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THE PRESIDENT'S FORUM

As of this writing, we have received 54 responses to our Club's questionnaire on the subject of Rallies. Many thanks to our Club's Secretary Denise Kinney for her hard work in getting out 116 mailings with stamped Self-addressed envelopes included. That was quite a task.

Thanks to the 54 members who responded. Shame on the 62 who

did not respond. Your Board of Directors Will carefully consider your responses and suggestions in formation of our future rallies. I am personally pleased to read so many favorable comments from our members who apparently have thoroughly enjoyed so many rallies. If you have not attended rallies, you are really missing something.

THE SUMMARY OF RESPONSES FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE

	Like It Fine	OK	Don't Like It	No Response
SCHEDULE: 3 MINI RALLIES/1 MAJOR RALLY	44	6	2	2
STRUCTURED ANNUAL RALLY (Events Paid in Advance)	45	5	—	6
COST OF RALLY	\$300-\$400	\$200-\$300	Less than \$200	No response
	22	18	12	2
RALLY ATTENDANCE	3/Year	2/Year	1/Year	Annual Rally Only
	10	12	12	14
GROUP MEALS	Like Them Fine	Lousy Food	Prefer to Eat Alone	No Opinion
	36	2	6	8
TOURS	Like Them Fine	OK/Maybe	Don't Like It	Never
	34	10	—	10
FUTURE RALLY SITES	Only 7 responded to this question with 2 volunteering to Co-Host			
GENERAL COMMENTS	Doing Great Job	Super Club	Great Rallies	Most enjoyable
	16	12	12	13
				Terrible Club, Never Go Again
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Again Thanks for your Response. John McWaters, President

SUMMER RALLY - RENFRO VALLEY, KENTUCKY

Chinook Camping Club members from several states attended the Summer Rally at Renfro Valley, KY and found there's "lots to do in them thar hills". Thursday night's delicious Pot Luck Dinner was followed by an informative Tech Talk Seminar present by our own Tom Jackson, who is an official Service Representative for Chinook.

On Friday, it was off to nearby Berea, KY which is known as the "Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky". It is also the home of Berea College where students still receive training in Woodcraft, Weaving, Ceramics, Broomcraft, and Wrought Iron. Craft shops in the Old Town and College Square areas were visited as well as the nearby Kentucky Artisan Center. Many enjoyed having lunch at the historic Boon Tavern Hotel & Restaurant.

Saturday's adventure was a trip to Danville, KY to attend the "Great American Brass Band Festival" held each year on the campus of Centre College. A parade down Main Street was followed by afternoon outdoor concerts by Brass Band Musicians from



around the world. Unfortunately, the weather (thunderstorms) washed out the afternoon concerts but a great parade was enjoyed by all.

Most Chinookers attended one or more of the musical shows held every Friday and Saturday nights at Renfro Valley. Our Sunday Morning Chapel Services was held at Renfro's little white church and conducted by Tom Jackson. Then it was off for home or another Chinook Adventure.

Many thanks and a high five to Frank and Joyce Jones for hosting this fine event

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ANNUAL RALLY - OCTOBER 21 - 24 NASHVILLE TN KOA



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



Last Call to the Annual Rally October 21 - 24, Nashville TN. If you are not signed up, contact Anne Payne Rally Director, to see if she can get a site for you. 1-228-864-6664 or 1-228-363-0806 cell. I believe that we have 40 signed up now.

WINTER RALLY: Lazydays Rally Park, Tampa FL Jan 6 -9. Costs for a fantastic outing \$222.88. Make your reservations now. Comments from last year were, "Wow! Best ever! Great time! Wonderful site!". We have booked forty sites, so we need to register early to confirm. 3 days and 4 nights or just plain Fun. Good eating and shows all Provided by Rally Park. Contact Hosts Brad and Sharon Locke 1-772-221-3849 (locke1189@aol.com) for more information or to assist in making reservations. Extra time available for those who want extended time.

SPRING RALLY: San Antonio, TX May 5 - 8 2005. San Antonio KOA

Kampground. The fabulous City of San Antonio, TX with it's River Walk, Alamo, Market Plance and more. Hosts Dan and Christine Foulkrod 1-281-334-4237 (SeasideChrisy@aol.com) have been working on this Rally since Macon. You bet your botton dollar it will be fun. Lots of fellowship at Camp or tours and See and Do. A really great time to be had in Texas.

SUMMER RALLY: Pipestem, WVA. June or July, 2005. Hosts Don & Linda Rice 1-304-845-3191 (LricePaddy16@aol.com) will advise more of this great site as details are firmied.

ANNUAL RALLY: Gettysburg, PA. October 2005. Hosts David Katz 1-703-917-9377 (hightrac@cox.net) and Clayton and Grace Meyers 1-717-428-2769 are putting the events together. Another great opportunity to do tours or have ample fellowship.



TREASURER'S CORNER

The following report submitted by Treasurer Dick DeSchriver.

CHINOOK CAMPING CLUB - EASTERN REGION - 7/8/04

Financial Report

OPERATING FUND

Balance Forward	\$3,245.92
2003-2004 Income as of 7/8/04	
2004 Membership Dues (68)	\$2,380.00
2005 Membership Dues (2)	___70.00
	\$2,450.00
Tshirts Donations	185.00
Miscellaneous	115.00
	\$5,995.92

2003-2004 Expenditure as of 7/8/04

Budgeted Expenditures	\$3,044.06
Tshirts Cost	___167.50
	\$3,211.56
NET	\$2,784.36

RALLY FUND

Balance Forwarded After Savannah Rally	\$2,087.05
2003-2004 Income as of 7/8/04	
Nashville Rally Deposits (28)	\$4,200.00
Nashville Rally Paid in Full (8-couples, 2-singles)	\$3,100.00
	\$9,387.05
Less Rally Refunds (3)	-450.00
NET	\$8,937.05
CLUB BALANCE AS OF 7/8/04	\$11,721.41

CCC MEMBERSHIP AS OF 7/8/04

Renewals	74	62.7%
New	24	20.3%
New (Lazydays)	20	17.0%
Total	118	100.0

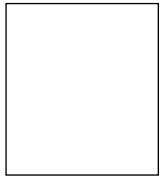
SUMMER RALLY - RENFRO VALLEY, KY

June 10 - 12, 2004



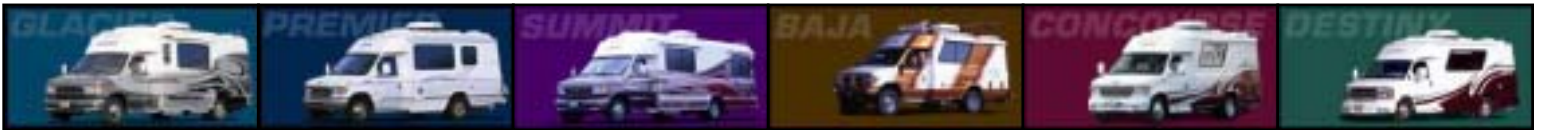


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CHINOOK CAMPING CLUB – COMING EVENTS

ANNUAL RALLY	WINTER RALLY	SPRING RALLY	SUMMER RALLY
GRAND OLE OPRY	LAZYDAYS RALLY PARK	ALAMO AND THE RIVER WALK	PIPESTEM
OCT 21 - 24	JAN 6 - 9	MAY 5 - 8	JUNE



TOM'S TECH TIPS

Lets take a look at your water heater-Did you know that there is a safety valve that should be operated at least once a year? When you remove tthe cover, look for a little handle - well, if there is no hot water at this time and you have the pump on or the city water connected - raise the handle up and water will spurt out... this will flush the sediment out of the valve, and - have you checked the sacrificial anode? It's job is to be used up instead of corroding the tank and causing a leak!

Safe travels, Tom Jackson



SUNSHINE PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

Ruby McWaters
 Nancy Wurtz
 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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