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FROM THE EDITOR:--Please read first!

This quarter, the newsletter is being formatted and sent through an e-newsletter platform. The pdf will still be sent with Mark McCluski's weekly update, will be available on the web site and mailed to the four members without email addresses.

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Always open to feedback, email me at cnbreeding52@gmail.com
Nancy Breeding, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have to admit it, I haven't been particularly active since I retired. I take my time managing the essentials, and I have my routines that usually stave off ennui. Sometimes they start to wear thin when it's been too long since I was on the road, though. Jeannie and I were saying just last night that we have to go camping again soon. The planning it requires, the conversations you have with folks on the road, the changing routes, the views out the windows, all give a little jolt to the brain. Even when things go wrong, it's refreshing to rediscover that I can still solve problems on the fly. Soon we'll saddle up for Christmas with the family in South Carolina. I dare say that some of those conversations will need a little problem-solving!



The January rally at Flamingo Lake isn't too far off, a good opportunity to flee some winter cold and stimulate the grey cells. Sadly, we won't be making that one this year, and I wish that weren't the case: we really like that RV park! Those of you who are going will be in for a good time!

As for the rest of us, practice your winter maintenance routines. The cold weather will end some day. There will be rallies and vacations and day trips and more, and you want your Chinook up and ready for the good

times ahead!

Mark McCluski



Fall Rally Wrapup

From all accounts, the Fall Annual Rally was a grand success. What an excellent job Larry and Rena Hull did hosting the rally at Cool Breeze! They had some quality local support from Randall and Marjorie Wells, who gave a lively account of area things to see and do. Check out the photos on the Flickr site: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/chinookcampingclub/344SN2>

Thank you thank you thank you to all the members who worked so hard to make the rally a success. Planners, cooks, clean-uppers, all of you! Job well done!

A few things out of the meeting:

There wasn't a candidate in the wings for Rally VP, and the workload for this particular job was looking daunting for any one person. After some discussion the club decided to create a committee to share the burden. It was agreed that the committee should be made up of members from different parts of the country so we have a fair shot at going to different places. The committee is: B.J. and Debbie Person (SC), Jim and Lisa Rohrborn (MI), Ken Bliss and Lillian Schmidt (FL). With this group stepping up to the plate, Tara "T" Burgess overcame some initial hesitation and threw her hat in the ring as VP Rally. She won in a landslide! Requests for ideas have started to go out from the rally committee. They still need people willing to volunteer to physically check out campgrounds in different areas, particularly northeast. Contact Tara if you can help!

There is a change to the Spring Rally location and dates. Details will be forthcoming, but the new location is Tom Johnson's Camping Center in Marion NC in early May, 2016.

2016 RALLY SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

VOLUNTEER HOSTS NEEDED, CONTACT T BURGESS AT cccrallyvp@gmail.com

Winter Rally – Flamingo Lake RV Resort – January 18-21, 2016



Booking time for the January rally is until December 15! Call now to reserve your spot at the Winter Rally. Due to other rallies being held prior to and after the Chinook Camping Club Rally, call early if want extra nights. The resort has become a very popular rally location. Be sure to mention you are with the club when you reserve.

Highlights of the rally will include *a Special Guest Tech Talk: Cummins Onan Q&A with Donnie Davis*; project time and game times! And Sally Arnold says "I will be doing another collage card class at the January rally. I will supply everything you need; but if you have special inspiration, papers or something else to add, please feel free to bring things. Like the last one we will have our first, second and third prize ribbons with everyone voting for their favorite." (It was great fun last time Sally did it!)

Flamingo Lake RV Resort is located directly off of I-295, exit 32 at 3640 Newcomb Road, Jacksonville, FL. To reserve call: 904-766-0672 or 800-782-4323. Dates again, arrive January 18, depart January 21, 2016. We have some Lake Front Sites and Regular Sites blocked for the club.

2015 Rates (subject to increase) Regular site: \$49; Lakefront: \$55.

10 or more sites reserved and we will receive 20% off the actual rate at the time of the rally. (Their 2016 rates are not set until year end.)

The resort is very nice with all the amenities you could desire including an on-site eatery, the Sunrise Café. The Rec Hall is large and comfortable for gathering together. There is a Dog Park for our 4 legged members to enjoy too! For more detail visit their website: <http://www.flamingolake.com/>

- Reservation Policy: Credit card is required at time of booking
- Cancellation Policy: Reservations cancelled within 14 – 4 days of arrival are subject to a charge to card on file for one night's stay based on rate for site type reserved. Reservations cancelled within 3 days or less of the arrival date are subject to charge of ENTIRE LENGTH OF STAY BEING CANCELLED.
- Dog Policy: vicious breeds not allowed, check website for specific breeds

NOTE: the Florida RV Supershow runs just prior to our January rally. January 13-17 at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa.

Spring Rally- tentative information-Tom Johnson's Camping Center in Marion NC in early May.

Summer Rally –Pine Valley KOA, White River Junction, Vermont



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 <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)

Fall Annual Rally –Mountain Pines CG - Champion, PA



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

HOST: (Volunteer Host needed)

(Cut off date is August 16th 2016)

NEW OFFICERS 2016

New officers were elected at the fall rally: Congratulations and thanks to those stepping up to help keep this organization running!

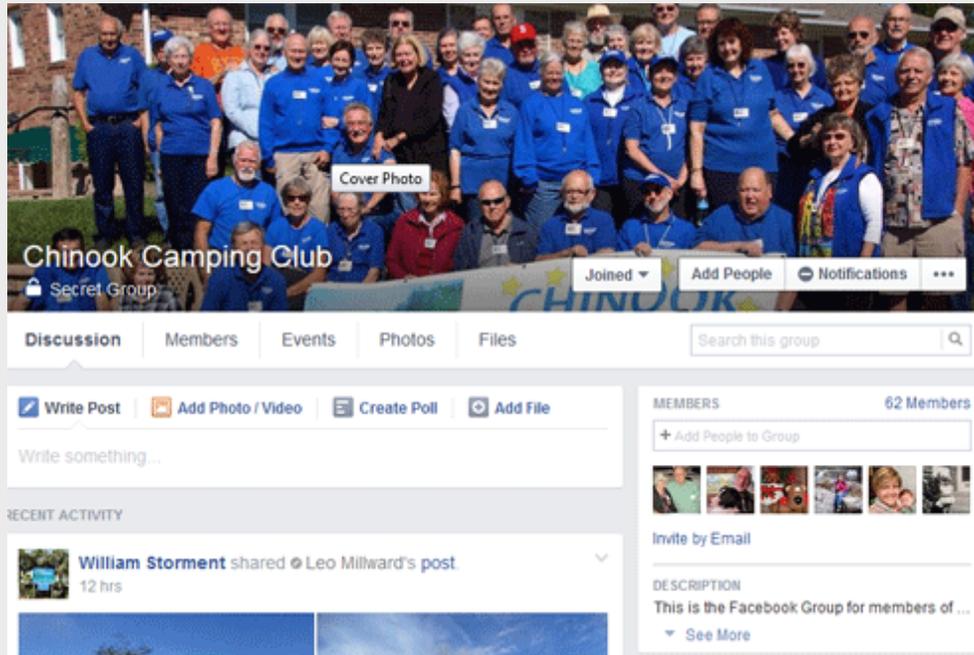
President: Mark McCluski

VP Membership: Gerry Rutter

VP Rally: Tara (T) Burgess

Treasurer: Linda Stamper

Secretary: Diane Cremens



Many of the Chinook Club members are also members of the Chinook Facebook Private group. We would love to have more of our members join us there. If you already have a Facebook page, you can navigate over to the club page and request to join. Please note that once you join the private group, it doesn't allow anyone in the group to see your personal page if you have set your privacy to only friends. If you don't have a personal page on Facebook, you would need to establish one to join the private club page. It's not terribly intimidating to do, and you don't need to include a lot of personal information to set up a basic personal site that would allow you to join the club page. There are many people that set up only the minimum information, just to be able to "follow" groups they are interested in. You don't ever even need to post, but you can benefit from many of the informative posts, photos and links put there by members. If you have questions, corner one of us at the rally and we will help you get started!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 104 coaches registered.

We also have 2 associate members.

New Members:



Jack & Nancy Lawless CCC# 393
Hugh & Ann Durgin CCC# 394
Al & Linda Platz CCC# 395
Tara "T" Burgess CCC# 396
Richard & Linda Henderson CCC# 397
Alan & Linda Croy CCC# 398
Ron & Darlene Schurr CCC# 399
Dave & Jean Oatway CCC# 400
John & Rita Zollo CCC# 401

Departed Members:
Prudy O'Rear CCC# 390

The EZ Member Directory app updates have all been completed.
If you need your access code or assistance with the app, please send your questions to
ChinookCampingClub@gmail.com

Gerry Rutter

BASIC BOONDOCKING TIPS FROM RVTRAVEL.COM

by Bob Difley, from RV Daily Tips

Dry camping, camping without utility hookups, requires special preparations — and that includes wise use of electricity. Here are a few basic energy-saving tips for getting you started.

- When not in use, turn off all appliances, lights, radio, TV and anything else that requires electricity.
- Turn off your porch light.
- Coordinate your generator use with power-hungry devices. For instance, schedule your showers (the water pump uses power), furnace use, and use of microwave, coffee maker and other appliances at a certain time when your generator can power them all at once. This also charges your batteries.
- In cold weather, dress warmly: save your heater. Its fan gobbles power.
- Rise and retire with the sun. This saves power for lighting.
- If you read in bed, use a small rechargeable battery-powered reading light.

HELPFUL INFORMATION WE CAN SHARE!

Apps for RV Travel

Our very own Battery Operated Bionic Bobb Partridge sent in the following link to a Youtube video on useful travel apps.

<http://youtu.be/7sJ20v4xXBU>

This guy does a series of RV travel you tube videos under the name Nomadic Fanatic. Check it out!

Which RV clubs are worth joining? Depends upon your needs. Check out the reviews of some of them here> <http://www.technomadia.com/rvclubs/>

Technomadia also covers a wide variety of topics on technical issues, wifi coverage, cell phones etc. Great resource!

Great article on winterizing with extensive checklist:

<http://rvservices.koa.com/rvinformation/rvmaintenance/you-winterized-your-rv-but-did-you-prepare-it-for-storage.asp>

People have asked about how to check an interior propane detector, the one near the floor by the sink in our rigs. Here's one answer from the RVTravel newsletter *by Steve Savage, Mobility RV Service:*

People have asked me: "How do I test my propane leak detector?" The short answer is: Most detectors cannot be reliably tested. Some detectors even come with directions noting attempted testing will void the detector warranty.

The reason you can't simply spray propane or butane at the detector is straightforward. Detectors are designed to sample what is called "parts per million." If you spray hair spray or something which uses butane as a propellant at the detector and it goes off, it tells you only it will detect a 100% concentration. In most cases, you would already be on fire with that high a concentration.

Propane detectors are to be replaced every five years or according to the date sticker on their face. Carbon monoxide detectors also have a five-year life span, and smoke detectors have a 10-year life span. No detector can be repaired.



RALLY PLANNING SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who filled out the Rally survey! Thirty eight people responded to the survey. The results (without the comments) are posted in a link at <https://chinookcampingclub.typeform.com/report/G6xolZ/vKdF>



CHINOOK EATS: from Linda Stamper

Cranberry-Orange Bread with Grand Marnier
2 cups dried cranberries

1/2 cup Grand Marnier
1 cup salted butter - softened
1/2 cup unsalted butter - softened
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 cup orange juice
1 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons - freshly grated orange zest
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 cups all-purpose flour - unbleached
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/3 teaspoon salt
2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup Grand Marnier

- Combine 2 cups dried cranberries with 1/2 cup Grand Marnier; microwave for 30-45 seconds. Stir and let sit while preparing batter.

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees; line two 6-cup-capacity loaf pans with parchment paper.

- Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each. Add orange juice, sour cream, orange zest, and vanilla; mix until blended.

- Whisk flour, baking powder, and salt together. Add flour mixture and cranberries/Grand Marnier to wet ingredients and mix just until dry ingredients are absorbed; do not over mix.

- Pour batter into two loaf pan. Bake until toothpick inserted in centers of breads come out clean, 70-75 minutes.

- Let loaves cool in pans for 10 minutes, then remove and transfer to cooling rack.

- Whisk powdered sugar with Grand Marnier until glaze has consistency of thick corn syrup.

- With thin skewer or long toothpick, poke deep holes in tops of loaves. Drizzle glaze over top of loaves letting glaze seep into holes on top and run down sides of loaves.

- When cooled completely, slice and serve. Or - freeze loaves for up to a month.

MORE CHINOOK EATS

[Fruit Cake Cookies](#)

from Linda Stamper (by way of Anne Lentz, teacher at





Monticello School)

Combine:

1 pkg dates, cut up

1/2 lb. candied cherries (use red and green)

1/2 lb candied pineapple

1 lb pecans

Mix in 1/2 cup flour

1 cup butter 1 1/2 cups sugar

1 tsp vanilla 2 eggs

2 1/2 c flour 1 tsp salt

1 tsp cinnamon 1 tsp baking soda

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat after each; add vanilla. Add dry ingredients gradually. Add fruit and nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Can be baked in 9x13 cake pan-press batter in parchment paper lined pan, bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. When cool, cut in squares.



MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE SOON!

Seventy members have sent in their renewal, Thank You!
CLUB DUES OF \$35 PER COACH ARE DUE EACH YEAR ON
OCTOBER 1. Dues are considered delinquent after
December 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



CHINOOK LOGO ITEMS

The club has a variety of logo items available for purchase. The Royal or White collared polo shirt is very nice. Also available are T-shirts in Royal or White, Sweatshirts and Fleece Vests in Royal. They all look great with our club Baseball Cap. Orders will be placed for January delivery. For information on availability contact Eileen at chinook121@tampabay.rr.com or by calling 813-633-5113.

CHINOOK PHOTOS



More photos have been added to the Chinook Club Flickr site. More are coming soon. These albums will not be searchable to the general



public. The address is

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/chinookcampingclub/> Each of the rallies has an album, click on albums to choose a particular rally.

The photos are not available to be downloaded unless you sign in. The login for the site will be in an email sent to members. To download you would click on the photo, and then click the download arrow in the lower right corner. Enjoy! Let me know if you have any questions about how to access them. cnbreeding52@gmail.com



TRAVELOGUE: This month, we present the next 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!

<http://chinookrvclub.com/livingmydreamsCA3.pdf>



SUNSHINE UPDATES

We have a number of members with recent health issues. Please keep the following in your thoughts: Bobb Partridge, Gayle Wroble, Jo Phillips, Mike Sloop and Cynthia Jones

Do you know a member who is ill or recovering that needs some SUNSHINE? Send the info to Diane Cremens at dscremens@gmail.com



LOOKING FOR A CAMPGROUND?

Check out these sites

Campgroundviews.com is building a library of campground videos

Campendium.com invites reviews from users.

Both are on Facebook as well, just search for their names.



[SEE THE FALL RALLY PHOTOS!>](#)

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