

Royale Coach Club

Newsletter

Spring 2017



Prez says:

As Memorial Day kicks off the summer of 2017, I'm thinking how lucky we are to have met and enjoyed the company of all of our Royale Coach Club friends. They are spread far and wide, bringing a variety of interests to the group.

Tom Krueger recently sent me some documents from when the Royale Coach Club was created, and so many places have been visited! The first meeting of the RCC was held on Jan 22nd, 1998 at Fort Wilderness Park at Disney World in FL. Charter members with faces familiar to me include Bob and Barbara Chalk, Buck and Nelda Banker, Roger and Charlotte Hatcher, and Chris and Kathleen Koch.

Some of the early rallies took attendees to:

- Lace Lure, NC Fall '98
- Islamorada, FL Jan '99
- Bay St. Louis, MS Fall '99
- Holland, MI (Tulips) Spring, '00
- Albuquerque, NM Fall, '00
- Outer Banks, NC Spring, '01
- Nashville, TN Fall, '01
- Kerrville, TX Spring, '02

For each one of these rallies, one couple took the initiative to organize a rally. We are fortunate to have had Denny and Richard McCurdy as rally masters for our recent rally in Virginia and Larry and Bev Dunville organizing the upcoming rally in Prince Edward Island this fall. THANK YOU to the McCurdies and Dunvilles!!!

Where would you like to go for a rally? What location is familiar to you? Why not step up and organize a rally for 2018? Although there is some work involved, you really get to meet everyone well when you are the rally masters.

Once again it is time to elect new RCC officers this fall. The nominating committee is Ron Kitchings, Graham Ricks, and Richard Gould. Please contact one of these gentlemen if you are interested in a position on the RCC board.

Many thanks to both Prevost and Millennium for their enthusiastic sponsorship of the Royale Coach Club. We are thankful to the RCC Board for their service: 1st V.P. Jim McNulty; 2nd V.P. Richard McCurdy; Secretary Denny McCurdy; Treasurer Mike Barbeau; National Director Mike Lien; Alt. National Director Mary Habicht; Director and Website Manager Bo Reahard; Sunshine person Kally Kitchings; Newsletter Editor John Habicht.

I wish for all of you a safe and healthy summer looking forward to seeing you in Prince Edward Island.

Anne Gould, President



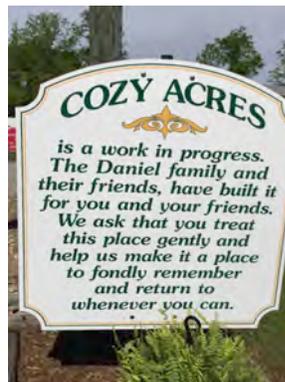
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Highlights of Virginia Rally

[Editor's Note : I was not at the Virginia Rally. I would like to thank Denny McCurdy and Kally Kitchings for notes and photos from the rally. Without them, there would be no newsletter for this rally.]

The Spring Rally was held at Cozy Acres Campground in the Virginia countryside west of Richmond in the heart of much action during the Civil War and the homeland of some of our founding fathers.

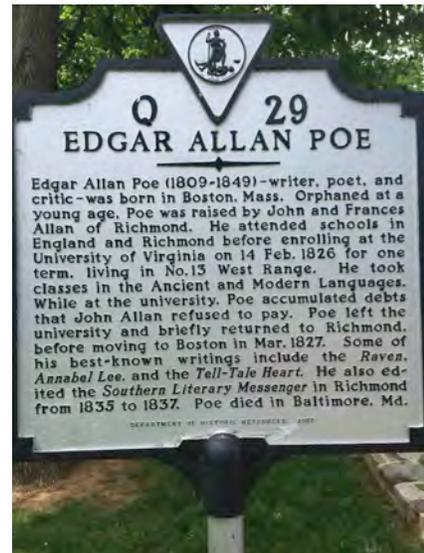


The rally started on a high note with Millennium Welcome Cocktail Reception. Millennium has quickly



proven to be a fabulous sponsor and their receptions at the start of a rally are “over the top”! Many thanks to Millennium’s Melanie (Schraff) and David (Byrd). Our other fabulous sponsor Robert Jones and his wife, Susie, were present for Prevost Car as Prevost generously provided bus transportation during the rally. Rally host Denny McCurdy welcomed everyone to the rally with open arms.

After breakfast on the first full day at the rally, the Prevost bus took everyone to Charlottesville. The first stop was a guided tour of the University of Virginia, designed by Thomas Jefferson. A very interesting tour was led by Rob Craighurst of Tell Me About It Tours. Rob was very knowledgeable about



the Charlottesville area and Jefferson, explaining in detail about Jefferson’s vision for his life’s crowning glory architectural project, the University of Virginia, to be the first university in America that was not church based. A marble statue of Jefferson in the Rotunda is said to be one of the most lifelike and accurate depictions of how Jefferson actually appeared. A group photo (at the beginning of this section) of the Royales was taken on the Rotunda steps.

Lunch was at historic Michie (pronounced Mickey) Tavern in the Market Place Shops area, with time



for shopping. Delicious fried chicken, all you could eat!

The last stop of the day was a guided tour of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home. The Royales were



divided into two groups. Both groups reported their tour guides were very personable and again extremely knowledgeable about the house and Jefferson.

After returning to the campground, beer and wine hour was sponsored by Rally Masters Richard and Denny McCurdy followed by a catered dinner by Campground Hosts (and owners) Jean and Larry Daniels



(who also happen to be Royale members). Delicious barbequed pork, Jean's scrumptious special beans, coleslaw and huge strawberry shortcake were on the menu.

After breakfast, Thursday May 5 was a free day to enjoy whatever you liked. Many of the group carpoled to Tanglewood Ordinary for dinner. There was another groaning table of fried chicken, roast beef, Smithfield ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables and peach cobbler, all served family style. Dieters beware!

The next day centered on the Civil War in the Petersburg area (south of Richmond). It started with a buffet lunch at Pamplin Historical Park. Our guide for the afternoon, Gary Helm from the Park, gave us maps of war time Petersburg and introduced us to the city before, during and after the War. He led us on a



Tudor Hall

guided tour of Civil War Petersburg – Petersburg was the object of the longest military campaign ever waged against an American city. The Northern army had not been successful in capturing Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy. They turned their efforts to Petersburg, the center of supply lines to Richmond, hoping that, by cutting off the supply lines, they could bring Richmond to its knees. Petersburg, a thriving city before the War, has never recovered. Much of the city is still the same as before the War. Many beautiful homes still remain. A highlight of the tour was the visit to Blandford Church with its large cemetery. The



church has stained glass windows, each sponsored by a former Confederate state, honoring the soldiers from that state who fought and died in the War effort. For the Centre Hill Mansion tour, the Royales once again divided into two groups. One group, to their delight, was treated to a fabulous rendition of *Amazing Grace* by Connie Kossen and David Byrd during the tour. Centre Hill Mansion was used as a TV set for *Mercy Street*, a 2016 and 2017 PBS series about two Civil War volunteer nurses from opposing sides who work at the Mansion House Hospital.

Back at the campground, the group had another beer & wine hour sponsored by Rally Masters Richard and Denny McCurdy followed by another catered dinner

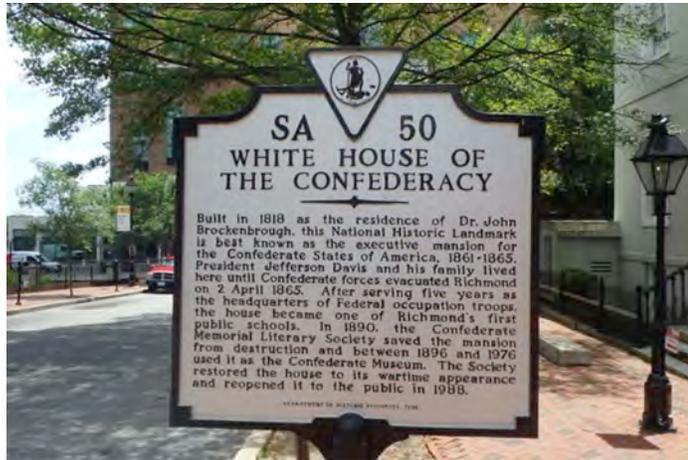


by Campground Hosts Jean and Larry Daniels. It was another great meal of barbequed chicken, Jean's special potato salad, green beans and peach cobbler. Entertainment was arranged by Jean Daniels. Amy Ladd and her husband sang country and western favorites, highlighted by contributions from John Strickland, David Byrd and Ron Kitchings- can you say Elvira?!



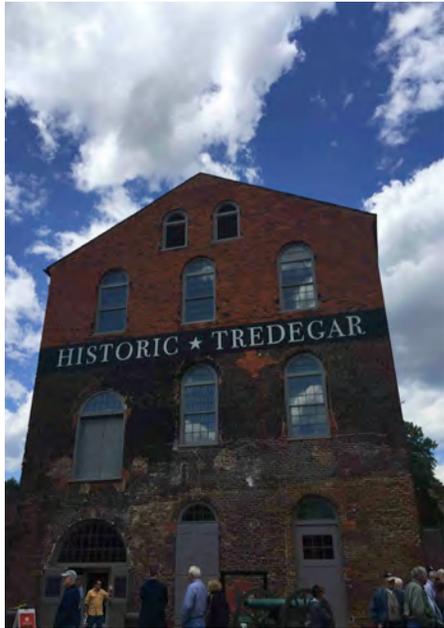
After breakfast, Sunday May 7 was a free day for all to enjoy after the business meeting for the Royale Coach Club.

On Monday, after breakfast on the last full day of the rally, we boarded the bus for Richmond, capital of the Confederacy, for another day of Civil War history. The group started with a tour of Richmond. Once again we had a guide, Jim DuPriest from Richmond Discoveries, with extraordinary knowledge of history. Our focus was on the Civil War period, but Jim also give us new information about the Revolutionary War and Thomas Jefferson. We began with a visit to the Museum and White House of the Confederacy, home of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy. We learned that at the time of the War, the Confederate States called it the Second War for American Independence. They believed there



was a constitutional basis for their right to secede from the Union, based on what they considered the North's interference and control of their way of life and unfair taxation. We saw Tredegar Iron Works (the Confederacy's most important industrial complex), and saw dioramas of how the works grew to supply munitions during WWII as well. We toured the Virginia State capitol, designed by Thomas Jefferson, and noted architectural design similarities with Jefferson's University of Virginia. A few of us got lost temporarily (the elevators are confusing!) but eventually we all got together for a group photo (the other photo at the beginning of this section) with the magnificent structure in the background.



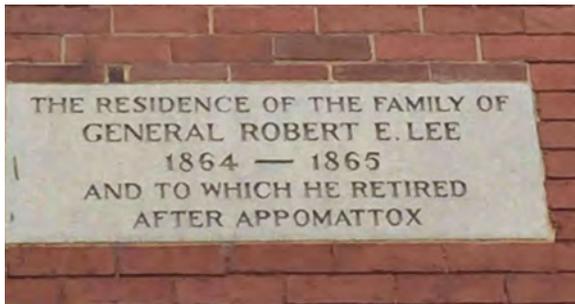


We had lunch on our own in historic Shockoe Slip, a revitalized area with many different restaurant choices in the middle of Richmond. The weather cooperated beautifully too.



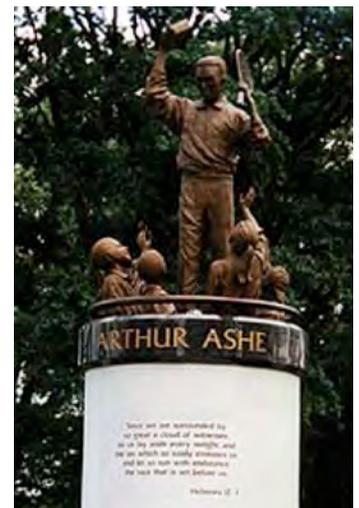
After lunch, there were places within walking distance to see before we got back on the bus. The Civil War Visitor Center was housed in the building from the Tredegar Iron Works. Tredegar Iron Works produced cannons, munitions and other materials critical to the Confederacy. The home where Robert E. Lee stayed after the surrender at Appomattox was also close by. The building now houses offices for the Home Builders Association of Virginia.

When Norman Stewart died in 1856, he left the building to his nephew



John Stewart, who rented it to General George Washington Custis Lee, Robert E. Lee's son, and a group of young Confederate officers. The officers used the house as the "bachelor's mess" until 1864, when Robert E. Lee's wife and daughters arrived to live there after the confiscation of their home, Arlington. General Lee retired to the house joining his family on April 15, 1865, following the surrender of the Confederate army at Appomattox. The family left Richmond together for the country in June of that same year. Matthew Brady took his famous photographs of General Lee while he lived in the house.

Once back on the bus, we drove down Monument Avenue and learned about the history of the Civil War monuments and also the statue of Arthur Ashe, famous tennis professional and Richmond native.



As our last group activity, we had a Confederate Richmond Dinner. Greeted by costumed interpreters, we experienced 1862 Richmond as the capital of the Confederacy during wartime, its hospitality, food and music. The lady bemoaned our scandalous lack of petticoats and explained how to use our fans to signal interest (or lack thereof) when meeting gentlemen. Our own Ed Ferree was transformed, hilariously, into a Confederate soldier. Everyone had tears in their eyes from laughter. Graham Ricks had a great time teasing the Confederate colonel as he displayed the contents of his haversack. We joined in singing some old time Southern favorites, with banjo accompaniment. A final group photo concluded the delightful evening.



SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD LIFE!

New Royale Coach Club Members

- Chuck & Jennie Connor – Sherrills Ford, NC
- Jackson & Sharon Driscoll – Berlin, MD
- Edward & Susan Forbes – Hilton Head Island, SC
- Bobby & Grace Johnson – Vestavia Hills, AL



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- Art & Teri Twaddell – Templeton, CA



First Timers at the Virginia Rally

- Chuck & Jennie Connor, NC
- Bobby & Grace Johnson, AL



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PrevoSt Update...

Denny & Richard McCurdy stepped up once again and put on a great rally in Powhatan. That region of Virginia played a huge part in the early history of our country and it was interesting to get up close and personal with some of the historical details. My wife Susie and I had the pleasure of attending the beginning of the rally. It was nice to reconnect with our friends in the Royale Coach Club.

Many of you have heard rumors regarding the new front right flat floor slide developed by PrevoSt. There are other flat floor slides in the industry but PrevoSt created an elegant design that we believe makes it the best in the industry. The slide room opens and closes quickly with a precision fit whether in or out. Our engineers put the final design through thousands of cycles to ensure reliability and durability. The first conversions with this new flat floor slide should be completed by the time you read this article. Please make it a point to check it out in person.

Some of you will be taking a tour of the PrevoSt factory in Sainte-Claire, Quebec after the upcoming Royale Coach Club Rally to be held in Prince Edward Island. The folks at our factory are excited about your visit and will make every effort to make this a memorable tour. For those of you who plan to attend the PrevoSt Prouds Rally a week later in Quebec City, we will be giving factory tours during that rally also and it is OK to do both.

As a friendly reminder, the easiest way to stay connected with any parts and service issues you may have is to download the free PrevoSt Tools app to your smart phone and/or tablet. This app has contact names & numbers, speed dial for PASS (PrevoSt Action Service System), a service locator, wiring diagrams, parts ordering, service bulletins, manuals, driver's guide, merchandise, and much more.

During the rally, a few of you let me know that you use flip phones and somehow the PrevoSt Tools app just does not seem to work with this type of phone. In that case, you can always get on your computer and visit the PrevoSt Car website. Much of the info in the PrevoSt Tools app can be found at this link <https://www.prevoStcar.com/motorhome/support> and if you search around a little on our web site you can find most everything included in our PrevoSt Tools app.

Some of you are more hands on than others when it comes to the technical aspects of your coach. We developed some wonderful webinars that may be of interest to you. To view a list of available webinars, sign up for webinars, download brochures, etc., you can visit our web address <https://www.prevoStcar.com/resources/webinars>

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To our friends at Royal Coach Club

Virginia is not just for lovers! It is for History Lovers! Wow, what a great rally. Millennium is so thankful to be the sponsor for Royale Coach Club and this rally is another perfect example of why! Walter, David and I had such a great time. From the campground, the laughs, the tours and especially all the facts we never knew, Virginia was awesome! We always look forward to spending time with our RCC family and look forward to our next rally this Fall.

Walter, David and Melanie

Join the Royale Coach Club in Canada this fall!



Canada is commemorating its 150th birthday this year with an impressive list of activities and celebrations, so it is a great time to visit – from PEI to Quebec. Prince Edward Island is known as the Birthplace of Confederation – come enjoy the history, traditions, cuisine and landscape. Quebec City, a fortified city, is known for its European charm, cobbled streets, vibrant festivals, and delicious food.



There are three PrevoSt events in Canada this September that are open to the Royale Coach Club. All three are separate activities, with dates planned so that you can attend any one, or all three. Note that each rally requires a separate reservation and has different fees.

1. Our 2017 fall Royale Coach Club rally is being held on Prince Edward Island, **September 5-10**. Cost is \$896 for members coach with 2 adults. More information and the application are available on the Royale website.
2. PrevoSt is offering a special tour of their factory for the Royale Club on **September 12th**. There is no charge for the tour, but a reservation is required. More information is available on the Royale website.
3. The PrevoSt Prouds are another FMCA rally chapter for PrevoSt owners. They are holding a rally in Quebec from **September 14 to 19**, and have invited Royale Club members to join them. Their rally costs \$1,575 to \$1,675. More information and the application are on their website: www.prevoStprouds.com

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		Royale Rally at PEI, Canada - \$896					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Royale Rally Ends		PrevoSt Tour - FREE		PrevoSt Prouds Rally - Quebec City, Canada - \$1575 - \$1675			
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Royale Coach Club - 2017 Fall Rally

September 5 - 10, 2017

Rally Masters: Larry & Beverley Dunville

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IS CALLING

Intensive Rally Schedule

Larry and Beverley are inviting the Royale Coach Club members and their friends to Prince Edward Island. You will be overwhelmed by rolling hills of brilliant green and glowing red soil, pink sand beaches and deep blue water. Fishing villages, patchwork farms, white churches, and small villages with quaint shops will make unforgettable memories.

We will be staying at Marco Polo Campground and having breakfast each morning at the Galley Restaurant (www.marcopololand.ca/en/)

Tuesday afternoon we will have Rally Registration followed by a Reception sponsored by Millennium Coach (millenniumluxurycoaches.com/)

Wednesday afternoon Prevost Buses will take us on a drive along the beautiful shoreline of the National Park past Dalvey Hotel and into Charlottetown (www.city.charlottetown.pe.ca). We will have a guided tour of this history city with it's beautiful and vibrant downtown. Dinner in downtown and then attend the Anne of Green Gables Musical which, according to Guinness Book of Records, is the longest running annual Musical in the world.

Thursday will be an open day, but with Deep Sea fishing boats, gift shops, five golf courses within five miles and miles of beautiful scenery you should not be bored. In the evening we will carpool to the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers (peilobstersuppers.com) and after that we will go the Sandspit Amusement Park (sandspit.com). Sandspit is the amusement Park that Beverley and I developed and ran for 25 years. It is closed for the season but will be opened for our enjoyment. I have taken four other Rally's and they have had a ball.

Friday will be open during the day but planning a evening Dinner with Local Entertainment.

Saturday the Prevost buses will take us to the Dunes (www.dunesgallery.com) for a short tour then to Dinner and the show Million Dollar Quartet (Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins came together to make music and ended up making history).

Sunday morning, meet for breakfast and say our Good-Byes.

PREVOST FACTORY TOUR

Following the PEI rally, Prevost will be hosting a factory tour near Quebec city. On September 10 and 11 we will travel from PEI to Quebec City and on September 12 we will go on a bus to the Prevost factory for a tour.

Royale Coach Club - 2017 Fall Rally September 12 , 2017

Rally Masters: Graham Ricks / Bo Reahard

PREVOST FACTORY TOUR

Royale Coach Club members will have an opportunity to tour the Prevost factory this fall. After the PEI rally concludes, there will be two days available to travel from PEI to Quebec City. It is about 560 miles; approximately 10 hours total driving time. The campgrounds along the way may be closed at that time of year, but there are three Walmart's on the route. We plan to have a "Potluck Dinner" on Monday evening at the campground's meeting room.

On Tuesday, September 12th, Prevost will pick us up at the Quebec campground and host a tour of their factory in Sainte-Claire, Quebec.



After Tuesday's tour, you may plan to spend some additional days and visit other attractions in the Quebec area. This year is Canada's 150th birthday, and there are lots of activities planned throughout 2017, particularly in Quebec City. Those are all optional activities, pay as you go, and you are welcome to get together in groups and do whatever you like.

If you want to make a reservation for the Prevost tour, send an email to Graham Ricks at grahamr@mindspring.com. He will add your name to the Prevost tour reservation list and send you instructions on making campground reservations in Quebec. You will pay the campground directly and there are no other costs. We would like to have all reservations in by July 1st.

Campgrounds are expecting larger than usual crowds this year. You are encouraged to make your plans as soon as possible. Canada has predominately 30-amp sites and there are a limited number of 50-amp sites.

Email from Graham Ricks on Traveling to Canada

If you have not been to Canada recently, you may not be aware of current regulations. Now is the time to make sure you are prepared. Below are some things to consider.

1. Confirm that your passport will be valid during your visit. Passport processing takes between 6 to 8 weeks. If you choose an expedited service, you can receive a faster processing time. There is a \$60 fee for expedited requests.
2. Know about current restrictions on:
 - Firearms (Certain types will be seized.)
 - Pepper spray, mace, and stun guns (Must be surrendered, will not be returned.)
 - Pets (Documents required, vaccinations, foods allowed, etc.)
 - What you can take into Canada
 - What you can bring home from Canada
 - Questions you will be asked at the border
 - Things that may prevent you crossing the border
 - Use of radar detectors (\$500 penalty for use, along with confiscation of the device.)
 - Requirement for vehicle registration and insurance (Canadian Insurance ID card)
 - Prohibited foods that cannot be taken in or out

Here are some helpful websites:

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/ivc-rnc-eng.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_entry_into_Canada_by_land

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/driving-across-the-border-into-canada-1481855>

The following information is from Trip Advisor:

Entering Canada: General Tips and Special Situations

Interview by Border Officer

Carrying the required documents does not guarantee admission into Canada. Visitors will also undergo an interview with a Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) officer upon arrival to determine admissibility into the country. These interviews are generally short, and will be easier if you are sure to keep your relevant documentation close at hand.

A border screening agent will ask some or all of the following questions,

"Where do you live?

Citizens of what country?

What is the purpose of your visit?

How long will you be staying?

Are you bringing anything to leave (gifts, etc)?

Are you bringing in any firearms, tobacco or alcohol?

Do you have any criminal convictions?"

If travelling with children, you may also be asked, " Do your children have proof of identity?"

To avoid delay, be prepared with simple straightforward answers to the questions. Remove any sunglasses, and look the agent in the eye when answering. If the agent has reason to suspect the validity of your answers, especially regarding identity, firearms, tobacco and alcohol, you will be asked to pull over and report inside the main customs building where you must produce identity papers and will likely undergo a vehicle search — all of which can be very time consuming.

Travelling with Children

If a child is traveling with one parent, the border services official may require a letter of permission from the other parent or documentation that demonstrates that the lone parent is the child's sole guardian. If a child is traveling with someone other than his or her guardian, border authorities will want to see a letter of permission from both of the child's parents / guardians. Ideally, the letter should be notarized. You can use this letter of consent (http://www.voyage.gc.ca/preparation_information/consent-letter_lettre-consentement-eng.asp) as a starting point.

Travelers with Criminal Convictions, Including Impaired Driving

People with criminal convictions, including impaired driving convictions may have a problem when entering Canada, but it is at the discretion of the border guard whether to allow you into the country or pull you in for secondary inspection. If you are pulled into the secondary inspection they will look into the matter and determine whether to let you continue on or turn you around. The more documentation and information you have to provide them the better (court documents, etc.).

DUI or DWI offences and some other misdemeanors are considered serious offenses in Canada, and they affect your admissibility. Generally, if you have only one conviction and it is more than 10 years since the end of your sentence, you may be allowed to continue into Canada, but only if the CBSA officer can verify all your information. For more information, see <http://www.canadavisa.com/immigration-criminality-rehabilitation.html>. If in doubt, contact <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/index.asp> or <http://www.international.gc.ca/ciw-cdm/embassies-ambassades.aspx?lang=eng>.

Restrictions on Firearms and Other Weapons

Canadian firearms laws differ substantially from firearms laws in the United States. If you are considering bringing your firearm into Canada, make sure that you are familiar with the applicable laws; possession of certain firearms in Canada is illegal, and you may find that these firearms (called "prohibited weapons") will be seized at the border. Other firearms are legal, but subject to stringent regulations relating to their safe transportation and storage. Make sure you are familiar with these laws before you enter Canada. The Canadian Firearms Centre's fact sheet, <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/fs-fd/visit-visite-eng.htm>, will answer some basic questions.

Pepper spray, mace and stun guns (Tasers) are also illegal (prohibited weapons) when crossing into Canada. They must be declared (or risk a \$500 fine) as well as surrendered to the authorities and the owner will need to fill out an abandonment form. It is not possible to regain the item(s) upon return to the United States.

What is the Cost of My Medications?

By John Habicht

For those of us on Medicare (in the U.S.), the cost of the medications can be confusing and dependent on your insurance. The following is what I use to try and find out what my medications will cost when I use particular Part D medication providers...

- www.medicare.gov
- Select “Find health & drug plans”
- Enter your Zip Code, Click “Find Plans”
- Select “I don’t know” in each of the two sections, then click “Continue to Plan Results”
- Enter your drugs and dosages. For each, a pop-up window will appear and you indicate...
 - Dosage
 - Quantity
 - Frequency
 - Pharmacy type
- **Note the box to the right of where you have been entering drug names. This shows your Drug List ID. This Drug List ID and Password Date is yours forever. Record this information. Later, when you want to check something, you will enter this Drug List ID and this Password Date to call up your drug list. You can then edit the drug list if desired.**
- When all have been entered, select “My Drug List is Complete”
- You can select pharmacies that you would like to be used in the pricing
 - Each Part D provider has their Preferred and standard pharmacies and the prices probably will differ
- When all pharmacies have been added, select “Continue to Plan Results”
- Select the check box next to “Prescription Drug Plans”
- Select “Continue To Plan Results”
- Just below the words “Prescription Drug Plans”, you can click the button to select more than the default 10 per page
- Just below that, you can order the results by various criteria
- A summary of each plan is given on this page
 - Deductibles are indicated here
- Each plan can be selected to give detailed information on each provider
 - Note that the “Full Cost of Drug” can vary from provider to provider
 - Each pharmacy can be selected to show the cost at that pharmacy
 - Each drug is indicated as to how that provider handles that drug, e.g., “Preferred Generic”, “nonPreferred Generic”, “Preferred Brand”, etc. This also changes from provider to provider.