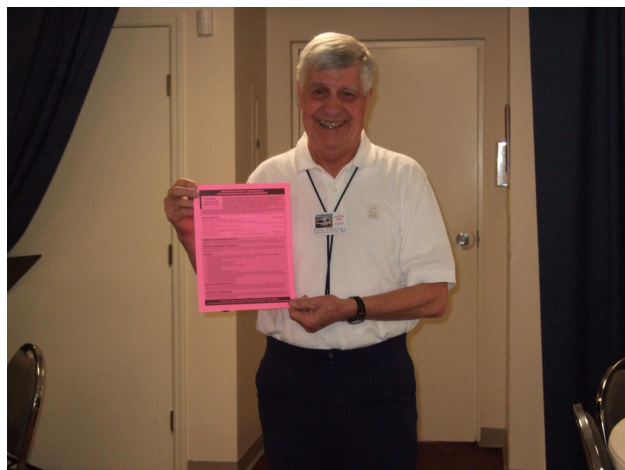
720 Seashore Road, Cape May, New Jersey 08204

Toll-Free Reservations: 1 800 313-CAMP



Some members enjoyed a relaxing meal at Bob Evans Restaurant just a short walk from the KOA!

Don Phillips provides tips for carbon monoxide safety to the club.



Fred Erb captured a beautiful shot of some of our units at the campground.



What do you mean we can't go to the Pot Luck?



Time to catch up with old friends and new as we get ready for our Soup and Chili Dinner!!



And we come to "the end" of another great rally with many members heading back to the cold and snowy north while others continue to brave the very cool Florida winter!

Membership News

The club continues to grow as our members reach out to fellow owners they meet along the way. Recent additions to the Chinook Camping Club include the following:

Paul & Sue Wright—OH

Vic & Donna Cruz—FL

Don & Nancy Michel—OH

Ronald & Linda Hooper—SC



Preston & Donna Sturkie—AI

Carl & Theresa Merrill—NY

John Grimes—CT

We want to welcome the new members and we hope to see them at an upcoming rally. The rally recently held in the Orlando, Florida area was well attended. Paul & Sue Wright, Vic & Donna Cruz along with Carl & Theresa Merrill attended their first rally.

In addition to the new members, we also met Bob & Deanna Gorecki for the first time. Bob and Deanna are members from NY.

Our renewals are complete and the club roster includes a total of 93 units. Our new Membership Directory has been distributed and also includes a removable spreadsheet which is convenient to carry on trips.

Below are printable business cards you can use to invite someone to join the club.

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