

Presidents Corner

Now that we've all sprung forward, I'm sure you are all preparing your itineraries and your coach to begin Rollin' Along! I thought it might be appropriate to share a few reminders.

Don't forget that Entegra has a bunch of "how to" videos posted on their website. These videos cover all manner of maintenance items that need to be done at least annually, if not more often. To access these videos, go to www.entegracoach.com>Experience Entegra Coach>Videos. As an alternative you can also access those videos from the Entegra App (Available in your App Store). If you prefer a more personal touch, you might want to consider attending the Entegra Homecoming and Entegra Academy in May, or possibly scheduling yourself into one of the many Entegra University Events they host periodically throughout the year in Middlebury.

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<http://www.irv2.com/forums/f278/>

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Hopefully you are already aware of your periodic maintenance items such as sanitizing your water system, annual Aqua-Hot® service, annual oil change and lube along with greasing your drivetrain U-joints every 5000 miles. But there's also things like changing water filters, checking the mix of your aqua hot boiler flue with a refractometer, and checking the ratio of engine coolant with a hygrometer. If you don't use your generator frequently, it's easy to forget about it, and it's just as easy to forget there are service items in your transmission that you need to be aware of. Cleaning your filters in your cold air returns at least monthly, along with servicing your rooftop heat pumps keeps your creature comforts in tip top shape. Of course, I can't get off the hook without suggesting you actually review your owner's manual, everyone's favorite reading material.

Do pay attention to your tires: as if your life depends on it. If you can't do it yourself, see if you can get your tires inspected. The tread on your tires will outlast their age unless you're putting 25-30,000 miles per year in your rig. Look for checking and cracking on your sidewalls. Check for wear along the edges. Lightly push your hand across the tread toward the center of the coach. Then pull it back towards you. If it's smooth in both directions, you're good to go. But if you feel the edges of treads in one direction and smooth in the other direction, you probably have an alignment problem and may want to have an alignment professional look at your rig for tire rotation and alignment. Rotating your tires is a good idea, probably every two years. Swap the inside dualies. Swap your front tires. Follow a normal X swap for your four rear outside tires. While you're looking at your wheels, get all wheel positions weighed, and using an Inflation Table for your brand of tires, adjust the tire pressures for optimum performance. Pay the same attention to your tow vehicle (toad). Examine your tow bar, inspecting bolt tension and all welds for cracks. Just don't get your Tire monitors mixed up!

As a final thought before you hit the road, give some consideration to sorting through your

basement stuff. If you haven't touched something in the last year or two, you might want to consider whether you actually need to carry it. Do the same with your inside inventory. We do tend to accumulate a lot of "stuff." Maybe set a goal that you won't bring something in unless you take something out!

So, fill up with fresh water and get ready to Roll!

Upcoming Rally's and Events

- May 21 – 24, 2018, 2018 Homecoming / EC Academy, Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN
- June 11 – 14, 2018, Entegra Coach University (Owner Training), 903 South Main St, Middlebury, IN
- July 18 – 21, 2018, FMCA International Convention, Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facilities, Gillette, WY
- July 22 - 26, 2018, Summerfest 2018, Spearfish, SD, celebrating the 5th anniversary of ECOA
- September 24 - 28, 2018, North of Ordinary, Traverse Bay Rally, Traverse City, MI

Details available on ECOA and/or Entegra Websites



Destinations

Site Seeing in Page, AZ and Sheridan, WY by Wayne & Eidella Baumann

End of March and time to hit the road and do some site seeing before we head home to Sheridan, Wyoming. We drove north to Flagstaff, Arizona and up to Page, Arizona and spent 3 days site seeing. Got to see the Upper and Lower Antelope Canyon on the Navajo Nation. Very nice sand stone colors as you walk through the canyons. It is a place well worth seeing.

The next day took a boat trip on Lake Powell for 50 miles one way to see Rainbow Bridge National Monument and Glen Canyon. The Rainbow Bridge took 30 million years to wash out as to what you see today. Went on to see Glen Canyon Dam and museum. Horseshoe Bend on the Colorado river is a 1-mile walk to see it south of Page from there we went to see the Vermilion Cliffs.

The next day went to see Monument Valley and went on to Moab, Utah to stay for the night to see Canyonlands National Park and Arches National Park but they had a Jeep 4-wheel rally and there were no places to park in an RV park so we thought we would stop to see it another time. We drove on to Grand Junction, Colorado and stayed there for the night and the next day drove on home to Sheridan, Wyoming. At home they still had snow laying around. Sheridan had between 6 to 8 feet of snow this winter and cold weather. Billings, Montana had over 9 feet of snow this winter it broke all records.

Hope to see you all at the FMCA rally in Gillette, Wyoming July 18 through 21, 2018. There is a lot of Indian and Soldier Battle history in Sheridan, Wyoming and all the way up to the Custer Battle field site in Montana. Sheridan also has the

Historical Sheridan Inn that was leased by Buffalo

Share Your Favorite Destination

We want to hear your stories about your favorite destination. Include the locations name, address, month and year you stayed there, ease of access from highway, size of sites and ease of access inside destination, amenities (especially those you enjoyed), nearby attractions, why did you choose the location (just passing through, attending event, other), and any other interesting information about your stay. Provide photos if possible, especially of you and your coach at the location. Provide a caption for each photo. Submit your stories and photos to Tom Crowley crowleytj@gmail.com.

Bill for a number of years until he built his own hotel in Cody, Wyoming. I could tell you a lot about the history in this area.

Time Is Flying By By Tommy Townsend

Once upon a time in the past (August of 2013) Bonnie and I got our first RV. How much money did you say?? And what are we going to do with that RV? Recreation Vehicle – what are you talking about? It did not seem very recreational to me! Push this button, pull this lever, read this panel. I was lost and confused. Just sit down before you fall down, Tommy.

Well, I'm glad that has passed. Now I only learn new things at rallies. With that said, you need to come to more rallies. They are great parties and fantastic learning events. I learn from technical sessions and from fellow RV'ers. And you make some lifelong friends. We look forward to seeing all the old friends and meeting new ones at each rally. The Tampa Super Show in January, the Pre-Rally at Stone Mountain and the FMCA Rally at



Perry, Georgia were all so much fun while learning and seeing old friends and new ones.

Leaving Perry, we stopped at Wade RV for a new front rug and step mats. Of course, the old rug was only about 8 months old, but Bonnie loves the one Pat and Medarda Bauer have in their coach. Wade RV did a great job. They said they had to measure it, I said all the Entegras are the same. Well, they look all the same, but they are not the same at all. Our guy spread out the clear plastic with about 6 different names in 6 different magic marker colors, all just a little bit different. Then he added our name in green to the plastic and began to trace our pattern. Normally they complete it overnight and you have it the next day. We were not able to get a space in the LazyDays campground, so Wade RV completed our rug the same day. About 4 hours later, we got our custom fit rug. Bonnie is very happy with it and 3 months later it still looks like new.

We just finished the first AIM Club Gala with lots of our ECOA friends and a lot of new friends in strange named RVs, like Newell, Winnebago, Thor, Newmar and Prevost, just to name a few. The Gala (rally) was great fun. We had lots of great food, some good Technical sessions by Justin Townley from National Indoor RV Center, and great presentations by Sky Med and Freightliner. Our last night was dinner and dancing at the Poseidon Restaurant with Deaz Guyz Band. As they were closing everything down, I went and told them we were looking forward to seeing them in a couple of weeks at the Entegra Homecoming at Elkhart Fairgrounds later this month.

Now, we're off to see the wizard – sorry, that's another story. For now, we are heading to the Entegra Homecoming in Elkhart, Indiana. It is going to be a blast with about 211 Entegras there. I'm sure it has been a nightmare for Stephana and Anne, but I am also sure that they will make it a fantastic event for all of us. There will be an ECOA booth there, so please come by and say "Hello".

There is a lot happening in the months ahead. In July there are three rallies back to back. Up first is the AIM Club Gala at Sturgis, South Dakota beginning July 13, then it's off to the FMCA Rally at Gillette, Wyoming beginning July 17th, then last, but certainly not least is the ECOA Rally at Spearfish, South Dakota beginning July 22nd. All three of these rallies promise to be exciting and fun. Bonnie and I are very excited about the month of July.

We are hoping to see all of you at the rallies. If not, we will wave at you along the road.

Talking Tech

What Is Your Favorite Tech Gadget?

We want to hear your stories about your favorite tech gadget. Write a short story (500 words) about your favorite tech gadget. Include a description of the product, where it is available, why you selected it, how you use it, and how well it solves the problem. Submit your stories and photos to Tom Crowley crowleytj@gmail.com.

Excerpts from her March 13, 2018 Letter:

Good News from Joyce at Entegra

WARRANTY PARTS - If you have an issue that requires a part be replaced, and something that you are willing to do yourself, we are going to begin sending those parts directly to you again at no charge. We may ask you to do some minor troubleshooting to determine the part needs to be



replaced or ask for pictures in some cases. If a part has to be returned, we will tell you upfront so that you know it needs to come back. In those instances, we will send a UPS shipping label so that you can make the part UPS returnable and drop it at the local UPS store. Depending on the situation, it will still be at our discretion to encourage you to seek dealer/service center assistance if we believe the repair is something that should not be attempted by yourself. Dealer/service center being defined as any certified dealer within the Jayco family of dealers corporate wide, non-Jayco dealers or service centers that are willing to assist customers or mobile techs.

SCHEDULING FOR FACTORY SERVICE-
You will be able to call and schedule an appointment one year in advance now instead of the 6 months previously stated. However, in order to schedule, you must have at least some knowledge of issues you need taken care of that can begin the appointment process. We can always add to the list, if necessary, but what we can't do is take up a place on the schedule with no issues at all. This is the only way we can be fair to all customers who would like to come here for factory service.

If you are not receiving information from Entegra, make sure you are registered with the Owner's Center and that you have elected to receive news and updates. Go to <https://www.entegracoach.com/> and under EXPERIENCE ENTEGRA COACH, select Owner's Center. Register your coach.

NHTSA Recall Campaign # 18V-077 Recall Letter from Entegra

Dear Valued Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Entegra has decided that certain Model Year 2017–2018 Insignia and 2015-2016 Aspire Class A motorhomes built on chassis supplied by Spartan Motors USA, Inc. (Spartan) fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS No. 121), "Air Brake Systems".

Specifically, the combined volume of air in all service and supply reservoirs does not meet the required 12X combined volume of air for all service brake changes as defined in section S5.1.2.1.

The remedy for this condition is not yet available and is contingent on the decision from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) on Spartan's petition for inconsequentiality (reference 17V-815). Timing for this decision is not yet known.

In March of this year Entegra sent you a notification of this recall with instructions to contact Spartan Motors to get your vehicle remedied. This notification was sent in error. We will contact you as soon as NHTSA and Spartan Motors reach a decision.

We certainly regret this inconvenience; however, your safety is our most important priority.

Sincerely,

Entegra Coach

Setting the Null

The Null or "level position" has been preset from the factory.

However, if the coach is not level following an attempt to AUTO-LEVEL, the Null is easy to reprogram. To set the Null, push and release the POWER keypad button to engage power. The LED next to the POWER button should be lit RED when power is on. Level the coach by deploying jacks manually (using the DOWN V keypad buttons, extend jacks until the coach is level), or by simply parking the coach on a level site. You do not need to have jacks deployed to set the Null. Use a bubble level on a flat surface in the center of the coach as a reference. Once the coach is level, turn the POWER off at the panel. Depress and hold the AUTO-LEVEL keypad button. Continue to hold the AUTOLEVEL button and press then release the POWER button and listen for a series of beeps.



After the panel has beeped 5 to 6 times, release the AUTO-LEVEL button (the keypad will continue to beep as long as the AUTO-LEVEL button is held). The new Null has been set and the system will maintain this setting. Press and release the ALL RETRACT button to retract the jacks to the stowed position.

*Visually confirm all jacks are retracted prior to travel.

What's New in Coaches

Model Year 2019 Aspire

- Passive start: allows coach to be started by push button when key fob is with driver
- Safehaul tow brake air system
- Infinity flooring ILO carpet in living area and vanity slides
- Three new interior selections Sienna, Cobblestone and Alabaster: ceiling feature, hardwood door style, fascia style, valance style with tapered legs, high-gloss floor tile laid in herringbone pattern, decorative lighting, headboard, fabrics, dining chair, ultra-leather colors, solid surface, backsplash, hardware, faucets, shower, fireplace surround, bedroom door (took out frosted inserts), wallboard colors & patterns, wood color- stonewall grey with high-gloss
- Flexsteel furniture ILO Villa throughout coach
- Solid surface induction cooktop cover
- Waste bin access chute under kitchen sink in most floorplans
- USB port now on both bedside receptacles
- Swivel on main TV in 38M
- 49" Samsung TV ILO 48" in 38M

- Samsung HW-M360 soundbar with wireless subwoofer in main entertainment center ILO Samsung HW-J355 with wired subwoofer
- JBL Bar Studio soundbars in bedroom and exterior entertainment center ILO Samsung HWJ250
- Driver side window with larger opening
- Auto gen start safety activated by ignition ILO park brake
- One switch for docking lights ILO three
- All new exterior paint schemes: Iris, Marigold, Goldenrod, Tigerlily and Poppy
- LED license plate light
- Spartan Chassis Badge
- Exterior TV sound bar now connected to pull out swivel/tilt mechanism
- Entry door and baggage doors now opened by the same key
- Chrome C lights ILO black plastic
- Chrome clearance accent ILO black
- Optional 40" Furrion fireplace ILO 26" Twinstar on 42DEQ and 44B □ Optional 34" Furrion fireplace ILO 26" Twinstar on 38M

Deleted items

- 44U and 42RBQ floorplan
- White sewer hose storage tube in basement
- Light above generator
- USB on center dash panel (the driver and passenger USB ports remain).

See what's new for all models at <https://www.entegracoach.com/> under EXPERIENCE ENTEGRA COACH then select Connection.

Connect Coach Technology and Spartan Safe Haul

As reported by RVBusiness, March 15, 2018: Spartan Specialty Vehicles and Entegra Coach unveiled the 2019 model year Entegra Coach Cornerstone and Anthem Class A motorhomes

featuring new Spartan Connected Coach technology at the Family Motor Coach Association's

their Safe Haul equipped coach and their tow vehicle.

Visit www.rvbusiness.com for breaking news on the RV industry.

Do you have a story of great service?

We want to hear your stories about great service. Describe what led to the need for service, the service you received, how your expectation was met, and why it was exceptional. Identify the dealer or service center and any specific personnel that should be highlighted. Photos of your coach before, during, and after would be great. Provide a caption for each photo. Submit your stories and photos to Tom Crowley crowleytj@gmail.com.

Entegra Service Highlights

Member Profile

Member Matters

By Pat Bauer, President

(FMCA) 97th International Convention and RV Expo in Perry, Ga.

According to a press release, this year's chassis improvements began with a concerted effort to improve the driver interface. The Spartan Connected Coach includes a new 15-inch digital dash displaying typical automotive gauge functions with the ability to switch to the navigation screen. The surrounding screen features include a tire pressure monitoring system, blind spot indicators, fuel and DEF level. Spartan Connected Coach also features Spartan Passive Keyless Start, which provides the convenience of starting the coach with the push of a button. Also new to the 2019 model year is the ability to disable Adaptive Cruise Control and adjust following distance while Adaptive Cruise Control is enabled, with three levels of following distance adjustments offered.

Spartan Safe Haul, a chassis-integrated air supply for tow vehicle braking systems, is also new for Entegra Coach in 2019 and is featured on the Cornerstone, Anthem, Aspire and Insignia models. The feature saves owners the time and expense required for coach-side installation. Spartan partnered with Air Force One to provide the tow vehicle kits which will be available for owners to purchase, providing seamless integration between

One of my favorite sayings is "don't sweat the small stuff, and it's all small stuff!" In motor homing, that's mostly true, but not always. There is the occasional blowout, radiator leak, or water in your fuel. But far more likely you'll see a little thing pop up, like a shade motor that fails, sticking your key through the screen door, or forgetting to pack the power cable for your computer.

Communicating with members is the most important thing we do. Whether it's emails or newsletters or rally announcements, getting the word out to membership is mission-critical. But then, I have to remember "it's all small stuff." Since we don't have the budget to send out paper notices, and we don't have the desire to kill trees, we've chosen to do all of our communicating through electronic means. It's a small decision but a huge task, because that decision also requires us to help our members gain the skills to participate in that communication. If we send it, but you don't receive it, we're not communicating.

So that's what this article is all about. How can we help each other communicate better?

you've told your system that it can accept emails from our system. You know you can always call for help if you need it. We are all challenged by changing technologies!

EMAIL Matters
By Pat Bauer, President

Sometimes, I feel like a deaf man trying to use sign language to communicate with a blind man. There's something inherently wrong with the system. Using email can be frustrating like that. We work very hard to make sure your email addresses are accurate, and email is sent to the right person in your family. That said, WE NEED YOUR HELP. Login to your Member profile, click on your name (in blue letters in the upper right corner) and choose EDIT PROFILE. The first email address is the primary email address used to communicate. If it needs to be changed, you are welcome to make that change yourself. Just make sure you hit the SAVE button to save your changes. If you don't save it, any changes you made will revert back to what they were before you started editing your profile.

While we are on the subject of email, I need you to add an email address to your address book or contacts list. Start a new contact for the Entegra Coach Owners Association. Add these email addresses:

- wmpbauer@verizon.net
- noreply@entegraowners.com

Add the club website:

www.entegraowners.com

Add my phone number: (813) 310-5707

These will help your computer system help YOU. If you haven't been receiving our email blasts, you might find them in your SPAM or JUNK mail folders (if you know about those). By adding this information to your CONTACTS/ADDRESS Book,

Club Website Matters
By Pat Bauer, President



Websites always try to look the same, regardless of what device you use to login to it, whether computer, tablet, or smart phone. But the fact is, they can't always look the same. The screen on a phone just isn't as big as a tablet or computer, there is just not enough real estate there. So, web designers resort to some common conventions to indicate "MORE INFORMATION BURIED

HERE.” Look for three dots or three lines somewhere around the edges of the webpage. Touch it or click on it, and you’ll probably find a drop-down menu with more content for exploring. Look at the red circle below, those are the three lines indicating a drop-down is available. Then look at the red rectangle and see that drop-down menu. If you click on any of those you will see a list of other webpages that you can select.

So, you can see there are lots of additional webpages available under those three little bars. Then if you click on one of those, you’ll find even MORE! Click on Forms & Docs, you’ll find a link that lets you order your NAME BADGES. Maybe you should go exploring.

One thing you should always do is to confirm the information we show in your profile. The photos show how to edit your profile on the club website,

should you find information that is factually incorrect or contains typos. One thing to confirm, is which email is your preferred email address for club communications. The first email address is the one we will send our Rally Announcements and other club communications. When finished, be sure to **SAVE** your changes. Otherwise it will revert to the original info.

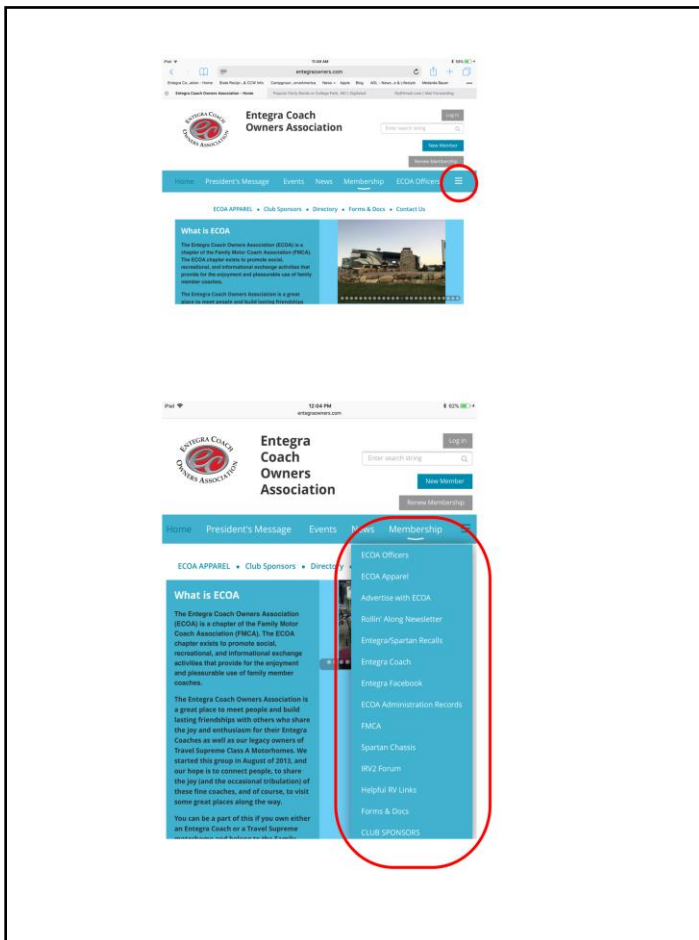
The RV business and lifestyle is rolling into the GOOD times with skyrocketing sales, great

Seeking Balance By Ray Wenig

attraction campaigns for new customers, lots of people on the road trying to enjoy the outdoors and explore new places. However, the RV world is heading out of balance and this could lead to challenges that could adversely impact the current GOOD times and trends.

The KEY imbalance is that the increased rate of production and sale of units is not being supported with the building of more and new campsites to put them, the lack of more knowledgeable and affordable places to service them, more locations to store them, and better roads and destinations that will accommodate them and their less skilled/experienced drivers/users. The frustration that new generations of users (and the old timers as well) will face in over-booked, unavailable, higher cost, more congested facilities, less friendly/more overworked staff, and less of the relaxed unwinding comfort of the prior days of camping could seriously derail the GOOD RV times.

However, imbalance situations usually offer opportunities to those who can see and address them. More and better campgrounds/camp resorts can be built and the new users will flock to them,





older facilities can be rehabilitated and updated, more service techs and trained campground staff can be educated to assist the newbies, more small business (local) RV and RVer services can be grown. Balance can be created with some entrepreneurship, local economic development, smart thinking (add RV parks to Golf Courses – follow the casino model), more RV friendly fair and event grounds, and other cooperative ideas.

Some other changes and movements are also helping to improve the RVing balance. Longer life spans (outdoors activities seem to help) lead to more interest in working longer and volunteering more (work camping is getting more popular.) More families seem to want to get together more often and need a wide variety of facilities to support their diversity (wide variety of types of RV's, new campground staycation options, and the RV rental markets.) Like much of nature which seems to adjust and adapt the RV world can also achieve a new and adaptable balance and allow us to continue enjoying its lifestyle and opportunities. Enjoy the swinging and the times when things just may be in balance - even if only momentarily.

Recipes

Share A Favorite Recipe

Do you have a favorite recipe that is made for the coach kitchen? We would love to have you share that recipe. Provide the list of ingredients, instructions, and photos. Submit your stories and photos to Tom Crowley crowleytj@gmail.com.

Happy Spring. Well I think it is Spring, the calendar says so, but looking out my window at 10" of snow I have to question it (ha ha). But those of us with our AquaHot and toasty warm floors we can make it through anything, right? Recently we made the trip from Iowa to Georgia for the ECOA rally at Stone Mountain and the FMCA rally at Perry. Even

though the weather stayed chilly the friendships were as always warm and inviting. If you have never been to the Perry FMCA event, I highly recommend you go just to watch them park our Entegra coaches. It's like watching a choreographed dance. I think there were almost 70 Entegra RV's this year. One of the main things Lee and I go to Perry, Georgia for are the pecans. Have you ever traveled through that area and noticed the sign, "We R Nut's!" Well, intrigued by the sign, we stopped years ago. We continue to stop to this day because they have the BEST variety of pecans. Their trees are right there, so you know what you are getting. They even ship. You could take your RV down to their place; however, I would suggest you unhook and take your tow vehicle. I bet you guessed that this recipe is all about the PECAN. You are right. I make this recipe for the holidays but also throughout the year; especially when the grandkids come. I also like to make it for guests to take home when they have a long drive ahead of them. It's super easy and really tasty!!

SPICED PECANS

1 pound pecan halves
1 large egg white
1 Tbsp water
1/2 tsp vanilla
1 cup sugar
1 tsp cinnamon (can add more if you'd like)
1/2 tsp salt (can use less)

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, vigorously whisk egg white with water and vanilla until frothy. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Add pecans to egg white mixture and toss until evenly coated. Pour half of the sugar mixture over pecans and toss several times; then add remaining sugar

Spiced Pecans

By Linda Hanson, Vice President

mixture and toss until evenly coated. Pour pecans over a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Spread evenly in a single layer. Bake in a preheated oven 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Allow to



cool. Store in an airtight container. Enjoy!!!

P.S. If you are in the Iowa area, please come to the Pella Tulip Time Festival May 3-5, 2018. This is a must-see for any RVer. There are many campgrounds within an hour's drive or less. (HINT: When looking in small communities for a campground, check out mobile home parks. Sometimes they have some spaces set up for campers. This is true in the Midwest due to construction workers bringing in their campers for longtime hookup. Just be prepared to ask the right questions for your needs like is there a concrete pad; if so how long the site is, is the electric set up for a 50 or 30-amp plug, is there a sewer drop at the site and a fresh water hook up at the site, how close are the sites, etc.).

Regional Activities

Greetings out there in ECOA Land. We are looking for some help!
By Pat Bauer, President

As you know, we are G r O w I n G!! It's pretty tough for us to put together enough Rallies to meet the demand! So, we are appealing to our members to put together a rally...

Yes, this means 🏠 YOU 🏠 !!

I know you're all retired, but so are we, and, we are tired again (see definition of re-tired)!

If you are up to it, let's put together a rally! We'll help you every which way we can, but it's important we reach out to you and ask for your help! If you have a great location, or have somewhere you want to visit, let's make an event out of it and invite your friends!

Just get in touch with Pat & Medarda at 813-310-5707 or wmpbauer@verizon.net.

New Years Eve Rally in Daytona Beach, FL
By Mario Lacute, Treasurer

The Entegra Coach Owners Association had a New Year's Eve Rally in Daytona Beach, Florida, Dec.29-Jan2 at The International RV Park. We had 30-member coaches, with 12 new coach owners, as well as first time, ECOA rally goers. The Rally Masters were Ann and Mario LaCute, Treasurer of ECOA.

On Sat morning, we had a short bus ride to Blue Springs State Park, www.sjrivercruises.com, where we boarded a pontoon boat for a 2-hour private cruise on the St. John's River. We saw lots of wildlife including manatee, alligators, spotted turtles and many species of birds. Back on shore, we had a BBQ lunch waiting and then back to the campground for a few hours before our evening event.

The evening event was at Ann and Mario LaCute's home, on the Halifax River. Also known as the Intra Coastal Waterway, ICW, which stretches all along the US eastern seaboard, on this section you can travel by boat, from Jacksonville, Florida to Key West, without ever going out to the Atlantic Ocean. We had a wonderful selection of Italian appetizers, prepared by Chef Rossi, a long time Daytona Beach restaurateur and local resident, originally from Italy. Oldies music was provided by a local guitarist, Jason. The fire pit, river view, sunset and great conversation with new and old friends made for an enjoyable evening.

The following day, New Year's Eve, was a day for exploring the Daytona Beach area, www.daytonabeach.com. Members checked out the Daytona International Speedway, Flea Market, Ponce Inlet Lighthouse, Main St and the famous Daytona Beach that you can drive on. Later that evening, we were invited to the annual New Year's Eve Party hosted by the International RV Park. It was quite the event with party favors, food, wine, beer and entertainment, all complimentary of the RV park. Everyone had a good time and celebrated by bring in the new year, 2018.

On New Year's Day, we visited one of our rally sponsors, RV One, www.rvone.com, at The Ocean



Center in Daytona Beach. They had an extensive offering of RVs and members had a chance to go through some new Entegra coaches. Dinner was across the street at Joes' Crab Shack, on the Daytona Pier, www.daytonabeach.com/boardwalk, that stretches 1000 ft into the Atlantic Ocean. After the bus dropped us off at the foot of the pier, we had to navigate a wet and slippery, 400 ft, walking into a 40+ mile per hour head wind. Human chains, handrail holding and restaurant employee rescues made for a memorable entrance to the restaurant. Our dining room overlooked the ocean and she was angry. Some of our members, former boaters, put waves at 25-30 ft high, crashed into the pier during dinner. The pier rocked and rolled while we ate which added to the ambience of our fish dinner. The walk back down the pier was just as exciting. Fortunately, no broken hips, just laughs and screams, and all survived to tell the tale of their adventure on the high seas.

Thank to our rally sponsors Entegra Coach, www.entegracoach.com, and RV One, www.rvone.com. Ann and I enjoyed being your rally masters and we hope to make this an annual event.

To view more pictures of the rally, <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1VUgO1wKShFDW8-PgDM1hKBCZD6fOnCK>

Secretary

Stone Mountain Executive Board Minutes By Medarda Bauer, Secretary

The Executive Board met on Tuesday, March 13, during the Stone Mountain Rally. All members were represented in person or via phone conference. The group discussed the viability of procuring "feather type" flags for each officer to post at the various rallies and events attended. This would serve as an advertisement for the club and also pinpoint officer locations for individuals with questions or concerns. This was agreed upon. Pat
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Bauer would design and send a prototype for officer review. The cost would be about \$150 per flag, ten needed (side note: Entegra Coach offered to pay for the cost of the 10 flags).

Discussion followed about more officers attending the various ECOA events. Cost was mentioned as a potential barrier. Could the club afford to send officers? It was decided the secretary would email the tentative 2019 schedule, officers would review and respond back about possible attendance. The results would be sent to the Treasurer and a cost analysis with recommendations made available.

It appears the President, Vice President of Membership, Treasurer, and Secretary have been using their personal phones to conduct club business. It was suggested, discussed and passed that these officer positions receive a stipend to defray costs. The President would receive \$100 per month and all other positions would receive \$50. This will be reviewed yearly and will depend on the monies available.

At this time the Treasury is very healthy. Since Entegra has paid and continues to pay for each new coach sold; the rallies continue to be self-sustaining keeping our cash position is excellent. Since the club is a subset of the FMCA our Treasurer has filed the requisite 990 tax form. However, the Treasurer has expressed the need to develop an action plan for the use of the club's funds. It was decided to create a 3 to 4-person committee to complete this task. Currently the Treasurer and National Director Terry Walker will serve. Per Mr. LaCute a member has also offered his services and will be invited.

Our membership remains fluid dependent on the new coach owners added and memberships retained each year. As of this meeting there are 1700 on the roll. However, the club does lose about 20% of the members each year. To date 300 members have ignored the renewals sent in January and February. The could be due to a variety of factors. There is also a significant number who need to be dropped from the roster since they have let their FMCA dues lapse. Discussion followed concerning the purpose

of the club and we as a group are concerned about member loss. It was reiterated that we are a “social club” and not an advocacy group. An idea was floated to each call 30 non-renewing members seeking their reason(s) for non-renewal. Possible replies could be lack of interest, do not rally, or do not wish to support FMCA. It was also discussed the website may be hard to navigate. The solution: create a how to article for the next edition of “Rollin’ Along”.

Summerfest will be held at Spearfish South Dakota immediately after the FMCA Gillette Rally. Currently 95 sites are booked. This will be the fifth anniversary of the club and several special add-ons will be included: music on the final night and a gift for each coach. Discussion followed on the type of gift. It should be something useful or practical and not exceed \$25 per coach. Entegra is evaluating whether techs will be sent to this event.

At Summerfest, the change to the club bylaws adding the descriptive language “diesel pusher and class A Coach” will be voted upon. This will limit the potential members to our coaches and not the Class C RV recently developed.

Concluding requests, we need venues for 2020. How can we better serve our members? Another meeting will be held during Homecoming in May and again prior to the annual meeting in Spearfish.

FMCA International Area Organization (INTO) President

Attached “for information only” at the end of this newsletter is the FMCA ballot and candidate biography for election of the National Vice President, International Area.

From the Editors Desk

I’m delighted to let folks know that Dana Sawyer has taken over the production of the ECOA Newsletter Rollin’ Along. Dana’s skill base is so much stronger than mine as you can tell by the improved quality of Rollin’ Along. We are delighted to have Dana on board.

As many of you know I have been the ECOA web master along with getting the newsletter produced for a few years now. It seems as though I have a little bit more than I can chew with the new responsibility of starting a new motorhome club, the All Inclusive Motorhome Club (AIM Club). www.aimclub.org We have five rallies planned this year. As I’m writing this, Lynn and I are at the Hilton Head Resort putting on the Island Time Gala rally. With that said, I will be passing the baton to other club members to pick up the web master and newsletter editor jobs. I have enjoyed the time working for the ECOA and will continue to stay active along with my new responsibility as AIM Club President. My wife Lynn is the VP of Events for the AIM Club and many ECOA members have joined AIM. We have great sponsorship and expect to have excellent rallies. Please take a look at the AIM Club.

Cheers,
Tom Crowley
ECOA VP South East



BALLOT

ELECTION

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL AREA

Mark your ballot by placing an "X" in the box. You may vote for ONE (1).

George R. Schremp III, F46727

Write-in Candidate (print name and FMCA member number)

UNSIGNED BALLOTS WILL NOT BE COUNTED

National Director's Signature

DATE

NAME and FMCA MEMBER NUMBER of National Director (print)

NAME of CHAPTER (print)

MAIL YOUR BALLOT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE

MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 5 2018

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FAMILY
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April 5, 2018

Dear National Directors:

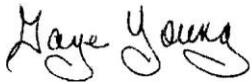
Subject: National Vice President Election - International Area

The following member has been nominated for the position of National Vice President representing the International Area. In accordance with Article XVI — Area Association, paragraph (4) of FMCA's Bylaws, "The Area Vice President, who also serves as the area association president, shall preside at area association meetings and/or conduct issue forums at FMCA conventions, and serve on FMCA's Executive Board."

George R. Schremp III F46727

Enclosed, please find a resume for the above candidate along with a ballot. The final postmarked date for returning this ballot is May 5, 2018, and the ballots will be tabulated by FMCA's certified public accountant on May 15, 2018.

Sincerely,



Gaye Young
National Secretary



Jon Walker
National President

Enclosures: Resume of Candidate
Ballot with Return Envelope (via postal service)

cc: Chapter Presidents (without ballot)
Alternate National Directors (without ballot)





CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL AREA NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

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I would like to submit my resume for the position of FMCA Area National Vice President/President of the International Area Association (INTO). In June 2014, you graciously elected me as your Senior Vice President of INTO. This position has been a very fun, busy, and challenging position, and I would like to continue serving you, as your Area National Vice President/President of INTO.

I have a College degree in Information Technology and I was honorably discharged after three (3) years of service with the U.S. Army and received the Bronze Star for Service in Combat in Vietnam.

I began my professional Information Technology career while serving in the Armed Services and continued my career as a civilian in the Federal Government, working as a Team Leader and growing to the position of Senior Project Manager. During the latter part of my 33 years of government service, I was in a senior position; dealing with other management and executives on nationwide banking policies and procedures.

As a manager and an administrator in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), I had the responsibility of overseeing and implementing numerous changes made to the regulations that governed the banking industry. I also oversaw the Payroll and Personnel Systems, along with the training of all Headquarters and Field Offices personnel.

My wife, Maxine, and I have been FMCA members (F46727) since 1982, attending local and regional rallies, and international conventions. During our RVing years, I have served as Vice President of the Virginia State Winnebago Association, President of the FMCA Capitol Chapter and the Colonial Virginian Chapter, VP of MTO, and as of June 2014, my present position as the Senior Vice President of INTO.

I have served in many volunteer positions in FMCA and its various areas and chapters. To name a few: Bylaws Review Committee, Nominating Committee, Vendor Chairman, Greeter Chairman, Golf Chairman, Golf Cart/VIP Parking Chairman, Chief and Assistant Parking Chief for several FMCA National Rallies, Registration Chairman, the FMCA Review Council, the FMCA Membership/Member Services Committee, and currently on the FMCA Risk Management Committee. I am a past National Director of the Deer Creek Riders and currently the National Director of the Monaco Travelers. In addition, Maxine and I have been Rally Masters for the Capitol, Colonial Virginians, Monaco Travelers, Monaco International, and the Eastern Monaco chapters. Additionally, I have served as Co-Rally Master for the Monaco's in Motion Chapter caravans on three (3) of their adventures.

The position of Senior Vice President, in my view, is a leadership and training position for the next position as Area President. In the past four years as Senior Vice President, I have learned how the International Area operates and its functions in respect to the other FMCA Areas and there are many differences! I have traveled to many other Area Rallies to see how they each operate their rallies and to learn how to improve our INTO Rallies. I have talked to several Area Senior VPs, Area Presidents, and FMCA National Board members to get their ideas on FMCA's future and discuss possible changes that may be valuable to FMCA.

I feel most confident that I can fulfill the leadership duties, obligations, and responsibilities as the FMCA Area National Vice President/President of the International Area. Both Maxine and I will commit the additional time, work, and travel to attend the various functions throughout the United States. Additionally, I will seek out the desires and concerns of my fellow FMCA members and use this information for the betterment of the FMCA and the International Area.

In closing, I consider my strong points to be: leadership, open-mindedness, excellent organizational skills, a willingness to work on various committees, to think things through thoroughly before making a decision and last, to put forth the time necessary to be successful.

Thank you,

George Schremp III
SR. VP. International Area