

## Congrats, Vicky and Dan!

The Wedding - June 10, 2006



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## Texas With A Tropical Twist!.....Rally Masters-Teresa and Ray Rabalais

2006 Fall Rally, September 25-28 at the Pioneer Beach Resort in Port Aransas, TX

Port Aransas (known as Port A to locals) lies on the northern tip of Mustang Island (Originally Wild Horse Island, named for the horses that escaped from the Spanish explorers). The Port A Marina has numerous charter boats for fishing ventures, dolphin watching or just a relaxing cruise. Port A is a casual beach town, so bring your shorts and flowered shirts. There is a lot to do and see on the Island, or one may want to kick back and mingle with the locals. Corpus Christi is 30 minutes away. We have plans to spend a day there visiting, among other places, The Texas State Aquarium (you will love it). We have some exciting plans for your entertainment, including an authentic chuck wagon dinner with cowboy storytelling by Soup Bone Cattle Co. (cowboy attire), and a Polynesian Luau (luau attire). We look forward to seeing you there.



# The President's Report.....Bob Chalk

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer so far. Some of us had a jump-start on good times at our rally about a month ago. This one was held somewhat later than our usual Spring Rally due to weather conditions in Upper-Lower MI.



Well, the rally's over, the daughter and granddaughter are on the plane headed back home to Houston and we're just enjoying this beautiful place to be in the summer. Now, Barbara and I are reflecting back on the Cherries and Blue Water and "Frog" Rally. Prior to the rally, we had a deluge of rain and out of the ponds came a zillion baby frogs. Now folks that's a lot of frogs! It seemed as though it was raining frogs. Never in my life have I seen so many baby or any kind of frogs! Frogs and all, we had a great time. However, the weather did do a good job in cooperating for us throughout our remaining rally.

It was great to see everyone again; our regular, old (not literally) friends and also welcome two first-timers, Tom and Nelda Riggins and John and Karen Scheidleman. Always glad to have new folks! We hope you enjoyed us as we did having you. We pride ourselves in being a warm and friendly Club. Our rallies are filled renewing old acquaintances, acquiring new friendships, solving world problems, and making many wonderful memories; all done in a very relaxed and casual atmosphere.

The Board voiced a concern about the cost of publishing and mailing our Proclamation (newsletter). As a result, we are experimenting with e-mailing this issue.

The Club voted to abolish the Scholarship Fund and distribute the balance of the fund over a two year period to Drew Hollingsworth upon his admission and continuation of his college education. Drew is the son of Vicky Hollingsworth Jourdan, who has ably supported and worked very hard for our Club since its charter in 1998. (See Letter from Drew on page 3)

Our Club has grown from 31 charter members in 1998 to our present membership of 114, representing 32 states and Canada. Our average rally attendance is approximately 30 coaches, Club rallies are diverse in location along with varied interests and themes. A good way to match faces and names and really get acquainted is to host a rally. Graham Ricks will be happy to sign you up and assist you with guide-lines and all kinds of information.

Ray and Teresa Rabalais presented a preview of our upcoming rally which they are hosting in Port Aransas, TX September 25-28. Sounds like a lot of exciting and interesting things are in store for us. Hope to see you there! Safe and happy travels to all.



## .....by Vicky Jourdan

If any of you were not at our wedding or haven't seen pictures, it turned out to be a beautiful day. The weather predicted rain all day but as usual they were wrong. The wedding was at 3:30pm on Saturday June 10th. It rained all morning, then about noon, the rain stopped; and by 3:00pm, the sun was shining and it turned out to be a wonderful day. Thanks for all the ones who sent us cards & gifts. I want to thank everyone for a wonderful honeymoon. Who ever heard of taking a honeymoon with 60 people? Hehe! Dan & I very much enjoyed our honeymoon with the Royale Coach Club in Traverse City, MI. We wouldn't have wanted to spend it anywhere else. We want to thank "The Club" for always making us feel so welcome. You are the best group of people and we appreciate everything. We think of you all as family.

It was nice of Monaco to let us rent a unit "37' Safari Serengeti" for the trip as well. It wasn't a Royale Coach, but we got a taste of why you all love your coaches and the RV life. Monaco does not make a habit of doing this for employees anymore because they have had some issues with coaches coming back damaged or abused during the rental period. This, of course, wasn't the case with us borrowing the unit. Even though Dan & I had never used this type of unit before, Dan is knowledgeable about RV's. He was able to fix a few things on the unit that needed repaired.

For all your information, I am now in Monaco Sales Department in Wakarusa, IN. If any of you need to contact me you can call me direct at 574-862-7593 or e-mail me at my new address at: [Vicky.jourdan@monacocoach.com](mailto:Vicky.jourdan@monacocoach.com) I am still keeping up with Royale work & finishing up the finances. I have some of the Royale files and coach owner information. If you meet a Royale owner that would like to join the Royale Club, they can call me and I will send then an application. We currently have 3 new Royale Coaches left to sell. We have one 2005 and two 2006's. I also have inside connections with Dan & Glenn. If any of you can't contact one of them for service or any information, I will try to be of assistance.

Thanks to "The Club" for the scholarship money. My son & I were very moved by your generosity. I have always encouraged my boys to continue their education. I have been able to save a small amount for their education, but the majority of it will fall on them or scholarships they receive. SWMichigan has two campuses; one in Niles, MI & one in Dowagiac, MI. He is looking forward to going to Dowagiac. He will live at home and be able to work and save up money to continue to receive his Bachelor's degree. This is an excellent college with lots of opportunities.

SEE YOU ALL SOON~

Have a Great Summer and Safe Travels !

God Bless

Vicky

# Scholarship Awarded.....

July 4, 2006

Dear Royale Coach Club:

*In this letter I would like to formally thank you for your contribution to further my education. I realize that a donation this large is not the norm and has never been done before. I sincerely appreciate your generosity and realize there were many other options and factors in deciding how it should be distributed. My mom & Dan have always spoken highly of you all and I have had the pleasure to meet some of you myself. I am planning to attend South Western Michigan located in Dowagiac, Michigan. I plan to achieve an associate's degree there and then receive more schooling and move onto a larger school to receive my bachelor's degree. I will be taking either computer science or micro-computer programming. I believe both of these fields have a very exciting future and have many new job openings.*



Drew Hollingsworth and Eddy

Sincerely,

Drew Hollingsworth

## Cole Slaw

- 2 8 oz pkg. cole slaw mix
- 1 10 oz. pkg. frozen sweet green peas (uncooked) rinsed and thawed
- 1 cup roasted sunflower seeds

## Dressing

- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/4 cup vinegar ( white balsamic)
- 1/4 cup sugar ( Splenda if desired)
  
- 1 tsp. onion flakes
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 Tbs. poppy seeds



Add this to cabbage mix 1/2 hour before serving

Last, add 1 pkg. ramen noodles crunched well to the slaw just before serving Do not use the seasoning packet.

Barbara Chalk



.....Glen Berden, VP Royale Phoenix

First and foremost Dan and I would like to thank all of you for once again inviting us to your Royale rally. In the past you have always made us feel part of the festivities and this time was no exception. We also want to express our appreciation for your continued support since the closing of Royale Coach. We trust that our limited resources via email and phone conversations have been able to answer your questions and assure you that we do care. We welcome the opportunity to take care of your coach needs.

After Royale announced that it would be closing its doors, we talked with many of you at the Pennsylvania rally and saw a need to help. We created a website on Yahoo to keep everyone in touch with one another and to offer our help whenever needed. We felt it was successful; however we knew there was more that could be done to keep all those beautiful coaches on the road. We realize there are few places that have ever seen a coach such as yours and repairs might prove difficult. Dan and I formed a plan and a dream was started.

We are proud to announce the opening of a new company, Royale Phoenix Inc. – Born from the ashes. Royale Phoenix was born from the ashes of a great company, and from those ashes we wish to build an even greater company to serve our friends that have been so giving and loyal to us. We will do our best to return the trust and loyalty you have given us.

Royale Phoenix is a new service center which will be located in the Elkhart area, owned and operated by Dan Jourdan and Glenn Berden, two former engineers from Royale Coach by Monaco. With our combined knowledge and experience, in time we will be able to handle all your needs from service and upgrades to a totally new look or possibly, a brand new unit. At present we are small and just starting out in a time when the RV Industry is struggling. Financial institutions are not quick to loan money to anyone connected to RV's at this time. Whatever hurdles there might be, Dan and I believe in what we are doing and with your support we will overcome and prevail.

Royale Phoenix will treat your coach as our own and we will do what it takes to keep you and your coach running down the road, enjoying your travels.

Thank you all, and God bless

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Dan and Glenn at work at an earlier Royale Rally

To join the Yahoo Royale Coach site: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/royalecoachclub/>

## “CHERRIES & BLUE WATER” RALLY RECAP.....By Laurel Volberding



The Royale Coach Club’s “Cherries and Blue Water” rally was hosted by Bob & Barbara Chalk and Jon & Caryl Jahn and was held at the beautiful Traverse Bay RV Resort in Acme, Michigan.

The early-arrivers were treated to a big Father’s Day breakfast prepared by Dave & Dianne Brendle. The rain did not stop us from enjoying biscuits and gravy, bacon, ham, sausage and eggs. Yum! Following breakfast, we all retreated to our coaches to enjoy a lazy, rainy day. Thankfully, Sunday was the only day we had rain, and the rest of the week sunny weather prevailed.

Monday, more coaches rolled in. That evening the Banker’s fixed a big ole pot of Louisiana jambalaya and we feasted--potluck style. It doesn’t get any better! We received our goodie bags containing rally information and treats made from locally-grown cherries.

The rally officially began Tuesday night with “loaded spuds” compliments of Buddy Gregg Motor Homes. After dinner, our taste buds were tested with gourmet jelly beans. The winning team members received a bag of the tasty treats as their reward.

Wednesday, two Prevost buses (the ones with lots of seats!) carried us to Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore Center where we viewed a presentation on the history of the area and its people; then we were taken to see the sand dunes. Our rallymasters were surprised to find so many members take on the challenge of climbing the giant sand dunes. Those who persevered to the “top” caught sight of Lake Michigan and the surrounding landscape. Climbing the dunes definitely had its ups and downs, including heart rates! Regretfully, Lorna was nowhere to be found.

The climbers shook out their sandy socks and shoes and joined the not-sweaty, not-thirsty non-climbers back on the buses for the drive to Leland. We poked around historic Fishtown before having a wonderful lunch at the Bluebird Restaurant. After lunch it was time to head back to the campground while enjoying the scenery along the West Arm of Grand Traverse Bay. Dinner was on our own and many members chose to visit or gamble at the nearby Turtle Creek Casino.

Thursday morning we departed early for the trip to Mackinaw City where we boarded the ferry to Mackinac Island. The island runs on horse-power and foot-power as no motorized vehicles are allowed. The island has a rather distinct aroma...kind of a mixture of horse manure and fudge! Most members found a spot for lunch, many shopped and some biked around the island. We departed Mackinac Island and drove home after stopping in charming Charlevoix for a look-see. Happy Hour and dinner followed in the resort Clubhouse.



The Royale Coach Club Business meeting was held after breakfast Friday morning, with President Bob Chalk presiding. The remainder of the morning and afternoon we were free to explore the area, nap, visit, gamble, motorcycle, golf, shop, etc. Friday evening, our final night together, we had a terrific time at the Williamsburg Theater where we dined and enjoyed the music of some very talented local performers.

Sadly, as quickly as it started, our rally came to an end Saturday morning, as we said our good-byes. Then we put the awnings up, brought in the slides, attached the tow car and headed for our next stop...wherever it may be...all the while looking forward to Texas in September when we can be together again as friends in the Royale Coach Club.

## Royale Coach Club Rally-First Timers



From left to right- Karen and John Scheidleman, Nelda and Tom Riggins

# Traverse City



## Bounce This Along.....Dianne Brendle-Co-editor

We recently received this handy email, and thought that we would pass it along to you all.



My mail carrier told me that the US Postal service sent out a message to all letter carriers to put a sheet of Bounce in their uniform pockets to keep yellow-jackets away.

Use them all the time when playing baseball and soccer. I use it when I am working outside. It really works. The yellow jackets just veer around you.

1. All this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer! It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It also repels mice.
2. Spread sheets around foundation areas, or in trailers, or cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.
3. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.
4. It repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
5. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer) screen.
6. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.
7. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.
8. To freshen the air in your home - Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.
9. Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.
10. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.!
11. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
12. To freshen the air in your car - Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.
13. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.
14. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.
15. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
16. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
17. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
18. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
19. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.
20. Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.
21. Put a Bounce sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before folding and storing them. It will keep them smelling fresh.
22. Quick, bounce this on within the next 5 minutes! Nothing will happen if you don't, but your friends will be glad to hear these hints
23. REPELS DEER ALSO
24. EVEN I AM REPELLED !

## The Sunshine Report.....Kathleen Koch, Sunshine Chairman

We lost a friend in November, 2005 - Al Wetter. The club sent a sympathy card to Elsie. Shortly thereafter Elsie sent the club a note which was read at our Rally in Acme, MI:

*"Thank you so much for remembering Al - he loved the Club so much and all the travelling - and all the people - and his beloved bus - it was too soon to say goodbye at 84 - we had been so active right to his last year. The world is less without him. Thanks again - many more Prevost years ahead for you young people - Best Always - Elsie  
If ever in the area - we have parking - 1-480-585-3731."*

For the past year or so, several club members have had serious health situations which include Janie Brethauer, Buck Banker, Charlie Utz, Bob Moss and Doc Krueger. It gives me great joy to tell you they were all at the rally in Michigan!

Not present, but had planned to attend were Pat and Ed Hendricks. Their granddaughter has been ill since birth and was in Childrens Hospital in Miami at the time of our Rally. Please keep the Hendricks, their daughter and granddaughter in your thoughts.

Chris and I will be travelling a lot from now until the end of the year, so if you have any Sunshine News, please call me at 904-461-8707 (we don't take the computer on the road).

Stay healthy and safe travels! Please inform me of any Sunshine News - [chriskoch1@bellsouth.net](mailto:chriskoch1@bellsouth.net) or 904-461-8707.



<u>SOLD</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>COACH NUMBER</u>
3-28-06	Frank & Judy Davidson	Sun River, OR	06432
4-28-06	Jim & Gail Rule	Rutledge, TN	06433
6-16-06	John Adams	Fargo, ND	05405

# Calendar of Events

- Summer Prevost Prouds Rally-Charlotte, NC.....August 9-13, 2006
- 76th FMCA Summer Convention, Charlotte, NC.....August 14-17, 2006
- ROYALE COACH CLUB FALL RALLY-Port Aransas, TX.....Sept. 25-28, 2006**
- Winter Prevost Prouds Rally-Disney- Orlando, FL.....March 13-16, 2007
- 77th FMCA Winter Convention, Perry, GA.....March 19-22, 2007
- ROYALE COACH CLUB SPRING RALLY-Branson, MO.....April 2007**
- Summer Prevost Prouds Rally-Site not Set.....August 7-10, 2007
- 78th FMCA Summer Convention, Redmond, OR.....August 13-16, 2007
- ROYALE COACH CLUB FALL RALLY-Chicago, IL Area.....Late September 2007**
- POLAR BEAR TOUR-Ripley, ND & Winnapeg, Manitoba.....October 4-24, 2007**
- 79th FMCA Winter Convention, Pomona, CA.....February 25-28, 2008
- 80th FMCA Summer Convention, St. Paul, MN.....July 14-17, 2008

**More Info to follow on the Branson and Chicago Rallies**

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**ALL THINGS THAT END,**

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