

Presidents Corner

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE BY PAT BAUER, PRESIDENT ECOA

Welcome to 2019! It is hard to believe that a new travel year is upon us, and so soon! Medarda looked at me yesterday and said, "It's hard to believe we've been home for two months!" Between doctor appointments, enrolling new members, contracting rallies, certified our 1,500+ membership to FMCA, the holidays, and entertaining family, time has just flown by.

The new year brings thirteen distinct rally events literally from sea to shining sea. We are doing our first ever Canadian Rally. We will visit some exciting new places, and return to a couple of old favorites. But of far more import, we will welcome new members, meet new people, make new friends and catch up with others.

Also, 2019 will be a year of change as we will have a Nominating Committee that will come to you, asking some of you to step up and step in to leadership roles to guide our club. Member participation in the leadership of our club is essential. Without you, we die as an organization.

Our website will continue to improve under the guidance of our new webmaster, and our Rollin' Along newsletter will reach a wider audience. Perhaps some of you will write articles for it, and will continue to suggest ideas for the website! Your help is most appreciated!

Links of Interest

ECOA Web Page <http://www.entegraowners.com/>
 ECOA Apparel <https://ecoa.logosoftwear.com/>
 Entegra Coach <https://www.entegracoach.com/>
 Spartan Chassis <http://www.spartanmotors.com/rv-range/>
 FMCA <https://www.fmca.com/>
 IRV2 <http://www.irv2.com/forums/f278/>

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Do continue to visit our EVENTS PAGE as it changes from week to week as we complete the contracting and open more Rallies for active Registration. Medarda and I have been burning the candle to open them up. Perhaps more important is open every email as we always announce registrations with an e-Blast!

Please make your Registrations as soon as you can for our rallies. We want to maximize our member opportunities. Our Rallies are our opportunity to bring people closer to their RVing dreams!

So, perhaps this is the year for you to get involved in leadership of our Club, attend your first rally, attend an FMCA national rally, or perhaps just get in touch with friends. But, by all means, thank you for being part of the Entegra Family.

'Rally Ho' - Upcoming Events

- Tampa Supershow (January) - Sold Out
- Quartzsite, AZ (January) - Sold Out
- Spruce Goose Rally, McMinnville, OR (June) - Sold Out
- Sarasota - Open for Registration and will close by **January 24th**.
- Stone Mountain - Open for Registration and will close **mid-February**.
- FMCA in Perry, GA (March) is open for Registration
- Oh Canada Rally in Winnipeg - Open for Registration and will close **March 1st**.
- Also, Homecoming Rally (May 14 - 17) by Entegra Coach in Goshen, IN is open for Registration.
 - Do not be left out!
- Washington DC (May) in May will come out in January.
- FMCA in Minot, SD (August) will come out in February
- Summerfest and Annual Meeting (September) will be in Foxboro, MA. That should come out in February.
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta (October) will also come out in February.
- Amana Colonies Rally (October) will open in March

Details available on ECOA, Entegra, or FMCA websites,

Talking Tech

TRANSFER SWITCH & SURGE PROTECTION BY DANA SAWYER

This article is based on the Surge Guard® RF Power Protection Transfer Switch Model 41260 by Technology Research LLC a Southwire Company (<https://rvpower.southwire.com/>) that is installed in our 2018 Entegra Aspire 42DEQ and not an endorsement of any specific product.



What is the purpose of the transfer switch?

Located behind the shore cord reel, the purpose of the transfer switch is to transfer generator power automatically, after a 30 second delay, when energized. Meaning the transfer switch will apply generator power to the coach, after a 30 second delay, when generator power becomes available.

Because the transfer switch is generator dominant, if both shore and generator power are present, the generator will automatically be connected, after the 30 second delay. When the generator is shut down, the transfer switch will revert to the shore power line after a 3 second delay. Also, the model 41260 transfer switch does provide the following limited protection from faulty shore power:

- Power Surges
- Open Neutral
- Reverse Polarity

Why should I spend money on an additional electrical surge protector when there is already one installed in my coach? The transfer switch is considered a one-time use and may need to be replaced once it reacts to a fault. Perhaps the most important reason is the more complete coverage offered by full protection portable or hard-wired devices available. Protection can include:

- Power Surges
- Open Neutral
- Reverse Polarity
- Open Ground
- Low and High Voltage
- Overheating Plug/Receptacle
- Mis-wired Pedestal
- High Neutral Current
- Elevated Ground Line Current
- Reset Delay Protecting A/C Compressor
- And more

TechnoRV <https://www.technorv.com/#> has an excellent video comparing the two popular manufacturers Surge Guard® and Progressive Industries devices

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qTMpc9aTa0>

Another good source explaining the transfer switch is Part 1 of "Tuesday with PJ" on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZhBHQpE9xg>



GOODYEAR G670RV BLOWOUT **By Jeff Hamilton, Webmaster ECOA**

Many Entegra Coaches and other brands come equipped with the Goodyear G670RV tires on them. I and several other Entegra Coach owners have recently experienced a sudden catastrophic tire blowout on these tires.



There is currently an NHTSA inquiry underway for these tires. The link for that inquiry is:

<https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/inv/2017/INIM-PE17009-71798.pdf>

Additionally, if you have suffered a tire failure with one of these tires or any other for that matter you can file a complaint with NHTSA here:

<https://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq/Complaint.cfm>

I am not trying to start a panic here but to merely inform you of my personal experience. Do not rely on the age of your tires as mine were only 4 years old with less than 33k miles on them, they showed no dry rot, and my coach has not sat for any extended period of time. Many of the other tire

failures were on tires with less than 35k miles on them. Some had as little as 12k miles.

You can check your tire's date code that is stamped on the sidewall. It is a 4-digit number in its own circled area on the tire, like this (1214). The first 2 digits are the week that the tire was manufactured and the second 2 digits are the year the tire was manufactured.

NHTSA OPENS INVESTIGATION OF GOODYEAR G159 TIRES ON MOTOR HOMES

Excerpted from an NHTSA letter requiring Goodyear to respond by May 4 2018:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has opened a Preliminary Evaluation (PE 17-009) to investigate allegations tire failures on Class A motorhomes. The office has received 10 consumer complaints alleging failures of Goodyear G159 tires on motor homes. Two of these complaints allege a crash occurred as a result of the tire failures. Goodyear separately reported 9 claims under 49 CFR Part 579 alleging 1 death and 13 injuries.

The link to the entire letter is <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/inv/2017/INIM-PE17009-71798.pdf>

This letter also identifies all Goodyear G670 tires as applying to the request. If you have experienced a failure of Goodyear tires, it may be appropriate to report that failure to the NHTSA.

EFFECTIVE AND ATTRACTIVE SINK STRAINER **BY LINDA SAWYER**

I enjoy cooking. I cook almost as many things in our coach as I did in our house. Sometimes that can mean lots of little bits fall into the sink and potentially go down the drain and into the gray water tank. Someone, (we will not say who) complains about all the "junk" going through the pipes, into the tank, and clogging up the traps and valves, not that it has ever happened.

On Amazon I found an effective, attractive, and reasonably priced strainer solution that fits perfectly in the kitchen sink of our 2018 Aspire DEQ. This is not the standard wire mesh solution found in every large hardware store but is heavy stainless steel with a wide lip that fits the drain exactly so very little can get rinsed under the strainer.



Search for Helect 3-Pack Kitchen Sink Strainer Stainless Steel Drain Filter Strainer with Large Wide Rim 4.5" for Kitchen Sinks. The current price listed is \$9.95 for the 3-pack.

Sometimes the simple things are elegant.

HWH® ACTIVE AIR By JIM STEPHENSON

Deb and I were asked to share our experience with the HWH® Active Air ride-height/suspension upgrade we had installed on our coach in October, 2018. I know several other Entegra owners have chosen to make the upgrade, even some with the newest Hadley systems installed. Before I start, let me be clear, since the install, we have been amazed at the response our suspension has had on the road, both in high winds, and when parked



maintaining level without jacks.

This system has definite advantages over the Hadley SAMS (Smart Air Management Systems) that newer coaches are sold with. We had no "second thoughts" in upgrading our 2015 Anthem, since HWH® Active Air system comes installed on million-dollar Foretravel RVs, where the chassis builds are at the Spartan factory in Charlotte, MI.

Reservations for installation at the Moscow, IA, factory are usually backed up for several months, so we had a few months to research the system before the 5-day installation. HWH® only upgrades



one coach per week at their facility, but they allowed us to stay in our coach, ask questions, and take photos under the elevated coach.

What amazed us most was the operational response the coach demonstrated during the test drive on our last install day. Yes, during the test drive on day 5 of the install, I radically changed lanes on I-80 at highway speed, pretending that a truck tire was flying back at us (no vehicles were around us at the time). I did not flip the coach, but the two techs in the coach said it was the most radical lane change they had ever experienced, and nothing went flying inside the coach. It was; however, time to change our underwear!

Additionally, the exit off the freeway was posted at 25mph, and I took it at 50mph. Wow! The coach was extremely smooth as we slowed, as the added steering shaft sensor, enhanced air system-with larger diameter air lines, and the additional auxiliary air tank compensated to immediately maintain stability. You cannot do this with the Hadley. DANGER, DO NOT DO THIS WITH YOUR COACH!!! I did it once to test the system, but will never do this again on-purpose. Trust me.

Several other things we noticed were when traveling through high winds, you can adjust your air bags to lean into the wind to fight the force; and when parked level on air, we no longer feel the washer spinning. HWH® told us that the minimal air in the bags needed to level the coach dampens

suspension system toward proper height. Windy conditions and curvy roads can cause an RV to lean. HWH® Active Air senses such movements and adjusts the individual suspension air bags creating the proper ride height. For example, when driving on a straight, flat road, the settings remain comfortably soft. But when cornering, the system automatically senses and reduces roll by adding air to the outside bag and removing air from the inside bag, thus maintaining a soft, comfortable ride.

- Curve Anticipation: The key to making a successful system is to anticipate a curve. Drivers anticipate turns by turning the steering wheel just before reaching the turn. With a sensor on the steering shaft, these reactions can be measured. This data is sent into the



Active Air control display

the washer vibration.

Here is a summary of the enhancements that the HWH® upgrade provides:

- HWH® Active Air Suspension, a four-point electronically controlled suspension system, provides ride comfort by rapidly adjusting the



Separate Schrader Valves for Each Air Bag

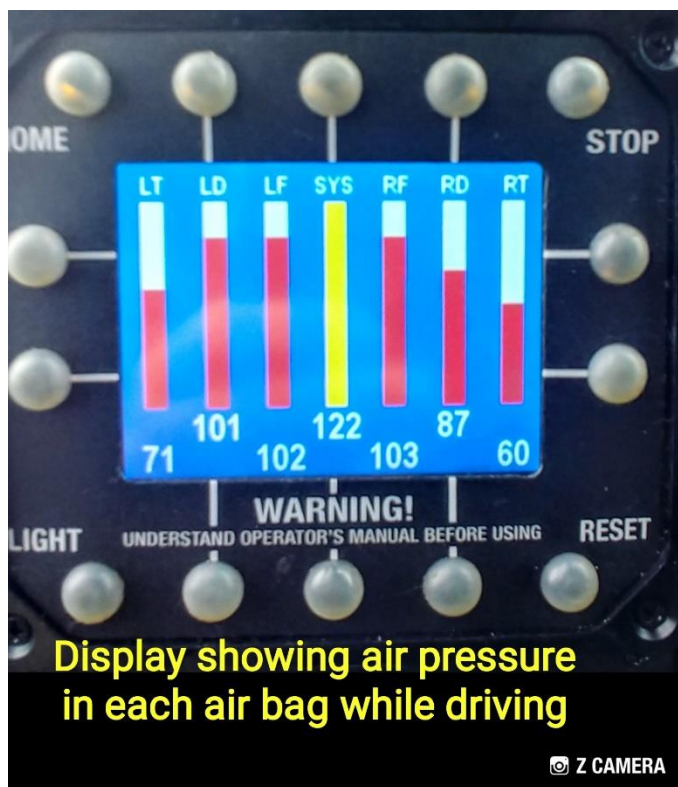
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CPU. When the vehicle enters the turn a height control sensor activates a high flow air valve. This rush of air into the bag minimizes the sway of the vehicle.

- **Advanced Design Height Control Sensors:** HWH® height control sensors are ruggedly built to withstand the effects of running on roads with ice, snow, rocks, etc. (no need to carry a spare sensor). Each sensor provides four channels of data:
 - Max High setting for getting out of rough terrain (campgrounds etc.)
 - High and Low settings to allow driver to adjust for high crowns, rough surfaces and windy conditions
 - Medium setting for normal use.

heavier on one side, it does not overload the front tire on that side, instead, it spreads the load over three rear tires (if tag axle).

- **Wheel Height Averaging Bar:** Keeps the front of the vehicle at the proper ride height while counteracting the roll forces by adding air to the outside bag and removing air from the inside bag. This keeps the proper front height in long curves with rough roads. Unlike using stiff shock absorbers, tires have more freedom to track the road adding to driver comfort. The arrangement provides the stability of a four-point suspension without the inherent problems caused by a four-point suspension.
- **Enjoy Added Benefits:** HWH® Active Air adds comfort to the ride and peace of mind through these features:
 - Automatic Air Leveling Included: HWH® Active Air Suspension systems include our BI-AXIS® Automatic Air Leveling package. This allows you to level your coach, with the touch of a button, when parked.
 - Fuel Economy Mode: Saves fuel while on straight-away by reducing the response, resulting in less air consumption.
 - Manual Over-Ride: Can be used when traveling below approximately 10 mph to raise the vehicle to clear obstacles such as steep driveways or lower vehicle to enter garages.
 - Driver Selectable: High, medium and low heights for front, right side or left side allow increased comfort on roads with high crowns, rough surfaces and windy conditions.
 - Self-Monitoring System: Notifies the driver of conditions that need addressing.



- **Four-Point Stability:** It is critical while traveling down the road, that the front air bags operate at the same pressure (example, in a sudden stop situation, equal air pressure keeps the same braking force on both wheels). If the coach is

I hope this helps you understand the system. Total install cost for our Anthem was \$10,560. Call me at 904-432-8484 if you desire additional information or just want to talk.

For more information, visit

http://hwhcorp.com/web1005_aair_brochures_manuals.html

THE RACES ARE ON – CHANGE IS COMING
RAY WENIG, VICE PRESIDENT ECOA

Get ready for some very interesting and challenging times in almost all areas of life including the RV and outdoor hospitality industries. There will be lots of opportunities, new ideas, multiple adjustments and massive and subtle change. There are so many areas and levels involved and each one is a race to see who can deliver, gain customers, capture the prize, if not win outright at least place, show or get an honorable mention. Most times the races will be helter-skelter, unorganized, chaotic, disappearing and morphing into something unlike the starting positions. Other races are starting to become more structured and relatable but a long way from being integrated where each turn produces an orderly kaleidoscope with all the parts fitting into a neat pattern. For now, have fun and enjoy these races as an observer, participant or avoider – just try not to get run over or sucked in and remember MORE CHANGE is coming.

One race is to recapture the “good old simpler times”, but they are gone forever and we can only review what they were and enjoy historic recreations. Technology is now improving the presentation of historic events and personalities and integrating interactive holograms. You will be able to experience most of the conditions and the hardships of the simpler times without the actual

lifetime commitments. Check out some of the new “experiential” museums. This race does make for a way to revisit memories and show the newbies what they missed. In many new projects we can experience a conceptual implementation like the biblical ARK in Kentucky.

Another race is to find more places to visit and explore and this is happening with the expansion of outdoor hospitality to farms, vineyards, wineries, distilleries, orchards, mills, tree tapping, stills, and other interesting and safe conversion processes. It is also being supported by the “industries” surrounding the outdoor world such as recycling, advanced manufacturing, special events, pop-up celebrations, etc. The stay may be free and the learning and products the cost.

Being the beginning of a new year many of us have made resolutions and then broken them as the year progressed. This process is now being challenged and changed to become a “transformation” rather than just a resolution. You redefine what you want to become and plan out how to make the transition and then commit to podcasts, webinars and shared coaching to achieve an acceptable outcome. Learn to do this process and it can be part of a life-style adaptation mechanism that motivates and delivers personal change. This can become an ever-on-going race with plenty of challenges.

Then there is the race of technology which is escalating in delivery, rate of change, demands for attention, show and tell of new concepts and new intelligences we have not asked for and may not need (yet). The January 2019 Consumer Electronics TRADE Show had 4400 vendors, more than 10,000 new ideas and an AARP new product startup pitch contest to find the best concepts to support livability and aging. The June Consumer Electronics (Public) Week will likely highlight 3000 inventions and the world will see IFA Berlin in September display another set of new products. Of course,

many startups will die between January and September due to lack of attention, appreciation, and funding. But it is more fun races to follow. Watch the RV designers evaluate which new technology to put into their products and try to beat their competitors. Making the design choices work in the actual product and in the buyer/user's world is still a monumental challenge, fixing and updating them is an even greater problem.

Let us turn closer to home, our RV homes. The producers/manufacturers are doing well these days as their numbers are up in the trends although they have taken a dip in the short term and the individual products categories are seeing variable shifts. For example, the trends for "folding RV's" have been sliding downward and now Jayco (who's start was rooted in folding campers) have "suspended" their production of these units.

Another race is on to build more NEW campgrounds (or RV RESORTS as they are now marketed). South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina have over 2500 new RV sites on the drawing boards of various landowners and investment projects (including existing RV properties). These projects will need \$\$ and lots of approvals from various agencies and communities. Then they will need extensive marketing to convince us to visit and learn of their services and fit to our needs. Always fun to join their customer race as they usually give away free nights and deep discounts to stop and try them out.

Most races have some dropouts or accidents and the RV world is no different. Long term race runners sometimes change their race strategy. Walmart (long our overnight road stop of choice) is "reimagining" its future and it may not include the welcoming of overnight RV's in its parking areas (stay tuned). In another area "Good SAM" is being redefined; with links to almost 2 million members – so far this is reducing its programs and services, but others are seeing this as an opportunity and are (or

will be) actively recruiting (may be time to join yet another race).

Some races are going from single focus to multi-focus like triathlons, pentathlons, etc. Some RV dealers are adding their own owner/customer clubs and a few with deeper pockets are building (or buying) their own campgrounds or RV Resorts. This makes newbies more comfortable and helps with the front-end learning curves plus makes for a longer-term relationship for new RVs, services and an expanding mix of toys and a rich marketing mix with dedicated access and cultivation. Old timers will remember that Tom Johnson's, Lazydays and other dealerships used this model. Showing that what goes around comes around again.

These races are signs of CHANGE. Some good, some less good. Some we can influence, and some are way outside of our control. In the next issue we will begin to isolate some of the major future influences to the RV and outdoor hospitality industries as they will be elements of change where the winners will be more significant to our future RV options and enjoyment.

Planning

This section is a January issue feature designed to provide information and ideas related to trip planning.

I use Excel and my printer rather than a pocket calendar or wall calendar because my handwriting stinks and it is easy to make changes and reprint on the computer.

Each year we update the current year as things change. Early in the year we create next year's template and "pencil in" events as we become aware of them. We color code events to indicate whether they are just known or committed to – in this manner we can very easily see overlaps or impossibilities – i.e. only 2 days between West and East Coast events.

We also put in personal appointments, birthdays, anniversaries etc.

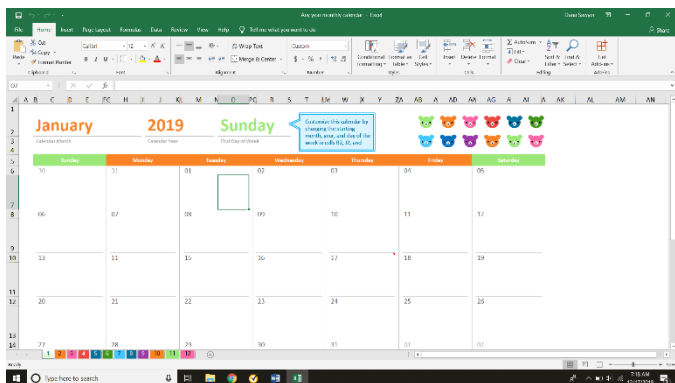
You can Google annual calendars and find a template that works for you or you can use the one that I modified for my needs by contacting me at twwalk@aol.com.

A PLANNING TOOL

BY TERRY WALKER NATIONAL DIRECTOR ECOA

Most of us belong to more than one organization (RV and otherwise) and we might even possibly have personal lives to plan also. I have found that I cannot track what I want in the visual manner that I want with Outlook. I will admit that there may be other options out there that I have not been exposed to.

You see, I am old school, having lived or died in my previous professional life on what I could accomplish with Excel! So, I searched calendars on line and found one that fits my needs – a template that automatically formats for future years with just a couple key strokes.



PLANNING THE ROUTE BY DANA SAWYER

Linda and I are full-timers enjoying the winter season in Arizona but "On the Road" from May through September. We have noticed over the past six years that planning for stays over five months of travel has become increasingly necessary. With the RV industry reporting sales of over 500,000 units in each of the last two years, this is not really a surprise.

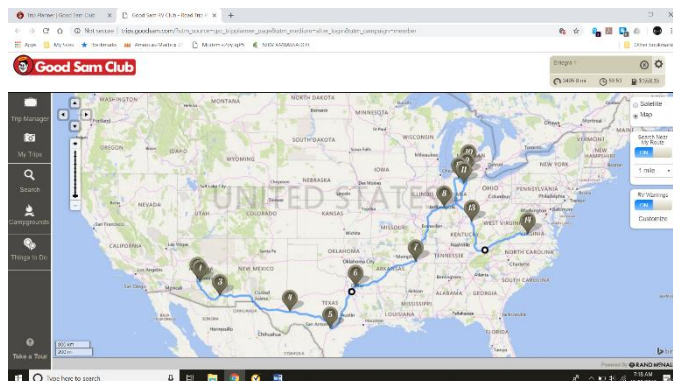
We start our route planning as many do by determining the appointments we need to keep, what events we want to attend, the friends and family we should visit and the length of each stay. Those are loaded into google calendar to get a chronological view and any stays longer than a week or over a holiday are booked early in the new year.

There are many good planning and mapping tools available, but as a Good Sam Club member, I use and have become comfortable with their Trip Planner for the following reasons:

- Several trips can be saved and modified,
- Campgrounds are shown by location with site size and services listed,
- Pilot/Flying J are shown by location.
- Any address can be saved as a location.

Using the mapping tool, I plot the planned destinations in chronological order in two separate trip files (leaving AZ and returning to AZ). Multiple files simplify the number of points to manipulate.

Next, I select Campgrounds and Resorts that can handle the coach based on our daily mileage desire of approximately 300 miles and select fuel stops at 600 miles. There is an iterative process here modifying the route to avoid small towns and roads then updating the stopping points to correct the daily mileage.



In the end, I have a route plotted on a map showing all the stopping points that can be save to a file using the PRINT SCREEN function. There is also a data file with turn by turn directions that can be saved.

Distance to next stop: 32.1 miles (0hrs 44min) Estimated fuel cost: \$14.32

1. Depart E Main St toward N Lazona Dr - Go 0.3 miles (0min, 26sec)
2. Turn right onto N Stapley Dr - Go 2.5 miles (5min, 56sec)
3. Turn left onto E McKellips Rd - Go 1.5 miles (2min, 44sec)
4. Road name changes to W McKellips Rd - Go 1 miles (1min, 50sec)
5. Road name changes to E McKellips Rd - Go 2.5 miles (3min, 19sec)
6. Take ramp right and follow signs for AZ-101-LOOP North - Go 14 miles (12min, 8sec)
7. Road name changes to AZ-101 W LOOP - Go 8 miles (6min, 40sec)
8. At exit 28, take ramp right and follow signs for Cave Creek Rd - Go 0.4 miles (0min, 19sec)
9. Turn right onto N Cave Creek Rd - Go 1.1 miles (2min, 3sec)
10. Turn left onto E Deer Valley Rd / E Deer Valley Dr - Go 0.8 miles (2min, 11sec)
11. Turn right onto N 17th Pl - Go 0.1 miles (0min, 23sec)
12. Arrive at N 17th Pl

Arrive at stop #2: 22425 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85024

I modify the data file by taking out the turn by turn directions, adding the phone number for every stop, then print a hard copy for our travel book. This allows us to enter the next destination in our GPS, verify the route against our Motor Carriers' Atlas, and call ahead early in the day for our overnight stays.

As you may have guessed, there are many modifications over five months of travel because sometimes you just go where the road takes you.

Member Stories

FALL 2018

WAYNE BAUMANN ALT. NATIONAL DIRECTOR ECOA

We hit the road on October 11 and made a stop at Mesquite Nevada on Friday night and that is the night they have crab legs all you can eat at the buffet supper meal. Real good places to stop for the night. The next day we drove to LAS VEGAS for the Oceans Eighteen Gala rally for six days. It was a great rally we were kept busy every day. Then we moved on to Laughlin, Nevada and stayed at Riverside RV Park for two days. There are a lot of neat things to do there. Next, on to Cattail Cave State Park right on the river and full hook up. Real nice to spend some time there. We drove on up to Lake Havasu City for one day to see the London Bridge. The next stop was Yuma Arizona for some shopping and one day spent in Los Algodones, Mexico. We headed on to Tucson, Arizona for the AIM Rally and did a lot of sightseeing around Tucson. We spent three weeks in Tucson. We left Tucson and went up to Casa Grande Arizona and will be spending the winter until the end of March.

In January we will be taking a short trip and go to Quartzsite Arizona for a dry camp rally out in the desert. The rally at Quartzsite is an Entegra Coach Owners Association rally put on by Gary Jones and this is the fourth time getting together to park in the desert. We will head home at the end March and our next trip will be to the FMCA rally in Minot, North Dakota where we will be the rally master.

Hope to see you all in Minot. Happy Trails.

CRUISIN' THE MOUNTAINS RALLY

BY RANDY FERRELL, RALLY WAGON MASTER



Held October 29th through November 2nd at Bear Creek RV Park in Asheville, North Carolina. Participants brought exotic, hot, classic, and collectible cars, toured the Biltmore Estate, drove the Blue Ridge Parkway, and visited the Sierra Nevada Brewery.

The 2018 Cruisin' the Mountains Rally wrapped up and everyone hugged, shook hands, and said their goodbyes until next time. Another successful rally behind us and for this first time Wagon/Rally Master, a gratifying feeling that all went well. We were blessed with beautiful weather which was to the benefit of those visiting the Biltmore Estate and to all of us as we drove the Blue Ridge Parkway and posed for our official ECOA photo.



Rollin' Along

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The genesis of this rally was in May 2018 at Homecoming. Many of us wanted to experience a rally that featured our "toys". Toys being the operative word for fun cars & motorcycles; old, new, fast, unique and rare. We ended up with about 8 nice cars & motorcycles to show off and stories of lots more left at home to brag about. This tells me there is a future for rallies revolving around toys on wheels.

We had a final tally of 30 coaches and numerous members that had not been to an ECOA rally before. We had coaches from as far west as Texas, as far north as Ontario, Canada and, of course, as far south as Florida. The Bear Creek Campground was a small, tight campground but we were able to squeeze our coaches into each site with a few minor scrapes (and one broken windshield). It is a testament to the maneuverability of Entegra Coach.

We had the honor of the presence of Joyce Skinner & Stephana Cunningham from Entegra. We were also surprised by a visit from Ted Cook of Entegra. He was at the new dealership, Golden Gait Trailers & RV, near Charlotte, NC. Ted convinced them to drive up in a 2019 Cornerstone and show it off. I tried to convince them to raffle it off that night at dinner. Ted calculated that each ticket would cost only \$20,000! Needless to say, Golden Gait drove it back to Concord.



We also had the unique opportunity at our rally to also celebrate Halloween. Stephana brought gifts

and goodies for giveaways. She encouraged people to dress up and there were some awesome and crazy costumes.



Thursday morning after breakfast, we had an informal tech talk and idea sharing session. Always worthwhile. Many went off to tour the Sierra Nevada Brewery, a wonderland of beer brewing delight. Then we all met at the brewery for a magnificent lunch. Our gratitude is extended to Entegra Coach for hosting this lunch.

In closing, I will say that my hat's off to those who volunteer their time to make all the rallies possible. Yes, it is hard work, but it is also fun and rewarding. My appreciation to Pat & Medarda Bauer for their help & guidance. Thanks also to Mario LaCute for all his help. And thanks to the hardest worker of anyone, Dee Ann. She supported me, pushed me,

cleaned, organized and made things pretty for all of us.



Thanks!

Randy Ferrell, your ever so experienced
Wagon/Rally Master

TIPS TO ENHANCE DRY CAMPING BY WAYNE BAUMANN ALT NATIONAL DIR. ECOA

The Simplest answer, and by far the most economical method to enhance your dry camping experience is to reduce your use of power by the coach's electrical system. Suggestions on this topic follow:

- Turn off the inverter(s) when AC power is not required. Although the inverter has an energy saving idle or search mode, in practice it never activates due to parasitic loads such as the microwave clock and standby circuits in TV and VCR etc. Turning the inverter off when you are sleeping, for example, can gain you as much as three to four hours of dry camping time. When plugged in to shore power or running the power plant, the inverter can safely remain on.
- Avoid or limit your use of AC heat producing appliances such as small heaters, the microwave, toaster, curling irons, and coffee makers, etc. A microwave, for example, can draw from 10 - 15 amps from the batteries when in use.
- If making coffee, just make enough for one cup each and then turn the coffee maker off to prevent the hot plate from discharging your batteries further.
- Avoid using bay freezers when dry camping. If necessary, they should be powered by 12V with temperature setting adjusted to minimum.
- When using the propane or diesel heating system reduce the temperature settings and use warmer clothing or bedding.
- Turn off any lights and fans, etc. that are not being used. If the ice maker in your refrigerator runs on inverter power then this should be turned off.
- An important consideration when recharging your batteries is how long the power plant will have to run to obtain a full charge. For heavily discharged batteries, this can take from a minimum of three hours for four AGM batteries. Owners whose coaches have larger battery banks will unlikely be able to run their generator long enough to fully charge their batteries and therefore usually experience reduced dry camping time after their initial arrival.
- Installing solar panels will significantly increase dry camping time and the energy they produce is free silent and environmentally friendly. Solar panels do have a limited output however, so maximum gains will be achieved when they are used in conjunction with the energy reduction items suggested.
- The most important thing is to have a good set of batteries and a good running generator that is set correctly to start when the batteries are low and to turn off when fully charged. Some ideas above are great to keep the batteries from losing power too fast and having to run the generator more then you need to.

FMCAssist

WOODY & ANN WOODWARD (BAILEY)

For years as a member of FMCA, I casually noticed a benefit called FMCAssist, and always thought that is for the other guy, not me. Well, guess what, I have recently used this amazing benefit and was so pleased it was available.

While traveling in our motorhome in northern Michigan, to see the fall colors, (we live in Florida), I became seriously ill with pneumonia, and was hospitalized for 2 weeks. The situation became complex as my wife is a recovering cancer patient and we have a dog. Being unable to drive the coach home, or to be in the coach for the many days required to get home, FMCA came to the rescue.

The TravelAssist program and my assigned professional ran flawlessly. All arrangements were made, considering our circumstances, and all were executed with the same precision. We arrived home a few days after my hospital release, and our beautiful coach arrived one day later. All of this, airfare for two, rental car, pet transportation, and a driver for our coach was included in the benefit. The cost of all this is certainly a benefit, but the other part of the benefit is having the knowledge to put all the pieces (including the driver) together in a timely manner.

This little-known benefit, included in your FMCA package is a wonderful program, when you suddenly need it, and are least equipped to deal with the situation.

Thank you FMCA.

FUELING FOLLIES

BY TERRY WALKER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR ECOA

Like many of my fellow RV'ers I often choose to fuel at Pilot Flying J because of the ease of entry and exit and the likelihood of getting fresh fuel due to their high turnover rate. My Good Sam Club RV Plus Charge Card with its 8-cent discount from the posted cash price helps ease their generally higher prices.

When pulling into the fueling area I find myself playing roulette to guess which line will move fastest. If I find a line with a single truck that appears to have finished fueling my decision is easy since MOST truckers are generally courteous and when they finish, they pull forward to let the next vehicle get to the pump.

One day this past summer I found such a situation and pulled in line. Saw no sign of activity around the pump or vehicle, but thought the driver just forgot to pull forward (it happens) and was inside paying. Finally, the driver and his partner came out and headed to their vehicle, falsely building my hopes as it turned out.

They then decided to wash the windshield of their apparently brand-new tractor, while I stood outside the RV glaring at them (to no avail). The partner found a hose and used it to rinse off the windshield. Then a bright idea hit them – they decided to wash the entire tractor while blocking access to the fuel pump!

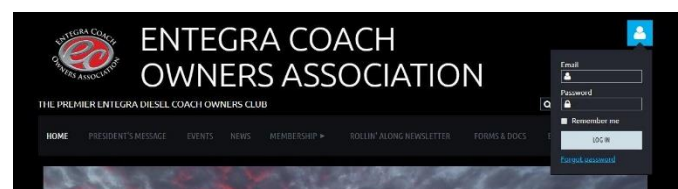
All this time they have been watching me outside the RV getting upset with them. A former boss told me once that I tread where angels feared to go – but in today's environment I decided discretion was the better part of valor and decided to go inside to tell the manager what was going on at the fuel island just outside his door.



I told him that he could sell a lot more fuel if he did not let his customers wash their rigs at the fuel islands. He became rightfully incensed and rushed outside to put an end to this fiasco – the truckers claimed the hose was there and they saw nothing wrong with what they were doing!

Slowly they pulled away from the island and I was able to fuel and get back on the road, albeit 45 minutes later.

The new icon functions very much like the old button and is easy to find once you know what to look for. If you click on the head and torso icon a drop-down window will open allowing you to enter your username and password so that you can log into the member portal.



Once you have entered your login credentials and you click on the icon again, the dropdown window will show that you are logged in and give you quick links to your profile page, change password page as well as a logout option.



If you are viewing the website from a smart phone or tablet, the new icon is a blue arrow pointing to the right in the top right corner of the page as depicted in the picture below.



ENTEGR COACH OWNERS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE BY JEFF HAMILTON, WEBMASTER ECOA

Happy New Year y'all! As most of you know we have made some significant changes to the look and feel of the ECOA website. I hope that these changes have made navigation through our website easier and more enjoyable for you. We have received some questions from members asking how to log into their member account as the old member login button is missing. This change was made by our website hosting company and unfortunately cannot be changed as it is programmed into the website template.

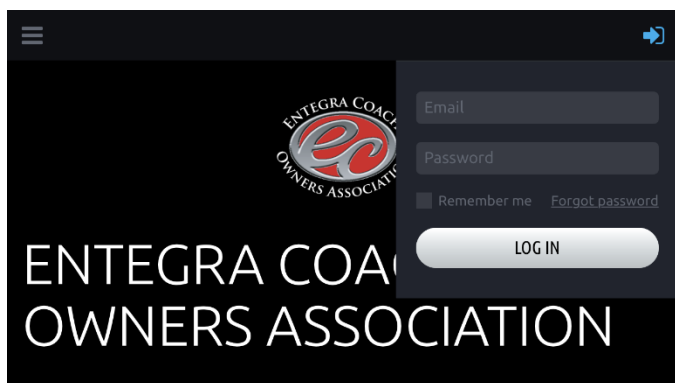
If you are viewing the website from a home computer or laptop, the old member login button has been replaced with a new icon that is the shape of a head and torso silhouette inside a grey square in the top right corner of the homepage.



And below is what the drop-down window looks like on a smart phone or tablet once you click on the arrow icon.



Once you have entered your login credentials and you click on the icon again, the dropdown window will show that you are logged in and also give you quick links to your profile page, change password page as well as a logout option.



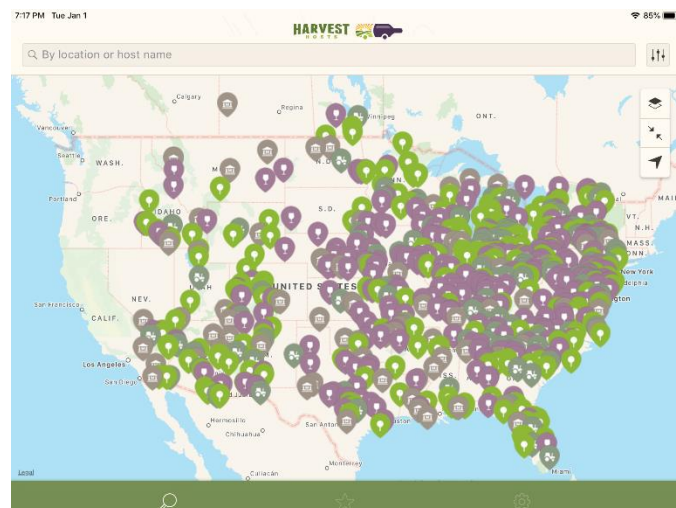
I hope this short tutorial will clear up any confusion you may have had relating to logging into the member portal of the website. As always, we welcome your comments, suggestions or feedback you have for the website.

Have a great new year and safe travels!

FREE OVERNIGHT CAMPING WITH HARVEST HOSTS By PAT BAUER, PRESIDENT ECOA

RV travel can be fun, but sometimes getting from destination to destination can weary even the most seasoned traveler. Sometimes we get there in a mad dash. Other times, with planning, we can meander and see things on the way. One way to perhaps combine those ideas is to make your overnight stops fun and relaxing, and do it for FREE.

No, I am not thinking of Walmart or Cabela's stops, but rather a much more relaxing type of overnight stop with Harvest Hosts. This is a group of wineries, orchards, breweries, farms, and even some museums that will allow from 1 to 4 RV's to overnight on their property free of charge. Just recently, they have added several hundred Golf Courses as well. In all there are something like 1,000+ places that will support free overnight stops across the continent.



You would be dry camping of course, but you can put out your slides and put up your satellite, and enjoy a quiet evening, not like being surrounded by shoppers and lots of traffic at all hours of the night. Let's face it, our coaches are ideally suited to do this, with carrying our own water supply and using our generator and auto gen start.

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So how does it work? Locate a stop and contact the proprietor at least 24 hours in advance and let them know your arrival time. Plan to arrive during business hours. Make contact and park according to their directions. Then after parking, perhaps do a wine tasting or a flight of samples. Sometimes



they have restaurants and dining available. Please enjoy their hospitality, and have a glass of wine or a beer or tour if a museum. And if it is a golf course, by all means, play nine or hit some balls as a way of saying thanks for hosting you for free.

Medarda and I have stayed in all manner of Harvest Hosts, and have even been able to daisy chain several of these stops in a row. We just do not drive as many miles between stops, arriving early enough to enjoy their hospitality and sample their



wares and thank them for allowing us to stay overnight. So, plan your travel accordingly and relax after a short day of travel!

To learn more, go to www.harvesthosts.com.

WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE

BY TOMMY TOWNSEND, VICE PRESIDENT ECOA

Let me start by saying thanks to all of you for a great 2018 and a Happy New Year to all. We have a lot of fun times planned for 2019, excluding all the doctor visits that will certainly fill in any downtime that we had originally planned. As Bonnie says all the time, "Getting old is not for sissies".

We are in the Cajun Palms RV Resort as I write this. It is really a gem of a park, located just off I-10, east of Lafayette in Breau Bridge, Louisiana. We had an awesome dinner with Don and Susan Hull at Catfish Town just outside of the park. Neither of us knew of our plans until just prior to arriving at the same RV park.

They left out early the next morning headed to Wade RV in Tampa to have their front rug and step covers made. We love ours and highly recommend them to everyone. We have Pat and Medarda Bauer to thank for their recommendation of Wade RV.

We are on our way to the Tampa Super Show where we will meet up with the Bauers, the Hulls and so many more of our RV friends. This will be our third year to attend the show. It is always such

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fun to sit out at night with all our RV friends. We always spend time remembering the fun and excitement of the past years and discussing the new memories we intend to make and the new friends we plan to meet in the coming years.

Over Labor Day last year, we went to Middlebury, Indiana where Bonnie met with Pat Carroll, Entegra's Head of Design, to discuss a possible 2020 purchase. She and Sue Stephens wanted to help Pat understand what folks "our age" would like to see in our future coaches. Pat was very open to everything the girls had to say about the design of the 2020s. By the time this newsletter hits the press, I hope to have ordered our 2020 from Angie at NIRVC. We are just waiting to hear how they will handle changes for our 2020 Cornerstone because all changes must have Engineering approval.

I am very excited about the rumors surrounding Spartan's improvements for the 2020s. I am hoping to see all those changes when we attend the FMCA Perry rally. Maybe they will give us a little glimpse of some of them in Tampa.

We both are looking forward to Tampa, Stone Mountain, Perry, then Homecoming in Elkhart, Indiana. There is so much fun in our future with our RV family in 2019. We are hoping to see all of you soon. First, we would like to thank each and every one of you for making RVing a blessed life for us. Every Entegra owner that we have ever met has been so friendly and welcomed us into the "fold" and now it is with great honor that we get to welcome new owners into our club.

TOMMY AND BONNIE TOWNSEND **BY TOMMY TOWNSEND VICE PRESIDENT ECOA**



I was born in St. Petersburg, Florida on May 23, 1946. I lived there until I was 5 years old. We left Florida in the middle of the night to move back to Houston, Texas where my Mom and Dad first met and married. Dad drove a city bus and Mom was a telephone operator. I went to high school at San Jacinto High School in Houston where I took radio and television repair. I went straight into the Army after school. I spent 3 years in Artillery (Hawk and Hercules Missiles). I spent 13 months in Korea part of which was during the Viet Nam conflict. After my tour in Korea, I came back to Houston for a leave and I met Bonnie. We dated for a little over a year before I could convince her to marry me. That makes a great fireside story along with my family leaving Florida in the middle of the night. When Bonnie and I married I had 6 months left to serve in the Army, so off to El Paso, Texas we went. There are so many stories to go with that short 6 months in El Paso. With that said, we have had 52 years of a great marriage with lots of stories to share around the fireside.

We have 2 sons that each married their high school sweethearts. Tra, the oldest son, and his wife Carol celebrated 30 years of marriage this year. They gave us or now 25-year-old grandson, Zac. Rodney and his wife Liz celebrated 22 years of marriage this year. They gave us our two granddaughters, Tysen and Madie. Tysen is 19 now and started at TCU in Ft. Worth, Texas this year. Madie is 17 and is a senior in high school. We are not sure where she will go to college, but she is leaning towards Baylor (this month). It is so hard to believe that our grandchildren are grown up. That has happened way too fast. All three of our grandchildren have been the joy of our life. We wish we had known they were so much fun – we would have had them first.

We got our first coach in August of 2013. It was a 2014 Entegra Anthem RBQ. Our joyful life of RVing went into full speed. We have not slowed down since except for doctor visits, my cancer and Bonnie's brain surgery. These can be added to those fireside stories. Both of those major illness have turned out well. We are home as I write this making all those annual and semiannual doctor visits. We are almost finished and so far, have passed everything with flying colors. It always feels so good to get this behind us.

As most of our RV family knows, we have been blessed with 5 Entegras so far. We are hoping to have our 6th one by summer, 2019. We do not have it on order yet, but Bonnie and Pat Carroll are working to make it happen.

We had a great 2018 year with all the rallies, which is what we really enjoy because we get to see all our RV friends smiling faces and we get to meet new ones almost everywhere we go. We have just seen some of you at the last rally and we have not seen some of you in a year or more. We really miss not seeing some of you and hope you can join us very soon at another rally. The real fun for me is meeting the "newbies". They are so full of

excitement about their new adventure in life and just as frightened. They have this 8.5-foot-wide, 13-foot-tall and 45-foot-long "thing" that they paid how much for? Now they can get on the highway with all that traffic and hope they do not crash it. It is great to be the one they ask "how do we do this and how do we do that"? I love talking with them and convincing them that it is no big deal. I have even had the great opportunity to teach some of them how to drive. I make sure they all know that they are now part of the Entegra Family and we all want to help them, so sit back and enjoy your new life of RVing.

Bonnie and I look so forward to seeing each and every one of you very soon.

HOW TO SURVIVE (AND THRIVE) ON A TRIP WITH THE GRANDKIDS ANN LACUTE

We have been adventuring in our motorhomes for most of our married life – 43 years and counting. Tens of thousands of miles on the road and I have not killed him (Yet).

But I digress. This is about traveling with the little kids, not the adults who just act like kids. Like most of us, during our early years on the road, when our children were in grade school, we were working and literally chained to our jobs. There were no cell phones. No laptops. No internet. We did not have the opportunity, or the time, to take off for weeks or pull the kids out of school.

Therefore, our trips were largely confined to weekends with destinations focused on amusement parks, taking the travel hockey team to a game, a getaway to Gettysburg, or simply driving

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to end of our street to ice skate on the lake with the coach as a warm haven to grab a cup of cocoa.

With that experience behind us, it was not much of a leap of faith for us to consider traveling with our four grand kids (two girls, ages 9 and 11, and two boys, ages 3 and 4) reliving the same types of trips that provided such joy to our children so many years ago.

Mellowing with age, grandpa is agreeable to just about anything I dream up. But we find what worked then, works now. Typically, we plan from Thursday through Monday focused on kid-friendly RV Parks. Movies, cards, coloring books, along with snacks and drinks, keeps the peace in route but some advance scouting ensures a fun-packed weekend end-to-end.

One of our recent trips took us to a Jellystone RV Park in Ohio. A quick check online allowed me to scout out a variety of weekend activities and allowing me to sit with the kids, who made the final choices. With Yogi and Boo Boo alongside, and under the watchful gaze of Mr. Ranger, we enjoyed a weekend full of activities: hayrides, a chocolate water slide, mini golf, crafts, tie-dyed tee shirts, and splashing away in a huge pool.

Another trip took us to Bethpage Camp-Resort in Urbana, Virginia, where we experimented by mixing family camping with an Entegra Rally. If our two granddaughters knew the destination was an Entegra Rally (filled with older campers in their newer campers doing "old people stuff"), it might not have been well received. But I knew from a prior trip that the resort was kid-friendly, and we found ways to involve the youngsters with the Entegra agenda. For example, a dress up Pirate Party was ARRRRR blast! We collected raffle tickets for participation in various events, adding to the joy of mini golf, an ice cream social and other activities (including something called the "toilet bowl"), a slide that, well, let's just say left me "flush."

Stephana Cunningham, from Entegra, provided us with sticker books at the Entegra registration table and later the girls found pirate bootie when our name was called in a raffle. As always, participation plays and pays!

A summer visit to a KOA featured a "water parade hayride," where the other motor home owners sprayed us down as we ambled by. We signed up for a craft day, sped down a zip line and spent hours on a jumping pillow. This KOA also had a small café, so the kids enjoyed going to buy a snack or a piece of pizza, all right up their alley.

Remember, the kids are all about food, and we are all about nutrition. So, I stocked the motor home with yogurt, gold fish crackers, string cheese, popsicles, frozen waffles and lots of Nutella (OK, maybe it is not ALL about nutrition), and off we went. A little Pinterest research provided inspiration for handling snacks with two clear tackle boxes full of compartments that were perfectly snack-sized. The dividers also prevented the mandarin oranges from creating a gold-fish meltdown; everything neatly in its place.

Once we arrived at the park a buddy system worked well for the kids, and for us. The older girl was responsible for the older boy and youngest with youngest. The girls took their responsibility very seriously – keeping a watchful eye on the golf course and playground, and shepherding the bedtime rituals ranging from crawling into PJs to brushing teeth.

Bedtime was a fun time too. With an RBQ floor plan in our Entegra, one sofa opened into a bed and the other opened into a futon, so they were all comfy sleeping together. And because it was camping, we all brought our sleeping bags, making setup and take-down even easier with no blankets or pillows to stow.

To be completely honest, at times, some “bad” habits develop. Grandparents have that nasty habit of spoiling the little ones. But we could not help ourselves.

Every morning started with a surprise. Something as simple as a matchbox car, or a head band. And then there were the water balloons. Grandpa was more than eager to fill them up from the outside faucet. Adding to the “mayhem” I brought snaps -- those little noise makers. I had glow sticks around the fire at night. And Grandpa was a hero setting the little ones loose inside the motor home with their bubble guns.

Over the years, I have found that just as on our “adult” trips, enjoying the journey with the kids is all about the pre-trip prep.

Our trips with the grand kids remind me of the memories we made with our own children, and the laughs and the stories that are still being told. It brings a broad smile to my face as I write this. There are no better times than those shared with family.

We have but a short window when we are able to convince our grandchildren that we are “cool.” Take advantage of this time. Enjoy the little ones. Make memories that will last a lifetime – yours and theirs.

If we knew that grand kids were going to be this much fun, we would have had them first!!!!

TIME MOVES SWIFTLY NOW By TOM CROWLEY, VICE PRESIDENT ECOA

Wow! 2018, is missing where did it go? It is January, 2019 so soon and we are heading to the Tampa SuperShow. We cannot believe how quickly time passes as we age. I remember being a preteen and it took a full year to get from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Now the year passes by in what seems to be a month.

Lynn and I spent over six months in the coach during 2018, and we had a wonderful time seeing this great country of ours. Our coach is a 2014 Anthem and it had its share of problems. Most have been resolved by service centers and a few are still outstanding issues. The biggest problems are centered around our Spartan chassis. Dash AC went out three times, hopefully it will stay working for a while. We also have a wheel alignment problem and have not been able to convince Spartan it needs an eight-wheel alignment. We crab going down the road wearing the outside edge of left front wheel. Hopefully we will be able to get it resolved. Speaking of service, Alliance Coach of Wildwood, FL is a great place for service. The site is the old Monaco service facility and the techs are still there. They were excellent when we had our Beaver and they are just as good if not better today. It is easy to get scheduled and issues are resolved quickly.

As Lynn and I look forward to 2019, we are planning on spending our summer in the Black Hills of South Dakota. I worked out there in the early 60's and it will be great to spend a few months re-exploring the area.

Hope to see you at an ECOA rally or other event in the upcoming year. Save travels.

Recipes

SUPER-SIMPLE BEEF STEW **LINDA HANSON, VICE PRESIDENT ECOA**

I am watching the snow fall gently to the ground this January morning and wondering what each of you are doing this very moment. Just a few short hours away, some of you are walking a path down the side of a hill exploring some new territory, others may be out washing your RV (trying not to fall off your ladder...we won't mention any names here), some of you are out shopping in that crazy little boutique that has the cutest little nick knack to go in your rig that you've been looking for forever. Some of you are just sipping on a glass of wine with your feet up, relaxing and staring at a blazing yellow thing in the sky (ok...now that one I am going to say just isn't fair, ha ha), but I am the one who chose to live in the tundra, right?

Anyway, my point is...we are all different and in different places, yet we are all the same and have the same thing in common, our love for the adventure. What is really awesome is when you get us together, we cannot stop talking about it! And what is even funnier is if we have problems getting to the next stop, we REALLY talk about that because we want to get to that next adventure! But the "GREATEST" thing about "YOU" is when you stop your adventure to help others get to their adventure. You are like a pot of stew; a bunch of ingredients that all have different cooking times, yet when put together has the most delicious and comforting taste. It makes you feel so good when you have eaten a bowl and are satisfied for hours afterwards. So, smile and think of someone near or far, it does not matter, because WE ARE ONE BIG POT OF STEW! Now one more thing before you jump to the recipe, remember to start getting those ECOA rallies on your calendar; especially the Amana Colonies in October,

2019. Lee and I are working on the details to make it better than the last one!

Safe and Happy Roads ahead everyone!!

SUPER-SIMPLE BEEF STEW

- 2 cups small red-skinned potatoes, quartered
- 4 medium carrots, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 1 small red onion, cut into wedges
- 1-pound beef stew meat, cut into 1" pieces
- 1 can (10.75 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom or cream of celery soup
- 1 can of beef broth or (I use Better than Bullion; follow directions, and if you want you can add a bit more per your taste. I like this better than canned broth so you can adjust)
- 1/2 tsp. dried marjoram or thyme, crushed (personal preference; I use thyme, if you like an earthier taste, you can adjust here by adding more herbs also)
- 1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen cut green beans, thawed

Optional: (I do this.) In a hot skillet, sear the beef quickly, do not cook it. In a 3-1/2 to 4-quart slow cooker combine potatoes, carrots, and onion. Stir in meat, condensed soup, broth, and thyme. Cover



and cook on low-heat for 8-9 hours or (high 4 to 4-1/2 hours). Turn to high heat, stir in green beans. Cover and cook for 10-15 minutes more.

Secretary

HAPPENINGS ON THE ROAD BY MEDARDA BAUER, SECRETARY ECOA

Our Voyages to the west are perhaps our most memorable; not necessarily in the “accident or terrible happening way but more of the “you have got to be kidding way”. Each excursion westward our routes were carefully planned allowing time to enjoy the sights.

We had headed to Tennessee to attend a rally and began the westward trek which necessitated crossing the Mississippi River by Paducah KY. Our route had a bridge crossing and on the map it looked workable. That is until you began the crossing: new coach and narrow bridge. This bridge was so narrow you could high five the truckers going in the opposite direction. Fortunately, while I kept my eyes closed, Pat sailed across without incident. Moral of the story: maps are not necessarily truthful about bridge crossings.

Traveling through Colorado we stopped at Colorado Springs to view the “Garden of the Gods”. Enjoying the temperate weather, we walked about and decided on a whim to take the cog railroad to the top of Pike’s Peak. Great experience, but who expects an errant snowstorm at the top, in June? The top view was clouded by snow and it was cold. We had to wait for the weather to clear before heading down. However, once the weather cleared

it was a site; clear snow dusted landscape well worth the wait. Moral of this story: be a boy scout and always be prepared.

Heading to Yellowstone we overnighted in Atlantic City, Wyoming, population 52. We wanted to experience a Bureau of Land Management Campground. Printed information talked about the paved loop road and large sites. It was true; very easy in, paved road, and a large site with a magnificent view. We experienced a memorable evening under the canopy of stars. Car hooked up we are ready to leave. Neither of us paid attention to the fact it was a one way only loop and to leave the campground necessitated a narrow, hard right putting the coach in pine bough scratching harm. The coach made it through with scratches to the clear coat and not the paint. Moral of the story: sometimes it is wise to unhook the car and drive through the area first. To be continued.....

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Our Entegra Coach Owners Association celebrated 5 years on August 30th 2018





August 30, 2018



Dear Entegra Coach Owners Chapter:

On behalf of Family Motor Coach Association I would like to congratulate the members of the Entegra Coach Owners Chapter on your fifth anniversary.

Chapters are a very critical part of the Family Motor Coach Association. They are the foundation and the basis for our governance structure. However, a chapter's most important function is to provide an environment where fellow motorhome owners gather together in fun and fellowship to enhance their experience as an FMCA member.

Participating in a chapter enriches our membership and strengthens the bonds that develop among us. Keeping a chapter active over a period of time involves all the members working together for the good of the chapter, and we wish to recognize and pay tribute to the time and talent contributed by your members that has led to your success.

Please accept my sincere congratulations as you celebrate your fifth anniversary. We extend our best wishes for many more years of fun and camaraderie.

Best regards,

Jon Walker

National President

Family Motor Coach Association

Congratulations!

From the Editors Desk

FROM THE EDITOR
DANA SAWYER, EDITOR ROLLIN' ALONG

First, I want to thank all the authors that makes this newsletter possible. You have done an extraordinary job. By contributing an article, **YOU** make Rollin' Along possible.

Looking ahead to Spring when many of us come out of hibernation or start travels northward for cooler weather and perhaps the Entegra Homecoming Rally, there are preparation steps that we each take to assure safe, comfortable, and trouble-free travel. For the April issue of Rollin' Along please consider submitting an article and pictures to your editor at dana.sawyer350@gmail.com about your preparations.

❖ Submit Stories about

- Spring Cleaning (inside and outside)
- Maintenance and checklists performed
- Tires and tire pressure management
- Engine start procedure
- Upgrades and gadgets added for safer travel
- Anything you did over the winter to make your life on the road easier and more enjoyable

All articles received by 4/15/2019 will be included in the April issue and articles received earlier are greatly appreciated.

For those wondering, the publishing dates are:

- ❖ January Issue (Published 1/30, Article Deadline 1/15)
- ❖ April Issue (Published 4/30, Article Deadline 4/15)
- ❖ July Issue (Published 7/30, Article Deadline 7/15)

- ❖ October Issue (Published 10/30, Article Deadline 10/15)

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