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THE PRESIDENT'S FORUM

If you are reading this Newsletter, it means that you renewed your membership in The Chinook Camping Club. Thanks. To our

new members, we appreciate you joining and hope we can make YOUR club a must for renewal.

Enhance your membership thru participation. Receiving your Name Badge, receiving the Newsletter, and various emails are great benefits of your membership in the Chinook Camping Club. BUT to activate all it can be, try attendance at a Rally. Costs are nominal for the total fellowship/benefit received.

The Club's members come from a vast array of backgrounds and work experience. Name a professional skill from A to Z and we probably have it covered. Enjoying a great potluck supper, visiting around the campsite or competing in a game of horseshoes, rallies are a great way to enhance your Chinook experience.

Getting involved as a Rally Host, on a committee, or on the Board of Directors, moves that enjoyment up another level for weekenders or full-timers. Harry says, "Try it, you might like it".

Thanks again for joining and/or renewing your membership in CCC Eastern Region. See you at the next Rally.

John McWaters, President

SPRING RALLY - MACON, GEORGIA

Hip, Hip, Hoorah! To John and Sandra Forbes for hosting a super spring rally at Macon, Georgia during the Cherry Blossom Festival. 28 Coaches were in attendance. Newbies in attendance were Lawless, Matthews, Rowland, Shipley, and Schaller. Bob Kiss and Tom Jackson (member of our CCC) were present as representatives of Trail Wagons/Chinook. Pat Calloway provided this thumbnail write-up:

Thursday: Potluck at the KOA Campsite. After a great meal, we had a discussion, conducted by President John McWaters, on some places that we might go next year. After the meeting, we visited with others in the group.

Friday: 9 AM, We formed into groups and drove to Macon to see the Cherry Blossoms, visit museums, ride the trolley and tour some of the old homes and churches. Back to the campsite to get refreshed and ready to go to Lelands' Restaurant for a fish & chicken buffet. After dinner, games were enjoyed in the KOA Camp Clubhouse.

Saturday: We were on our own. Most went back to Macon to do what we didn't have time to do the day before. There were vendor booths in the blocked-off streets. The fudge was great. Anne Payne said the



homemade ice cream was outstanding. Part of the group traveled to Juliette to eat lunch at the Whistle Stop Café, featured in the movie "Fried Green Tomatoes". The town was just one block with several antique stores and shops. A nice place to see. Returned to camp and the clubhouse for games, coffee and lots of "chat". Sam Calloway is looking for someone to challenge in a game of checkers.

Sunday: 8 AM, meeting in the clubhouse for worship service. Lon Muncy, our Chaplain, did a great job as usual. He and Tom Jackson did a skit about the Lord's Prayer that was excellent and well received. A great turn out for the Church service. Then goodbyes were said until next time and we were on our way.

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Rally's Rally's Rally's

ANNUAL RALLY - OCTOBER 21 - 24 NASHVILLE TN KOA



Nashville KOA
Nashville, TN
October 21 - 24, 2004
<http://www.koa.com/where/tn/42148.htm>



Tentative Agenda:

Arrive Thursday, Oct. 21:

PotLuck in the Music Hall 6 PM.
Music in Music Hall
at 8 PM (open to full campsite)

Friday:

Bus over to the General Jackson
Paddlewheel for Lunch and
entertainment.

Dinner on your own (snacks
probably).

Friday Evening:

Attend the Grand Ole Opry.

Saturday:

9 AM, Bus Tour of Nashville.
Return to campground by 1 PM.
Catered BBQ dinner followed by
Annual Business Meeting.

Nashville KOA Features:

- Golf – At Opryland's
Springhouse Golf Club (home of
the BellSouth Senior Classic at
Opryland) and other area
courses

- Fishing – Enjoy fishing on Old
Hickory Lake and Percy Priest
Lake, both of which are within
20 minutes of the Nashville KOA
at Opryland.

- Shopping – At a complex of
factory outlets only minutes from
the Nashville KOA at Opryland,
as well as on Music Row and in
the District (downtown
Nashville).

Major Attractions Include:

- Opryland Resort
- Grand Ole Opry
- Ryman Auditorium
- Opry Mills
- Country Music Hall of Fame

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ANNUAL RALLY DEPOSIT

Please send your
deposit of \$150.00 for the
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NEW CCC MEMBERS:

Jack & Nancy Lawless
Joe & Sue Pistone
Wayne & Eve Pribble
Giacon Zardetto
Jack Dignum
& Carolyn Hirner
Wyatt & Clemmie
Matthews
Gary & Joanne Copeland
Glenn & Bonnie Savell
Frances Cornwell
Randy Williams
& Betsy Day
John Moore
David Katz
William Baker
Robert Sell
Art & Linder Templar
Paul & Joyce Warnecke

New Members...

*Contact Harry Bufkin for
the Full Membership List*

**Mark your calendar!
Send Deposit NOW to Treasurer Dick DeSchraver**



Summer Rally 2005 – Virginia or West Virginia sites are being discussed.
Fall Rally 2005 – Gettysburg is being explored.

Please tell us what you think about these upcoming Rally Sites.
Also, would you like more or less structure in our Rallies?

TREASURER'S CORNER

Where does the Dues money go? \$35.00 does not go far. For first year members, \$12.50 each plus shipping of Name Badge or \$25.00 for Coach of two. We allocate \$3.00 per newsletter or \$12.00 annually (1.50 printing, 1.00 production, .50 mailing). That's \$37.00 or \$2.00 in the red. Then we commit each year to subsidize the Annual Rally to the tune of \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. Thanks for renewing so we can get back in the black. Any financial questions may be addressed to Dick DeSchraver, Treasurer, CCC.

SUNSHINE PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

Jacqueline Waggy
Ruby McWaters
Wortz
Cricket Jones

*May you find a warm smile
and speedy recovery knowing
you are in our thoughts today.*

Sunshine Secretary
Pat Callaway

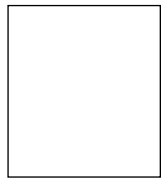
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SPRING RALLY - MACON, GA FORSYTH KOA — Mar 25 - 28, 2004



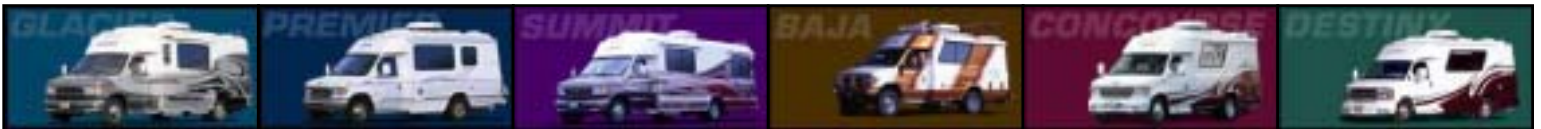


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CHINOOK CAMPING CLUB – COMING EVENTS

SUMMER RALLY **ANNUAL RALLY** **WINTER RALLY** **SPRING RALLY**
RENFRO VALLEY **GRAND OLE OPRY** **LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK** **ALAMO AND THE RIVER WALK**



TOM'S TECH TIPS

Travel time is here and it is time to check your Chinook for that needed trip. Let's start with the **BATTERIES**. Use only distilled water and fill just to the shelf inside the battery. Remember there are three fill ports. Batteries to service: One under the hood for engine and two or more for the coach.

AIR PRESSURE 55 LBS
 Front and Rear, for Premier, Concourse and the Destiny. Note this is a change from the

old 65 lbs. The change is recommended by the tire manufacture and reduces tire cupping. The Glacier requires 60 lbs, front and rear. Note on the Glacier: Air Spring Pressure should be 30 lbs minimum and increased to 40 - 50 lbs when encountering cross winds or on interstate roads. This will greatly reduce sway.

BLACK AND GREY HOLDING TANKS Don't forget to use Chemicals in both tanks. Put about a gallon of water in each after renewing the chemicals.

FRESH WATER TANKS. DRAIN AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH TO OFFSET STALE AND BAD TASTING WATER. Bleach or baking soda can be used to clean, but drain after use. Refill for travel. Be sure to bleed air out of lines after filling. Check Gas

WATER HEATER to insure that no mud daubers have built their nest. Clean to prevent burner from burning sooty. Hope to see you all on the Road, not beside.

Safe travels, Tom Jackson