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THE PRESIDENT'S FORUM

First, let me say "Thank You" for electing me as your President for 2004. I am indeed honored

and will do my best for the Club. Secondly, congratulations to Anne Payne, Harry, Bukfin, Joy Imel, and Dick DeSchraver on their election to the Governing Board for 2004. A super team!

I believe we that we owe a special Thank You to Tom Jackson for his splendid leadership these past two years. The club has clearly prospered

under his guidance. I am pleased that Tom will continue as an active member and happy for him in his new position with Trail Wagons Chinook.

Please contact me or any of our Board Members when you have questions, suggestions or disagreements with club policy, direction, or activities. Keeping silent and gritting your teeth will not help us right any wrongs. Please let me hear from you.

Thanks,
John McWaters, President

ANNUAL RALLY - SAVANNAH, GA October 16 - 19, 2003

We had 65 Chinookers, 33 coaches, in attendance for the 4th annual BIG Rally. We elected new officers, approved our revised ByLaws, approved last years minutes and the treasurers report. In addition to all of that, we enjoyed touring Savannah and the super boat ride on the Georgia Queen. Touring the Juliette Gordon Lowe house was very enlightening. We had a great buffet with music by Tim and Jim. We even heard from the CCC Choirs with the Chinook Camping Club song. Great visitation was had by one and all. Tom Jackson continued to work on units with direct lines to the factory.



To those who couldn't make it, we missed you. We hope to see you at the next rally. Remember, we can't spell success without "U". Special Thanks to John and Sandy Forbes and Frank and Joyce Jones for volunteering to serve as hosts for our Spring and Summer Rallies.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL RALLY

The 4th Annual Meeting of the Chinook Camping Club (CCC) was held on October 16, 2003 at Skidway Island State Park, Savannah, Ga.

The meeting began with a traditional Covered Dish Supper which was fit for a king. Invocation was given by Club Chaplain – Lon Muncy. John McWaters opened the meeting and welcomed each member to the rally. McWaters introduced Club President, Tom Jackson. Tom welcomed the group to Skidway Island. He then recognized Ruby Sexton for her work on the membership Directories and presented her with a plaque of appreciation from the Chinook Camping Club. He then applauded the efforts of Harry Bufkin in the growth of the club. The membership almost doubled, noting that about half of that growth came from Chinook Dealers who

paid first year membership to CCC. Lazy Days was number one..

New Members/first rally recognized: Prah, Foulkrod, Wurtz, Thompson, Morales, Dracka, Snyder, Taylor, Runyon. Jackson then addressed the group and withdrew his name from nomination for 2004. He then advised CCC that he had taken a job as Field Rep with Chinook.

File folders were passed out that contained:

Agenda – Savannah Rally
2004 Rally Sites
CCC Code of Ethics
Bylaws – August 2003
Treasury Report
Rally Guidelines

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dick DeSchriver. Membership VP Bufkin encouraged members to be active by "tagging" Chinooks with info on Chinook

Camping Club. The Minutes of the 2002 meeting was presented and approved, The Bylaws were presented and approved by 33-0 ballot vote.

The next item of business was the presentation of the slate of Officers for 2004 as prepared by the nominating committee. Write in for Rally Director was Domenica Cousins. The ballots were disseminated.

The Results Were:

President – John McWaters
VP/Rally – Anne Payne
VP/Membership – Harry Bufkin
Secretary – Joy Imel
Treasurer – Dick Deschriver

Tom Jackson presented the President's Name Tag to John McWaters. The meeting adjourned.

2004 GOVERNING BOARD FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the 2004 Governing Board of the Eastern Region, Chinook Camping Club was held Friday, 9:00 a.m., October 17th at Skidway Island State Park, Savannah, Ga. Members present were:

John McWaters, President
Dick DeSchriver, Treasurer
Anne Payne, VP/Rally
Harry Bufkin, VP/Membership

In the absence of Secretary Joy Imel, the minutes were transcribed by Harry Bufkin.

The meeting was called to order by President McWaters. There was discussion of name tags. The Board decided to leave the name tags as

presently structured. Harry Bufkin will check for other sources for the name tags and report to board. He will also be responsible to order tags for new members after being notified by Dick DeSchriver.

The Rally location ballots were counted and the results were:

Event	1st Choice
Annual	Nashville
Winter	Lazy Days
Spring	Macon, Ga
Summer	Renfro Valley, Ky

President McWaters led a discussion on Rally Procedures before committing the Club. VP/Rally is to advise board with Treasurer to give final OK.

Regarding the Newsletter, President McWaters challenged Bufkin to find new process for producing it so that more color can be utilized. It was suggested there be possible use of logo from Chinook factory. A desirable newsletter would be 11x17 glossy with double fold.

It was suggested that Dues Reminder needed to be highlighted.

There was also a discussion on acquiring a Thank You card to new members.

It was noted that the Directories were to be passed out at rallies and that more correctness was needed in directories. Motion made and seconded.

The Meeting adjourned.

TREASURER'S CORNER

2004 Membership dues are due January 1st. Please forward your check at your earliest convenience to Dick DeSchriver, CCC Treasurer, 12287 County Road 1, Fairhope, AL 36552.

A western region CCC Club has been formed. Western Chinook owners should join the west club. Contact Barry Prentice at 1-800-813-3023.

Thank you for your timely attention to this DUES REQUEST and your continued support of CCC. Pass the word to other Chinookers so we may continue to grow activities and services.

DUES \$35.00 – Please Remit Now

NEW CLUB FORMED IN THE WEST

The Western Region Chinook Camping Club was activated during the Yakima Rally, electing Barry Prentice as President

Best wishes for success to the new Club!

CCC, Western Region
1-800-813-3023

SUNSHINE PRAYERS GO OUT TO:

Josephine Schiendleman
Jacqueline Waggy
Joy Imel
Ruby McWaters

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

Sunshine Secretary
Pat Callaway

Send information to:
Patsway34@yahoo.com

Rally's Rally's Rally's

WINTER RALLY



LazyDays RallyPark
Tampa, FL
Jan, 8-11, 2004
www.lazydays.com



Interstate 4, Exit 10

LazyDays RallyPark is on the north side of I-4. Go 1 light, and look for LazyDays RallyPark. LazyDays Rallypark is conveniently located near I-4, and all of the area attractions have easy access for RV's.

\$199 Cost Includes:

- 3 nights/4 days
50A E. W. C.
- 2 x Dinners with Entertainment (Day 2 and Day 3, 5-6 PM)
- 2 x CATERED Breakfast Buffets (Day 2 and Day 3 @ Rally Center)
- Continental Breakfast on day of departure
- Lunch at Festival Hall (11-1)

- Outside Coach Wash @ site
- Newspaper each morning
- Seminars in Rally Center
- RV Driver Course

Also Available:

- Screened and Heated Pool w/Jacuzzi
- 12,000 sq ft Rally Center
- Computer Rooms with Int. Access
- Tennis, Horseshoes, Shuffleboard

Major Attractions Include:

- Busch Gardens
- The Florida Aquarium
- The Salvador Dali Museum
- USF Golf Course

Sign Up Now!

Contact:

Anne Payne, Host
1-228-864-6664
Chinookers@aol.com

or Iris Dean
1-251-979-4857

or Jean DeSchriver,
1-251-990-6477

SPRING RALLY



Forsyth KOA Kampground
Macon, GA
March 25-28, 2004
www.koa.com/where/ga/



Interstate 75, Exit 186

**Make your reservations by
February 27, 2004
Call 1-478-994-2019**

Major Attractions Include:

- Cherry Blossom Time (Over 200,000 Yoshino Cherry trees in Macon)
- Forsythia Festival
- Trolley tour of Macon Includes Hay House, Cannonball House and More. It a great way to see the blossoms and the festival.

Also Close:

- Music Hall of Fame
- Calloway Gardens
- Sports Museum
- Museum of Aviation
- Ocmulgee National Indian Mounds
- Much, Much More!

Contact:

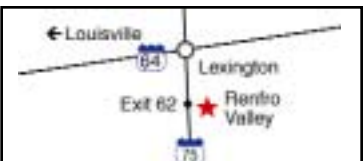
Sandy & John Forbes, Hosts
1-770-887-7047

**DON'T DELAY
ACT SOON!**

SUMMER RALLY



Renfro Valley
Entertainment Center
Renfro Valley, KY
June 10 - 12, 2004
www.renrovalley.com



Exit 62, I-75

For Reservations call Kim Collins at 1-800-765-7464
Advise that you are part of CCC
Approx. \$23/night

Renfro Valley Features:

- Barn Dance/Jamboree \$16 each
- Saturday Night Jamboree Named artists at \$27 each
- Comedy Shows

Major Attractions Include:

- Shops in Berea
Nearby is Berea (exit 76, I-75) with Berea College. All students attend free and are taught craft making skills. Their work is sold in the local craft shops.
- Lots of good music and Humorous stories

Contact:

Frank and Joyce Jones, Hosts
1-423-884-3019
frank&joycejones@tds.net

Sign Up Now!

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

At the annual Rally, VP/Membership Harry Bufkin passed out window tickets to be used to invite non-members to join the Chinook Camping Club. See a Chinook - Tag It!

Seven members have allowed use of their FMCA number to run a FREE ad for CCC. If you have a FMCA number and would let the club use it, contact Harry at ChinookCampClub@aol.com or 1-704-364-8456.

Please also advise Harry of the Chinook dealers in your area.



extra!

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
Iris Dean is organizing a special Chinook outing to see the play about the trial in the actual Courthouse in Monroeville, AL. She already has 10 coaches signed up for the early May event. Interested??

Call Iris Dean 1-850-475-7074 or tomirisd@msn.com

YAKIMA RALLY: September 18 - 21

The Chinook RV Homecoming Rally was held September 18 – 21 in the beautiful and magnificent Yakima Valley of Washington State. “Goodness, what a nice part of the world”, said John McWaters.

Paul Comisky, VP Chinook, acted as hostmaster. The entire rally was a whirlwind of activities from Thursday thru Sunday. The highlight was a superb

Sunday brunch at the Running Springs Ranch, the home of Gary and Mary Lukehart, owner and founder of Trail Wagons. Gary gave a personal walking guided tour of the ranch

“It was a real thrill for an ‘old soldier’ like me”, said John McWaters, “to participate in a 24 mile convoy of 65 Chinooks on a busy highway”. There were lots of gawkers.

Several Eastern Region Chinookers attended the rally including Tom and Sue Jackson, Wendel and Lois Stevens, Mark and Anne Payne, H. B. Sutton, Ralph and Domenica Cousins. John and Ruby McWaters, Ted and Gloria Thompson and Erwin and Betty Bear.

Many thanks to Trail Wagons for organizing this event and the fantastic factory tour.



Dan Lukehart
President
Trail Wagons Club

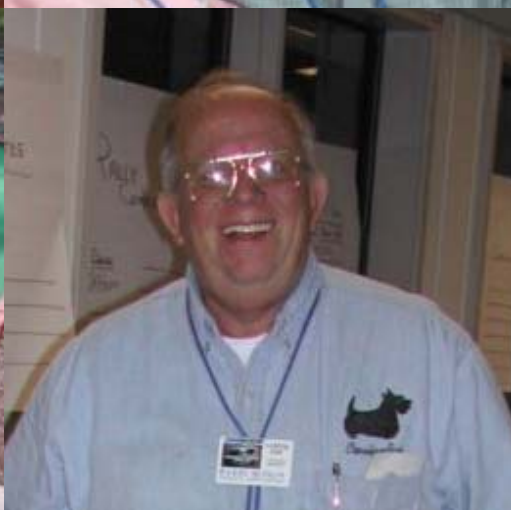
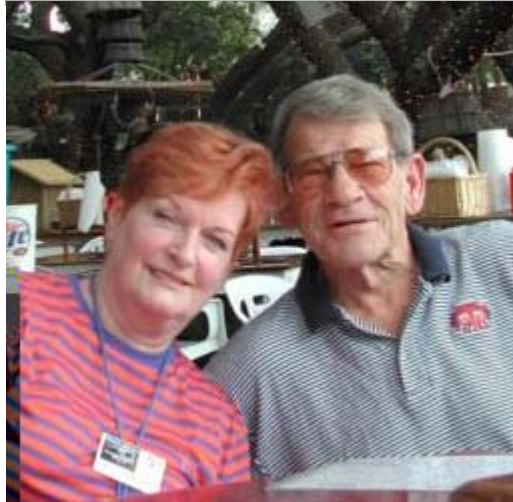


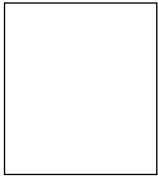
John McWaters and
H.B. Sutton “Making Wine”



CHINOOK TRAILWAY PLANT

SAVANNAH RALLY: October 16 - 19, 2003





CHINOOK CAMPING CLUB
 HARRY BUFKIN VP/MEMBERSHIP
 4134 COLUMBINE CIRCLE
 CHARLOTTE, NC 28211



CHINOOK CAMPING CLUB – COMING EVENTS

WINTER RALLY

*35 Coaches
 Signed Up Already!*

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*Y'All Come
 On Now!*

Grande Ole Opry
 Nashville, TN
 October, 2004
 Anne Payne VP/Rally
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NEW NAME BADGES?



We are exploring personalizing your name badge with your individual Chinook.

Please advise Harry Bufkin of the Model, Color and Year of your Chinook...

NAME AND ADDRESSES

Please advise Secretary Imel of any changes in your current information. Thanks.

