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*for his time and talent in posting our Trailblazer*

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### President's Message

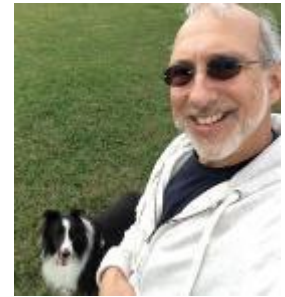
Well it's turning out to be quite a winter! A number of us escaped a small part of it by attending the Ocala Springs rally, and even there the weather was not as accommodating as one might wish. Still, the camaraderie of Chinookers is not easily thwarted, and the rain and chill we had some of the time was not enough to keep us from good company, good food, and learning the proper way to rotate our tires!

As always, so much thanks are owed to the our rally planners, hosts, and volunteers. We're all grateful to Fred Cummings, Tom and Sue Jackson, Eileen and Russ Disbrow, and our intrepid kitchen crew (when we were actually allowed to be \*in\* the kitchen).

Club rally-goers also owe quite the thank you to Rally VP Cricket Jones. We've had more than a couple of monkey wrenches thrown into our plans for upcoming rallies. Every time, Cricket has stepped up and brought us to a solution. The big one you all need to know about right now is the complete change of venue for our annual meeting in October. Beth Page resort in Urbanna VA is OUT. Cool Breeze (was Deer Creek) in Galax VA is IN. Sign-up details appear elsewhere in this issue of the Trailblazer.

See you on the road

Mark McCluski



## Spring Rally— March 29-April 1, 2015

**March : Sunday 29th – exit Wednesday April 1st before noon\*\*\*\***

**Rivers End – Tybee Island, GA**

\$48.00F (W&E-\$38) mid-season rate (25 sites)

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31328

Tel: 800.786.1016 • Email:

riversend@cityoftybee.org

HOST: Susan Martin



[Riversendcampground.com](http://Riversendcampground.com) Cutoff date has passed, but you can call to see if they have space. Club will provide the "meet n' greet" snacks, all we need to bring is our beverage. There will be the Pot Luck, and possibly a "pay as you go, if you want to go" late lunch out at The Crab Shack. Watch the weekly updates for more information and a tentative agenda.

Tybee Island is known as Savannah's beach. There are a number of area attractions including Tybee Lighthouse & Museum, Fort Pulaski National Monument, Tybee Island Marine Science Center and Tybee Pier & Pavilion. You can also visit Savannah itself, a wonderfully eclectic and historic town. If you like mysteries read the book Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (or watch the movie) before you come, and take the tour! Great eating, antiques and a mostly dog-friendly town for those of us who travel with pooches. See more at the campground website and savannah.com

**TRAVELOGUE:** This month, in an additional file, we present the second part of a travelogue by member Cyndy Gabrys, who took about a 6 month trip across the country, accompanied by her elderly dog Tipper. She agreed to write up her travels for us to enjoy. Thanks Cyndy for sharing!

## Fun and Food at the Winter Rally, Ocala Sun RV Resort, January 2015

(Mark wrote this in a weekly update, but it was a great summary—reprinted here, with photos!)



We had a fun rally in Ocala, and much thanks are due to Rally hosts Fred Cummings, Tom and Sue Jackson, rally VP Crickett Jones, the ever-essential Eileen and Russ Disbrow, and all the others who contributed in one way or another. (God bless the kitchen crew!) We had one day of some truly torrential rain that created a substantial lake right down the middle of our rally spaces. Happy to report that no one drowned although the club canopy was a casualty. Not that we didn't have our share of bad news. Linda Stamper had



to leave early when she got word her mother wasn't doing well. You may have heard the sad news that her mom passed away. I'm sure you all join me in sending her all the positive energy and prayers and support we can.



New members Susan Hill and Anne Patten arrived at the rally just in time to have to leave: Anne has health issues, and while they both thought that short-distance traveling would be an option for them it seems they were wrong. I am very sorry to

hear they will be putting their Chinook up for sale.

Several other members left the rally early. I guess the rain took its toll, as did our only part-time access to the club house. Folks have to choose what's right for them, I guess, but I think those of us who stayed the distance managed to have a good time in spite of the adversities.

New members Denis and Dinah Murdock from Texas didn't have their Chinook with them, but they were in Florida and came by to get acquainted on Sunday afternoon.



Also joining us for the first time, *with* their Chinook, was Harry Barnes and Muffy McDowell, relatively new RVers who probably take the prize for gathering the most info about Chinooks and camping in the shortest length of time. We were happy to share what we know! And from Gainesville, George and Phoebe Papadi. We had our customary meet and greet on Sunday night, and a fine club breakfast on Monday followed by a particularly

engaging Tech Talk. [Click on the link](#) to see a YouTube video of Tom explaining tire rotation



using club members to act out the process! <http://youtu.be/FHDt2Ide1IE>. Thanks, Jeannie Porta, for capturing the moment!



The rain kind of blew most of Monday away, but there was our Monday night potluck, which was excellent as always. I have to come up with a way to make sure the vegetarians get a fair crack at the meatless stuff though: I gather that pickings were slim by the time the last tables went up. I'm open to suggestions from the floor.

On Tuesday after breakfast Tom tried to make up for lost time fixing



everyone's Chinooks. Club members took advantage of some of the group activities offered by the campground for all its members, including chair aerobics and line dancing. Tuesday night we dined al fresco, near the site of the ruined rally tent that had collapsed in the rain. Everyone brought their own food to eat and we set up our chairs into a big old ring that expanded into a second Chinook space that was temporarily vacant. (We had to do some speedy realigning of ourselves when Susan and Hans came back a while later and

needed to park their rig.) We toasted the recent retirement of Nancy Breeding with champagne and had a first-rate time together for several hours.

It was Wednesday before we knew it. So many Chinookers had left early that we had an extra sausage biscuit breakfast! Then we said our farewells and were scattered to the four winds. I'm only an amateur photographer, but I have [some pics on Dropbox](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uo2ilnbwlkjoqww/AAADilp8vskYKfXuViJULibGa?dl=0) for your viewing. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uo2ilnbwlkjoqww/AAADilp8vskYKfXuViJULibGa?dl=0>



Full disclosure, though, I should mention that we brought our good times with us. There were some issues with the campground that came about due to last-minute changes in campground personnel. If you're looking to camp in this area there are probably better places to hook up. Even so, I'm still calling this rally a blast! Again, good job all involved.

### VP of Membership Report 2015 by Gayle Wroble

Our club membership is currently at 114 members. Since the last newsletter, we have welcomed 7 new members!

#379  
Joel & Barbara Ziev  
West Palm Beach, FL  
2000 Concourse

#380  
Charlotte Brubaker  
Joy Fritz  
Tampa, FL  
2000 Destiny

#381  
Harry Barnes  
Muffy McDowell  
East Meredith, NY  
2001 Concourse

#382  
Jerry Bergstrom  
Virginia Johnston  
Sun City Center, FL  
2000 Concourse

#383  
Matt Tomassian  
Nita Warden  
North Reading, MA  
2003 Premier

#384  
B.J. & Debbie Person  
Ridgeland, SC  
2003 Concourse

# 385  
Charles & Peggy Farrell  
Fruitland Park, FL  
2003 Glacier

I'm still on the road, so this will be brief. Mark will be sending links to downloadable PDF documents of the club's Bylaws, and Membership roster (not up to date) in a future update email. For up to date membership information you can use the EZ Membership App, or if you have a Google account, you can access a webpage with the same membership info as the App. If you would like your picture on your listing in the directory, you can get your "mug shot" taken at a rally, or email a digital



picture to me at ChinookCampingClub@gmail.com. I have to crop and downsize the pictures to use them in the program, so if there is more than one person/pet in the photo they should be close together or someone may get cropped out of the picture. Please include full names of who is in the photo. They do not get added immediately, but when I have a few, and have time they will be added.

**CLUB DUES OF \$35 PER COACH IS DUE EACH YEAR ON OCTOBER 1**

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO**

**"Chinook Camping Club" and mail to: Chinook Camping Club, Linda Stamper, Treasurer 219 Monte Vista Drive, Statesville, NC 28625**



### AT THE NEXT RALLY

We have other rallies on the horizon. Give them a look, check 'em out, wherever Chinooks gather there's good time to be had. It looks like it's going to be an intimate group at Tybee Island, signups have been a little slow!

If you are going to Tybee Island and you need a new Co2 Detector, contact Tom Jackson so he knows what he needs to bring. It was rude awakening for many of us at Ocala that we had out of date Co2 detectors: they age on the shelf, and their life span is 5 years total, regardless of how recently you installed a new one. If you pop your detector out of the wall you will see the date of manufacture on the back of the unit. If it's more than 5 years old it will not protect you in case of Co2 in your RV. There is currently a new rebate from the manufacturer <http://www.mtiindustries.com/rebateOfferings.asp>

. Tom's email is [tjackson@embarqmail.com](mailto:tjackson@embarqmail.com), or call him at (352) 867-5841. Also featured: new LED lighting fixtures for overhead, compartments, closets and exterior porch lights.

If you haven't ever come to a rally, or if it's been a while, check out the schedule listed in the newsletter, and make plans to come. They are typically informal with lots of time to meet new friends, visit with old friends, learn from each other, fix things that are broken, find new destinations for Chinooking, and see what additions, subtractions or upgrades others have made to their coaches. As well as lots of time to just chill and enjoy being out in the RV! We are a valuable resource to each other, from newbie to experienced to expert, even if it's to find three different solutions to any given problem. So plan a trip around spending a few days with other Chinookers relaxing, eating and visiting!

### TIPS FROM MEMBERS: from Diane Cremens—Dealing with water for winter travels

One great thing about the club, we all learn from each other's experience. Here's a tip from a northern state resident member, Diane Cremens, on winterizing and traveling during the winter months.

Since we live in Northern Illinois, where we can have temperatures below freezing October thru May, our Chinook is winterized 7 months of the year. We have left home in January in below zero temps and also returned home when it is below zero. We need to protect our water lines and holding tanks from freezing and cracking. Our water heater is emptied and on bypass most of the year. We normally do not add water to our fresh water tank until we are sure the temperatures will be warm enough not to freeze the lines. Instead, we carry 5 half gallon bottles filled with water and a Brita filter pitcher in our sink, along with a small bucket in the sink. When we wash our hands, we pour water out of the bottles and let it go into the bucket. We then use the water from the bucket to flush the toilet. For hot water, we boil water in the microwave. We also carry an air pot and fill it with boiling water in the morning before we leave our campsite. This way, we have hot water available if we need it during the day. We dump our black and gray tanks and do not allow them to get full so they don't freeze and expand, therefore causing cracks. Ed adds RV antifreeze to the tanks to help keep them from freezing. We also learned the hard way not to turn the defroster on when it is real cold. The windshield cracked right along the line of the defroster.

In another motor home, we came home in below zero weather and did not winterize until we got home. We had the heat turned up, but it wasn't enough. Ed spend most of the next summer replacing all the pvc water lines, a job he never wants to do again. We really do envy all of you who live in the warm southern states and do not need to winterize. It is currently -5, going down to -10 tonight with tomorrow's high 2.

### UPDATES TO 1997 CONCOURSE: from Nancy Breeding-time for new shocks!

Upon my retirement, we finally had enough time to stop over at Tom Jackson's home after the rally to have some updates to our 1997 Concourse (joined by the Cremens and McCluski/Porta who were also having some work done). As we bought our rig just a few years ago with less than 30000 miles on it, we weren't sure what original equipment could benefit from replacement. We had already decided to have the tire valve extenders installed, (2 flat tires necessitated a bit more attention to the tires). And since our ride was a bit harsh, particularly over rough roads and bridge joints, we had Tom take a look at the shocks. Determining they were originals, we had him pull them off (and most were frozen), and put on the new Koni shocks. What a difference! We have more float and less bang. It was well worth the trouble and expense. However, when

he pulled them off he noted the brake pads in the front were down to 1/8" so we squeezed into Parkers Tires for a front brake replacement. Always better safe than sorry. Next up, Safe-T-Plus. Thanks, Tom, for the great job, and to Sue for her cheerful hospitality!



## RV MAINTENANCE TIPS

There was some discussion at the rally about maintaining a healthy RV water system. Eileen Disbrow sent along this worth-repeating article, courtesy of Good Sam Extended Service Plan.

### Keeping It Fresh: Tips for Care and Maintenance of Your RV's Fresh Water System

*Proper care and regular maintenance of your RV's fresh water system is important not only to protect your investment, but also to safeguard your health. Whether you have a motorhome, fifth wheel or travel trailer, it's something that just can't be ignored. Here are a few essential tips for maintaining a safe and trouble-free fresh water system in your rig.*

- ◆ Use a separate fresh water fill hose that is designed specifically and only for drinking water. Use a different color of hose for your utility hose so you will never mix them up.
- ◆ When your fresh water hose is not in use, connect the ends of the hose together to keep the dirt, debris and insects out.
- ◆ Know your water source. Don't assume it to be safe. Run some water from the water source faucet into a glass and check for clarity and odor before filling your fresh water tank. Keep a supply of bottled water in your rig as a back up.
- ◆ Connect a water pressure regulator to the faucet end of your hose to be sure of the pressure from your water source.
- ◆ Use a water filter for your fresh water intake and change it at least once a year or sooner if you notice a change in the taste or flow of your water. (Note: Filters will remove contaminants and improve taste, but will not purify your water.)
- ◆ Empty your potable water tank when not using your RV for more than 3-4 weeks at a time.
- ◆ Sanitize your fresh water system—including your fresh water fill hose—before initial use, approximately every six months when in use, and after extended periods of non-use. If you live or camp in a warm climate and the water is left in the tank for prolonged periods, you may want to sanitize the system more frequently.

### Sanitizing your fresh water tank

- ◆ Drain your tank.
- ◆ Prepare a chlorine solution by mixing a quarter cup of liquid household bleach with a gallon of water. Use one gallon of solution for each 15 gallons of tank capacity.
- ◆ Turn off all the faucets and close all drain valves. Pour the solution into the fresh water tank.
- ◆ Fill the tank the remainder of the way with fresh water.
- ◆ Turn on the water pump. Open all faucets one at a time to remove air from the lines. When water begins to flow steadily, turn faucet off.
- ◆ Refill the tank with fresh water and let stand 3-6 hours.
- ◆ Drain the system by opening all faucets and the fresh water tank drain valve while flushing the system with drinking quality water.
- ◆ Continue flushing the system, allowing the water to flow for several minutes.
- ◆ Close the tank drain valve and faucets. Refill the system with drinking quality water.

Following these simple tips can prevent problems and provide you with a safe fresh water system.

## RAINY DAY READING a list of online resources from [rvtravel.com/](http://rvtravel.com/)

Sign up for their newsletter!

[RV Daily Tips](http://rvdailytips.blogspot.com/) <http://rvdailytips.blogspot.com/> from every RV Daily Tips newsletter

[The Wanderman](http://thewanderman.com/) [thewanderman.com](http://thewanderman.com/), Rich Miller, an avid do-it-yourselfer, has always got a new project to tell you about.

[RV Videos](http://www.rvvideos.com/) <http://www.rvvideos.com/> Do you like TV? Do you like RVing? Then check in here for the latest and greatest online videos.

[Boondocking](http://rvboondockingnews.com) <http://rvboondockingnews.com> Learn where to stay and what to do without utility hookups

[The Digital RVer](http://digitalrv.rvtravel.com/) <http://digitalrv.rvtravel.com/> Electronic gadgets , from GPS to cell phones to mobile apps, to Internet access on the road.

[Beginners Guide to RVing](http://www.newrver.com/) <http://www.newrver.com/> Articles and information for first-time RVers and RVing novices

[RV Short Stops](http://www.rvshortstops.com/) <http://www.rvshortstops.com/> Learn about great places to visit with your RV.

[The RV Kitchen](http://rvcooking.rvtravel.com/) <http://rvcooking.rvtravel.com/> Recipes, tips and techniques to help you prepare healthy meals in a small space.

[RV Maintenance Tips](http://rvmaintenancetips.com/) <http://rvmaintenancetips.com/> Helpful advice about repair and maintenance of your RV by certified RV technician Chris Dougherty



# Just for Fun

From the editor: In future newsletters, I would like to feature a quick **summary of a campground or way station** recently visited by members. If you have an average, outstanding or outstandingly bad experience at a campground or stop-over, send me an email. I'm thinking we'd like to know about access into the facility, cost of staying, cleanliness of the facilities and area, how level the spots are, how shaded or sunny, and other info typically included in reviews. We can read lots of reviews online, but it would be great if members gave us the benefit of their more recent experiences! Email me at [cnbreeding52@gmail.com](mailto:cnbreeding52@gmail.com)

Here are a few from our recent Florida excursion:

**Big Cypress National Preserve/Everglades area:** We stayed at a Roadtrippers-worthy campground just into the Big Cypress National Preserve. It's called Trail Lakes Campground at the Skunk Ape headquarters in Ochopee. There's a little shop with fishing and outdoor gear, and the owner's personal zoo with exotic birds (one that will really scream), alligators, turtles and really big snakes. He put us in as a class B which cost less, but had nice level, fully equipped sites. It's a mix of long-terms and daily but you're not on top of each other. We enjoyed the stay and the zoo tour, and would go back again.

**Casino**—In fact, we went down to the Shark Valley Tram Tour the next day, and as the national campgrounds were full, we planned to return to Trail Lakes, but in the dark we missed the turn. So we drove on up to the Immokalee Casino on the Seminole reservation at Eileen Disbrow's suggestion. Turns out they have electric hookups in the parking lot and some friendly gamblers camping out that point you in the right direction. We had a nice dinner in the Casino and watched the gamblers lose their money!

**State parks:** We stayed at Hunting Beach State Park in South Carolina on the way down, and at Anastasia State Park and Little Manatee State Parks in Florida. They were all wonderful places to stay even in the cold winds. We scored the last available campsite in Anastasia and Little Manatee—so reserve ahead if you're coming. There is even some WiFi available at Hunting Beach and Anastasia.

**Cracker Barrel:** We scored at the Cracker Barrel in Sarasota FL. Located just off the interstate in what looks like an industrial/interstate hotel area, there is a parking lot behind the store that they point you to. It backs up on a little lake, is level, and you can pick up Wifi from the area McDonalds and hotels.

**Tarpon Springs FL:** This one was on the advice of club president Mark McCluski. We stayed at the Bayshore Cove Mobile Home and RV Park. It doesn't look like much, mostly full-timers, but the nice Greek owners squeeze you into spaces at this little park by the water. We hiked to the Sponge Docks and happened upon a craft fair there. We took a cruise (with the pups) to the island, ate at some good restaurants, and did some antiquing in the city center. We saw the dolphins and manatees in the river and some beautiful homes. All within walking distance (a mile or two anyway!). There is a shower, you can pull Wifi at the park building and there is a laundry onsite. It's an interesting town with a great history, good Greek food, and a delicious bakery.

I'm going to try to get these into the blog site so they will be available for lookup. Send me your favorites from your trips!

Do you know a member who is ill or recovering that needs some **SUNSHINE?**

**Send the info to Diane Poole at**  
[poollead72@gmail.com](mailto:poollead72@gmail.com)



## RV ITEMS TO LOOK FOR

[Carbon Monoxide detectors are offering rebates](http://www.mtiindustries.com/rebateOfferings.asp) <http://www.mtiindustries.com/rebateOfferings.asp>



Accutire [Accutire MS-4021B Digital Tire Pressure Gauge](#)



Keep burglars out of your storage compartments: Did you know that many if not most keys to RV storage compartments are exactly the same — a key for your coach will open the storage compartment doors of others? So how do you keep your compartments secure from bad guys?

Order at Amazon.com, search for Combi-Cam 7850R-L Combination Cam Lock, 1-1/8" Chrome Finish (from RVtravel.com, where you can find a video of the installation)



# CHINOOK CHOW—RECIPES FROM THE ROAD

## 5 MINUTE ALMOND CAKE

- 1 stick of butter (1/2 c)
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tsp almond extract
- 2 Tbsp sliced almonds
- Powdered sugar (optional)



1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees
2. Melt butter in glass bowl in microwave. Using a fork, beat the eggs into the (cooled) melted butter. Add the flour, sugar and almond extract and mix well. Pour into a small 8 inch pie plate or cake pan and sprinkle sliced almonds on top (or arrange in circles at center). Bake 45 mins., or until golden brown and a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serves 8.

by Christy Denney (Front Table Books 2014)

### Chinook Cook Book??

We're still looking for the best way to put together a Chinook Cookbook. Print, digital? How would you use it? We always need on-the-road recipes for the newsletter, but it would be great to put them all in an accessible place! Send recipes and any suggestions about how we might put together a cookbook, particularly one to which we can continue to add, to Diane Poole or Eileen Disbrow and let's see if we can figure out the best way to catalog our great food! Let's discuss it at the next rally!

## SLOW COOKER BACON CHEESEBURGER SOUP

from theshabbycreekcottage.com

- Ingredients
- 2 lb ground beef
  - 4 cups chopped onions (3 to 4 medium) plus extra for garnish
  - 2 cans (28 oz each) diced tomatoes, undrained (I use Rotel)
  - 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce (plus more to taste)
  - 16 oz Velveeta cheese, cut into cubes (can substitute American)
  - 1 lb. bacon cooked and crumbled (store in the fridge in a Ziploc bag until ready to serve).
  - 8-12 waffle fries for garnish

1 cup shredded lettuce for garnish (if desired)

### Directions

In a large skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until browned then drain (this step can be done the day before and the beef refrigerated overnight). Turn your slow cooker on LOW and add the cooked beef, the onions, tomatoes and Worcestershire sauce. Cover and cook on LOW heat for 8 hours (or on HIGH heat for 4 hours). About 15 minutes before serving, make sure the slow cooker is now on LOW or WARM then stir in the cheese and 3/4 of the crumbled bacon and cover. Cook the waffle fries according to package directions. Stir the soup mixture occasionally while the fries are cooking. Add more Worcestershire sauce to taste if desired (careful – a little goes a long way). Serve the soup garnished with lettuce, diced onion, bacon and waffle fries.

Freeze the soup in Ziploc bags, laid flat.



### Looking for new officer candidates:

Hello Everyone, it's not too soon to start thinking how you can serve our club. Please consider running for an office: positions include President, VP Rally, VP Membership, Treasurer and Secretary/sunshine. The jobs are not difficult and past officers will be willing to train their replacements. If you are interested in any positions, please email me at dscremens@gmail.com or call my cell, 815-985-4612. Thank you!!  
Diane Cremens, Chair, Nominating Committee

## Rally Schedule for 2015

Rally Chair Cynthia (Cricket) continues to find the best locations and dates for our rallies. There have been a couple of changes to sites and dates, so please take note, cancel any old reservations at previous sites and book the new ones. Changes were made to the fall rally in 2015 and the winter rally in January 2016. See you there!

### Spring rally:

**March : Sunday 29th – exit Wednesday April 1st before noon\*\*\*\***

**Rivers End – Tybee Island, GA \$48.00F (W&E-\$38) mid-season rate (25 sites) See the info on page 1**

**July :Monday July 27th – exit Thursday 30th**

**Alpine Lake RV Resort – 78 Heath Road Corinth, NY 12822**  
 \$39.00 800-576-8541 (25 sites) [alpinelakervresort.com](http://alpinelakervresort.com)  
[alpinelake\\_mgr@equitylifestyle.com](mailto:alpinelake_mgr@equitylifestyle.com) / 518-654-6260  
 Peter E. Temeles - Resort Manager / Fax: 518-654-7652  
 HOST: Rebecca Williams, Cricket Jones and Mike Sloop  
 (Cut off date: May 26th 2015)



We encourage members to take advantage of their time spent here at the Resort by staying a little later or arriving a little earlier to enjoy the Northeast during the summer, however, it is important to note that the end of July is during our peak season so weekends (Friday & Saturday) are always in high demand so space is limited. Please contact for questions. Coming in on Sunday and exiting on Fridays should be no problem although we could not guarantee those sites would be with the Chinook Club.

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION AND DATES:

**October – Sunday 4th – Tuesday 6th (Depart Wednesday 7th) Price \$34.00 (total with tax included)**

**Cool Breeze (was Deer Creek) 2330 Edmonds Rd. Galax, VA (35 sites)**  
 866-342-0300 (Robert) [www.deercreekrvresort.com](http://www.deercreekrvresort.com) (they kept old web address) (click on the amenities link and notice the photos of our previous rally!)

[www.coolbreezecampground.com](http://www.coolbreezecampground.com)

HOST: Mike Sloop & Cynthia Jones (cut off date: August 4th 2015)

Desert night: Monday 7pm – followed by business meeting or visa-versa

Annual meal at Mt. Surf & Seafood: 12:30PM Tuesday

Tuesday night – possible weenie roast & marshmallows around fire pit - (weather permitting)

I will send a menu by May, If you have special dietary restriction please let me know ASAP.

If you want to come in early the manager will extend the rally price. If you want to stay after the rally the same rate applies if spaces available. (Cut off date: September 10th 2015)



Bluegrass Music: get your tickets early!

Friday nights at The Rex Theater / [www.theatergalax.com](http://www.theatergalax.com)

113 E. Grayson Street Galax, VA 24333 / 276-236-0329

Email: [rkohlegalaxva.com](mailto:rkohlegalaxva.com)

Saturday: The Blue Ridge Music Center

700 Foothills Road Galax, VA 24333

Mile post # 213 on the Blue Ridge Parkway

276-236-5309 / for tickets: 866-308-2773 ext # 245

[www.blueridgemusiccenter.org](http://www.blueridgemusiccenter.org)





## Rally Schedule for 2016

With any rally please make sure you say you are with the Chinook Camping Club rally.

**Change to the Winter Rally!** Come January 2016 our official winter rally home is going to be **Flamingo Lake in Jacksonville, FL**. For next year we changed the rally to one day later than we announced previously: They have a large group coming in, due to check out the day we would have arrived. If we left the date of arrival as Jan 17th, no one would be able to get their "club site location" early, and SO many of us like to get in a day ahead of the action.

Therefore: rally dates....arrive **January 18- depart the 21st**. If you plan on going in early next year to reserve NOW! Also, they have another group coming in on the 21st, so if anyone extends past the rally they may be asked to move. Lake front sites will be first come, first served as in the past. Members have the option of the higher cost lake front or regular site. Cut off is December 13th 2015 – site not guaranteed after cut-off) 800-782-4323



**April : Sunday 24th – Wednesday 27th**  
**Natural Bridge KOA, Natural Bridge, VA**  
 \$40 – 214 Kildeer Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578  
 (800-562-8514) (25 sites)  
 Info – 540-291-2770 <http://www.naturalbridgekoa.com/camp@naturalbridgekoa.info>  
 HOST: Charles and Nancy Breeding



**July: Monday 18th – Thursday 21st**  
**Pine Valley KOA, White River Junction, Vermont**  
 \$50 – 3700 Woodstock Rd. White River Junction, Vermont 05001 (20 sites)  
 Reserve: 800-562-1621 / Info: 802-296-6711 / [quecheekoa@comcast.net](mailto:quecheekoa@comcast.net)  
<http://www.pinevalleyrv.com/>  
 HOST: (Volunteer Host needed, contact Cricket!)  
 Speak with Cindy ONLY\* 802-296-0014\*\*\*\*\*we can have more sites if people call and reserve early\*\*\* (cut off date is June 1st 2016)



**October Sunday 2nd – Wednesday 5th**  
**Mountain Pines CG - Champion, PA**  
 \$34 – 1662 Indian Creek Valley Rd. Champion, PA 15622 (30 sites)  
 Reserve & Info: 724-455-7411 /  
[www.mountainpinescamping.com](http://www.mountainpinescamping.com)  
 HOST: (Volunteer Host needed, contact Cricket!)  
 (Cut off date is August 16th 2016)



**Rally hosts needed, please contact Cynthia (Cricket) Jones at [cmjfreedom@outlook.com](mailto:cmjfreedom@outlook.com)**

Plan as much or as little as you like! Rally hosts may coordinate with the campground for the meeting facilities, and with those Chinookers attending to provide the club sponsored meals etc. Hosts are free to plan special events or meals, entertainment or activities and are not expected to assume financial costs. It's a great way to contribute on a one-time (or more if you want) basis to the activities of the club. The more we spread around the tasks, the less each individual has to do! And we have an extraordinarily willing group of rally attendees who jump in to help cook, clean up, share a hobby, entertainment, information or experience!!



*Thanks to Fred Cummings and Tom and Sue Jackson, and all the members who make the rallies great!*