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FROM THE EDITOR:--Please read first!

This quarter, the newsletter is being formatted and sent through an e-newsletter platform. Since almost all members receive the newsletter already as an electronic pdf, I decided to test this format for information delivery. The pdf will still be available on the web site and mailed to the four members without email addresses. Today, we have so many means of communication with members: the president's detailed email updates, the Facebook site, blog site, and the web site. This format is easier to pass on to another member in the future to use for the newsletter publication. Also, see the note below about the rally photo site on Flickr, where we will be uploading all the photos for availability to members.

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

Nancy Breeding, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever noticed? Everything needs to be part of a chain of events in a Chinook. Every action you want to take means you have to do something else first. Cup of coffee? Sure! Just move something off the kitchen counter to make room for the coffee maker, put the stuff from the top of the stove on the dinette seat and open the stove top, get that wide pot out from under the sink so you can reach the coffee supplies behind it (just set the pot on the couch and put it back under the sink once the kettle is out).... sooner or later you can make your coffee!



Don't even get me started on the ballet necessary for two people to take showers!

And yet, I am so ready to go out on the road again! We've only been home for two weeks but it doesn't matter. One consistently encountered link in the Chinook chain of events is a state of bliss. Partly it is where we go, partly it is the going itself. And rally-goers especially will know that it's who we go with. Have you ever noticed?

Mark McCluski

FALL ANNUAL RALLY--GALAX VA
October – Sunday 4th – Tuesday 6th
(Depart Wednesday 7th) Price \$34.00
(total with tax included)
Cool Breeze (was Deer Creek) 2330
Edmonds Rd. Galax, VA (35 sites)
866-342-0300 (Robert)



<http://www.coolbreezecampground.com>

HOST: Larry and Rena Hull, assisted by
Randall and Marjory Wells (cut off date:
August 4th 2015-call to see if spaces still available)

Sunday

6:00 Meet & Greet

Bring light snack to share and a drink**

Monday

8:30 Club Breakfast**

10:00 Tech Talk with Tom Jackson NOTE: Remember that if you have need of the technical expertise of Tom Jackson and if any of that need requires parts, you should alert him before the rally so he can bring them. tjackson@embarqmail.com

1:00 – 2:00 Chinook Open House

3:00 Pet Walk

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner**

7:00 Annual Meeting

Tuesday

8:30 Breakfast Leftovers or donated**

11:30 Group Picture

12:30 Lunch at Mountain Surf Seafood

3:00 Walking Tour of Galax

6:00 Club Weenie Roast at fire pit

7:00 Travel Talks

Bring a dessert to share**

Wednesday

8:30 Coffee and Goodbyes

**** bring plates, utensils, cups**

Rally-goers, be advised that we have a caveat: our hosts at Cool Breeze warn us NOT set the GPS to Cool Breeze to get to the campground. I don't know why, but they recommend using the written directions from their webpage.

From Blue Ridge Parkway take exit at milepost 215. Go approximately 1/2 mile west on SR#89 to Edmonds Rd. (SR#316) on the left. Turn left on Edmonds Rd. and the campground is on the right approx. 2 miles.

From Winston Salem take Highway 52 North to I-74 around Mt. Airy. Take Exit 6, Highway 89, turn left at end of ramp, Go west on Hwy 89 approx. 14 miles, across the Virginia state line, continue 1/2 mile past the Blue Ridge Parkway entrance to Edmonds Rd. (SR#613) on the left. Turn left on Edmonds Rd. and the campground is on the right approx. 2 miles.

From Charlotte take I-77 to Exit 100 Mt. Airy / Galax. Highway 89, Turn left at end of ramp, Go west on Hwy. 89 approx. 14 miles across the Virginia state line. Continue 1/2 mile past the Blue Ridge Parkway entrance to Edmonds Rd. (SR#316) on the left. Turn left on Edmonds Rd. and the campground is on the right approx. 2 miles.

From I-81 take I-77 South to Exit 14 Hillsville / Galax. Turn right at end of ramp onto Hwy. 58. Travel approx. 10 miles into Galax, take left on Hwy. 89 Truck Route till it ends and turn left onto Hwy. 89 (Main St.) at stop light. Go 5 miles to Edmonds Rd. on the right. Turn right and go 2 miles the campground is on the right.

Are you heading to the rally early? Randall clues us in to the following events happening prior to our getting together.

Fri. Oct 2: Bluegrass at the Rex Theater in Galax, www.theatergalax.com

Early tickets suggested: rkohl@galaxva.com 276-236-0329

The Friday Night Jamboree at the Floyd Country Store in Floyd, VA. www.floydcountrystore.com

Sat. Oct. 3. Bluegrass at the Blue Ridge Music Center on the Parkway, about 15 minutes from the camp. The Steel Wheels and the Buck Stops Here perform at 4 pm.

Tickets \$15 [866-308-2773](tel:866-308-2773) x 245

SPENDING EXTRA TIME IN THE AREA?

The **Blue Ridge Parkway**, just two miles away, is noted for its scenic beauty and runs for 469 from Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina north to Shenandoah National Park in Virginia and the **Skyline Drive**.

Cumberland Knob Visitor Center is just 9 miles away at Milepost 217.5

The **Blue Ridge Music Center** is just 5 miles at Milepost 213.

<http://www.blueridgemusiccenter.org/>

The **New River State Park** is just 8 miles and offers many activities including the New River Trail for biking and hiking.

http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/new-river-trail.shtml#general_information

Downtown **Galax** is just 7 miles and has many shops, restaurants, and The Rex Theater that has live music every Friday night.

<http://www.visitgalax.com/galaxva.html>

Saddle Mountain Cafe, Sunnyside General Store, The Gap Deli, Nancy's Candy Factory & Harmons Outlet, are all just a short drive from Cool Breeze.

MT. AIRY, NC - HOMETOWN OF ANDY GRIFFITH

It is located just 20 miles South on NC Highway 89.



2016 RALLY SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

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



It's not too early to book! 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.

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 – Natural Bridge KOA, Natural Bridge, VA



April : Sunday 24th – Wednesday 27th
 \$40 – 214 Kildeer Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578
 (800-562-8514) (25 sites)
 Info – 540-291-2770 <http://www.naturalbridgekoa.com/camp@naturalbridgekoa.info>
 HOST: Charles and Nancy Breeding

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)

OFFICERS WANTED



Nominating committee still seeks names for candidates for all offices: President (Mark is not looking to step down, but if someone wants to run.); VP Membership; VP Rally; Treasurer; Secretary. If you are interested in serving please advise Diane Cremens of the Nominating Committee (who also wouldn't mind stepping aside if anyone else wanted to take the reins). dscremens@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Gerry Rutter has graciously agreed to step into the VP Membership position, thanks Gerry!

We have 98 coaches, registered.

I am still learning the responsibilities of the job, if you see any mistakes, please do not hesitate to send me a email.

New Members:

Howard & Sue Shaw
CCC #393
Penobscot, ME

Jack & Nancy Lawless
Brunswick, GA
2001 Concourse

The EZ membership app has been updated for Android and Iphone.



You may have to uninstall & then reinstall the app to get all of the updates, I had to reinstall twice to get the most current photos.

I am still working with EZMembership, to get the events to show the calender.

The return email address that went out with the previous notice does not accept reply messages.

If you need your access code or assistance with the app, please send your questions to chinookcampingclub@gmail.com

Thank you

Gerry Rutter

BYLAW CHANGE VOTING BALLOT--ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The balloting continues and will do so until the start of October. If you haven't voted, please do so. If you need the ballot resent or for complete language, contact Mark McCluski.

Ballot	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

PROPOSAL TO BE VOTED ON

The substance of the motion you are to vote on here is that the Chinook Camping Club would create an Associate Membership level. An Associate Member would be described as:

- A member who has sold his or her Chinook and does not buy an RV of another brand, insuring that our club remains a group of people loyal to the Chinook brand.
- Associate Members are to pay dues equal to those paid by Members, allowing them to take part in the activities of the Club without being a financial burden on the Membership.
- Associate Members may not vote or hold Club office, insuring that decisions affecting the future of the Club continue to be made by owners of Chinook Motor Homes.
- Associate Members receive all Club correspondence and may participate in all Club activities.

THINGS WE LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE!



Before the summer rally in July, we spent a month going through New England and into the Maritime Provinces in Canada. There were a few maintenance/repair glitches, but one in particular we could have avoided with some basic attention. In

Maine, our refrigerator stopped running, so we sought out an RV repair shop in a small town (thank goodness for smart phones!) Turns out, all we really

needed to do was blow the crud out of the exterior refrigerator compartment because it was blocking the flame. Lesson here-check the compartment for debris from leaves etc, apply some air and you'll keep the fridge running!

Also note the discussion recently on Facebook about running the refrigerator on propane on the road, with a YouTube video explaining the possible hazards. [See the YouTube video>](#)

RALLY PLANNING

We hope to have some rally planning discussions during the annual meeting rally in Galax. We have had some great rallies lately, but are always looking for ways to make them better! We would like to survey the membership with some questions about subjects including these:

1. Locations - Is destination with nearby attractions a priority; convenient to grocers, near major area or is a nice location for "club time" sufficient. What states or areas are preferred, suggested?
2. Campground Amenities - full hook up, level sites, proximity to bathhouse, meeting room/pavilion
3. Activities during rally - tech, travel, craft, open house, social time for organized activity, cards, etc.
4. Scheduling - seasonally preferable, quantity ? - Jan - March/April - late May/early June - October; "flash" rallies to supplement scheduled organized by member with meals, activities generated by members attending. (possibly a good choice by members in any given region for shorter distance to and from location)
5. Area coordinators: Have a member from each area N-S-W-Mid Atlantic, say a "committee" to scout locations and be the Wagonmaster and assist hosts when available. Members report to Pres. Have at least one present at each rally. More, great.
6. Meals ... Pot Luck, hot or cold hors d'œuvres for meet and greet, restaurants trips and catering.



Additionally, Sally Arnold has started formatting a signup sheet that we may be able to tweak to help rally hosts with the planning and organization of the meals and activities.

Watch for more information upcoming about these subjects, and be prepared to share comments, opinions and ideas! More input=more fun!

Comments and suggestions? Email me at cnbreeding52@gmail.com



**CHINOOK EATS: from Linda Stamper
Banana Nut Pound Cake**

- 1 1/2 cup salad oil
 - 2 1/2 cup sugar
 - 3 well beaten eggs
 - 1 Tablespoon Vanilla
 - 1 1/2 cup mashed bananas
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 3 cups plain flour
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 3/4 teaspoon salt
- Mix together flour, soda and salt, then add all other ingredients. Pour into a large greased tube pan and
bake for 1 hour and 20 minutes at 350 degrees.
Let stand for 15 minutes before turning out.



MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE SOON!
CLUB DUES OF \$35 PER COACH ARE DUE EACH YEAR ON OCTOBER 1. Don't forget to renew your membership for new fiscal period. You can pay up at the October rally, or
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO
"Chinook Camping Club" and mail to:



CHINOOK PHOTOS

We have had many requests for the photos that are taken at the rally events. We now have a Chinook Flickr site. I am in the process of uploading the albums of photos taken over the years to the site, where members will be able to view and download photos. These albums will not be searchable to the 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.



CHINOOKS FOR SALE:

Tom Jackson knows of a Destiny for sale, tjackson@embarqmail.com
Diane and Rich Poole are "reluctantly" listing their Concourse for sale:

- *2005 Chinook Concourse XL
- *Twin bed floor plan
- *600 watt inverter
- *22" Samsung flat screen TV
- *Keyless remote entry
- *2 remote-controlled Maxx fans
- *New heat pump/AC
- 64,500 miles

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.

Asking \$39,900. If interested, call Rich at (573) 355-8640



TRAVELOGUE: This month, we present the fourth 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! [Click here to read>](#)



SUNSHINE UPDATES

We have a number of members with recent health issues. Please keep the following in your thoughts: Bobb Partridge, Gayle Wroble, Rebecca Gail Williams, 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 Poole at poolead72@gmail.com



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

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Dave Shehane,
for his time and talent

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