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Nancy Breeding, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We ended the 2019 club rally year with an outstanding location, great food and good times. Chincoteague Island KOA, the amenities, particularly John with his Trolley, and the local area, were a real treat. Thanks to all who participated and contributed to the success of the Annual Rally!

Dues, yes, but well worth the \$35 - if you have not sent your check in, please do! We want to see all of our Chinook family in 2020!

We have new officers for the 2019-2020 year and we welcome the returning and the new. **Mark McCluski** stepped up to the task of Rally VP and **Pat Bosley** has assumed the job of Secretary. Welcome to both Mark and Pat as they join the Board of the CCC. Consider how you can serve the club in the future!



May I wish you all, a very happy, healthy holiday season no matter how you celebrate, what your traditions are or where you spend your special day. Looking forward to the start of 2020 and seeing you at an upcoming rally!

Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas to all,  
Eileen

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## FALL ANNUAL RALLY WRAP-UP

And what a time we had! The CCC Board put on a fantastic rally in October at the KOA in Chincoteague Island. A large number of members came in one or two days early to get a jump on what the KOA has to offer, including the trolley, which took us out to the park to see the horses, climb the lighthouse, tour over to the seashore, around the town to the ice creamery, and anywhere else we wanted to go. Our jovial driver John showed us the route of the horse roundup and sale that happens each year, and told us of the history and quiriness of the island.



Pizza meet and greet kicked off the official rally, followed by a sumptuous breakfast the next day. You will recall—Chinookers absolutely know how to eat! Tech talk followed and we all appreciated the info **Terry Arnold** and others shared and the questions and answers from fellow owners. Afternoons provided time to visit the seashore, see the horses and lunch in the town. The evening featured a pot luck dinner, and the annual meeting.



New members to the board were elected and we welcome back **Eileen Disbrow** as president, **Gerry Rutter** as VP-membership, **Dottie Norris** as treasurer, and **Charlie Breeding** heading the nominating committee. New to the board is **Pat Bosley**, who added secretary and sunshine to her clothing order tasks, and we welcomed back former president **Mark McCluski** as the VP for rally. We thank **Debbie Person** and **Linda Henderson** for their outstanding service to the board, as well as thanks to those who agreed to return to the board and those newly elected! This organization can't exist without volunteers to help us carry out our communications, organizing and rallies.

After the Wednesday breakfast, it was time for creativity as we gathered to paint rocks small and large. Take a look at the results in the photos on the Google drive, we have talented artists. We pretty much agreed however that **Sue Shaw's** dedication to the KOA trolley won the day!



Afternoons were free for visiting, touring and we watched **Cathy Rubin** and **T Burgess** demonstrate their respective kayak setups—one inflatable and one origami. Evening brought a delicious dinner catered by Don's Seafood Market and Restaurant, followed by social time. So much of the fun of our rallies is in the social sharing, the willingness to help and advise others with their Chinook improvements and issues, and discussing travel stories. Thursday brought coffee and goodbyes for those leaving, and plans for activities for those who stayed on for more days (including those stuck because of flooding over the next couple of days!)

Thanks to Eileen and Linda for all their planning, the board members for the food shopping, Terry Arnold for tech info, and all the cooks and cleaner-uppers who helped with the meals and activities. You all make it so easy to have a great time!





## UPCOMING RALLIES by Mark McCluski

Ahoy there, Chinookers! The rallies of 2020 are all but upon us, and they look varied and awesome! If you haven't been to a rally before do come out and give at least one a try: the camaraderie and eats are not to be missed. And oh yes, you'll learn a whole load of stuff about your RV.



**January 20-23, 2020**

**[Live Oak Landing](#)**

**229 Pitts Avenue**

**Freeport, FL 32439**

**For reservations call 877-436-5063 Ask for Kathy**

Live Oak Landing is surrounded by beautiful Live Oak trees on the Choctawhatchee River and is just minutes away from scenic Hwy 30A. With its serene and picturesque setting, it is truly a place everyone will enjoy. Located away from the crowds - north of Seaside and east of Destin.

*The ship has mostly likely sailed on this one. If you haven't got a reservation by now I think you've missed out. Competition was fierce from northern snowbirds. (in Homer Simpson voice "Stupid snowbirds!")*

**Host: Nita Wilkinson** *Host comment:* All 25 sites have been reserved, but they are taking a waiting list in case anyone with a Chinook reservation must cancel. They also have cabins for rent if you want to join the group without your Chinook.



## SEE THE ARTICLE BELOW ABOUT THE JANUARY RALLY SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES!



**April 27-30, 2020**

**[Spring Lake RV Resort](#)**

**255 Fairview Dr.**

**Crossville, TN 38571**

**931-707-1414**

*Whether you're here to enjoy one of the many local golf courses, the Cumberland County Playhouse or just relax in our tranquil setting, we are sure you will enjoy this little slice of heaven!*

**Deadline to reserve a spot 3/15/2020**

**HOST NEEDED**

*This sounds like a nice, mellow good time, and who doesn't love camping in Tennessee? We're on the lookout for a host for this one, so please shoot me or Eileen an email if you'd care to give it a try.*



**June 8-11, 2020**

**[Poncho's Pond](#)**

**5335 W. Wallace Lane**

**Ludington, MI 49431**

## 888-308-6602 - Erica

The park is situated on 37 grassy acres. Located in the center of the park is a beautiful 3 acre fully stocked pond. With an indoor pool and hot tub, paddle boats, video game room, basketball courts, horse shoe pits, shuffle board courts, volleyball net and fitness center, Poncho Pond surely has something for everyone. Explore and visit beautiful Ludington on Lake Michigan or catch the SS Badger Car Ferry to Manitowac, Wisconsin (yes, you can take your Chinook on the Ferry).

**Deadline to reserve a spot 5/1/2020**

**HOST: Jim Rohrborn and Lisa Lutzeier**

*Indoor pool? Hot tub? Basketball courts? I am so \*totally\* there! (Okay, not for basketball: that was a lie). The club is going back to Michigan, and who could be a better host for the occasion than Jim and Lisa? You just know there will be good times (plus campfires, plus cake). The campground sounds truly awesome, but take note: **CASH OR CHECK ONLY: Poncho's Pond does not take credit cards.***



**October 12-15, 2020**

**[Misty Mountain Camp Resort](#)**

**56 Misty Mountain Road**

**Greenwood, VA**

**For reservations call 888-647-8900 ask for Karen**

Misty Mountain Camp Resort offers a delightful, relaxing vacation at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains near historic Charlottesville, Virginia. Their website says *Explore nature trails, splash in our pool, sit by the creek, fish in our pond, climb our hills, shoot hoops and spike the volleyball or pitch horseshoes, take a hayride, enjoy live music and dances, shop at the General Store, shoot pool and play video games, relax in solitude or join with new friends - the choice is yours and it's all at Misty Mountain Camp Resort!*

**Deadline to reserve a spot: 1/1/2020**

**Host: CCC Board**

*The 2020 Annual Rally heads to the mountains of Virginia. Lots to see and do in the area, and a nice little craft brewery just up the road! **But take note of that deadline to reserve and move fast!***

**HELP WANTED:** 2021 RALLY SITES are in the works. Do you know of a campground that would be just \*great\* for a rally? Let me know! You have no obligation to host unless you'd care to: I can look around for someone to do the job. We just want to have more excellent choices of where to hang out together. So don't keep it to yourself! Share! Contact Mark McCluski at [mmcluskii@mac.com](mailto:mmcluskii@mac.com).

And hey, maybe you just have an idea of an *area* where it would be fun to go. Hershey PA for the fall RV show? Maine because, well, Maine!? These are just a couple of ideas that tickle \*my\* fancy for 2021. Haven't identified campgrounds yet, but I will (especially if people help me). I'm open to any and all suggestions.

**RALLY HOSTS NEEDED:** I promise you, this job is getting easier, and it never really was that tough. If I can do it you can too. There is \*so\* much help and support. It's particularly valuable when someone lives close to where we're camping, but I hosted Vermont from New Jersey once and hey, that one was pretty good. Please give hosting a thought. Applications currently being accepted for Crossville TN in April 2020.

[mmcluskii@mac.com](mailto:mmcluskii@mac.com)

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## JANUARY RALLY SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

Rally host **Nita Wilkinson** writes: The camp ground is surrounded by beautiful live oak trees and sits right on the Choctawhatchee River, just minutes away from scenic Highway 30A and the Gulf of Mexico.

Check out things to do here: [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g7331812-Activities-South\\_Walton\\_Florida.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g7331812-Activities-South_Walton_Florida.html)

A slide show of things to do along Florida's Emerald Coast is posted to the Chinook Club Facebook page and will soon be on the Chinook website <http://chinookrvclub.com/ccupcomingevents.html>.

Facebook Files name: [What to See Santa Rosa to Walton County](#)

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Questions email Nita Wilkinson [nitaw@centurylink.net](mailto:nitaw@centurylink.net)

### Monday

5 PM — Meet and Greet at Club House—  
Bring Hors d'oeuvres/Finger Food to share  
Don't forget your drinks!

Area Info and Rally and Club Business Discussion

### Tuesday—It's POT PARTY Time—Let's make it FUN for All—

**If you have them, wear vintage clothes from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s**

8:30–9:30 Breakfast provided by the club—expect Pots (Bring coffee cup, plate, and utensils)

10:15 GROUP PHOTO

10:30–1:00 Pot, Pots, more Pot—lets cook the meal in 1 pot —Led by Lorie Burks

2:30–3:30 Pot plantings for your RV—Lead by local Master Gardener and Nita

5:30 Pot Pot Luck—Bring your favorite dish to share, but bring it in a Pot!!

### Wednesday

8:30–9:30 Breakfast provided by the club (Bring coffee cup, plate, and utensils)

10:00 Tech talk with Tom Jackson

12:00 Lunch – Bring your own to Club House or join a group headed to The Bay, a restaurant on the water just over the bridge

Free time for games, checking out others RV updates, tour area attractions

5:30 Bring a side dish to share and whatever you want to grill (brats provided by club)

### Thursday

8:00 AM Coffee and Goodbyes



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## ANY SUGGESTIONS?



At the rallies, we hope to have some time for discussions of club business and ideas, but since not everyone attends the rallies (if you haven't attended, we hope to see you soon!) we want to make sure you are sharing your ideas, opinions, comments, issues and kudos with us! Please make sure to send along your thoughts and ideas to [ccc.eileen@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.eileen@gmail.com). The club is only as good as the members that contribute!  
Thanks for all you do!

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## NOTES FROM THE FALL RALLY TECH TALK



by Mark McCluski (thanks to Mark for taking notes and sharing them!)

### **Insects**

Ants and insects can climb the power cord to the kitchen. Can come up tire. Put deterrent around places on the RV that contacts with ground.

RAID flying insect spray.

Amdro fire ant killer. <https://www.amdro.com/all-products/fire-ant-bait>.

Borax.

Terro for ants. <http://www.terro.com/store/ants>

### **Water heater maintenance.**

Check the sacrificial anode annually; replace if too far gone.

Pop off valve may be prone to failure. Water impurities can get into the ring that closes off the plug. Can replace from hardware store for much less than from Camping World or RV store. Check for insect nests and clear out anything you find.

Q: Do flea collars work? A: No.

You can take a turkey baster to drain the dregs out of the water heater when winterizing. Then squirt in some RV antifreeze.

### **Winterizing**

Get a screw-in plug for the city water adapter. Connect a compressor and set for 40 pounds. Blow the water out of the lines. It cleans out enough to protect from freezing. Add some antifreeze to all the traps: shower, kitchen sink, bathroom sink. Pour a couple of cups down the toilet.

### **Window Blinds**

There's a double loop of thread that holds the tension on your blinds. It ties around a plastic bobbin that holds the string under pressure. There are YouTube videos to show that threading pattern. There's a document in the Chinook Club folder that shows how to rethread.

### **Electronics**

Whirring noise behind the converter is a cooling fan.

If you have the original converter in your Chinook it always charges at a steady rate. It is not a good match with AGM batteries, which have separate charging cycles. Charge Wizard three stage charger gives better efficiency. Resource <http://www.bestconverter.com>: talk to Randy about what model you need.

Crutchfield Electronics is the BEST source for audio equipment. <https://www.crutchfield.com>

Dashboard radio replacement connects to high res back up camera, interfaces with apple and Android smart phones, SiriusXM radio. [https://www.crutchfield.com/p\\_130AV2550/Pioneer-AVH-2550NEX.html](https://www.crutchfield.com/p_130AV2550/Pioneer-AVH-2550NEX.html)

A trickle charger maintains a steady charge . A float charger provides different charging cycles depending on

what the battery needs. T has a solar trickle charger which is so inefficient its seems to work fine. <https://www.amazon.com/Sunway-Solar-Maintainer-Motorcycle-Snowmobile/dp/B06WP95W51>

#### Tires:

Terry is recommending replacement for Michelins (did away with LTX). Sumitmoto makes a quality replacement for much less than the \$1200 for Michelin. <http://www.sumitomotire.com/Home/SplashPage>

Borg tire extenders are a great add on. Air tight, and make refilling easy. <https://yourtireshopsupply.com/manufacturer/38/borg-equipment>. Don't let anyone put on rubber valve stems.

#### ETC

J-B Weld

Quick setting epoxy. <https://www.amazon.com/J-B-Weld-8276-KwikWeld-Reinforced/dp/B0006O1ICY>. Good fast setting repair resource.

Q: When do you use DC on the fridge?

A: When you don't have AC or propane, but it will run the batter down fast. Okay if driving because it keeps charging, but if parked it will run battery dry.

There should not be a propane smell ever. Can happen because tank is overfilled, can be loose pressure regulator, can be a cracked cook top. Keep propane alarm in repair. Maintain the tank: keep rust off and paint with Rustolium or similar product.

Rotten egg smell means sanitize your water system. Starts with the water heater, moves to the grey water tank. Change the anode rod if you have to do this or else you won't get the bacteria.

Black water tank heater will kick in when temperature goes below 40°.

Slow Drain

Place 3 tablespoons of baking soda down the drain, followed by a cup of white vinegar. Let it sit for several hours or overnight, and then rinse it down with very hot water.

Testing brake fluid: two types of testers. Electric tester tests for moister. When moister heats up it turns to steam and causes brake failure.

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## ARTICLES TO SHARE

Here are some links to interesting articles

Tips to help fix sticking valves on the tank, and maintain them.

<https://www.rvtravel.com/fix-a-sticking-black-tank-valve-rvt-923/>

Great article about the benefits to visiting small towns. We have found that every state we have visited, including some that are thought of as boring states, have wonderful, sometimes scenic, sometimes quirky small towns. And very nice people. Websites such as Only in Your State ([onlyinyourstate.com](http://onlyinyourstate.com)), stopping at visitor centers and sending for info from a state's travel bureau can help you find these jewels.

<https://rvlifestyle.com/small-towns-off-the-beaten-path-enrich-us-all/>

Information on a new toll pass for RV travels

<https://rvtollpass.com/>

A tip for backing into a campsite in the dark--use rope lights!

[Read more>](#)

[How to winterize an RV in 2019 video from RV Lifestyle](#)

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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** **as of November 14, 2019, we have:**

85 coaches and 6 associate members.

69 members have renewed.

Please remember that on 1 February 2020, unpaid members will be removed from the roster.

New members in the last quarter:

Doris & Joe Waggoner #454

Chere & Steve Krisa #455

Nancy Stefanik #456

Judy & Doug Duke #457

Also Lisa Lutzeier and Jim Rohrborn have returned as associate members.

### **EZ Member update:**

Below is the script for the new EZ Member list. Click on the script link.

When it opens, click the 3 dots in the upper right corner, and select "open in chrome."

Once open, it will refresh if you drag down from the top, and repeat the loading all over.

However if the browser window is not closed, it holds the information.

<https://script.google.com/macros/s/AKfycbzV5WBA2gG3cYjfj-djTAR21DmzAqGzi8GjozFURqzTR6rp1Wv1/exec>

After loading this link takes you to the instructions for creating a shortcut for the program, so you do not have to search for the email to access it again.

<https://www.ezmemberdirectory.com/add-link-to-homescreen>

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## **YOUR DUES are due on October 1, 2019 for the next year** **Haven't paid yet? Drop it in the mail today!**

### **MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO**

Chinook Camping Club and mail to:

Chinook Camping Club

**Dottie Norris**





57 Downes Rd.  
Underhill VT 05489

CLUB DUES OF \$35 PER COACH

Dues are considered delinquent after December 1 and you will be removed from membership rolls February 1.



## ORDER YOUR CHINOOK LOGO ITEMS



Polo and T-shirts available in Men & Ladies sizes  
Sweats and Vest are "unisex"



ITEMS AVAILABLE BY ORDER ONLY  
Please contact Pat Bosley  
bosleybarn@yahoo.com  
to place an order



Zip Front Hooded Sweatshirt not shown but now available!

Pique polo shirt with collar - Mens (BG7500) or Ladies (BG6500); Colors available Royal, White

T-shirts - Mens (GL200) - Royal, White, Ash Grey; Ladies (GL200L) - Royal, White

Crew Neck Pullover Sweatshirts (GL120) - Royal, White or Ash Grey (Unisex sizing)

Zip Front Hooded Sweatshirt (GL186) - Royal, White, Ash Grey (Unisex sizing)

Fleece Vest (M985)- Royal - (Unisex sizing)

Ball Caps (KC8210S)- Royal - adjustable

Tote Bag (UC8861) - Royal

Our items are ordered through [www.stitchamerica.com](http://www.stitchamerica.com). To see details about a certain item, enter the item number in the search field. We can purchase any item they carry, but have only two color options for our logo, Royal on light color items, White on dark color

items. Any change in size of logo would require an additional set-up fee. Below are the prices as of November 2019 and are always subject to slight increases. Sizes over XL, such as 2XL are charged \$2 additional per size increase.

Polos - \$16.50

T-shirts - \$9.25

Crew Neck Sweatshirt - \$16.10

Hooded, Zip Front Sweatshirt - \$24.75

Fleece Vest - \$23.40

Ball Cap - \$10.40

Order clothing by emailing **Pat Bosley** at bosleybarn@yahoo.com subject: Chinook Order

Include: name and address, item number and size, preference for pickup at next rally or mailed for P.O. cost.

Payment may be cash/check with delivery at the rally.

## CHINOOK EASY EATS-HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE COOKBOOK?

The cookbook is located under files on the Facebook site. If you have a recipe you want added email it to [sba@bellsouth.net](mailto:sba@bellsouth.net) with Chinook Camping Club Cookbook in the subject line and I will add it.

Thanks!

Sally Arnold



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## SUNSHINE and SADNESS UPDATES

It is with heavy heart that we relay the passing of member **Fred Cummings** on December 1, 2019 from complications of cancer. Fred and his wife **Laurie May** have been members for years, and Fred was always happy to offer his expertise in Chinook matters. We remember many great rally times, and send our condolences to Laurie and his family. Photos are from Galax rally (l) and Tybee Island (r). Obituary is located at <https://www.crevassesimplecremation.com/obituary/frederick-cummings-jr>



Your Chinook family cares about all of its members. Please let Pat Bosley know if any one of our members is in the hospital so a card can be sent! Contact **Pat Bosley** via Facebook or email

[bosleybarn@yahoo.com](mailto:bosleybarn@yahoo.com). Please keep **Linda and Rich Henderson** in your thoughts and prayers.

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## CHINOOK CLUB COMMUNICATION

Many resources are available for Chinookers. Here are some to make sure you follow!

### Chinook Facebook groups:

Chinook Camping Club (closed members only group, request membership) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChinookCampingClub/>

Web site: Chinook Camping Club <http://chinookrvclub.com/chinookeastclub.html>

**Chinook Forums:** these are a gold mine for those who work on their own rigs. The members on here can answer about any question you have.

Chinook RV Owners Yahoo group **THIS GROUP HAD TO MOVE OFF OF THE YAHOO FORUM, WHICH IS BEING DISCONTINUED. CONTACT DAVE SHEHANE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN. [dave@shehane.net](mailto:dave@shehane.net)**

Chinook Forum <http://www.chinookrvforum.com/>

**Photos from rallies:** See the new information at the bottom of the newsletter.

**Parts suppliers list:** [http://chinookrvclub.com/images/Parts\\_and\\_Service\\_Listings\\_Update\\_Feb\\_2017.pdf](http://chinookrvclub.com/images/Parts_and_Service_Listings_Update_Feb_2017.pdf)

**Travel Blog Spot:** set up by Sally Arnold to share information on campgrounds <http://chinooktravel.blogspot.com/>

**Google drive for Chinook Club:** contains many information documents and instructions. <https://goo.gl/8kcKHU>

**RESOURCE:** [CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES](#)

Includes the link to the parts listing, and additional online resources.

Do you have resources you consult for trips, maintenance and repair, general RV fun? Let us know! Send it to editor at [cnbreeding52@gmail.com](mailto:cnbreeding52@gmail.com)





## SUMMER RALLY PHOTOS

**Gerry Rutter** has kindly undertaken the task of moving the photos to the Chinook Club's Google Drive. Eileen and others have posted photos from the rallies to the site.

Instructions for access:

go to this link:

<https://goo.gl/8kcKHU>

The index with the links is CHINOOK RALLY PHOTOS.

Open the file and hover over the link. A short link opens, click on it.

If you want to save a photo, right click and choose save photo.

President  
**Eileen Disbrow**

VP, Membership  
**Gerry Rutter**

VP, Rally  
**Mark McCluski**

Nominating Chair  
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Thank you to the Webmaster for both  
CRVC and CCC,  
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for his time and talent

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