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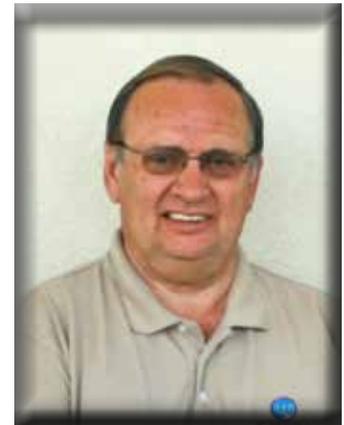
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Roger Stickley #106217

PRESIDENT'S

I hope everyone is having a great Fall season and your plans for Winter are on track and if you live, or have spent the Summer up north that you have plans to escape to a warmer southern location for the Winter. We usually stay here in Oklahoma until after Christmas spending the holidays with our grandchildren and children and then make a mad dash south for the Winter.

John Jones, 2015 MS Event Coordinator, and his team are ramping up the planning process for our 2015 MS and from here on until the MS, these team members will be spending a lot of their time working to ensure the 2015 MS will meet or exceed what we've all come to expect from this once a year event. As I mentioned last month, we are planning the Mid-Year Board Meeting along with the 2015 MS Planning Session where we will work out details for the MS. We can always use more volunteers, so if you've not registered for the MS please do that soon. When filling out your Registration Form, please be sure to identify, at the bottom of the Form, what you might be willing to help with during the 2015 MS. The 2015 MS Registration Form can be found on page 17 of this Newsletter.



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To date everyone is very pleased with 2015 MS registration numbers. We have registered nearly the same number of attendees as last year at this time. Don't forget to invite any of your friends who might own any Monaco brand diesel motor home as they are welcome at the MS. They can register on the same Registration Form on p. 17 as non-members or find the Registration Form on the web site.

Also, as I mentioned last month, we have a Nominations Committee that is working to recruit members to serve on the Board of Directors, including Officers. **Renaë Butler** leads this important Committee. Please be sure to read her article on pages 24 - 25 to see how easy it is to become a candidate for one of these Board of Directors positions. I urge everyone to consider running for one of these positions as we are always looking for new ideas to keep the Ramblin' Pushers moving forward. With the rich and varied backgrounds of our members its obvious many of you have a lot you could offer. Nominations are open to anyone who is a member of Ramblin' Pushers and meets the simple qualifications. Renaë's goal is to have as many candidates for these positions as possible.

As I mentioned in the 3rd Quarter Newsletter, we still have a fairly large number of the new "Hang Tags" introduced during the 2014 MS and hope you will reach out to non-members you encounter in your travels by giving them one of these. If you need additional "Hang Tags" please contact me at my email below or the phone number and I'll get those to you by mail.

Be Sure to Read These Articles

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- Open Chair, Job Desc. p. 4
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- Dues Are Due p. 26

You will also see a notice about membership renewal from **Paul Englund**, Treasurer, on page 26. Please try to send in your Membership Renewal before the end of the year. Or even better, if you've not already registered for the MS then just put it in the same envelope as your Registration Form and save postage plus this will allow you to get your Registration Form in early.

Dee and I are hoping to see many of you this Winter in Florida and hope you have a great Holiday Season.



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WHAT: A member to learn the newsletter
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WHO: A Ramblin' Pushers member skilled in English and writing, who likes to work with computers.

WHEN: To be arranged

HOW: Call the Publisher, Betsy Brock, 409-658-9357 or Roger Stickley, 1-866-208-7411

WHY? Help inform members



**Will You Volunteer
to Be on the Ballot
in the 2015 Ramblin'
Pushers Elections?**

(see p.28-29)

See nominations and election information
on pp 28 – 29.

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Purpose

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Club Mission:

"To Provide Information To Our Members To Help Them Safely and Properly Operate and Maintain Their Respective Holiday Rambler Diesel Motor homes and Enhance Their Ownership Experiences."

The purpose of this Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter is to inform members of methods other members have used to diagnose problems and maintain their Holiday Rambler motor homes, recalls, new products, information about the manufacturer of HR motor homes, and the next MS.

This Newsletter does not necessarily share the best way to repair items, but shares ways other members have found to work for them. Members are encouraged to use their owner's manuals, the Holiday Rambler Tech Line, Holiday Rambler Repair Centers, other supplier information and web / phone support to diagnose and fix problems with the best information for their particular motor home.

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Message from the 2015 MS Coordinator



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As I write this article, Summer is slipping rapidly into Fall. **Paulette** and I limited our summer travels this year to the state of Florida. We made a short excursion to the Keys where I enjoyed a little technical diving and Paulette, my wife, enjoyed shopping and dining on some fabulous seafood. We made a quick trip across the panhandle for a Jones family reunion in Pensacola. Finally, we had a week at Fort Wilderness enjoying some Disney fun. In between these brief jaunts, I've been busy doing some dive instructor training. The summer has sped by and now we need to focus on our 2015 MS. My experience has been that it will arrive far more quickly than we think.

Registrations have been steadily arriving and as of October 25 we have 139 coaches registered. Paulette is compiling the lists of volunteers from the registrations and forwarding them to the various chairmen. Most of the Chair positions have been filled with a few notable exceptions. **Shirley Crow** has agreed to work closely with her replacement but we need someone to take **Ladies Activities** this year. We're also looking for someone to head up each of the following positions: **Ladies Activities, Round Tables** and **Seminar Hosts**. Job descriptions for these positions are on p. 4 in this edition of the Newsletter. If you would like to throw your name in the hat for any of these slots, please, email me or Paulette at the email addresses under my photo or on p. 5..

We're really looking forward to a great 2015 MS. **Dempsey Brooks** and **Bill Farmer** are once again corralling a slew of service providers and vendors. It will be hard to out do their outstanding performance last year but I have confidence, if anyone can, these two can. **Ray Blush** has all the functions under Building and Grounds well in hand. **Deb Isett** has her Administrative Activities Team ready to go.

Jim Grossman's Educational Program team is working on a schedule that will delight our attendees but is still looking for our help in filling the **Ladies Activities, Round Tables** and **Seminar Hosts** positions. And last, but not least, we're sure **Lynn Yeargain**, Food Services Chair, has some great things in store for us to eat.

We expect to have over 120 diverse opportunities for you to learn more about your coaches. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this extraordinary learning experience.

Dealer / Service Sponsors

Here we are going into the Fourth Quarter of 2014, and we have begun to re-sign all of our Sales/Service Dealers for the coming year of 2015.

I am in contact with all of the Sales/Service Dealers who have supported the Ramblin' Pushers for many years. It is looking good, and I feel we will have all their continued support. Their information, along with new sales/service dealers will appear in the 2015 First Quarter Newsletter.

There is a new sales/service dealer for Holiday Rambler diesel products. It is **Campers Inn**, located in Kings Mountain, NC. I have visited their location and promoted the Ramblin' Pushers Sponsor Program. We have their interest, and hope to have them signed-up before the end of the year.



Dempsey Brooks
#85414
Dealer/Service
Coordinator

When new dealers join the Holiday Family, and carrying the diesel models, they will be contacted to join the Pusher group.

I have been advised by Holiday Corporate that the New 2015 Endeavor is scheduled to be introduced at the Ramblin' Pushers 2015 MS, May 1-6. We all are looking forward to the introduction of the new Endeavor and hope they will have other diesel models ready for us to visit in the near future.

Once again, I would like to remind you to stop by our many Sales/Service Dealer Sponsors (See pages 28 - 31) when you are in their areas. If for no other reason than to thank them for their support. They might even have 2015 models for you to check out.

Seminar Host Chair

Reports to the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator with the following responsibilities:

- Organize a team of workers from the volunteer lists provided by the Volunteer Chair prior to MS and assign a host for each seminar.
- Conduct a training session for hosts prior to the MS opening.
- Give the seminar hosts their job description.
- Distribute seminar evaluation forms to each host (4-5 in each seminar).
- Find substitutes if host has to cancel.
- Collect seminar evaluations from hosts (box in office).
- Give seminar evaluations to Educational Program Co-Coordinator
- Thank hosts
- Complete a "Chapter 419 MS Committee Activity Report" and provide to the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator and make a presentation to the Board regarding this Report if asked by the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator. A copy of the report will go to the Secretary of the Board for distribution.



Ladies Activities Chair

Reports to the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator with the following responsibilities:

- Using files developed from previous MS as well as previous MS feedback and requests from members for specific seminars, contact Ladies Activities presenters and obtain agreement for their participation.
- Working with the Seminar Schedules Chair, provide input to the Master Schedule.
- Organize a team of workers from the volunteer lists provided by the Volunteer Chair prior to MS to staff the Ladies Activities sign-up table.
- Prepare and provide the contact list for each company/person who presented Ladies Activities seminars during the MS to be used for the following year's MS
- Complete a "Chapter 419 MS Committee Activity Report" and provide to the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator and make a presentation to the Board regarding this Report if asked by the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator. A copy of the report will go to the Secretary of the Board for distribution.

Round Tables Chair

Reports to the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator with the following responsibilities:

- Recruit two facilitators for each Round Table.
- Instruct Round Table facilitators in advance of Round Tables.
 - They are to control the session so no one hogs the floor
 - They watch the time so no one question goes too long
 - They guide the discussion so the answers are as accurate as possible
- At the start of Round Tables, the chair goes to each Round Table to make sure it has its facilitator(s) in place, its sound system is working, and the discussion is running smoothly. The Round Table chairman can then attend most of his own Round Table session.
- Complete a "Chapter 419 MS Committee Activity Report" and provide to the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator and make a presentation to the Board regarding this Report if asked by the MS Educational Program Co-Coordinator. A copy of the report will go to the Secretary of the Board for distribution..

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Volunteer Chair Message

As more and more registrations are received, I'm delighted by the number of individuals who have already volunteered for so many of the opportunities we have available. It's these folks that make our Maintenance Session an event to remember year after year. Many of the members in the 139 coaches that are currently registered for next year's event have volunteered to work. (See chart to the right.)

If you failed to mark your registration and want to add your name to any of the volunteer positions listed, email me and I'll be glad to put your name on the list and provide it to the appropriate chair for that job. As the MS draws closer, you will be contacted by that chair and given details on what you will need to do.

Hospitality will have individual sign-up sheets in the Registration area for all the days and times Lynn will need support. If you've marked Hospitality on your registration, make sure you look for those sign-up sheets when you pick up your registration packet.

Speaking of Chairs for these functions, we are still looking for **Ladies Activities, Round Tables and Seminar Hosts Chairs**. Look for the job descriptions for these jobs on p. 4, and, if you would like to make a big difference during this 2015 MS, please, contact me at my email below or John Jones, email jpjscuba@bellsouth.net.

Volunteers Signed Up for 2015 MS

First Aid	3
Engineering	4
Hospitality	10
Parking	28
Seminar Host	6
Tours Table	3
Evaluations	8
Office	16
Registration	32
Info-Trans	23
Round Tables	11
Mentors	4
Goody Bags	23
Ladies Activities	6
Coach Weigh	10
Propane Sniffing	3
Audio-Visual	1
Greetings	10
Book Exchange	6
As Needed	21
Total	228



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Look for our

Big Special Celebration!
Details in the Ramblin' Pushers'
1st Quarter 2015 Newsletter

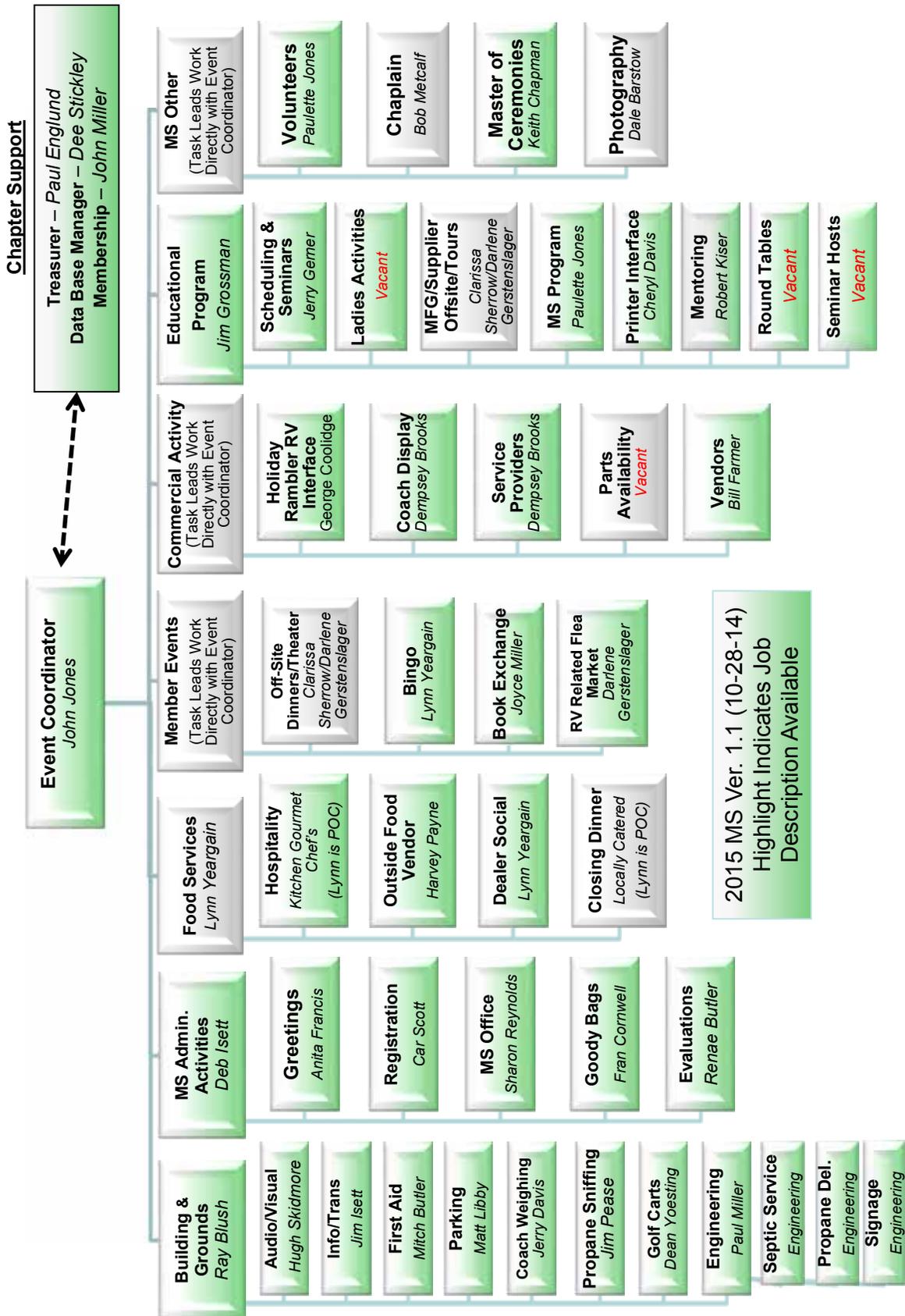
Do You Have a

"New to You" Coach?

Owners of pre-owned Monaco Brand coaches, no age limit, welcomed at the 2015 MS. Come learn about how your coach systems work. Meet others with similar coaches. Sign up for a mentor to help you.



2015 Maintenance Session Organization



Need Built In Table

The passenger side needs some kind of removable table to provide support for drinks, reading material, maps, etc. Something that locks in and is rigid enough (not just a piece of plywood that you put in place), but maybe something that is hinged or swings away? I'm sure one of you full timers has come up with various solutions, right? Ideas? Pictures?

Steve and Sonia, '03 Endeavor 38 PST

We built a nice "Built-in" style desk system. Pictures s are posted in the members Photo albums area on the Yahoo Group site. (See p. 19 for info on the Yahoo Group site)

John, '03 Endeavor

I think that is exactly what I was looking for. I see you have two desk units -- one darker wood that is behind the passenger seat, and the blonder unit that appears to be for the passenger.

- 1) Is there a description of how you did it? I see it was from 2010 -- maybe there is an Archive of old articles?
- 2) Are there any clearance problems with getting in and out of seat, exiting the MH, or swiveling the seat?
- 3) Would you have done anything differently -- to profit off your better-engineering ideas...?

Steve

Steve, actually that is just one desk, photos before staining and after. Unfortunately, I didn't keep any plans, measurements. I simply measured my available space, drew out an idea of what I was looking to do, and went to work cutting. It took about a week of 3-4 hours a day, as I'm not an experienced wood worker. I suppose one could print out several of these photos, then take basic measurements, and have a wood shop knock out the project for you.

I attached the desk to the wall using simple anchors in the wall, no more than about 5 or so spread out along the length of the desk/wall. I did put in a remote 115volt outlet so I'd still have use of the outlet on that wall. I just wired that remote outlet with an old extension cord plug on the end and plugged into the old wall outlet, worked great.

No clearance problem's what so ever. Obviously the office chair cannot spin around like it once did, but still pivoted enough for me. If you look close at the shape of the pullout desk area, you'll notice I made recess for the co/pilot seat arm rest. That was an afterthought, as I didn't see the clearance problem until after the desk trial install. Once complete the co/pilot chair pivoted just fine as seen in the photos.

One thing on the pull out desk shelf, we found tracks that had a "hold" feature when pushed in all the way. That way when traveling you don't have that pull out sliding out and being damaged by bouncing up and down while traveling down the road. I can't think of anything that I'd do differently.

John, '03 Endeavor

Power Gear Control Box

I am newbie to Rving here. I recently purchased a '03 HR Endeavor 38PST. I have experienced a problem with the manual "Power Gear" hydraulic leveling system. When trying to operate the jacks, I can hear the pump running and the power light is on, but the jacks do not move. I found a great trouble shooting guide "on line" however the next step in trouble shooting calls for checking the fuses on the power gear "control box", the problem is I cannot find the control box to check the fuses! I found the hydraulic unit (behind drivers side rear tire), checked the oil level and the inline fuse there, but next I need to find the "control box".

I have looked below the touch pad in the driver side console, in the outside storage panel below the driver's side window where all of the fuses are located, under the front cap, top ceiling of storage compartments but no control box to be found. I feel it is something simple (like a fuse) and would like to check it out myself before having to bring it to the shop. Any help locating the control box would be appreciated...

David, '03 Endeavor

Here are a couple of places to look on your '03 Endeavor for the power gear control. It may be up under the dash. That is where it was located on my '00 Endeavor. It is a printed wiring board and not easy to find. It also can be mounted in the plastic box inside the battery compartment that is mounted on the back wall. Usually this is the slide-out board but may also contain the jack control.

Larry, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

I would call Monaco Tech Support (877-466-6266 -- have your coach number available) as they often have data more specific to different coaches/years.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-Moderator

Good news, I found it, left side on firewall under dash as described. Thanks guys, it was hidden behind everything. Bad news, it has 12 v power. Back to the drawing board.

Landry, '03 Endeavor

I had a similar problem on a '02 Endeavor. It was difficult to get to the Power Gear control box that was under the dash, drivers side. When I finally got it out, I reset all of the connections in the box, i.e. disconnected and then reconnected them -- that seemed to solve the problem. I reinstalled the box in a lower position so it would be easier to take it out in the future if necessary. I also replaced the switches on the side dash next to the driver's seat -- a reasonably cheap task.

I also had a corrosion issue on the wiring that connected to the pumps -- these were in the rear, inside the compartment for cooling the A/C. Suggest you check that out too.

Bob, '05 Endeavor

Diesel Additives

In 2009, before I purchased my coach, I called Cummins to get some info about the engine and also to figure out HOW their brake worked compared to a Jake Brake.

At the end of the conversation, I asked the tech "WHAT do I need to know and do as a first time owner of a Diesel?". His first response: purchase JF BioBor Alagaecide and use it religiously. I have been doing that since 2009 and use it year round. I have NEVER had an issue, and I let the MH sit for several months in storage.

I also talked to a LOT of folks and decided to use the Lucas Upper Cylinder Lubricant and Fuel Injector cleaner. Lucas sells it in quarts and gallons. I purchase 3 or 4 quarts and then the gallon. I poured a little from each quart into the tank. I then added some JF BioBor to each container. This is NOT rocket science. I think that the JF has a "Maintenance" amount for 160 gallons. The Lucas in the 32 Oz container will treat 100 gallons of fuel. You can "adjust" the BioBor for 160 down to 100 by multiplying it by 0.625. I THINK that I just use the 160 Gallon amount. I pour it into the Quart of Lucas.

Then, at each fillup, I add 3 OZ for every 10 Gallons. This is NOT exact, but the Lucas bottles are calibrated. That way I get my Lucas and my BioBor in the fuel without the messy mixing. YES, I use a little more JF, so you can cut back if you like.

This is the simplest way to treat the fuel and also make sure that your fuel is top quality. One of the Indy Race teams ran the Lucas in their Haulers. They experimented and ran one with and one without, then reversed. They did this for an entire season. The Lucas added about 1/10th MPG to each rig when it was using it. That just about "pays for" the additive..plus you know that your engine is being treated well.

You can order the JF from Amazon or West Marine carries it. Wally World has the Quarts of the Lucas and AutoZone has the Gallons of the Lucas as does about every major truck stop.
Tom



Cracks in Front Wheel Wells '13 Ambassador

I have noted that some side panels are not too sturdy and have had them worked on but haven't checked them lately. As for the fiberglass wheel wells, that is another story.

I recently found cracks in both front wheel wells and after contacting HR was advised this was a result of not having the wheels straight when leveling the coach. Just happened to be in Oregon, so I went to our "new ownership's" facility and was advised that this is what has occurred. Then they advised that HR is aware of this as it is a result of their having changed the tire size (going larger due to the weight). They further added that this was a production problem as they did not take into account the proper size of tire. They advised the correction was to shave off approximately an inch off the inside of the wheel well.

I have been recently been informed that this work is going to be covered even though I am out of warranty.
Chuck, '13 Ambassador

Black Exhaust Smoke

Was bringing the coach home from a local event and my wife was following me home. She said lots of black smoke under load from the exhaust. Coach has 70,000 miles and I have changed the air filter. Understand bad injectors can cause this, but before taking it into the shop need suggestions of things that can be checked. Have lots of tools and a fair mechanical ability. Engine is M11 400 HP
Don

A bad injector will give you white smoke, black smoke is an indication of lack of air. If you know the air filter is clean, then check boost hoses from turbo to aftercooler and from aftercooler to engine. If hoses look good check aftercooler for possible cracks.
Ron

Had a similar problem with my 330 Cummins a year or so ago. Over 100,000 miles. Dumped a full bottle of Lucas Diesel Fuel Injector Cleaner/Treatment (got it at WalMart) into a full tank of fuel...fixed it and no problem since.
Ray, '02 Endeavor

MAINTENANCE

'05 Ambassador Slide Leak

We have a 2005 Ambassador, 40', with 4 slides. We developed a leak in one of our bedroom slides over a year ago. We took it to an ex-Monaco shop, supposedly very knowledgeable. They propped a hose on a ladder and doused it good, then decided to replace some of the seals; don't remember which ones.

Next major rainstorm, it leaked. We found that if we brought the slide in, it stayed dry. So, that's what we did when rain was expected.

Then, recently, it began to get wet even with the slide in. Two weeks ago I took it to a shop where a guy, who seemed very experienced and knowledgeable, worked on it, replaced a seal and filled some voids he found, and he was very confident he'd fixed it.

Since then we've been in a few heavy rains, and it was dry. Thought the problem had been fixed. Then, today, it's just sprinkling, and just for heck of it, I checked, and it's damp. Not nearly as wet as it had been previously, but certainly not dry. So, we brought the slide in, and I'm trying to decide our next move.

Has anyone used the system where they pressurize the inside, then spray the outside with soap and look for the bubbles? I don't mind getting up there and looking, but if two pro shops couldn't fix it, what are the odds I'll be able to?

Dave

Gotta love leaks in RV's! I found and fixed several leaks sources in our '03 Endeavor, which I believe has the same slide systems as your Ambassador.

In our case, the two locations were in the two "drip" cups located at the forward and aft corners of the bottom seal of the wall (not the slide). In our case the factory did not place any sealant around those plastic cups, so water would use surface tension to wick into the RV and get the floor and wood around the inside of the slide wet. That wood is particle-board, so it doesn't like getting wet.

The second leak was at the forward upper corner of the inside slide metal joint. The 45 degree aluminum joint, behind the wood trim, was not sealed and the same would happen, water surface tension would wick water in and water would run down the inside wall. If I remember correctly this leak was only while the slide was out, but can't remember exactly. I checked the aft 45* joint and it had some sealant in the joint from the factory, but as I said the front joint did not. Anyway, after putting sealant in these places, all my bedroom slide leaks stopped.

John, '03 Endeavor

That is a good idea, but the only place I

have heard of it being done was in Coburg OR. Are you anywhere near there? You might also call Erik at 541- 255 -6231. He used to work at the Harrisburg Monaco facility and has been identified as knowledgeable about our products, he may be able to refer you to someone closer to wherever you are.

Dave

The roadside slide on our '07 Ambassador needed work while we were in FL last winter. It, apparently, had leaked unnoticeably and the floor was getting mushy on each end. On our trip north to the MS, while driving in a rainstorm, water leaked in and ran down the exterior wall of the slide just behind the driver seat. When parked, with slides out, no leaks. Any ideas?

Dale, '07 Ambassador

Check all of the seal strips that go around the slide, especially at the top corners to make sure you don't have any open areas when the slide is closed.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-moderator

if the strips do not reverse flex evenly on closing (looks like a zipper coming up) you will have some holes, many times at the corners, this is due to the rubber side strips failing to flex and reverse evenly at closing.

I have the 1/2 inch little sandpaper strips on the slides side that run the entire length to make sure the rubber gaskets turn and position properly when closing. Watch them close and be sure they are doing so. My guess the vast majority of us run this after market (add.sandpaper strips.)

Years ago I also had a bad install on a rubber side seal when one was replaced. I had the rubber slide seal re-installed to spec when in Elkhart, and it solved the problem on that slide.

Three times a year I treat the side strips so they remain soft and pliable to insure they properly close to the 'at home closed position' and to extend the life of the seals.
LD, '01 END '05 EXEC

***Have You Sent in Your
2015 MS Registration?***

***To park together: Send in applica-
tion together, AND Arrive together***

'07 Ambassador Electrical Problem

I overloaded the 110 electrical outlets in my '07 Ambassador and popped the breaker. The book says that there is a secondary breaker box that controls the outlets, microwave, etc, but I can't find where it is located. Nothing noted on the large 110 breaker panel in the bedroom closet. BTW all GFI outlets appear OK, fridge works on AC, microwave works. Power management system reads ok. Any ideas?

Jon, '07 Ambassador

Check the breakers on the inverter. One of them is probably popped.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-moderator

Check the breaker on the generator.

Jack, '05 Endeavor

Look on side of the inverter. Mine has two pins that are breaker resets for the micro and some plugs.

Dave, '08 Neptune

I am going to assume you are on shore power? After checking the inverter and other suggested areas pull the cover off the transfer switch and look for burned wiring, loose connections, and use a test meter if you have those skills. Be sure to be careful not to light yourself up.

On the EXEC, a transfer switch may fail but only stop power to half the outlets. The transfer switch connections vibrate loose over time (is what causes majority of them to fail) and should be checked annually as part of a PM routine.

LD, '01 END '05 EXEC

On our '07 Ambassador, on 30 Amp shore power with the preheater breaker on, not all of our outlets work. I shut off the breaker and everything worked. Must have something to do with the Inverter or Power Management System. I also pulled the preheater plug out of the outlet in the electrical bay and use the 20 amp outlet on the power pole if I need it.

Kenny, '07 Ambassador

The former suggestions worked like a champ. There are 3 breakers on the inverter (cb 1, 2 & 3) 2 - 20 AMP & 1 30 AMP. Just what my wiring diagram indicated but it didn't give a location and evidently not to many mechanics are aware of them. This 419 Group is tremendous and makes the small amount of dues we have to pay in Ramblin' Pushers dues very much worth it.

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Need parts for your coach? Get OEM parts here.

(See p. 26 for more info)

ATC & ABS Alarms

I am receiving ATC & ABS alarm lamps while driving. They are not concurrent. Who is the best type of repair shop to diagnose and repair a trouble like this? I am not qualified to tackle something like this myself.

Doug & Joanie, '03 Scepter

I too had those problems this year. Took it in twice and they could not find any issues. I am not saying you have the same issue as me, but what I did was take a pressure washer to all of the wheels, not the front but the undercarriage side. I cleaned them very thoroughly and the problems went away. Dirty sensors??? Another issue could be heat, if the sensor gets unusually hot, they will show up on the lamps.

Dennis, '02 Scepter

Another possibility: On my '03 Imperial, false ABS light was caused by the push button test switch that is on the ABS board located in the electrical bay under the driver's side window. Spray some contact cleaner or anti-corrosion liquid on the switch and press the switch about 15 times.

Wendell, '03 Imperial

Took the words right out of the post I was about to send. The only thing I would add is to turn on the ignition when you push the reset button the 15 times. I don't know why it takes 15 but that is it.

Larry, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

Thanks for the "ignition on" reminder. The anti-corrosion product is not really necessary except that it prolongs the time before the "15 pushes" are necessary again.

Wendell, '03 Imperial

I agree with the 15 push, but mine only took a couple of pushes to fix. A good RV mechanic I know says that pressure on the board can cause this problem and if you look the board is made to float on four loose screws. He says that he has had to replace the board to get the ABS light to go out but maybe he didn't try 15 pushes. What is the other light you are asking about, ATC?

Rich, '02 Windsor

Am trying to find a can of contact cleaner but no luck so far, am in northern MN. I looked in the outside bay this morning to locate the unit with the switch, can't seem to locate it. My instruction manual says "using systems diagnostic center located left of steering column below dashboard, depress and hold test button for three seconds. Indicator light (on dash) will illuminate while test button is pushed. After test button is released and blink code will be displayed: 1-1 will indicate no system faults." Is the same unit & button the other folks indicate is in the outside bay with the switch that I should use contact cleaner on and push 15 times? The drawing in the instruction manual shows a unit with four 12 pin connectors terminating on it (color coded Green, Black, Brown & Grey) (Con't on p. 11)

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(Con't. from p. 10)

Looked under dash on left of steering column, couldn't find Systems Diagnostic Center mentioned in last memo. God only knows where it is. But in reviewing the drawing for the outside electrical bay under the driver's window I did find the ABS Diagnostic Center. Physical inspection revealed it to be in the same place as on the drawing. I even found the switch mentioned by others in earlier posts. Thanks so much will try contact cleaner and pushing 15 times (with ignition on) when I find the contact cleaner.

Doug, '03 Scepter

For the most part, contact cleaner is nothing more than isopropyl alcohol in a can of compressed gas. Using isopropyl alcohol and a Qtip will give you the same results.

SCS / Frigette Electric Steps

The housing that covers the bottom of my electric steps has deteriorated to the point that the (bolt holes have enlarged) cover has fallen off. I understand that this company has been acquired by Lippert. Does anyone have experience in obtaining repair parts from this vendor? Does Kwikie make units that can directly replace the entire step assembly?

Doug, '03 Scepter

Doug, check out Amazon. They have one and two step assemblies as well as parts. Lippert can be very good to deal with if you want to contact them as well.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-moderator

Lippert Steps

I have a '13 HR Ambassador 36 PF with the Lippert Entry step, Coach Step model. The other day I drove the coach and when I parked and opened the door the step came out, but would not lock in the open position. The motor kept engaging, kind of like stuttering for a few extra tries to get it to lock position, but it finally stopped trying. The movement in all parts seems to be free and no binding. When I flipped the switch to retract the step the motor activated and it tried to do it, but the step did not lock in the retrieved position. I have looked at the gears and they look totally intact. And I can swing the step in and out and all moving parts appear to work fine. Can anyone tell me if it sounds like the motor has gone bad?

Gary

There is a ball joint assembly that controls the throw of the step. Make sure it hasn't loosened or come out of adjustment. If the step is binding or cycling, it will eventually amp out and stop, which could explain why it

quits trying to lock into position. I don't think it is a motor issue as it is working. Sounds like an adjustment issue. That's all I got.

Larry, '11 Scepter

This concerns a different step problem. The Lippert step on some recent coaches shows erratic action, (delayed opening or closing intermittently). A member in our Chapter suggested removing the magnets from the door side and checking for metal filings. In fact, on removing them, they were covered with filings which were really difficult to remove. It seems holes were drilled in the door to install parts and the filings were attracted to the magnets which are quite powerful. I guess this could interfere with closing the switch resulting in the above issue. Anyway, I haven't had any instance of the step misbehaving since doing this fix. We'll see.

Larry, '11 Scepter

Front TV Does Not Work

Front TV will not turn on either by remote or tv switches. Tried unplugging and re plugging. Still does not have power. Larry, '08 Endeavor

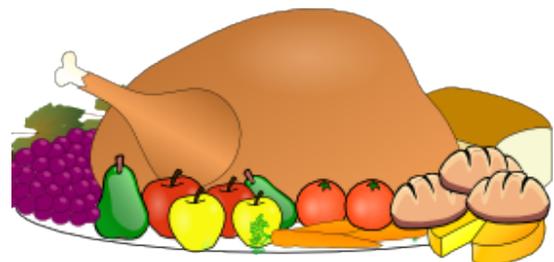
I would suggest to take the back off the TV and look for a 120v fuse, usually glass type, on the circuit board of the TV to see if it is blown. It's there for protection and the TV could of gotten a surge and blown it. Jeff

Thanks for ideas. I tried all but still no power. So, I removed TV and it is on its way to repair shop. FYI to all. Even though the TV is only 4 years old, I considered replacing it, but I will try and find one with the same plugs-Good Luck They are now HDMI plugs, and they want you to upgrade all your equipment Larry, '08 Endeavor

Look for a GFI outlet or breaker. On my coach, the GFI outlet in the bathroom controls the front TV. Dwight

Do you have an electronics surge protector on your TV and electronic equipment? We did not and had two of the fuses on the TV blow. After we purchased an electronics surge protector (even with a whole coach surge protector) we have had no more problems. It seems that newer electronics like TVs are much more sensitive to surges and spikes in electricity and the electronics surge protector trips before the whole coach surge protector (which might not even trip with a quick spike) with no damage to the TV.

Ben



MAINTENANCE

Electrical / GFI Problems

We have lost power to all 120 volt outlets (5 outlets) in the front end of the motor home. The schematics show 2 GFCI's but I am only able to find 1 located in the bathroom. Any help would be appreciated.

Roger, '04 Endeavor

Roger, check under the counter near the sink in the kitchen. Some others recently found the second one by the bed in the back.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-moderator

Another thought, have you checked the push button type circuit breakers on the inverter. Should be two output 120 v ac breakers, usually with white push buttons. One feeds the circuitry you are having fault with the other is dedicated for the microwave.
Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

After looking for two days we found only one GFCI (so far) for the circuit in the bedroom (on the curb side) at the rear of a chest of drawers under the window. It is just under the lip on the back edge of the Corian top. It is about a foot from the door that opens for the washer/dryer. It couldn't be seen and my wife stores her shark upright vacuum in the little nook formed, which further conceals it. We are advised that one may also exist in the engine compartment but haven't found it yet.

Doug & Joni, '03 Scepter

I have several in my coach, don't know if this will help you or not. I have one in my bathroom, under the bathroom sink. I have one in the rear engine compartment. You cannot see it, but if I open the bay doors it is right above the door opening. I believe it is for the engine heater. I have one in the kitchen, but you already covered that one. I may be way off as I missed some of this conversation..I have two circuit switches on my Magnum. It seems to me at one point in my travels I lost power to a lot of the coach until I found and reset one of these switches.
Dennis, '07 Scepter

My '02 Endeavor has a GFI near the bedroom sink which controls all or most of the outlets in the front of my coach.

Brian, '02 Endeavor

You might try checking outside in the compartment where the refrigerator is plugged in. If I remember correctly mine is a GFI.

Chance

I'm not an electrician, but I play one in some campgrounds. I do not think you should have two GFCI's on one circuit.

Gary, '05 Ambassador

If it has an outside radio check there. There

is one there also. Check also to see if you have power coming into the GFCI. If you do then you have nothing going out. Replace it. If it had been changed. It could be wired wrong.

Jack, '05 Endeavor

We have an older house that was wired with 14-2 wire (no ground wire). In order to pass the occupancy inspection The inspector told me that I had to put a GFCI on each outlet in the kitchen, bath, and basement that was near plumbing. That put 3 GFCIs on one circuit in the kitchen. It seems to work fine and it passed. In our primary residence we have 3 wire circuits. There the downstream outlets are properly protected. I didn't bother looking for a reference in the electrical code. That might be a good thing to do.

Roger, '06 Endeavor

My understanding of how the GFCI works; is that it measures the difference in current between the positive (black) and neutral (white) leads. Thus, if you connect an appliance to the circuit and it shorts out to ground the current will flow to ground not back on the neutral. I.E. You are holding a drill and standing in water and a wire in the drill shorts to the housing. You are now part of the circuit and the current flows through you to ground and not back on the neutral. In the kitchen you could plug in the toaster while touching the faucet. Assuming you are still alive. LOL

Larry, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

Maybe this will help;

https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/construction/electrical_incidents/gfci.html

Larry, '13 Endeavor

As I understand it, the GFI compares the current in the hot and neutral lines. If there's a difference the current must be going somewhere other than through the load and that triggers the GFCI which opens the hot side. The difference doesn't have to be great--a few mA is enough, and the time delay is very short enough to prevent serious shock injury to a person who might be serving as an alternate path for the current to flow.

Roger

**Have You Sent in Your
2015 MS Registration?**

**To park together:
Send in application together,
AND Arrive together**

New GPS Software / Hardware

Has there been any past consensus on this forum as to the best GPS software (and supporting hardware if required) for RV owners? Of course, I am interested in bridge and other obstruction heights as well as width limits. It would be nice to be able to receive periodic updates to its database as conditions change. Locations of ALL campground locations would also be beneficial not just those the seller of the software chooses to include. I know that information in paper form (Truckers Atlas) is available. Is this also available as a software application?

Doug & Joni, '03 Scepter

I have the new Garmin RV760 and use Garmin's Basecamp for planning trips. It has a 7 inch screen and good sound. It has lane assist, a must, and intersection view which is very helpful. One of the nice features is the "Up ahead" menu. This can be displayed as moving on a route, and it shows distant to several categories, settable, down the road as you approach them. There also is a Yahoo group that was formed to help each other similar to this one. It has a set of campgrounds and RV service waypoints built-in. Of course none are "complete" or 100 percent accurate. The unit comes with lifetime map updates, traffic, and the RV Parks and Services are updated. You can also download custom waypoints from other sources and add them to the unit. Others will have their favorite which is great.

Larry, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

Doug....read here.

<http://copilotgps.com/us/truck/>

We have used Co-Pilot from ALK technologies in various versions since 2001. ALK is a leader in satellite technology's developing some of the first systems both private and for the military. We are moving over to the co-pilot trucker version.

You asked about the equipment, one of the advantages is you can run it on a big screen PC and YOU BOTH CAN SEE IT on the dash. (yes it will run on a smart phone also) The trucker version has each of the features you asked about plus much more including live traffic and live weather if you wish. We run it on my disposable \$200 PC which we use to bang around with, we protect the wife's \$800 Dell which remains safely in the back .

As dispatchers follow trucks with it, if you wished your family and friends can log in to the ALK controller and see where you are and watch you going down the road, they can also IM back and forth with you in real time. It has many features the little off the shelf GPS Garmin types do not have. If you already have a PC to use, then the cost for the software is a fraction of buying a Garmin or something similar. I believe you will find it is worth a look.

LD, '01 END '05 EXEC

I bought the Garmin RV760 -- In 2 trips now it has by far exceeded my expectations. When turning on an intersection with more than one lane it tells you which lane

to be in and in addition, when you're on a freeway shows you a picture of the actual intersection with arrows in the lanes you need to follow. We were recently in Minneapolis and it gave us a warning about traffic jams ahead, showing us the miles and a picture of the actual congestion with yellow & red indicators for the severity. It also has both the car & RV modes. It also doesn't have the annoying "recalculating" when taking a different route without resetting your destination or putting in new waypoints.

Jon, '07 Ambassador

Residential Refrigerator - Old Side Vent

I insulated and covered the openings. They are no longer needed. Modern residential refrigerators don't need the venting. The Norcolds are like a furnace, they need combustion air and a chimney. The new refrigerators are designed to fit next to the back wall. The air for the condenser coil is discharged out the bottom. On the Samsung 197, it is supplied from the back. When I installed my 197, I used 2 - 1 x 6 boards that the wheels (rollers) could roll on, supported where the refrigerator would sit, since that is where the weight is. I had to put a piece of sheet metal between the board and furnace to help keep the furnace heat off the board. Without a plywood floor, I now can discharge the condenser air down toward the furnace and into the 9" space below the frig and out the furnace louver. I would suggest putting an air filter over the condenser air intake to keep dust out and keep the condenser coil clean.

Gary, '05 Ambassador

Your collective advice gave me the confidence to tackle this job on my own. I am happy to report that the Samsung 197 is now installed and running. I just had to remove the 6 inch panel running above the old No Cold and then everything fit perfectly.

Bob and LD's writeup warned all to check the clearance when opening the 197's doors to avoid interference with ceiling light fixtures. I forgot to do this and ended up having to rotate the ceiling light fixture 90 degrees to eliminate the interference.
Art, '06 Neptune

I removed the florescent ceiling light and covered the hole with a piece of white translucent plastic. Installed LED strip lights inside and a new smaller switch.
Gerald

Manuals for Your HR Coach

Do you need a PDF copy of your coach manual?

(Even older coaches)

Try this web link.

<http://www.holiday Rambler.com/partsandservice/manuals.asp>

Coach Weights and Tire Safety items

**SAFETY
ISSUES**

By now the thoughts of warmer climates have positioned themselves squarely in the front of your brain. Cooler weather is rapidly approaching and the process to race to your favorite winter locations will begin. Here are a few items that I can suggest before your departure.

- **Tire Pressures / Winter** - Check your tire pressures according to weights and make sure they are adjusted according to your current loading for your winter departure.
- **Tire Age** - Are your tires near that 7 year window for replacement (DOT date) ?
- **Flexible Inflation Hoses** - Are you still using the flexible inflation hoses on your coach DUAL rear tires? If yes, then inspect them carefully and if needed have them removed or replaced. **If they rupture, then you WILL lose that particular tire by running it flat and most likely damage the other tire from overloading.**
- **Tire Surface** - Feel the surface of your front tires and have a close look at them. Any irregular wear issues? If yes, see your local truck tire dealer to discuss the condition and the fix.
- **Sidewall Cracks** - While you are inspecting the tires, look for sidewall cracks that might have developed. If needed, have a dealer inspect them.
- **Tire Covers** - Grab some tire covers for that long warmer climate storage time. UV protection is really important for the sidewall integrity.

Jerry Davis

Board of Directors / Coach Weighing Chairman



Screen Door Handle

Where are members sourcing their door handles for their screen doors ? My supplier does not carry them nor can they get them for me. My handle broke during a trip and I need to order a new one. is this a Monaco specific part ? Or is there another place to get them ?
Chris, '05 Ambassador

I think I got my replacement from Atwood.
Ed, '05 Ambassador

Try the following URL.

[Brand New RV - ATWOOD / EXCEL Screen Door Latch Handle entry door](#)

Dennis, '07 Endeavor



Screen Door Handle / Atwood

YOU'RE INVITED

2015 Maintenance Session, (See p. 17)

May 1 - 6, 2015

Early Parking April 29 - 30

Elkhart County 47 Fairgrounds, Goshen, Indiana

Winter Travel



Dean Yoesting
Safety Coordinator



**SAFETY
ISSUES**

It is that time of year when many of us become Snow Birds and winterize our coaches before leaving. Some safety items to consider are:

- **Tire Pressure** - Check the tire pressure on a cool morning before you hit the road to be sure that your pressure is consistent with the weight of your load on the axle.
- **Batteries** - Did you change the batteries in your Smoke Alarms?
- **Travel Distance** - Did you plan ahead for the distance you will travel each day? I saw a recent article that says to follow the 230 or 300 rule. Travel 230 miles a day and stop at your campground by 2:30 PM, or travel 300 miles in a day and stop your travels by 3 PM. These are a couple of good rules to travel by.
- **Seatbelts** - Are you fastening your seatbelt before you move the Coach? Does your co-pilot have his/her seatbelt secured?
- **Hazard Flashers** - Do you use your RV hazard flashers when you are slowed by hills as you travel the interstates?
- **Pets** - Is your pet secured in the coach? Some people allow their dog or cat to travel on the dash. You would not put your grandchild on the dash so they could see outside the coach better? Your pet should not travel there, **EVER**.
- **Breaks** - Do you stop for a break every couple of hours? It is always important to stop at a rest area or truck stop along the way and stretch your legs and look at different scenery for a few minutes. You will be more alert and be safer for yourself, your passengers, and others on the road.
- **Local Weather** - Do you watch the local weather to be sure of the current road and wind conditions? Be flexible in your travel schedule to allow for weather layovers. Big Rigs and snow or ice or high winds do not mix.
- **Preparing Toad** - Are your batteries in your coach and your toad ready for the travel? On our travels from Ohio to Arizona, we had heavy rains and I failed to turn the toad ignition off after we arrived at the campground. I needed to get the campground hosts to give me a jumpstart in the rain so we could continue our travels the next morning. A good set of jumper cables is important to carry for emergency situations.
- **Do you drive at night?** Are all of your lights on the Coach and the toad in good working order? Are the lights bright enough to see under the circumstances you will be traveling? Sometimes circumstances are such that you must travel at night, especially in the Winter months.
- **Coach Handrails** - Are you using the handrails to enter and exit the Coach every time? Are your handrails tight and crack free?

These are just a few reminders to consider as snowbirds head out for their Winter fun in the sun. Set your own checklists and add those things that are important to you. See you down the road and at the 2015 MS in Goshen next Spring.



UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Is Your Contact Information Correct?

????How do you update Your Personal Contact Information????

Did you know that you can personally update your contact information through Ramblin' Pushers Website?

1. First, sign in to the Ramblin' Pushers website at www.ramblinpushers.org – using your HRRVC Coach Number for your “**Username**” and also your password; and then click on the “**Login**” box.
2. Click on “**Roster**” at the top of the “**Home Page**” – once the Roster comes up, click on “**Search Users**”.
3. When this page opens, enter your “**HRRVC Number**” and then click “**Find Users**” box just below the field for “**Horse Power**”
4. When the next screen comes up, you should see your HRRVC Number and Name. Click on your “**HRRVC Number**”.
5. On the next screen there will be an “**Edit Box**” just above your name and “**HRRVC Number**”.

When you put your cursor over “**Edit**,” two items will be displayed:

- “**Update Your Profile**” or “**Update Your Image**” – click on “**Update Your Profile**”.
- Once on the next screen, “**Edit Your Details**,” you then can make changes or add additional information on your profile.
- When you finished making the changes you need to “**Click**” on “**Update**” on the bottom left of your profile information.
- **Your information is now updated!**

This procedure will update **both** the Website and send information to the Ramblin' Pushers Data Base Manager to allow the data base to be updated.

If you don't email, don't have a computer, or just can't figure out the process, you can still update your information by sending a letter to the Ramblin' Pushers mailing address below to get your Profile and data base information changed or updated.

Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419
413 Walnut Street #5294
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-3443

OR, you can call the President at the toll free number below.

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS
PRESIDENT'S PHONE NUMBER
1-866-208-7411

Why Is It So Important for Personal Information

To Be Up-to-date?

1. We mail paper copies of Newsletter to those who have asked for a Hard Copy. If we don't have your correct address, it won't arrive and you will not get to read the Newsletter.
2. For those of you who have requested the Newsletter by email, the same applies. If we have the wrong email address, you will not receive a notice the Newsletter is ready to read.
3. We often send preliminary information about upcoming MSs by both email for those who have an email, and by US Postal Mail for those who don't. If either one of these has changed, you won't receive the information.
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1st Quarter 2015 Newsletter

Ramblin' Pushers

2015 Maintenance Session

If you own a Holiday Rambler, Monaco, Beaver, or Safari Diesel Motorhome, You are invited to attend.

May 1 – 6, 2015

Arrival Day April 30th
Early Parking April 29th

Goshen, Indiana – GPS: N41.8807 W85.8007
General Information

You will leave better educated about the Use, Care, Safety and Maintenance of your coach

Location: Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds
17746-D CR 34, Goshen, Indiana 46528

Early Parking Day: April 29th and extra \$18
Arrival Day: April 30th and extra \$18
Please don't arrive earlier than Early Parking Day!!!

Need more information?

Visit our Website at www.ramblinpushers.org or call 866-208-7411

HRRVC assumes no responsibility or liability, nor is any Officer, National Director, or any other person authorized to assume any responsibility or liability for any personal injury or property damage suffered by its members and/or their family or guest in attendance at or on the road to or from this Maintenance Session or other HRRVC event.

Mail registration & check or Money Order to:
HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers 419
413 Walnut St., #5294
Green Cove Springs, FL
32043-3443

Return Form Below dotted line with Check or Money Order (MO) to this address

You should receive an e-mail about 3 weeks after mailing your registration confirming receipt. Pre-arrival packets will be distributed electronically to registered attendees in early April 2015.

Cancellations accepted prior to MS, subject to an admin. fee of \$10. Call 866-208-7411 or email to www.chap419.president@gmail.com to cancel.

Your Parking Area will be based on the date your registration is postmarked. So Register Early...! To park together, you MUST register together and arrive together...

Handicap Parking
Only 20 handicap parking spaces are available and will be assigned based on when the registration is postmarked.

- Facilities -
6 nights parking starting 5/1
30 & 50 amp sites w/water, sewer or one free septic truck dump
Coach Weighing & Propane Leak testing available - Food vendor on site

- Planned Activities -
Limited activities 4/29 & 30 – MS starts with Welcome Meeting at 9:15 am on Friday 5/1

- 6 Days of Seminars/Sessions by ARG RV, Vendors, Suppliers and 419 members
- Round table discussions
- Allied Recreational Group Executives
- Service Technicians Available
- Coach Displays, Vendors, & Suppliers
- Morning Hospitality, Social & Closing Dinner, ladies events

Cut Here and Return Below Registration with Check or Money Order

Names _____	HRRVC# if Applicable _____	For Office Use ID No <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Address _____	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	Amount Paid _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____		Check # _____
Phone: Home _____ Cell _____		Date Postmarked _____
Email _____		

Coach Make _____	Coach Model _____	Year _____	Length _____	Engine Mfg _____
Coach Number (six digits) <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	Coach Engine Number <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>	REGISTRATION FEES: Check or MO payable to <u>Ramblin' Pushers</u>		
		Coach with 2 persons	\$195.00	_____
		Coach with 1 person	155.00	_____
		Extra Person in Coach, <u>Add</u>	50.00	_____
		Non-Ramblin' Pusher Member, <u>Add</u>	20.00	_____
		Early Parking Day – April 29 th , <u>Add</u>	18.00	_____
		Arrival Day – April 30 th , <u>Add</u>	18.00	_____
		TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (US Funds Only)	\$	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>

Check, if applicable:

First Timer

Handicapped (Limit 19)*

* Attach a copy of your current handicapped parking permit to your registration.

Volunteers: Indicate your willingness to help at the Maintenance Session with a "Him", "Her" or "Both" below: **(NO CHECK MARKS PLEASE)**

First Aid _____ Engineering _____ Hospitality _____ Parking _____ Seminar Host _____ Tours _____ Evaluations _____ Office _____
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What is the eGroup/eForum?

The eGroup is a Yahoo Group open to all who register with Yahoo and apply to the moderators for acceptance. The topics are limited to HR/Monaco brand maintenance and repair items, travel and RV park recommendations, and other pertinent items. Topics banned are politics, spam, postings objectionable to others, off topic info, etc.

Members have uploaded files (wiring diagrams, how to info, photos of projects completed, manuals, etc.). Many are now unavailable from Monaco.

The moderators keep a close eye on the topics and will let members know if they are off topic. A great way to access the large group's knowledge and experience to solve an RV related problem. (See box at right.)

Power Gear Slide Out System Manual Uploaded

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Description : Describes how to install align and trouble shoot slide out rooms

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www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ramblin_pushers

You can search for old messages or uploaded files and photos.

You will first need to log into Yahoo Groups, then log into the above link.

Need a Diagram, Manual OR Set of Instructions?

Try www.yahogroups.com/

Members have sent the following materials to be placed on the Yahoo eGroup site, www.yahogroups.com/

(See above)

Co-Coordiators, Larry Laursen, Ed Shaw, and Bob Wolnewitz, place the following items in the eGroup folder:

- Photos of installations
- Manuals
- Wiring Diagrams
- Coach Diagrams
- TV Installations
- Procedures
- Other helpful items

If you have not checked out these items, please do so. They may be just what you are looking for. If you have purchased a "pre-owned" coach, your diagrams are there too.

Power Gear Flat Floor Adjustment TIP.pdf

File : /Power Gear/Flat Floor Adjustment TIP.pdf

Uploaded by : ljlaurson <ljlaurson@outlook.com>

Description : Troubleshooting TIP sheet on flat floor slide outs. It show how to adjust the room height on flat floor slide outs

You can access this file at the URL:

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Larry Laursen, Co-Moderator

REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION

Cleaning the Radiator & Oil Blow By

This is a known problem. You need to get a length of plastic tubing large enough to slip over the engine breather pipe and run it aft beyond the plane of the radiator. Secure it in place with tie wraps or bailing wire.

There are two methods to clean a rear radiator. I will paste below two ways or use a combination of both.

Walt

I tried a new way to clean my radiator on a while back and it really got a lot of black gunk out. First let me say that I have cleaned the radiator 3 to 4 times a year for the past 4 years.

1. I used a 2 gallon garden sprayer the type with the wand and fill with 1 gal of Simple Green. On my coach I can raise the bed to get to the radiator, I first sprayed with water (be careful not to wet down the alternator) then soaked it real good with Simple Green, about a quart.
2. I closed the engine cover, cranked the engine, opened the engine cover and sprayed about another 2 qts of soap in the fan be careful with the wand dont get it in the fan, I dont think this would need to be done every time), closed the engine hatch and run the engine up to about 1500 a couple times to get the soap thru the radiator.
3. I then shut the engine down and let it soak for 30 minutes.
4. Washed the radiator with water restarted the engine and washed with water some more, close the hatch run the engine up to about 1500, I did this a couple times.
5. Shut the engine down and washed from the rear.

I was surprised at the black gunk that was between the CAC and Radiator. After testing I found that this method dropped my Trans temp by about 10 deg in city driving and in hilly country on those +90 deg days according to the VMSpc program that I run on my laptop.

I did not use a pressure washer (but I think you could with the gentle nozzle), I used the regular water pressure 50# with my hose and spray nozzle.



Tom's Cleaning Procedure

Materials:

2 Quarts of Simple Green. If you want to use a gallon of Simple Green, then that would be OK, but I would probably not put in more than three (3) quarts.
8 - 16 Ounces (1/2 - 1 pint) of Wesley's Bleach White Tire cleaner (Auto Zone or Walmart)
3 - 4 Ounces of Dawn (Blue) Dishwashing detergent.
Rest is water.

Procedure:

1. Wet down the radiator and knock off all the dirt. **UNLESS** you are well versed in using a pressure washer, **DON'T**. The fins on the CAC are **VERY** sensitive. Ordinarily a good garden hose sprayer nozzle and city water pressure will work. Spray the radiator and CAC from EVERY angle that you can get to.
2. You need to do it **TWICE**.
3. The first time move the nozzle from left to right (or east to west).
4. **THEN** go back over it and move the nozzle up and down (or north to south).
5. Let this sit for about 5 minutes. The Simple Green will remove most of the dirt. However, the Wesley's is as close to Caustic Soda (*Con't. on p. 21*) (*Con't. from p. 20 - Cleaning Radiator*)

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ARG / Holiday Rambler RV Contact Information

Useful contacts for information regarding your motor home.

ARG / HR Tech Support	800.450.6336
ARG / HR RV – Indiana	800.650.7337
Cummins Customer Service	800.343.7357
Allison Customer Assistance	800.252.5283

No Power to Video Selector Box

Thanks to everyone for your help. You all helped point me in the right direction so I will share what I found in case anyone else runs into this bizarre problem. I checked the fuse, it was good. Unplugged the 12V plug from the back of the box, and I had full power there. But when I plugged it into the box, there was no power to the box. I took the box apart. Had continuity to both sides of the plug to the circuit board independently but no continuity between them. Bad board?

No. I started tracing through the board and noticed the small led bulb looked like it had been previously repaired. Checked continuity through the bulb. No throughput. So, basically the bulb is inline to the switch. It appears the bulb burned out which disrupted the switch circuit. Sounds pretty bizarre but I jumpered both sides of the bulb together and WAALAA continuity to the switch. So, I need to get a new bulb soldered onto the board. By the looks of things this is not the first time this has been replaced. So the good news is it is not a wiring problem but in fact a component problem. Thanks again. This group is always so helpful.

Dexter, '03 Imperial

Removal of J Couch

Can someone who has removed their J couch tell me if the couch is removed in several pieces out the door? I am not worried about unbolting from the floor, just how many pieces to get out the door.

Ed, '99 Endeavor

I took mine out so long ago that I forget how, but it did come apart in several pieces.

Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

It will come out without taking it apart.

Jack, '05 Endeavor



Did You Know?

Johnny Paul, Texas began the eGroup/eForum?



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Tired of Replacing Microwave/ Convection Light Bulbs?

Purchase adapters from

www.superbrightleds.com

to go from the existing base to the one on the LED bulbs-- Product Code E12B-#17

Then purchase some LED "candelabra"

bulbs from Amazon <http://tinyurl.com/pqua5zq>

These will last a long time and give you brighter light.

as you can get and will really dissolve the grease and the grime. The Dawn acts like a surfactant to keep the solution on the radiator and lets the chemicals work.

6. NOW, rinse that sucker. Use every trick that you have been told and use the same logic for the rinsing. Rinse it from east to west and then from north to south. It NEVER hurts to rinse it again. The water will run off. This will effectively clean most radiators and CAC's.

7. If you have road tar or other gunk on it, then it might take STEAM, but that is best left to a PRO. By PRO, I mean a diesel shop that understands HOW to use Steam and how to clean radiators without destroying them.

8. That radiator stack needs to be cleaned from the inside out with your Simple Green recommendation.

If fact, all rear radiator coaches need to be cleaned once a year because of the road dust kicked up by the rear tires and the general air flow going through the rear radiator stack. One can extend the slobber tube below the radiator or attach a collection bottle to the end of the existing tube. There were some pictures on the eGroup site of a plastic bottle attached to the tube.

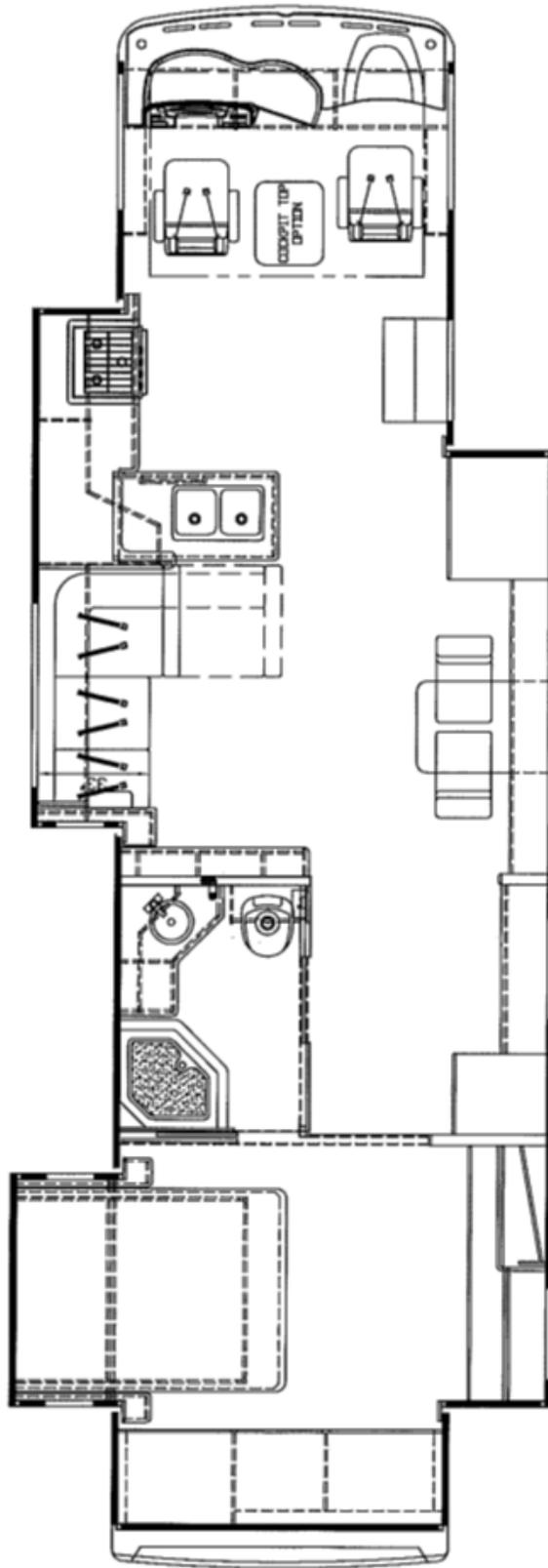
Chuck

Have you signed up to Volunteer at the 2015 MS?

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

2015 38FS Ambassador

APPROX. LENGTH: 36'-10"
WIDTH: 266"



2015 Models in Production

- Admiral
- Vacationer
- Trek
- Ambassador (multiple floorplans)



ARG / HR Update with Mike Snell, Monaco RV President

I had the pleasure of meeting with Mike Snell on November 5th in Decatur for an update on ARG and Holiday Rambler as they move forward.

George Coolidge
Manufacture Liason

I hope you have already added the 2015 MS dates (*May 1 - 6*) to your calendar and I look forward to seeing you there.

Last month, Monaco RV had sales of 13 million dollars, with 4 million in Monaco models, and 9 million in HR models. Last month, **Monaco RV sold 21 units - 1 Monaco and 20 HRs including 4 of the new Ambassador model.** Mike also told me that Monaco RV brands represent 30% of ARG's unit production.

As we toured the plant, I was impressed with the new realignment of the production lines which Mike states has improved efficiency and integration. The facilities were exceptionally clean and organized. I was able to climb aboard a **new Admiral** and also toured the newest Ambassador layout, which I have included in the newsletter. I toured the new Dynasty floor plan and the **newest HR model Trek** with some new innovations in a small package. The newest models will debut at the Louisville RV show.

However the models we've been waiting to see will be a little longer coming on line. We can expect to see a **new Endeavor and a new Navigator by early to mid 2015**, and a new **Imperial in early 2016**.

The original model plan had the introduction of the new 2015 Endeavor model at the Tampa RV show in January. Due to some internal changes, the introduction has been postponed and as yet (11/1) there is not a final floor plan.

One of the changes impacting this is the move today (11/1) of the Engineering and Design office from Elkhart to Decatur. This has become necessary to better integrate the engineering and production processes and allow a closer working relationship between the group designing the product and those in production so potential problems can be overcome.

I asked about new dealerships for HR and new service centers. **HR now has 43 dealerships** selling and servicing our brand. Also, there is an active search underway for a service center location in both the southeast and southwest.

Looking forward to our 2015 MS, we anticipate being able to offer multiple tours to the Decatur manufacturing facilities during Early Parking at the 2015 MS. Once we can finalize the details based on ARG's available resources, we will offer an early sign-up for the buses. ARG will also make event on-site service available through an early sign-up along with a parts request. We will begin working on establishing our seminars with many topics updated from last year and some new ones.

ARG is fully committed to actively supporting the MS, and I thank them for their commitment and involvement.

The new floor plan for the all-new 2015 38FS Ambassador is on p. 22. I don't have a lot of detail yet as far as the model's features.

Mike Snell is committed to keeping the Monaco and Holiday Brands with distinct looks and design features, so that they don't become Fleetwood and American clones.

NOTE: Thanks to George for all the time he takes to arrange and meet with Mike Snell to get Ramblin' Pushers the latest ARG information about HR models.

October 2014 Monaco RV Sales

*Monaco RV Brands = 30% of all
ARG Unit Production*

- All Monaco Brands = 13 Million
- Monaco Brand = 4 Million
- HR Brand = 9 Million

- SOLD = 1 Unit, Monaco
- SOLD = 20 Units HR
(includes 4 new Ambassadors)

43 RV Dealerships now sell HR motor homes.

Mid-2015 Debut
**Endeavor &
Navigator**

2016 Debut
Imperial

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS ELECTION

Ramblin' Pushers Elected Positions Open for 2015

Director (Two Year Term): *Two positions open*

- Active member of the Ramblin' Pushers for a minimum of two years
- Attended at least one MS

Secretary AND Treasurer:

One position is open in each category

- Active member of Chapter 419 for at least three years
- Attended at least two MSs

Vice President AND President:

One position open for each category (must meet at least three of the following requirements)

- Member of Ramblin' Pushers' Board of Directors (past or present) for two years
- Served as MS Event Coordinator
- Served as MS Co-Coordinator or assistant Coordinator for two years
 - * Held a Ramblin' Pushers Standing Committee chair position for two years
 - * Attended three MSs and served one year as a MS Chair.
 - * Attended four MSs and served three years on a MS Committee
 - * Served in an office leadership position of HRRVC, or one of its chapters (i.e. Chapter President, State Manager, assistant State Manager.

Please review the qualifications for these positions. If you have an interest in serving on the Ramblin' Pushers Board of Directors in any of these positions, please send an **e-mail by January 2, 2015, with the statement in the box from the article on the previous page to:**
butlers567@me.com

Renaë Butler, Chairperson

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Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419 Financial Summary 9/30/2014

BANK ACCOUNTS

Deposits: Chase Bank Checking	\$ 6,638
Deposits: Chase Bank Savings	<u>\$ 60,514</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 67,152
Less Operating Reserve	\$ (5,000)
Less Dues Reserve	\$ (1,185)
Less MS 2015 registrations	\$ (26,899)
Add MS 2014 Expenses Prepaid	\$ 1,763
Net Funds Available	\$ 35,831

No Liabilities

OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSES -YTD

INCOME: Dues, Sales	\$ 3,539
EXPENSES	<u>\$ 18,600</u>

NET OP. INCOME AND EXPENSES - \$ (15,061)

2014 & 2015 MAINTANANCE SESSIONS

INCOME	
Donations	\$ 10,500
Coach Weighing	\$ 1,840
Registrations (net)	\$ 58,029
Sponsore & Vendors	\$ 8,183
Miscellaneous Income	<u>\$ 326</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>\$ 78,878</u></u>

EXPENSES

Adminstration & Supplies	\$ 3,001
Equipment Purchases	\$ 166
Fairgrounds, Equipment & Services	\$ 47,805
Golf Carts	\$ 6,639
Hospitality	\$ 18,840
Programs, printing, signs	\$ 2,066
Propane (Bldg A)	\$ 800
Refunds	\$ 10,924
Storage Facility	\$ 1,555
Vendor Costs	<u>\$ 3,470</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u><u>\$ 95,266</u></u>

NET MS 2014 & 2015 I & E (16,388)

*Transactions posted on "Cash" basis.
Bank accounts reconciled through 6/30/2014
A full report will be submitted to board.*

If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer at Chap419.Treasurer@Yahoo.com
Paul Eglund, Treasurer

RAMBLIN' PUSHERS CHAPTER INFORMATION

Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419 Dues Information

Annual membership fees are due by the end of the year. In order to save mailing costs for members with email, we will remind everyone in October who owes 2015 Dues, and has an email address on file. The (\$15) membership dues should be paid by December 31, 2014. Mailing information for the payment is included in the email. Those who do not have email will have a notice sent to them by regular mail.

A reminder will be sent again by regular mail to all members who have not paid their dues in December. Any member whose membership fees remain unpaid for a period of time after the first of the year will have to be dropped and deleted from the newsletter list and online access to Ramblin' Pushers information.

Please respond to this notice and send in your dues; it will save us the cost of mailing to all who have been notified. A single mailing is not that much, just \$0.47 but if you multiply it by almost 700 members, it comes up to a hefty \$329 plus the cost of the envelopes and paper. By renewing when you get the first notice, you can save your club the expense of postage for future mailings.

Additionally, we want to remind you that if you've not registered for the next MS, you can find and complete the Form in the Newsletters, or on the website, and send it in today. You may send your dues and the MS Registration Form in the same envelope. We always have a very interesting and informative Session planned and we want you to have an opportunity to enjoy and benefit from this once a year event in the interesting and beautiful Goshen Indiana.

Paul England.

Treasurer



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HRRVC No. _____ Your check number _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

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LED Conversion for Microwave Light

My coach came with a Sharp Microwave model R-1850A that has two 40 watt incandescent clear bulbs underneath to light up the cook-top or the counter top when the covers are on the cook-top. In the past I was replacing these bulbs at least 2 times and in some cases 3 times every year due to the number of hours the bulbs are used. On average these bulbs were between \$4-\$5 each.

They do not make a standard LED replacement for the Appliance/Microwave 40 Watt Bulb so I decided to try a different path. I first bought two base adapters which go from an E12 base to an E17 base. Then I went to Lowe's and purchased two Chandelier 40 Watt Warm White Clear LED bulbs. E12 Base to E17 Base Socket Adapter | Empty Bases & Sockets | Installation Supplies | Installation/Power Supplies/Misc | Super Bright LEDs. Shop Utilitech 4.8-Watt (40W Equivalent) Candelabra Base (E-12) Base Warm White Dimmable Decorative LED Light Bulb at Lowes.com

I screwed the Chandelier bulb into the adapter and then screwed the combo package into the microwave socket. The first one was easy to install but the second one required some patience to get it in because of the amount of room left. There was just enough room to squeeze it in. These are much longer and fatter than the normal incandescent bulbs especially with the adapter. I am very pleased with the results and hopefully will not need to replace them again. The lifespan of these LED bulbs are 25,000 hours.

Richard

Would these work?

http://www.amazon.com/Dimmable-LED-Candle-Light-Replacement/dp/B00ATZR6PS/ref=pd_sim_sbs_hi_6

Les

They should work find also. Those would probably fit a little easier because they don't have that squiggly thin tip on the end. I put in the clear glass bulbs versus the frosted glass. Not sure if it would make any difference as long as the lumens is the same.

Richard

**Have You Sent in Your
2015**

MS Registration?

**To park together:
Send in applications together,
AND
Arrive together**

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Pushers Newsletter

Wins Third Place

The Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter won Third Place in the 2014 HRRVC Newsletter Contest, Professional Division. Winners were announced at the 2015 HRRVC International Rally in West Virginia. Betsy Brock #86187, Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter Publisher, thanked President, Roger Stickley, for entering the Newsletter in the contest. In addition to a nice certificate, a \$25 prize was also awarded. Betsy publishes the Newsletter every quarter and has done so since 2007.





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- * Day Brothers Auto & RV Sales, LLC
- * Mellott Brothers, Inc.
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- * Paul Evert's RV Country-Fresno, CA
- * Paul Evert's RV Country-Coberg, OR
- * Paul Evert's RV Country-Fife, WA
- * RV World of Lakeland
- * The R.V. Shop, Inc.
- * Sicard RV
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- * Eagle's Pride RV, Inc.
- * Elkhart Sales & Service, Inc.
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- * National Indoor RV Center
- * Pinnacle R.V. Inc
- * RV Systems Inc.



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