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Sue Bell



It has been an exciting few months since our last Motorcader Magazine!

We've shared some wonderful adventures with Motorcade family and friends throughout 2025.

Oshkosh was a highlight, what an incredible experience to see just how far aviation has come. Several of you shared photos and stories with me, and I was thrilled for each of you. Your experiences have definitely made me more excited for the next adventures ahead!

New Mexico Balloon Fiesta, what beautiful balloons you saw! It sounded like an unforgettable trip filled with fun, friendship, and of course, Bruce's famous cooking. I heard so much about how good his meals were that when I finally saw him in person, I asked him for one of his recipes!

GrandVention was truly special. What a blessing it was to meet so many of you face-to-face. Whenever someone asks me about this club, I always say we have an amazing group of people—and spending a

week together at GrandVention only confirmed that even more. Everyone I've met in this club is genuinely kind-hearted, eager to explore, and always ready for the next adventure.

It was also great to meet some of our vendors in person and learn from them—such valuable and educational interactions.

Right after GrandVention, Oklahoma Highlights kicked off, and it was wonderful to hear all the glowing reviews. There's something so rewarding about discovering new places and learning the stories behind the towns we might otherwise drive right through.

As soon as Remington and I returned to the office, we jumped straight into preparing and mailing everyone's invoices. It took some time, but they are now all sent. If you haven't received your 2026 Dues Invoice, please give us a call or send us a quick email. We are looking into offering emailed invoices next year for those who prefer it. It has certainly been a busy season in the office!

We also continue to welcome new members, and I must say, they're wonderful too!

I look forward to seeing your photos and hearing about the adventures you discover along the way.

Merry Christmas, Everyone! Here's to a fantastic 2026!



DIRECTOR'S CORNER



See the World With Your Tour Directors

When you travel with the club, you're not just signing up for an itinerary—you're joining an adventure. We love watching members experience something new, meet people who become lifelong friends, and discover the magic tucked into every destination.

Behind each tour is a whole lot of teamwork: coordinating with Hosts, chatting with local experts, scouting those great "off-script" moments, and sprinkling in surprises along the way. Think quirky cafés, photo-worthy overlooks, and stories you won't find in any guidebook.

If you're new to group travel, come ready to laugh, explore, and go with the flow. The best memories usually start where the schedule ends!

We're revving up for more great travels ahead—and we hope you'll be along for the ride.



For Ben, the love of travel began early. He still remembers riding to Colorado at age five, tucked into the back of a pickup under a camper shell - camping trips often improvised with stock racks and a tarp, fishing in the streams along the way. Most of his childhood adventures unfolded among Colorado's mountains, sparking a lifelong passion for the open road.

Linda's upbringing was different but equally adventurous. Her parents were older, hardworking farmers who rarely took vacations, so she created her own adventures, traveling with an older sister on a mattress in the back of a Suburban, camping in grain trucks covered with tarps, and joining an aunt and uncle in a pop-up camper.

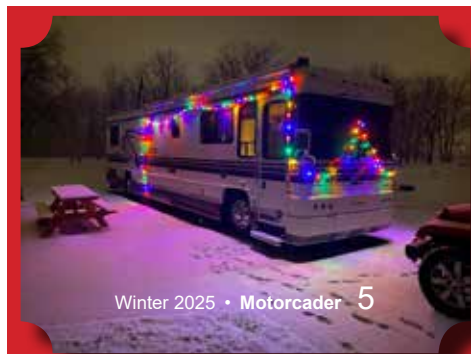
Two worlds eventually met, and for more than twenty years, the road has belonged to both of them. Together, Ben and Linda have owned five Foretravels and two Newells, transforming those early rustic campouts into a life of luxurious motorhome travel. They've participated in roughly twenty Motorcades, many during their working years, and stepped into the role of Activity Directors in 2017. For them, Motorcades make history come alive, but the greatest gift has always been the lifelong friendships formed along the way. They also delight in observing God's creations and the beauty of His world.

Ben founded Underground Utilities in 1979, and by age 43, he had purchased his first motorhome, ready to roam whenever work allowed. Linda built her career as a registered nurse. When they married, one of Linda's relatives asked a client if he knew Ben. His reply became a treasured family story: "Yes, I hope she loves to travel!" He was right, she did.

Today, the Chisms have traveled roughly 300,000 miles in their motorhomes, sharing God's beautiful creations and making memories with both new and longtime friends. Every destination holds its own unique beauty.

They proudly claim five children, twenty-four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, who are the ultimate joy of their lives. Ben and Linda cherish family time, especially cheering on the grandkids at their events. Linda says driving eight hours for a "Grandblessings" musical is just like a day at work—no problem! They always find their way back from family functions to Foretravel activities and the community they love, staying deeply involved in church along the way.

The Chisms make their home on the Cliffs of Grand Lake o' the Cherokees near Grove, Oklahoma, where their windows open to yet another breathtaking view, a fitting reflection of a lifetime spent exploring, sharing, and appreciating the beauty of the world around them.





Hello Motorcaders,

What a fantastic time we had at this year's Grandvention in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Ben and Linda Chism – along with the entire Motorcade Club Staff – really knocked it out of the park again. Five stars all the way! And getting to meet our new Club

Manager, Sue Bell, plus having her assistant Remington Payne there, along with all the “First Timers”, was just the icing on the cake.

Speaking of cake... the food was amazing. If you missed out this year, make plans to join us on one of our upcoming Motorcades in Alaska or Ohio. Then meet us in Tennessee for the 2026 Grandvention in Sevierville. And while you're there, stick around for the Tennessee Highlights afterward – you'll be glad you did. In the meantime, with winter already settling in, I figured it might be helpful to share a few cold-weather operation and storage tips. Read on and use whatever applies to your situation.

Operating Coach in Cold Weather:

It is important to understand the interior water lines, fixtures, supply tank, pump and appliances are normally protected from moderate freezing temperatures, as long as the furnace remains in operation. Your Motorcoach was not designed for prolonged use in sub-freezing temperatures without implementing special precautions.

- Heating your coach requires an adequate supply of L.P. or diesel. Fuel tanks should be as full as possible for extended cold weather trips
- Pre-Heat your diesel engine before starting it.
- When camping during cold weather select a sunny campsite near wind breaks if possible
- Park coach with either the front or rear into the wind if possible.
- Make reservations, to make sure the campground of preference is open.
- It is recommended that once a week both engine and coach batteries be fully charged.

Especially in colder climates, due to their nature, batteries will eventually discharge if not recharged on a regular basis.

Extended Cold Weather Storage:

Winterizing of the domestic water system is a necessity when storing your coach around or below freezing temperatures. If exposed to freezing weather and not properly prepared it may be damaged by possible ice expansion!

- Water lines, water heaters, hydronic systems, ice makers, water filters, pumps and faucets etc. are at potential risk. (See your Foretravel Owner's Manual for more details)



- In order to minimize battery drain, turn off master disconnect switch (located by entry door). The disconnect switch will turn off everything on the coach batteries, except the L.P. /C.O. detectors. Also if you have a 2 way refrigerator this too must be turned off.
- The engine batteries are not affected by the master disconnect. If no power is available they should be fully charged and the ground cable disconnected. If power is available the boost switch should be activated monthly to maintain them, unless you have a voltage sensitive relay then you're all set.
- Store the coach with fuel tank full to reduce possible condensation in the tank. For prolonged storage (60 + days), use an additive with an algaecide.
- Take steps to reduce possible rodent or pest infestation.
- Remove all perishable food from cabinets and refrigerator
- Clean and cover roof top air conditioners if possible
- Pull shades, close blinds, and clean interior
- Prepare generator for storage. If possible try to run generator with a load on it for at least ½ hour each month.
- To keep the coach highway ready run, the main engine at least ½ hour each month. Driving it at highway speeds for 10 to 20 miles will help keep the mechanicals in good working order and also help protect the tires from non-use damage.

If all this seems like it's too much trouble try this preferred method of winterizing your Foretravel. Mount your snow shovel to the rear ladder. Then start driving south until someone asks you what it is! Then you'll know it's safe to stay for the winter!!!!

See you in the spring

Mark Crick



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Generator or Inverter

Should I run the generator going down the road or have inverter on?

A single 2800 – 3000 watt inverter will only power small loads as you travel. IE: Microwave, coffee maker. Basically saying you only have a single 20 amp service when inverter is in use. You also have to consider the age of the batteries and the high demand on the alternator when using the inverter as you travel. Some say run the generator.

So if you run the generator you would have to consider fuel consumption of the generator. The diesel generators Foretravel has used over the years normally burn .7 to 1.0 gallon of diesel fuel per hour at full load. When traveling the Southern States during summer it may require to operate 1 or 2 roof airs while traveling to keep the coach comfortable. Along with running anything else that would be needed for comfort in the coach as you travel. Below you will find some basic numbers to help you calculate which choice you want to make Generator or Inverter while traveling?

Alternator cost range from 685.00 to 2589.66.

160 amp alternator = 685.

435 amp alternator = 2589.66

House batteries cost in the range of 880.00 per battery.

3 house batteries X 880.00 = 2640.00

Replacement Alternator = 685.00

Battery and Alternator 2640.00 + 685.00 = 3325.00

Generator maintenance per 200 hr. intervals; Oil, air and fuel filter, plus 6 quarts of oil = 165.00 + 170.00 labor = 335.

3325.00 – 335.00 = 3660.00

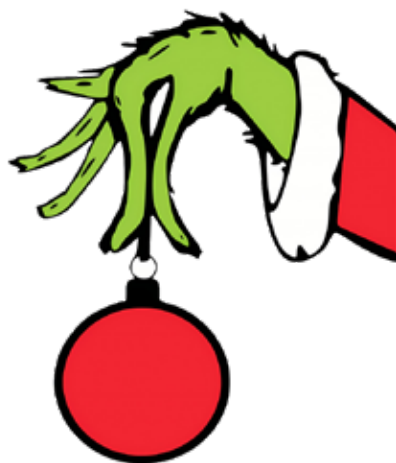
At 4 dollars a gallon you could purchase 915. gallons of fuel for the generator operation.

4 divided into 3660.00 = 915. gallons of fuel.

At 1 gallon per hour = 915. hours of generator operation.

I did not figure into the equation an inverter replacement if it fails; (ex; parts & amp; labor 3250.)

Bottom line of the story is Electricity cost weather you invert it, run generator or purchase from Power Company.



Your choice enjoy your travels.

James T.

2025 Member Of The Year

The Member of the Year is one of the most prestigious honors awarded by the Board of Directors. It recognizes a member who has contributed significantly to the overall support, growth, and improvement of both the Motorcade Club and their Chapter.

Nominations may be submitted by Chapter Presidents or by fellow members directly to the Club Manager, Sue Bell. Each nomination is carefully reviewed by a committee of four members—this year, selected by the International President, Jerry Moon, the Committee includes the four most recent recipients of this award.

The 2025 Member of the Year Nomination Committee consisted of Steve Crook (Member of the Year 2022, Mark and Donna Crick (Members of the Year 2024), and Bonnie Cone (Member of the Year 2023). The Committee reviewed, discussed, and ultimately reached a unanimous recommendation to be presented to the Board of Directors.

Our Club thrives because of volunteers. During our discussions, we reflected on what defines a volunteer: A volunteer is someone who freely and willingly gives their time and effort to a cause, an organization, or a community—without expecting payment. Our cause within the Motorcade Club is clear: to serve our members and make our Club the very best it can be.

While there are many members who give tirelessly of their time, one nomination stood out this year. The letter of recommendation read as follows:

*Hi Sue,
I would like to nominate John Smaha for Member of the Year.
If anyone in the Motorcade Club deserves it, it would surely be John.
Since I have known him, he has done so much for the club, starting
with volunteering to be the President pro-tem and rescuing the 4 Corners
Chapter from certain death, to being instrumental in creating some of the
best Rallies I have ever attended. He has really been committed to the
Motorcade Club and is for sure at minimum the Member of the Year.
Thank you for accepting his nomination on my behalf.
Best Regards,
Rocky Cornelius
Treasurer of 4 Corners and soon to be
Treasurer of California Chapter*

In our deliberations, the committee also reflected on **John Smaha's** extensive contributions beyond his leadership in both the Four Corners and California Chapters. He has organized outstanding rallies—recently and going back as far as 2018, including the memorable Valentine's Day Rally in Las Vegas. He has also devoted many hours assisting the Northwest Chapter and played a key role in developing our Club's Liability Waiver Form.

The Motorcade Club is truly grateful for John's dedication, leadership, and unwavering volunteer spirit. And now, in addition to being named **Member of the Year 2025**, we are proud to congratulate **John Smaha** on his election to the Executive Board.

Congratulations **JOHN SMAHA - MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2025**





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Welcomes...

#19325	Chris Albritton Laurel, MS 39443	#19352	Chad Hagar Buna, TX 77612		Benton, LA 71006
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You are living proof that real commitment still matters—that partnership is powerful—and that love, when tended with intention, only grows richer with time.

Your journey inspires all of us. It reminds us that the best things in life aren't instant; they're built slowly and steadily, one choice, one day, one moment at a time.

So here's to you: for leading by example, for showing us what loyalty truly looks like, and for proving that love doesn't just endure... it deepens.

May the years ahead be filled with the same courage, humor, and devotion that have carried you this far, and may your story continue to shine with even greater beauty.

In Memoriam



Mary Louise Miller passed away peacefully on September 27, 2025, at the age of 78 in the presence of family and close friends. She was the widow of Dr. Dane Miller, founder of Biomet who preceded her in death. And like many startup companies, as a spouse she worked alongside her husband during the early years as described in his book, *Maverick CEO*. Dane was a principal investor in the acquisition of Foretravel in 2005 and major supporter of the Company until his death in 2015. Mary Louise replaced Dane as a Director of Foretravel and remained in that position until her death at the age of 78.

Mary Louise and her daughter Stephany owned a NASCAR race team that carried the Foretravel name from 2005 until 2013. Mary Louise and Dane were well known as generous philanthropists in Northern Indiana and especially in their home community of Winona Lake, IN. They were especially engaged with Grace College and the Village of Winona Lake redevelopment projects, even though much of their work was done quietly.

While preceded in death by her daughter Stephany Mullen she is survived by another daughter Kimberly VanSessen, four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mary Louise enjoyed hosting special events, cooking, being with family and helping to make things better wherever she saw a need. When Dane said he wanted a larger boat she said OK, but I want a bigger plane so we can take more family members with us when we travel. She will be missed by the many lives she has touched in countless ways, but their good works will continue through the Dr. Dane and Mary Louise Miller Foundation.

Lyle D. Reed
Friend and Business Partner



Arlie MacKenzie

#2335

Lifetime Member

9/2/2024

Arlie M. MacKenzie, 94, of Keene, NH, passed away on September 2, 2024. Born in Hanover, NH, she graduated from Keene High School in 1948 and married Warren MacKenzie in 1949. Together they raised three children and worked in the family business, MacKenzie's Dairy.

Arlie later helped develop the Tanglewood Mobile Home Park and spent 1981–1994 traveling across North America and beyond while working for Foretravel, Inc. She visited every U.S. state and Canadian province, as well as parts of Central America, Europe, and China. A devoted mother and grandmother, Arlie loved family gatherings, cooking, and collecting recipes. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, and extended family, and was predeceased by her husband Warren and son Lee.



Bob Williams

#15859

October 2025

Robert "Bob" Williams, beloved husband, treasured friend, and adventurous spirit, passed away recently, leaving behind countless memories, miles of shared journeys, and a community of friends who will forever feel his absence.

Bob was best known for his warm smile, good humor, generous heart, and an enthusiasm for life that never dimmed. Alongside his wife, Jeanelle, he embraced every road before him, especially those traveled with their Foretravel Motorcade family. And by his own admission, he was Jeanelle's personal driver. For many of us, the Foretravel Motorcade Club has always been more than a collection of travelers. It has been a family. Losing a member of that family is never easy.



Joan James

#10590

9/8/2025

Tulsa, OK

Joan James, 92, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away September 8, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Born June 12, 1932, to Ira and Myrtle Goodwin, she grew up in several states before returning to Tulsa, where she graduated from Will Rogers High School in 1950. That same year, she married her high school sweetheart, Ernest James, and they shared 65 wonderful years together.

Joan and Ernest enjoyed a life filled with adventure—skiing, square dancing, racing, and later traveling extensively as tour directors for Foretravel Motorhome. She was a member of Eastern Star and Immanuel Baptist Church.

Joan is survived by her three children, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many beloved relatives. She passed on what would have been her and Ernest's 74th anniversary, a fitting reunion for their lifelong love story.



Ron Carr

#18754

November 2025

Ronald Edwin Carr, 68, passed away at sunrise on November 22, 2025, in Sarasota, Florida, surrounded by his loving wife, Kimberley, and their treasured French Bulldogs. Born March 7, 1957, in Abington, Pennsylvania, Ron built a respected career as an electrician and was known for his humor, warmth, and ability to fix anything, except, as he joked, "a broken heart." With his passing, many hearts are indeed broken.

He is survived by his wife Kimberley; siblings Ken, Steve, and Joanne; children Christina, Jennifer, Shawn, Rory, and Eska; and grandchildren who knew him as PopPop or Gramps. A generous, courageous man. His legacy of love and service lives on in every life he touched.

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

1. Which country is credited with starting the tradition of decorating Christmas trees?
2. In which city is the world-famous Christmas market, Christkindlesmarkt, held every year?
3. In Australia, Christmas falls during which season?
4. Which country is famous for the “Yule Lads,” mischievous creatures who leave gifts for children during the 13 days leading up to Christmas?
5. Where would you find a tradition of a giant lantern festival called “Ligligan Parul” during Christmas?
6. In which country do people celebrate Christmas by roller-skating to church on Christmas Eve?
7. The world’s tallest living Christmas tree is usually displayed in which American city?
8. In Japan, a popular modern Christmas tradition is eating what food on Christmas Eve?
9. Which European capital city is famous for its “Ice Village” at Christmas, featuring ice hotels and ice bars?
10. In Mexico, children celebrate Christmas with a traditional party called a “Posada,” which reenacts what?



EVENTS CALENDAR

2026

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

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MAY

JUNE

10 - July 29
North to Alaska
Motorcade



JULY

AUGUST

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Made in the USA
Ohio Motorcade



SEPTEMBER

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South Central Chapter
Fall Rally
Nashville, TN

22 - 25
GrandVention
Tennessee

26 - October 3
Tennessee Special



OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

2027

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

20 - 22
Foretravel 60th

MAY

JUNE

29 - July 18
New York
Motorcade

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

8 - October 1
On the Road in
Pennsylvania

OCTOBER

19 - 22
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Missouri

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

KEY

-  Chapter Rallies
-  Motorcade Club Events

*The dates reflect
the nights of parking
for events*

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RESERVATION POLICIES

A \$500.00 per event deposit is required at time of making a reservation. A second payment may be required on any event and is due within 30 days of billing. Payment of the full event fee is due and payable and must be received in Nacogdoches 150 days prior to the activity or by notified due date.

The additional payments are necessary to insure your reservation place. No reservation is firm until the payment(s) are received by the Club office. Reservations may be made by mail or telephone by using your MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover credit card. A credit card convenience fee at the bank assessment rate will be added for those wishing to use this method.

A credit card convenience at the bank assessment rate will be added for those wishing to use this method. Current rate is 3%

STANDBY LIST

Space is limited on many events. All reservations are recorded in the order initial deposits are received. If received on the same day, they are handled in a lottery style manner. When a cancellation occurs, the first on the standby list is notified to fill the opening. Do not hesitate to sign up when discovering there is a standby list for an event. Very seldom have we had any standbys remaining at the start of an event.

GUESTS

Arrangements and/or registration for all guests should be made upon registration or no later than 150 days prior to the start of any event.

SCOUTING AN EVENT

This occurs approximately one year prior to running the event. Pricing and finalizing with confirmation of all tours and attractions for each event take approximately four to six months after scouting is completed. Dates are tentative. Pricing and confirmed dates will be published in the Motorcader magazine.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

If reservations are cancelled 150 days before the event, your deposits will be refunded less any unrecoverable monies retained by vendors from deposits made on member's behalf. If cancellation falls within 150 days prior to the beginning of the activity, all deposits are non-refundable unless replaced by another member on the standby list. No shows will result in no refunds. Full Payments on events are due 150 days before the event begins or as requested on invoice. Failure to make timely payments will result in you losing your place in the sign-up rotation and/or your cancellation of said event. All events are subject to cancellation if sufficient sign-ups are not obtained. Fees will be fully refundable should it be necessary to cancel the event. Travel protection insurance – It is recommended that members consider purchasing trip cancellation/interruption insurance separately at the level the member desires to protect their investment in the event of loss of non-refundable trip payments. This is the member's responsibility if they desire to obtain insurance.

All Motorcading Guidelines and Policies are written in full and found in the back of the Foretravel Motorcade Club Membership Directory.

YOU MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER IF YOU WISH TO SIGN UP FOR EVENTS

EVENT	NUMBER IN PARTY	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
TOTAL ENCLOSED		

I and those attending with me understand that neither Foretravel, Inc., the Foretravel Motorcade Club, or its staff, any parking area owner or suppliers of services assume any responsibility directly or indirectly for the use or operation of any car or motorhome going to or from any of the activities that we attend; or for any losses involving personal belongings, the car or motorhome, due to any causes whatsoever, or for injuries within or without the activity; or damages to property of any kind.

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Are you bringing a guest: ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, Name of guest _____

If you want information regarding your sign-ups sent to a different address than used to mail this Motorcader, please note on a separate piece of paper.

Cooking

THE FORETRAVEL WAY

A hearty, soul-warming stew inspired by the rustic flavors of the redwoods, Big John's Sawmill Beef Stew is a true celebration of quality ingredients and traditional cooking.

BIG JOHN'S SAWMILL BEEF STEW

Here is the beef stew recipe downsized for general use. . The recipe is a fairly beefy version and is pretty much what I did in the redwoods. To make this I like using a dutch oven like le Creuset but you can use a stainless steel pot too. Just don't use nonstick. You'll need a medium sized one stainless steel pot. There is a lot here. One reason the things I make usually taste good is that I don't skimp on using quality ingredients. I might pay \$8.99 a pound for quality beef chuck roast and not the \$3.99 a pound version . I think it makes a difference so try to use really good source ingredients. Especially the beef. Recipe will easily feed 8 to 10 people. Freezes well too for leftovers.

Ingredients

- 5 pounds of quality beef chuck roast, well trimmed and cut into bite size pieces which are a little on the large bite side.
 - Approximately 1 tablespoon of salt and two tsps of black ground pepper.
 - 5 tablespoons of all purpose flour
 - Three tablespoons of beef Tallow
 - 2 medium onions diced , should yield three to four cups of diced onion.
 - 3 cloves garlic minced
 - One small can quality tomato paste.
 - Two quarts good quality packaged beef broth
 - 2 tablespoons of Worcestershire sauce
 - 4 bay leaves
 - One and one half tablespoons of herbs de Provence dried herbs
 - 2 tsps of smoked paprika 5 medium carrots. Peeled and cut in nice bit sized rounds
 - 5 celery stalks cut in nice size bits.
 - 2 pounds of fingerling potatoes. Maybe cut in half each if they are more than bite sized.
 - 2 cups of frozen peas(added at the end)
1. Trim and cube the beef. Mix in with the salt pepper and dust each with the flour. Brown well in the beef Tallow on all sides over high heat. You want bits to brown in the pan for the fond. Remove the beef . You will need to brown it in batches so it browns and does not just boil.
 2. Add the onions in the pot and turn down the heat to medium . cook until they are starting to brown. But not caramelized. Add the garlic for the final two minutes.
 3. Deglaze the pan by adding a cup of the beef broth. Scrape the bottom well to get all of the bits to dissolve and add great flavor to the dish. The more bits on the bottom of the pan the better.
 4. Add the remaining liquid, tomato paste and other spices. Return the beef to the pot. Bring to a simmer and cook about 1.75 hours covered.
 5. Add the carrots and celery and cook for about twenty minutes at a simmer covered
 6. Add the potatoes and cook all for about 45 minutes at a simmer covered. But check the potatoes . when they are done don't over cook them. Check the meat too it should be almost falling apart but not. Remember to start with slightly larger cubes of beef. They shrink in the cooking process. Add the frozen peas. Stir them in.
 7. Uncover and achieve the desired thickness of the base. If need be make two tablespoons of flour into a slurry with cold water mix well and add it slowly while stirring such that it does not lump. Bring to a soft boil and cook at least five minutes or add none if your happy with how it was to start. I usually need to add some from my experience to get where I want it to be. Adjust the salt level at this point if it needs it. I usually add some more salt and pepper at this point depending on how I like the final product. Serve with crusty bread. Yum.

John Smaha

California Chapter President





**Ben & Linda
CHISM**

NORTH TO *Alaska* MOTORCADE

SEVERAL MEALS
INCLUDED

PARKING W/
HOOKUPS
SERVICE REP: Yes

PRICE:
2 in MH - \$15,980
1 in MH - \$13,272
Guest - \$9,613

Join us on an unforgettable expedition to explore Canada and Alaska's hidden treasure and iconic attractions! Beginning in Dawson Creek, we'll traverse the country's vast, breathtaking landscapes, unwind in natural hot springs, seize unforgettable photo opportunities, contribute to the sign forest, and follow the gold rush trail.

While halibut fishing on Homer Spit can be challenging due to unpredictable weather, the thrill of reeling in and savoring a fresh catch is unbeatable. Salmon fishing, accompanied by the mesmerizing presence of grizzly bears, is an exhilarating experience. Homer and Kenai offer a wealth of experiences that will make it difficult to bid farewell. The experience of landing on a glacier by helicopter is akin to setting foot on the

moon- utterly breathtaking!

Each destination from Anchorage and Fairbanks to Seward and Valdez offer countless opportunities for exploration. The rich wildlife, stunning natural beauty, vibrant flora, and distinct cultural heritage make this journey an unforgettable adventure.

Join us on an epic adventure and get ready to create lifelong memories, with new and old friends, as we hit the open road in our motorhomes!

\$500 Deposit
Sign up early to secure your spot





**Bruce & Pat
OLSON**

Ohio Motorcade

Arrival Date: 8/25/26 Departure Date: 9/19/26

**SEVERAL MEALS
INCLUDED
PLANNED MILES TO
TRAVEL: 550**

**PARKING W/
HOOKUPS
SERVICE REP.: Yes**

**PRICE:
Scouting in Progress
estimated to be \$6,500**

Get ready to roll through one of America's most diverse and fascinating states—Ohio! From the sparkling shores of Lake Erie to the winding beauty of the Ohio River, this motorcade adventure promises a little something for everyone.

Ohio is a land of contrasts: picturesque farmlands, quaint historic towns, and bustling industrial cities. Did you know Ohio is the birthplace of eight U.S. Presidents—more than any other state? With a rich legacy and a vibrant present, it's no wonder the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ranked it as one of the most livable environments in the nation in 2020.

Fall is the perfect time to explore. The leaves begin their colorful transformation, horse-drawn buggies clip-clop down rural roads, and every stop along the way offers something new. Whether you're craving nostalgia, history, or hands-on experiences, Oh, Oh, Ohio! has it all. Here are just a few highlights you can expect:

- Rock & Roll Hall of Fame – Feel the beat of the '50s and '60s as you dive into the roots of rock music.

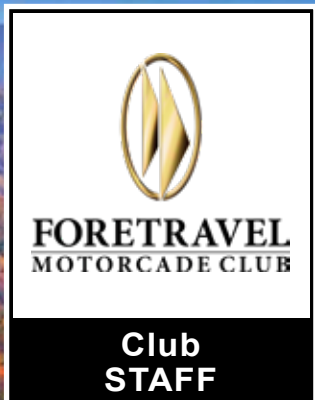
- Wilson Football Factory Tour – See where the official NFL game balls are made and maybe even grab one to take home!
- Fly like a Wright Brother – Take a ride in a biplane and experience the thrill of early aviation.
- Authentic Amish Dining – Savor the flavors of a home-cooked Amish meal in the heart of Ohio's countryside.
- Factory Tours & Museums – From historic industry to underground railroads, you'll explore it all.
- Lake Erie Shoreline Stops – Discover scenic views, charming towns, and lakeside fun.
- National Museum of the U.S. Air Force – A can't-miss stop packed with awe-inspiring aircraft and military history.

These are just a few of the Oh, Oh, Ohio! happenings you'll experience on this unforgettable motorcade.

Space is limited, so don't miss your chance to be part of this fantastic adventure.

A \$500 deposit secures your spot—sign up early to guarantee your place on the road!





Tennessee GRANDVention

Arrival Date: 9/22/26 Departure Date: 9/26/26

PARKING W/ HOOKUPS
MEALS: 8
PROGRAM
SERVICE REP.: Yes

PRICE:
\$675

Welcome to GrandVenture in the Rockies! At The Ridge Outdoor Resort in Sevierville, Tennessee.

This year, even though we're gathering in the heart of Tennessee's beautiful Smoky Mountains, GrandVenture 2026 is infused with the adventurous, wide-open-sky spirit of the Rocky Mountain experience—towering peaks, crisp mornings, glowing sunsets, and a sense of limitless possibility.

At The Ridge Outdoor Resort, you'll enjoy modern luxury, stunning mountain views, and the perfect blend of serenity and excitement. Whether you're reconnecting with friends, attending inspiring sessions, or simply taking in the scenery, this will be an unforgettable, elevated journey from start to finish.

The mountains are calling! - Who could forget the unforgettable Tennessee GrandVentures we shared at River Plantation RV Resort? The friendships, the laughter, the food, the music—and yes, those legendary seminars that helped us master our coaches.

Now it's time to do it all again
and so is your Foretravel Motorcade Club family!

What's in Store at GrandVenture 2026?

- Premium Training & Technical Seminars
- First-Class Entertainment & Live Music
- Delicious Group Dining
- Fun Social Events & Special Surprises
- Unmatched Foretravel Community Spirit

Important Planning Information

Site availability is limited, especially for early arrivals. Early arrival sites and the Tennessee Special After-Event sites will be strictly controlled to ensure availability and smooth planning.

To make sure no one has to relocate mid-stay, we've partnered with a dedicated coordinator at The Ridge Outdoor Resort, working exclusively with our Foretravel group.

Plan early. Reserve your spot. Get ready to roll!

Save the Dates

Arrive September 22 – Depart September 26, 2026

Local Attractions & Nearby Towns

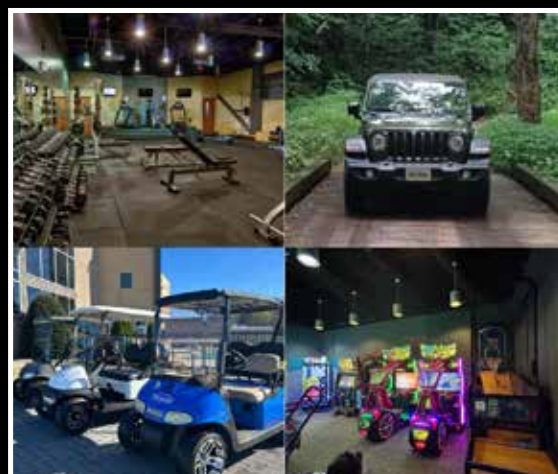
- Pigeon Forge – 10–15 minutes • Gatlinburg – 25–30 minutes
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Sugarland's Entrance) 30–35 minutes • Dolly Parton's Dollywood – 15–20 minutes • Douglas Lake – 20–25 minutes

Tennessee is waiting.

Your Foretravel family is ready.

Are YOU coming with us?

A \$200 Deposit will put you on the registration list.





**Butch & Gayla
ROBERSON**

Tennessee *Special*

Arrival Date: 9/26/26 Departure Date: 10/3/26

**INCLUDED
MEALS
PROGRAM**

**PARKING W/
HOOKUPS
SERVICE REP.: Yes**

**PRICE:
Scouting in Progress
estimated to be \$2,800**

Stick around a while... you're not done yet!
There's no sense visiting the Smokies if you're not planning to stay a spell - and that's exactly what we're inviting you to do!

When the GrandVention wraps up, the adventure keeps right on rolling with The Tennessee Special: eight extra days of unforgettable experiences, jaw-dropping mountain scenery, and good old-fashioned East Tennessee fun.

We'll soak in the beauty of the Smoky Mountains, enjoy first-rate local entertainment, and dive into tours you won't find anywhere else. One moment you might be standing inside a giant can of Bush's Baked Beans... the next, taking in a lively dinner show... and after that, sampling some of Tennessee's best moonshine. That's just how we do it, off the beaten path and straight into the stories, sights, and flavors that make this corner of the country truly unique.

You'll experience Dolly Parton's Stampede, Ober Mountain, and even enjoy some free time to explore whatever catches your eye.

This here trip? Sure 'nuff gonna be a goodun!

The entertainment? Knee-slappin'.

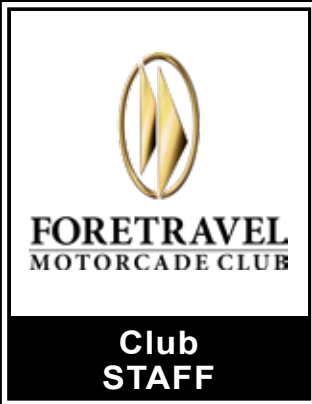
The vittles? Lip-smackin' good.

The memories? Unforgettable.

And of course, there's that famous East Tennessee hospitality. Don't be surprised if you head home with a little twang—and a whole lot of stories.

**A \$500 deposit will put your name on
the registration list.**





FORETRAVEL 60

Arrival Date: 4/20/27 Departure Date: 4/23/27

Join Us for an Unforgettable Milestone — Foretravel's 60th Anniversary Celebration!

2027 marks a moment unlike any other in Foretravel's history 60 years of craftsmanship, innovation, and the incredible community that has brought the Motorcade Family to life.

This anniversary isn't just a date on the calendar; it's a tribute to every mile traveled, every friendship formed, and every adventure shared by owners who know that a Foretravel is far more than a motorcoach - it's a way of life.

To honor this extraordinary milestone, we're hosting a once-in-a-lifetime celebration, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

What to Expect:

Prepare for a three-day celebration filled with excitement, connection, and behind-the-scenes access you won't find anywhere else. The celebration will feature:

Exclusive Foretravel factory experiences with special presentations and tours

Motorcade-only gatherings and socials

Entertainment, surprises, and commemorative moments

Opportunities to connect with fellow owners and the Foretravel team

This is more than an event — it's a celebration of you: the community that has supported Foretravel through six decades of excellence. Whether you've been part of the Motorcade Family for years or you're new to the adventure, this gathering promises unforgettable memories and a chance to celebrate everything that makes Foretravel remarkable.

Space will be limited, and early response is encouraged so we can plan an anniversary worthy of the legacy we share.

Come celebrate 60 years of passion, precision, and the people who make Foretravel truly legendary. We can't wait to welcome you!

A \$200 deposit holds your spot



NEW YORK

MOTORCADE

Arrival Date: 6/29/27, Departure Date: 7/19/27

An Unforgettable Motorcade across New York offers travelers a rare opportunity to experience the state's remarkable blend of natural beauty, historic depth, and cultural character—all within a single, unforgettable journey.

The Finger Lakes region showcases rolling vineyards and long, glistening lakes carved by ancient glaciers. Its quiet rural charm and expansive panoramas create an atmosphere that feels distinctly and beautifully New York.

Corning brings a different kind of energy, celebrated worldwide for its innovation in glassmaking. The city's museums and creative workshops highlight a rich intersection of art, science, and industry, reflecting the ingenuity that has shaped modern materials technology.

Niagara Falls offers a powerful natural spectacle, with thunderous cascades and mist rising into the air. The sheer force and scale of the Falls leave a lasting impression on all who witness them.

Lake Placid, nestled in the Adirondack Mountains, offers tranquil wilderness and a legacy of Olympic history. Its calm waters and crisp mountain air provide a peaceful setting surrounded by rugged natural beauty.

Ground Zero in New York City adds a solemn and reflective dimension to the journey. The memorial's quiet pools and the surrounding skyline honor the lives forever changed on September 11 and symbolize both remembrance and resilience.

Together, these are just some of the planned destinations that form a dynamic portrait of New York. One that celebrates diverse landscapes, honors significant history, and highlights the enduring spirit that defines the state.

A \$500 deposit holds your spot



On the Road in Pennsylvania

Arrival Date: 9/8/27 Departure Date: 10/2/27

Hit the Road: Pennsylvania Motorcade Adventure

Get ready for the ultimate Pennsylvania experience! This motorcade tour takes you on a journey through history, culture, and scenic beauty, one unforgettable mile at a time.

Step into the nation's past at Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, then savor the sweet taste of tradition in Lancaster Amish Country, where shoofly pies and rolling farmlands await. History and trains come alive at the Railroad Museum, and chocolate lovers will delight in a stop at Hershey, the town that makes every visit a treat.

Cruise along Route 6 through charming heritage towns, and step back in time in Jim Thorpe, a Victorian gem where scenic train rides and historic streets capture Pennsylvania's timeless charm. Marvel at covered bridges, explore cozy wineries, and enjoy small-town gems like Crick, PA. each stop adding flavor, scenery, and stories to your journey.

Witness architectural brilliance at Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic masterpiece, where nature and design meet in perfect harmony. And no tour of Pennsylvania is complete without a visit to Gettysburg, where history echoes through every battlefield and monument.

This isn't just a drive; it's a full Pennsylvania experience. Taste local treats, explore hidden gems, ride scenic trains, and cross picturesque bridges, all from the comfort and excitement of a curated motorcade.

Reserve your seat and discover Pennsylvania like never before, through history, flavor, and adventure, all in one unforgettable journey.

A \$500 deposit holds your spot





FORETRAVEL
MOTORCADE CLUB

**Club
STAFF**

Missouri **GRANDVention**

Arrival Date: 10/19/27 Departure Date: 10/23/27

We're Going Back to Missouri!

In Sedalia, MO

This year, we're heading to a place full of history, hospitality, and heart—the very same grounds that host the Missouri State Fair! Sedalia sits right in the center of the state, making it an easy hub for travelers coming from Kansas City, St. Louis, and beyond. From big-box favorites on the west side of town to the charming boutiques of the historic downtown, Sedalia offers something for everyone.

As always, you can expect the signature GrandVention experience, including:

- **Premium Training & Technical Seminars**
- **First-Class Entertainment & Live Music**
- **Delicious Group Dining**
- **Social Events & Special Surprises**
- **Unmatched Community Spirit**

Save the dates: October 19–23

Arrive on October 19th • Depart on October 23rd
And trust us—the **After Party** will be worth every minute!

Sedalia's historic downtown district is a destination itself, featuring beautifully preserved late-19th and early-20th-century architecture, including the iconic Hotel Bothwell. Today the area is filled with boutiques, antique shops, restaurants, public art, live music venues, and community events.

You'll also find some of Sedalia's most notable attractions close at hand:

- **Katy Depot**
- **Missouri State Fairgrounds**
- **Historic Downtown District**
- **Bothwell Lodge State Historic Site**, an Arts-and-Crafts–style masterpiece
- Access to the Katy Trail, a 237-mile scenic route perfect for hiking and cycling
- Plus, plenty of beautiful local parks

Pack your bags, gather your team, and get ready—Sedalia GrandVention is going to be unforgettable.

A \$200 deposit holds your spot



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RV CHASSIS

2026 • SPRING CHAPTER RALLY

Mid South

Arrival Date: 4/7/26 Departure Date: 4/11/26

STONEWALL, TX • PEACH COUNTRY RV PARK



Join us for springtime in the Texas Hill Country where German immigrants settled leading to a fusion of influences on food, beer, architecture, and music.

What To Expect - Endless scenery that ranges from underground caverns and bat caves to world class vineyards and olive groves. Also well known for its Blue Bonnet Trail, Fredericksburg is a hub of German culture and home to the Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War. We'll have group tours, free time to explore on your own and visit with friends, great food, social hours, tech talks, and more.

Nearby Attractions - Hill Country Scenic Trail and Wineries, Luckenbach, The Elephant Preserve, LBJ Ranch, Enchanted Rock State Park, Natural Bridge Caverns, Lonestar Motorcycle Museum.

Peach Country RV Park

14781 E. US Hwy 290

Stonewall, TX 78671

830.644.2233 • <http://peachcountryrv.com>

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Foretravel motorcade Mid-South Chapter
Linda Foshee
P.O. Box 793
Garrison, Texas 75946

RALLY FEES:

2 in MH \$400.00
1 in MH \$200.00
Guest \$200.00

Registration Deadline: March 7, 2026



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2026 • SPRING CHAPTER RALLY

South Central

Arrival Date: 4/08/26 Departure Date: 4/11/26

Maggie Valley, NC • STONEBRIDGE RV RESORT

Experience Biltmore Estate (<https://www.biltmore.com/>) in its spring time brilliance. We will have a special lunch experience at the Stable Cafe. Reservations at Stonebridge RV resort (<https://www.stonebridgecampgrounds.com/>) need to be made as soon as possible as they would not block sites for us. For special pricing please call their office - online reservations won't show our rate. Please try to reserve sites D1-E12, F4-F18, G9-G27 or H3-H29. The sites on the creek at the back of the park are very narrow. If you like this region you might consider extending your stay as the weekly rate is quite attractive. The rally will start Wednesday with dinner at the Pavilion or dining hall depending on the weather. Thursday will be an exciting day starting with a breakfast bag to go as we commute to Biltmore Estate for a group tour and lunch at the Stable Cafe. The afternoon is free so we encourage you to check out the Biltmore website and book additional activities that might be of interest to you. Dinner (BBQ) will be catered in the dining hall at Stonebridge RV Resort. Friday will be ushered in with a Biscuit Breakfast and then a day on your own exploring Asheville. There is a great trolley tour (<https://graylineasheville.com/>), Wheels through Time Museum (<https://wheelsthroughtime.com/>), Chimney Rock State Park (<https://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/chimney-rock-state-park>) Dinner will be catered Friday night at the Stonebridge RV Resort Dining Hall (Italian Cuisine). Friday night will be game night - BINGO - everyone is asked to bring a candy bar, Saturday will be departure day but not before a light grab and go breakfast is made available. 25 coach limit - please make plans to have a great time with us in the Eastern North Carolina Mountains! Deadline for reservations March 1, 2026

Stonebridge RV Resort
1786 Soco Road, Hwy 19
Maggie Valley, NC 28751, United States
<https://www.stonebridgecampgrounds.com/>
(828) 926-1904

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

South Central Chapter
John Schock, 1012 Glenbrook Way
#1156, Hendersonville, TN 37075,
United States

RALLY FEES:

2 in MH \$440.00
1 in MH \$220.00
Guest \$220.00

Registration Deadline: March 1, 2026



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2026 • SPRING CHAPTER RALLY

Central Plains

LATE APRIL

Lake of the Ozarks, MO



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DAVID & KAT CARPENTER

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Join us at Lake of the Ozarks in the Spring time! This is a deepwater lake that was built in the early 1930's.

It's unique in that it has over 1000 miles of shoreline and no speed or size limits for boats on the lake. We'll enjoy the lake, visit the ruins at Ha Ha Tonka State Park. Perhaps we'll take a dinner cruise on the lake.

Maybe we'll check out some of the local caves! If time permits, we'll drive to Jefferson City and tour the capital & the abandoned Penitentiary! The lake is a major tourist destination, so there is always something to do. Although this rally is still under construction ...
we're going to have a blast!



CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

TBD

RALLY FEES:

TBD

Registration Deadline: TBD



FORETRAVEL MOTORCADE CLUB

Member BUSINESS CARDS

Foretravel Motorcade Club Member's business cards are available to all Motorcade Club Members. All cards are printed in full color on glossing card stock with UV coating. The price includes cards, printing, shipping & handling charges & sales tax.

\$45.00 for 250 and \$65.00 for 500

*Prices start at
\$35.00 for 250 and \$55.00 for 500*



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CENTRAL PLAINS

We held our fall rally in Ponca City, OK hosted by Clint and Brenda Volz. We had 3 coaches. Ponca city has an interesting history as an oil town. The group toured the Marland Mansion, Conoco Museum and the 101 Ranch/Marland Grand house. The group attended a local play, Beetlejuice, put on by the Evans Childrens Academy of Performing Arts. We wrapped it up with a terrific meal at TS Forks in neighboring Tonkawa OK where the chef served sea bass and explained every course.

Attendees:

- Brenda & Clint Volz • David & Kat Carpenter
- Ben & Linda Chism • Jack & Eilene Crick Debra Carey

Old business: We discussed the spring rally in Humboldt, KS. It was well attended with 8 coaches. Humboldt was a very interesting small town. The group visited several businesses, local museums and a local furniture maker that specialized in using the same historical machines to make period furniture.

The chapter finances were reviewed and discussed. Chapter is solvent. Our expenses essentially balance with no expenses outside of the rallies, which are self funded.

New Business: Kat Carpenter was elected President, replacing Donna Crick. Vice President role remains open.
Linda Chism was nominated Treasurer, replacing Brenda Volz
David Carpenter remains Secretary

Thanks go to Brenda and Donna for serving!

The spring rally will be held at Lake of the Ozarks, MO. David & Kat Carpenter will be wagonmasters The fall 2026 rally needs a wagonmaster. Dates will be determined soon.

David will send out a request for Central Plains Members to get more active - serve as an officer or host a rally.

Upcoming Motorcades & Grandventions:

Oklahoma Grandvention starts in Shawnee, OK on October 14th. There is a rally immediately afterwards for those interested in exploring Oklahoma. In 2026, there will be an Ohio Motorcade and an Alaska Motorcade. The Grandvention will be in Sevierville, TN. In 2027, the Grandvention will be in Sedalia, MO.

We wrapped up the meeting with a drawing for gift certificates. Small rallies really increase your odds of getting a gift certificate!

Awards:

- \$100-Deb Carey
- \$75-Ben & Linda Chism • \$50-Clint & Brenda Vol
- \$75-Jack & Eilene Chism • \$50-Dave & Kat Carpenter

Safe Travels & see you down the road ...

Dave Carpenter
Central Plains Secretary

FOUR CORNERS

It has been a successful year for the Four Corners Chapter. Membership has grown from 61 to 66. As of 12/15/2024, our starting balance was \$5,955.44, with gross receipts of \$57,411.00 and gross expenses of \$43,993.06, largely due to rally fees and expenses for the Redwoods Rally. As of 8/18/2025, the account balance is \$28,003.92. After the outstanding reimbursement check of \$8,630.54 to the California Chapter clears, our balance will be \$19,373.38. With estimated expenses of \$9,000.00 for the upcoming Tombstone Rally, the chapter will still retain more than \$10,000.00, keeping us financially sound.

This year has been a learning experience for me as President. I am grateful for the guidance I've received from John Smaha and many members of the Mid-South Chapter.

At the Palm Desert Rally, the Four Corners Chapter was well represented, and officers were elected to serve through December 31, 2026. The new officers are: Dawn Hudson, President; Virginia Grebbien, Secretary; and Rocky Cornelius, Treasurer. We hope to hold at least two joint rallies next year with our western-chapter coalition, though no rallies are yet scheduled for 2026. We are encouraging members to consider becoming wagon-masters or joining a team. While it can seem intimidating, there is always plenty of support available, and it is a rewarding experience.

In May, we participated in the Joint California-Four Corners-Northwest Redwoods Rally, led by John Smaha. Twenty-five coaches attended from across the country. From camping in the Redwoods at Myers Flat, CA, to beachfront sites in Brookings, OR, it was an unforgettable rally—John truly outdid himself.

As I write this, my husband Keith and I are preparing for the Tombstone Rally with co-wagon-masters Rocky and Lee Cornelius. This is our first time organizing a rally. We have 13 coaches registered, with one cancellation to date, leaving 12 coaches attending. We look forward to welcoming everyone and showing them the Tombstone and Bisbee areas. This is the first rally in several years hosted solely by the Four Corners Chapter. While we often and happily partner with the California Chapter, hosting our own rally is an exciting step forward and helps keep the Western U.S. chapters active and thriving.

Safe travels—and we hope to see you at a rally soon!

Dawn Hudson

President, Four Corners Chapter

MID SOUTH

GREAT LAKES

The Great Lakes Chapter had strong attendance at the Foretravel Grandvention in Kansas, where members enjoyed informative seminars, fun ladies' events, and a chapter dinner at the Steakhouse. It was a great Grandvention, and we thank all who made it possible.

Our Spring Rally, held June 16–20, 2024, in Tipton, Indiana, was hosted by Larry and Karen Pontius along with Dale and Mary Ann Workman. We were pleased to have International President Jerry Moon and his wife Nancy join us. Staying at the Tipton County Fairgrounds, members enjoyed local amenities and tours. At Beck's Seed Operations, we learned about the growth of this family-owned business into an international company. We also toured the historic Kokomo Opalescent Glass Factory, founded in 1888, where we watched glassmaking from liquid to solid. The factory is the sole provider of art glass for Disney and one of three suppliers for Louis Comfort Tiffany.

Members enjoyed meals, campfires, and games together. President Tim McCoy called the Spring Business Meeting to order, and we welcomed Dan and Naomi Stutzman from the North Atlantic Chapter. Jerry Moon provided updates, and Vice President John Douglas shared membership renewal information. Door prizes and gift certificates were drawn and distributed. At the request of the Foretravel Board, chapter leaders have been contacting North Atlantic Chapter members, who have responded positively about continuing. Our club plans to host a fall rally in Pennsylvania, inviting North Atlantic Members to join us.

The Fall Rally, held September 23–27, 2024, in Frankenmuth, Michigan, was co-hosted by Lynda Campbell and Shirley McCoy with support from club members. Activities included a boat tour, visits to downtown shops, Zehnder's famous chicken dinners, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, and tours of Dow Gardens and the historic Dow family home, The Pines. The Fall Business Meeting was led by Treasurer Russ Winck in President Tim McCoy's absence. Afterward, door prizes and Foretravel gift certificates were awarded, and Lynda distributed wooden trays handmade by her late husband, Tom.

Looking ahead, Spring Rally Masters Alan and Barbara Salm with Jim and Genise Higgenbotham invite members to the May 11–15, 2026 rally at Double J Campground in Chatham, Illinois. The Fall Rally will be hosted September 28–October 2, 2026, in Somerset, Pennsylvania.

This year we mourn the loss of beloved member Tom Campbell, whose generosity, friendship, and craftsmanship enriched our chapter. Lynda sends greetings and warm wishes to all. The friendships and shared experiences of Foretravel continue to enrich our lives and create lasting memories.

Tim McCoy, President

The Mid-South Chapter remains strong, active, financially sound, and deeply engaged with our 340+ members. We keep everyone connected through our Facebook page, letters, calls, and emails.

Our officers re-elected for 2026 are Bonnie Cone, President; Butch Roberson, Vice President; Linda Foshee, Treasurer; and Genni Kerbs, Secretary. We also thank Harvey and Audrey Nelson for their outstanding work managing membership and communications, and Doug and Paula Camp for their continued support as past Chapter President.

We extend our condolences to the families of Darrell Jones (#7130), Tom Campbell (#18475), Don Sinclair (#15964), Paul Welker (#15429), and Tom Frailey (#15556).

Our Spring Rally (2025) in Canton, Texas was a great success—congratulations to Doug Camp and Butch Roberson, winners of the Cornhole Masters Trophy. The Murder-Mystery Dinner and Tech Talk sessions were member favorites.

The Fall Rally (2025) in Carthage, Missouri, hosted by Michelle & Tom Long and Genni & John Kerbs, brought together 25 coaches for fun and fellowship.

Next year (2026) is shaping up to be another exciting one for the Mid-South Chapter, with several rallies already in motion - Spring Rally – Stonewall, Texas; Fall Rally – New Orleans, Louisiana; and Friends Rally – February (a relaxed, no-agenda gathering). Please mark your calendars and consider registering early for our Rallies.

We appreciate Becky and Keith Thompson (#19123) for featuring our Motorcade Club membership application on the Power Tools With Thread blog.

Warm congratulations to:

- Doug and Paula Camp – 2026 International President and First Lady
- Paul and Linda Ogle – re-elected CEO of the Motorcade Club
- Audrey Fox and Richard – President-Elect and First Gentleman

A heartfelt thank-you to Jerry and Nanci Moon for their loyal support and faithful attendance at our rallies.

Safe travels to all—may your adventures bring lasting memories. See you down the road!

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Cone, Mid-South Chapter President

SOUTH CENTRAL

Carol and I bought our 98 U320 and joined the Club and SC chapter in 2009. At our first rally in 2010, what I saw was a bunch of old people sitting around in lawn chairs visiting. This is not a bad thing. what They enjoyed each others company and looked forward to the bi-annual rallies. The activities - shows, excursions, museums, tours, etc. were interesting, but the people became more important to me. It felt like the Club and chapter were in good condition. As secretary of the SC I called all new members to welcome them. I started getting a larger percentage of "no responses", from my voice mails, around 2018. A few new members asked that I not contact them.

As the years have gone by, the number of people that are not interested in what the Club has offer seems the to years be increasing. In 2024 the SC chapter made a concerted effort to contact the 42 dues paying members of the Mid-Atlantic chapter. This included multiple phone calls, emails, and 27 snail mails. The results were that no one wanted to be an officer of the chapter. We did discover 5 new the members that joined the SC chapter. The merging of the Mid-Atlantic and the SC chapters is probably best answer for the Club. It is, however, another step of consolidation.

My thoughts on why?

1. A larger percentage of recent Foretravel buyers are younger. They are still working and some still have kids at home. The coaches are for family vacations or business. They are members of the SC chapter, but with working for a living and having kids, they have less free time to attend rallies.

2. The internet is having a negative impact on the social structure of our country. It seems to me that the older you are the more you value the in person, face to face, socializing. The internet is form sterile and is conditioning its users to believing key strokes can be an acceptable and normal way to personal relationships.

3. Inflation is eroding everyone's economic status. The cost of owning and using an RV has increased to the point that people question the purchase of an RV and, if they already own one, question the cost of enjoying it, by traveling, which could cost in the thousands of dollars.

The above macro influences will shrink the RV industry. However, our SC chapter has active, dedicated, members that value the RV experience and the friendships it provides. Our chapter's efforts with the Mid-Atlantic chapter has gained us great, new, members. Our Spring 2026 rally is being hosted by two of them. The fact that 30 coaches, with primary membership in other chapters, have chosen to join our chapter, is quite a complement. A chapter is all about the people in it.

Steve Crook
Secretary of SC Chapter
Written for Tom Johns, President of SC Chapter

CALIFORNIA

2025 has been a strong year for the California Chapter of the Foretravel Motorcade Club. The chapter currently has 73 coaches on its roster and participates in an informal coalition with the Four Corners and Northwest Chapters. Together, the coalition represents 187 coaches, most with two members aboard. Communication within this group is active, with 265 Mailchimp email accounts reaching 324 individual participants. These updates include announcements, rally sign-ups, and information from all three chapters.

Since the last report and leading up to the Grandvention, California has taken part in three rallies. The year began with a fun December rally in Palm Desert, where officers were elected. This was followed by a highly attended and memorable rally among the Redwoods on the Avenue of the Giants, extending to the beachfront in Brookings, Oregon. The chapter will conclude its year by joining the Four Corners Chapter for a September rally in Tombstone, Arizona—a gathering promising rich history and unique activities.

Officers elected in Palm Desert to serve through December 31, 2026, are:

President: John Smaha

Secretary: Virginia Grebbien

Treasurer: Rocky Cornelius

Looking ahead, the chapter hopes to hold at least two joint rallies within the coalition in the coming year and is seeking member ideas and volunteers willing to serve as wagon masters or assist with planning. A few potential rally concepts are already in early scouting stages.

Financially, the California Chapter remains solvent. Beginning August 2024 with a balance of \$17,591.76, the chapter received \$22,000.54 in gross receipts and incurred \$26,762.82 in expenses through August 2025. The current balance is \$12,829.48, reflecting higher costs from last year's December rally, for which revenue had largely been collected before the Grandvention. Both the Redwoods and Palm Desert rallies were well-priced, and after expenses, each produced a small gain. Major costs for the Redwoods rally were handled through the Four Corners Chapter.

Above all, the rallies continue to offer great fun, good fellowship, memorable stories, excellent meals, and shared adventures. While the years ahead will bring new challenges, the hope is that member participation will keep the momentum going. The successes of this past year were made possible by dedicated wagon masters and the enthusiastic involvement of members—support for which John expresses sincere gratitude.

John Smaha,
California Chapter President

FLORIDA

October 16, 2025
Greetings to all attending this year's Grandvention in Shawnee, Oklahoma!

Jeff Lendroth here updating our national Foretravel Officers on the status of the Florida Chapter.

I am the current President of the Florida Motorcade Chapter. This will be my last year of service to the Club, it has been a great honor and privilege. Both Kristen and I had hoped to attend the Grandvention, however due to some recovery issues with shoulder surgery it has made travel this year very limited for us.

I would like to again report that the Florida Chapter is doing very well! We continue to see new members join and increase our numbers. We are impressed by the number of newer coaches we are seeing at our Rally's. Those Realm Presidential and newer IH's are very impressive.

As we pass through 2025 this year, it will be an end of year election of Officers for our Florida Chapter. Matt Wagner will ascend to chapter president, we have vacancies for VP, Treasurer, and Secretary. I am happy to report that we have candidates who have volunteered for all positions and will vote on the positions at our next Rally in Punta Gorda in November.

We are very encouraged to see the amount of interest in our Rally attendance. Our "coach count" at these Rallies have risen to numbers we have not seen in years. Our Rallies have been held at some of the most interesting and iconic locations in Florida.

Our Spring 2025 Rally was in Pensacola, a great location on the Emerald Coast, and home of the Navy's Blue Angels squadron. Our next Rally is coming up soon in Punta Gorda, November 5th through the 8th. Wagon Masters Kyle and Rochelle Roe have put together what will be a fantastic event!

In closing, we are proud of the Club Officers and members that have made great contributions to the success of our group. We also appreciate the close relationship that we've been able to share with our geographic friends of the South Central Motorcade Chapter, where many members of both clubs attend various activities!

I've said this many times, when we all get together.... "The Motorcade Club events are like a family reunion where no one is related" So true, we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

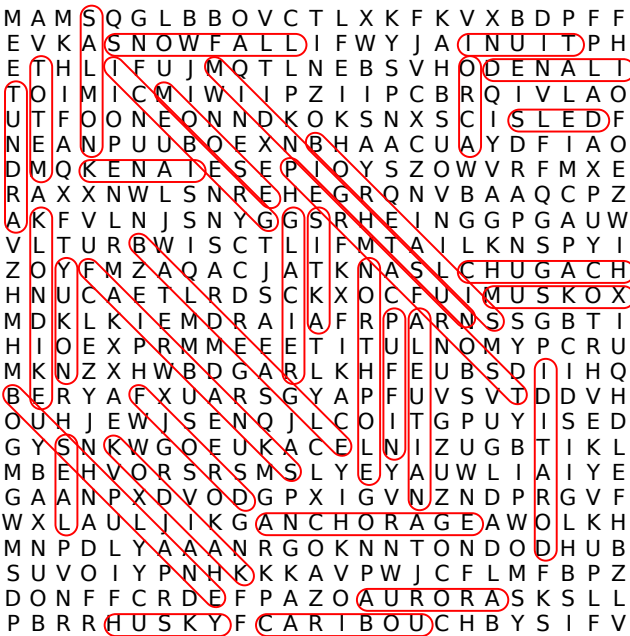
Thank you and safe travels.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Lendroth
2024-2025
President

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John Smaha

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