



# RAMBLIN' PUSHERS

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26 Years of Ramblin' & Still Pushin'



## CORNER

PRESIDENT'S

It is with great regret we report that Betsy Brock has resigned as *Newsletter* Editor. She and Ben had decided to sell their RV and move to Michigan to be closer to their children. Ben's health declined rapidly, however, and we are sorry to report that he passed away on January 17th in Houston from complications of Pulmonary Fibrosis. Our prayers are with Betsy and her family during this difficult time. Friends wishing to send cards or notes should address them to:



*John P. Jones  
President, Ramblin' Pushers*

Betsy Brock  
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After this sad news, however, we are happy to report that Roger Smalley has agreed to pick up Betsy's mantle and become the Editor of our newsletter. Susan Sembenotti, who had recently become the Assistant Editor, has agreed to stay on in that capacity to help Roger with the transition. Roger will also be picking up the duties of Marketing for the Chapter and the Maintenance Session. Since the single largest marketing tool for our organization has traditionally been our newsletter, this appeared to be a good match of responsibility and Roger's credentials. As a retired Marketing Professor he is uniquely qualified for both roles. We want to offer our thanks to Roger and his wife Carol for agreeing to take what we know will be quite a time consuming job.

For those of you who were lucky enough to attend the Tampa Super Show, it was a great chance to meet our new REV Recreation Group (formerly ARG) Vice-President of Sales for Holiday Rambler and Monaco, Matt Buckman. As most of you may have already heard, several of the faces we have grown familiar with are no longer a part of the REV organization. As much as we will miss some individuals we have become friends with over the years, we are confident the Sales and Customer Support we have grown to expect will still be available from this new team of professionals.

We were delighted with the number of Holiday Rambler models available for viewing at this year's show. It was the most we have seen in several years. The quality and value are back! For more details on model specifics see the Manufacturers Relations article on Page 19.

The Mid-Year Meeting and Maintenance Session (MS) Planning Meeting held again this year at Florida Grande Motor Coach Resort in Webster, Florida was a great success with much being accomplished by the Board of Directors and the MS Team in a short period of time. You will see additional reports in this issue with specifics from many of those team members.

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The dates and cost of the 2017 MS were approved and it was unanimously decided the 2017 registration form would be in all member's hands at the same time this year. For those not attending the 2016 MS, registration forms will be sent, either via email or US mail to arrive at the same time MS attendees receive them. It will also be posted on the Ramblin' Pushers website at the same time. Registration will not be open until June 1, 2016 and, for the sake of fairness, the Treasurer will perform a random drawing of all forms received before the June 1 date to determine registration sequence.

The dates for the 2017 MS are May 4 – 10, early parking May 3. The rates for the 2017 MS are: Coach with 2 persons \$235, Coach with one person \$190, extra person \$65 and early parking day rate of \$22.00. Let me remind everyone registering early that checks will not be processed until after that June 1 date and, anticipating a similar volume as we had on hand June 1, 2015, it might be early July before your check is processed.

We look forward to seeing you all in Goshen. Travel safe.

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Purpose

The *Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter* is published quarterly to help fulfill the mission of the Ramblin' Pushers.

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 Maintenance Session.

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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Left to Right:  
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John Jones, President; Director Sarah Brooks, Secretary, Harvey Payne, Director Ed Frances,  
Director Hugh Skidmore; Not Shown: Director Paul Miller & Immediate Past President Roger Stickley

## IN THIS ISSUE

The Ramblin' Pushers are once again preparing to launch the 2016 Maintenance Session in Goshen, Indiana. This year's programs are described in the pages of this issue. The event is approaching quickly, so don't wait to get your Registration Form completed and on its way to the registration team.

The educational program includes sessions that address specific technical topics relevant to our family of diesel motor coaches. In addition, there will be presentations related to less technical topics, but ones that pertain to RV habitability, travel, and mobile avocations. There will be something for everyone in the activity filled days of the MS.

The MS also receives support from many of the companies that manufacture the major components of the coaches. Technical representatives of the companies often serve as MS seminar presenters. These experts can answer almost any technical question that our members might ask. Some will schedule visits to your coach to investigate problems and make minor repairs.

We are fortunate to have a selection of service providers in attendance who perform a variety of routine maintenance jobs at your site. In addition

to chassis care, there are vendors who can help you upgrade or repair the support systems of your home on wheels. Visit the exhibitor displays to see a wide selection of equipment to make your RV travel more safe and enjoyable.

As always, coach safety is a major topic of the MS. This year we will once again have four-corner coach weighing available during the arrival period. This simple measurement is crucial to the determination of proper tire pressures for your coach. Also, the propane sniffing team will be happy to come to your coach to check for propane leaks.

This issue of the Newsletter and the Ramblin' Pushers website ([ramblinpushers.org](http://ramblinpushers.org)) contain the resources you need to register. If you haven't already done so, please register and join us at the Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds April 28 (Arrival Day) to May 5 (Departure Day).

One of the best ways to get the most out of the MS is to become a volunteer in the one or more of the many areas that always need help. The team still needs volunteers to serve as Seminar Hosts to introduce the session leaders and assist the attendees as needed. As always, the Hospitality team welcomes help in the kitchen and dining hall with refreshments during the morning announcements for the day.

One of the best ways to get the most out of the MS is to become a volunteer

Contact Volunteer Coordinator  
Jane Grossman  
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## EDITORIAL CHANGES

As John announced, I have agreed to serve as the new editor of the *Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter*. I am looking forward to this new responsibility, but my first few weeks of work to get this issue in your hands has given me very great respect for the



excellent work that Betsy provided as she faithfully produced a high quality publication four times a year since 2007. Her efforts earned awards for the technical content and professional appearance of our

*Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter*. We all will miss her skilled writing, her extensive knowledge of the workings of the Chapter, and her dedication to keeping the membership informed of Chapter accomplishments and future events. I know you join me in thanking Betsy for all she has done for our organization for such a long time.

Betsy set a high standard for the *Newsletter*, and I hope that in time my work will reach her level. It won't be easy, but I will make every effort to continue Betsy's legacy of accurate, informative reporting and creative *Newsletter* layout. As part of becoming familiar with the *Newsletter*, I was able to review the collection of issues that extend back to 2004. Over those years the *Newsletter* has grown with the technology of desktop publishing. I assure you that it will continue in that tradition.

Volume 26, No. 1 of the *Newsletter* has a somewhat different look and feel. This is attributable mostly to personal style preferences and the use of a different software package for the preparation of the

*Newsletter*. As it has always done, the *Newsletter* will continue to evolve in an effort to stay fresh for all of us. In the next few issues, Assistant Editor Susan Sembenotti and I will work toward achieving a comfortable balance among technical articles, Chapter events, membership news, and general interest pieces that are relevant to the RV lifestyle. I am looking forward to learning what works best for the Ramblin' Pushers. My goal as editor is to keep the membership informed of Chapter business and to emphasize the mission of helping members operate and maintain their diesel pusher motor coaches safely.

One new feature is the title block on page 1. The background photo is of our '06 Endeavor in a Sampson State Park, NY campsite. If you would like to see your coach featured on the front page (above the fold!) of the *Newsletter*, email a good photo (high resolution.jpg format) of your RV in an uncluttered campground setting to [ramblinpushersnewsed@gmail.com](mailto:ramblinpushersnewsed@gmail.com). If the photo is usable I will identify you by name, the model of the coach, and the location where the photo was taken. I can't wait to see your photos.

I am excited about this opportunity to serve our Ramblin' Pushers organization. I would like to hear from you, the readers, concerning *Newsletter* content or suggestions for future articles. My email address is [ramblinpushersnewsed@gmail.com](mailto:ramblinpushersnewsed@gmail.com).

*Roger Smalley*  
Editor & Publisher

## What Goes Around Comes Around

Mentoring is a great way to help a first timer or someone new to the MS get the most from the MS experience. Someone showed you the ropes; now it's your turn!

## THE PEOPLE WHO BRING THE 2016 MS TO YOU

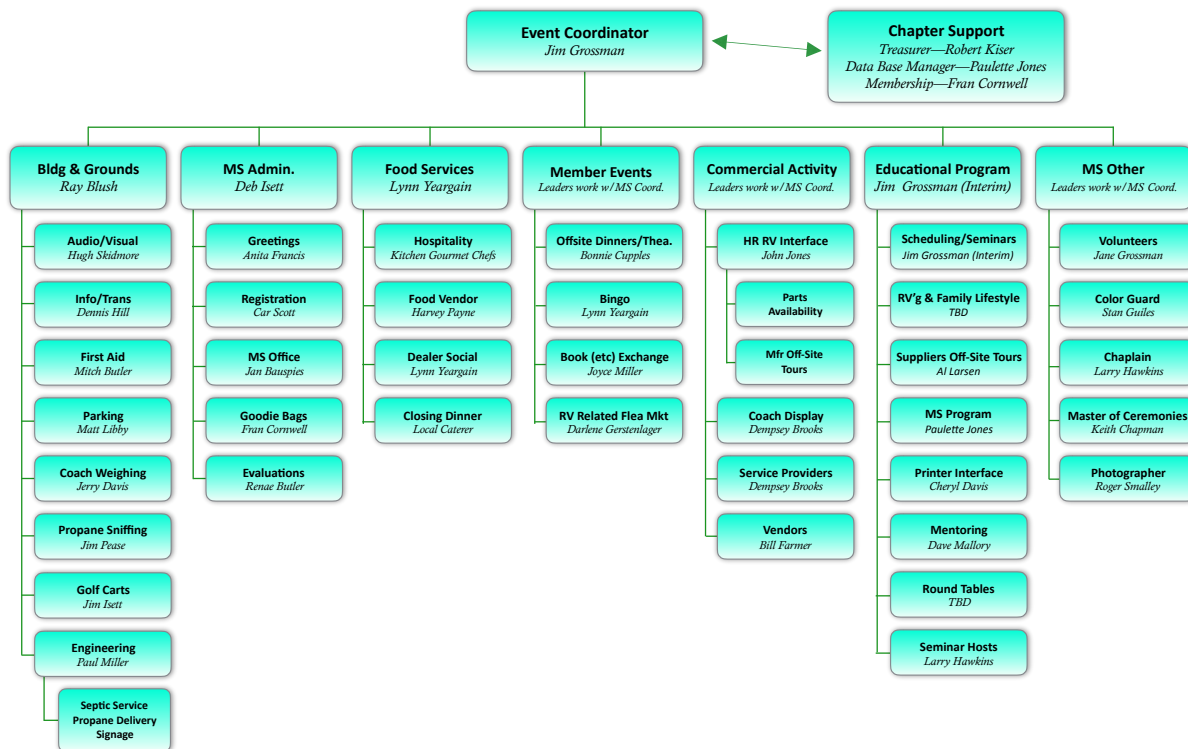
The task of planning and presenting the annual Maintenance Session is a major undertaking that cannot be done by any one person. The person who leads the effort this year is Jim Grossman, our Vice President and MS Coordinator. The specific jobs of the MS operation are divided into seven areas as shown below. Each of these operational groups comprise a number of persons who are responsible for certain jobs that are essential to the success of the event. This year the leaders of those groups are Ray Blush, Deb Isett, Lynn Yeargain, and Jim Grossman (Interim Educational Program Chairman). Their team members plan and assist in every activity of the MS from arrival in the parking lot to registration check-in, informative seminar presentations, well equipped seminar rooms, sumptuous hospitality and refreshments, new coach displays and sales, capable maintenance providers, a variety of vendors, technical experts, coach

services, and the list goes on and on. The MS Coordinator works closely with these and other key leaders throughout the planning period and the MS event to keep the whole organization working smoothly and effectively.

The MS team's day starts early and ends late with an evening review session to discuss problems and solutions. All of these people give generously of their time and experience. The MS doesn't just happen, they make it happen.

The whole team hopes that MS 2016 will be everything you expect it to be and more. Enjoy this week of learning. And don't forget to have fun!

### 2016 MS Organization



## FROM THE MS COORDINATOR

Registrations for the 2016 Maintenance Session are running slightly ahead of last year. We have added Fleetwood diesel units to our invitation list, so that we now serve all of the REV (formerly ARG) diesel coach brands. Jane and I look forward to welcoming all of our MS participants in April. If you have not yet registered, it is definitely time to do just that. For your convenience, this newsletter contains a copy of the registration form on page 37.

The MS committee is hard at work to make this year's event another great success. The committee Organization Chart appears on p 6. This year we have also emphasized an assistant or back-up to each of the team leaders and coordinators. I want to publicly thank all of these people for their time, hard work, and dedication to the Ramblin' Pushers.

One of the best ways to increase your enjoyment of the MS is to get involved. See Jane's article on volunteers on p 18. You will make new friends, have more fun, and feel a sense of contribution to the club.

Please, please, please observe your arrival date and parking hours (9 am to 4 pm). Do not arrive before early parking or arrival day unless you are a part of a designated set-up team. Set-up team members will receive arrival instructions from their coordinator. Arrivals earlier than planned cause

problems for our greeting and parking teams, and definitely will not improve your parking location. It might even lead to your having to move your coach on the first day of early parking. You also need to plan your arrival between 9 am and 4 pm. Late arrivals will be required to boondock on the asphalt parking lot until the next morning. Call ahead if you run late because of an emergency, however a late departure, long lunch, or poor planning does not constitute an emergency.

Thanks again to all who have registered. We are watching the mailbox to hear from those of you who have not sent in your registration yet, while we work to make this the best Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session ever. See you in Goshen at the Fairgrounds.

Plan to arrive  
between 9 AM  
and 4 PM on your  
assigned arrival  
day.

*Jim Grossman*  
**2016 MS Coordinator**

It's not too late to register!  
The registration form is on  
p. 37. Send it and your  
payment in today.



## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Plans for your 2016 Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session are on the "action" menu by now, and all of the chapter's volunteers are working on their individual tasks to make your attendance a fun and educational experience!

As we gather at the Elkhart County Fairground for the activities, please remember to arrive either on Wednesday, April 27 or Thursday, April 28 unless you are one of dozens of volunteers with a setup assignment. Setup personnel will arrive on a staggered basis before the official parking dates so that the process is orderly.

Parking will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 27 and 28 for attendees without a volunteer setup assignment. Please arrive between those hours to avoid dry camping in the parking lot until the next morning!

Also during the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. arrival times, you can elect to have our Coach Weighing volunteers weigh your coach at all four corners to give you the best possible weight report.

Registration reports are showing quite a few sister ships and first timers plan to be at the 2016 MS, and we welcome all of them!

Almost everyone will have a full hookup, but for the very few with water and electric, there is a free pump-out planned midway through the MS. We'll also have a propane truck scheduled for Monday,

May 2. All you have to do is sign up for either service at the office. In addition, the fairground has a half-dozen dump stations should you need one.

And speaking of propane, if you choose to have your propane system checked for leaks, our propane "sniffer" volunteers will be available beginning Thursday, April 28 through Sunday, May 1. Simply sign up for this safety feature in the office.

For those who prefer to ride between their site and any of the sessions, our Transportation and Information volunteers will be wearing their green hats while driving the golf cart "taxis" throughout the fairgrounds. Simply wave them down, hop on, and you'll be taken to your destination!

And don't forget daily morning hospitality of goodies to satisfy any hunger while you get to chat and relax with friends. It's a wonderful way to start each day.

We all welcome you to the Maintenance Session, and if there is anything you need, please let a volunteer know about it and we'll certainly try to meet your request!

Jam-Packed  
Enjoyable  
Learning and  
Maintenance Await  
You!

*Ray Blush*  
*Building and Grounds Coordinator*





## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Some of the first people you will meet at the Maintenance Session are part of this group of wonderful volunteers.

The Greeters, chaired by Anita Francis, will be in the parking lot upon your arrival and will officially welcome you to the 2016 MS. They will check your registration and then send you on your way to your assigned site with someone from the Parking Committee.

Upon arriving at your site, the “parker” will note your site on your *locator card* and hand it to you. You will then take the *locator card* to the Maintenance Session Office located in the ECCC Building. This is the long, white building that was to the left of the parking lot where you arrived.

Upon entering the building (look for signage), there is an easy procedure to follow: first, see the Treasurer to have your *locator card* validated; secondly, stop by the Membership/Dues Table; and finally, take your *locator card* to the Registration Table (Chaired by Car Scott) where they will take your *locator card* and you will receive your Goody Bag. Goody Bags were prepared by Fran Cornwell and her committee. Inside this Goody Bag will be lots of information about the Goshen area and the MS and the MS pin that must be worn during the 2016 MS.

The MS Office, under the Chairmanship of Jan Bauspies, is also located in this room. Some of the responsibilities of the MS Office volunteers will be to answer questions you may have, keep the “Lost and Found” items, hold the sign-up sheets for propane sniffing and black tank pump-out. The office will also hold any mail for members that is sent to them at the MS. The mailing address is:

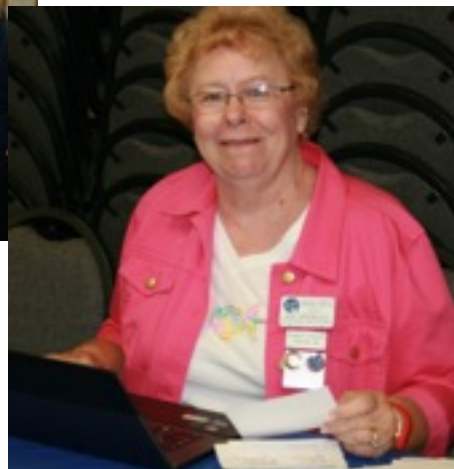
Your Name – HRRVC # or XX#  
Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds  
17746-D CR 34  
Goshen, IN 46528

Any outgoing mail should be taken to the Fairgrounds Office – not the MS Office – or to the US Post Office in Goshen.

The last part of the Administrative Activities group is the Evaluation Committee headed by Renae Butler. This committee tabulates the evaluation forms (included in your Goody Bag) that are handed-in as your ticket to the final night's meal. There will also be an additional evaluation on the table for the final night's meal.

As you can see, the Administrative Activities are an integral part of the MS. Remember, this is a time to learn – not try to do everything in one year. There is always MS 2017!

*Deb Isett*  
*Admin. Activities Coordinator/*  
*MS Co-Coordinator*



## COACH WEIGHING

Chapter 419 volunteers will be available upon your entry and exit to provide coach weighing for you. We will be available on the days shown in the following table. The individual wheel weight and totals, which we provide, will allow you to set your tire pressures to manufacturers recommended settings and provide the best ride, wear and more importantly help ensure your safety.

Tires are an important component of the vehicles drive system that allows these incredible vehicles to be operated so it is imperative that you understand and have this knowledge. For a \$20.00 donation, the volunteers will guide you through the weighing process and provide you with a form and printout for your unit. This information should be taken to the Coach Weighing seminar where we will

complete each section and discuss any questions or concerns. (Check your program for the timing of this seminar). The donation goes to defer the cost of maintenance of the scales and repairs required. Your Board of Directors supports this effort as partial fulfillment of the Ramblin' Pushers mission statement.

Maintaining proper tire inflation is essential to safe vehicle operation and the life of the tires. Without this knowledge, you are possibly overloading or under inflating your tires and placing yourself and others at risk. Please take advantage of this important service during your attendance at the 2016 MS.

*Jerry Davis*  
*Safety Coordinator*

Date	Time	Location
April 27 Early Parking Day	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Front Entrance Area
April 28 Arrival Day	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Front Entrance Area
May 5 Departure Day	8:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Hollyhock Drive Area



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT THE MAINTENANCE SESSION

There is a reason that we call our event a maintenance session and not a rally. Those other RV gatherings that you attend during the year have a primary focus on social activities. We will do plenty of socializing, but the MS gives members the opportunity to share knowledge, identify problems, and find solutions, thus fulfilling the Mission of the Ramblin' Pushers: *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.* We have expanded this mission to include all of the REV Recreation Group (formerly ARG) brands.



The heart of our MS is over 100 technical sessions. Some of the seminars are presented by representatives of the companies that make the key components of our rigs like Cummins, Allison, and Onan. Other seminars are facilitated by experts who service our electronics and electrical systems. We will have numerous seminars presented by members of our club who have expertise in certain fields of interest that help us enjoy our travels. Still other seminars will focus on decorating our rigs, cooking, and other activities that enhance our traveling experience.

Again this year we are offering driving classes from RV Basic Training. These classes will include a free seminar "10 Things Every RV Driver Should Know." In addition we will offer a 2 hour hands-on driving class for \$95 and a 4 hour class for \$295. The 4 hour class requires you to drive your own coach. If you choose that option, please tell parking, and we will do our best to park you so that you will be able to move your coach. You can pre-register for these classes at [www.rvbasicttraining.com](http://www.rvbasicttraining.com). Use coupon code "holidayrambler".

In addition to the seminars we offer the mentoring program. If you have a particular coach problem, need to learn how to operate a particular system on your rig, or just want that walk around that the dealer was supposed to give you, be sure to sign up for mentoring when you arrive at the MS. We particularly like to offer mentoring couples that work with both pilot and co-pilot. This program is especially for those new to our event or those with

a coach that is new or new to them.

In the evenings we offer some special events. Sunday night means roundtables, where we separate into groups based on our coach model. The roundtable format brings together owners with varying levels of experience to discuss problems and solutions that are specific to our particular coaches. Monday night is our

club business meeting; yes, everyone is welcome. You do not want to miss the Ice Cream Social afterwards. Tuesday night is the Executive Panel discussion with the REV representatives.

There is plenty to do, lots to learn, and plenty of opportunity to get your maintenance and repair issues taken care of. If you would like to get more involved, we are still looking for Seminar Hosts and Mentors. See Jane Grossman's article on volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you in Goshen!!

*Jim Grossman*  
*Educational Programs (Interim)*

## ENGINEERING

Have you ever wondered what the Engineering team at the MS is all about? Probably more than you think. It includes a variety of activities that support the smooth running of the MS and take care of campsite problems. If Engineering is going well, we probably don't notice at all, and that's exactly what they want.

Many jobs of the Engineering team are performed before the first MS attendees arrive. They contract for the booths and heaters that vendors use in Building A. During the set-up period they retrieve the materials and equipment used in the MS, but stored locally when they are not in use between Maintenance Sessions. They also coordinate room set-up needs with the fairgrounds staff and reposition tables and chairs as needed so that the rooms are ready for the first seminars and events.

The Engineering team is also responsible for the signage seen around the MS venues. Good signage is informative and attractive. The MS signs keep us moving in the right direction and well informed.

Engineering Job  
No. 1  
**Keep Everyone  
Happy**

During the MS, the Engineering team closes and locks the buildings at the end of the day's activities, and reopens them early in the morning. Whenever materials and equipment need to be moved around the fairgrounds, the Engineering team gets it done.

And then there are the campsites. The Engineering team responds to problems involving the campsite power and water utilities. If they are unable to resolve the issue, it is referred to the fairgrounds staff. They coordinate the delivery of the propane that keeps us comfortable through the early spring nights in northern Indiana. And for those few campsites that lack sewer service, mainly sites occupied by vendors, it is the Engineering team that makes the necessary arrangements.

The members of the Engineering team are unsung heroes of the MS, and they work hard to achieve their number 1 goal:

### **Keep Everyone Happy!**

*Paul Miller*  
*Engineering Team Leader*

## PROPANE SNIFFING

Why should I have my coach sniffed for propane? Propane is a very dangerous explosive gas. Under most circumstances, propane leaks can be smelled. However on a coach that shakes and bounces down the road, can you tell for certain the coach is free of propane leaks. If you do smell propane, do you know where the leak is located? A quick free test done by our own MS volunteers will check for leak(s) and usually can pinpoint the spot of the leak. Sign up for a "sniff test" in the office. Coaches will be checked Thursday April 28 through Sunday May 1. Should a leak be found, repair is up to the coach owner.

*Jim Pease*  
*Propane Sniffing Team*



## MENTORING

Chapter 419 offers a program to help first timers, and any other attendee who may have questions regarding the operation and use of their diesel motorhome.

We are not experts, technicians etc. and we do not do repairs or replace parts, but we are a group of volunteers that have offered to assist other owners with questions they may have. If you have a new or



new-to-you diesel motorhome, and have questions, this program is for you! There will be a request form included in your 2016 MS program.

### Volunteers Needed!

Please consider volunteering as a couple for this worthwhile program. Couples make very effective mentors and with the addition of all of the REV coaches at our next MS, it would be great to have volunteers from a variety of brands, and it would make it easier to help each other. You do not have to be an expert, just willing to share some of the knowledge you've gained in your travels.

Please send the following information to the e-mail address below:

Pilot's first & last name, co-pilot's name, make, model and year of your present coach, previous coach (if applicable), email address.

Thank you for helping us with this important part of our maintenance session.

*Dave Mallory*

*Mentoring Program Coordinator*

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## SEMINAR HOSTS

Hello again fellow Ramblin' Pushers! This message is a gentle reminder of our need for volunteers to act as Seminar Hosts for the upcoming Chapter 419 Maintenance Seminar. We have had a good response from many of you, but the numbers are still short of our needs. As we told you in the previous Newsletter, the task of being a Host is NOT difficult, requires only an hour of your time (unless you desire to repeat the task) and your efforts really make the seminar process more efficient.

The host arrives early to make sure the room is set up and the A/V equipment is ready to go. The host greets the presenter and asks about special needs. When the session begins, the host introduces the speaker to the group. As the room fills, the host selects a few people from the audience to complete an evaluation form.

The host lets the presenter know when there are ten minutes remaining in the session so that he/she can wrap up and answer questions. At the end of the period, publicly thank the presenter and take the completed evaluations to the office.

When you do respond to this request (notice the positive tone), please use the subject line as Host Seminar 419MS. You can respond either to: [Hawkmargin1@aol.com](mailto:Hawkmargin1@aol.com) or [bobtucker41@hotmail.com](mailto:bobtucker41@hotmail.com).

Thank you for giving this serious thought.

*Larry Hawkins & Bob Tucker*

*MS Seminar Host*

*Coordinators*

## E-GROUP THREAD: HR MODEL CHANGES AND REV

We went to the Ocala RV show yesterday. There were only a few HR models there, an Admiral, a Navigator and a Scepter. The Scepter looked awesome, but the Admiral needed a little work around the doghouse and what were they thinking when they did the Navigator? This model used to be the top of the line, now it's a gasser, 36 foot model that looked like a glorified Admiral. They really badged this thing wrong. There was nothing in that coach that screamed Navigator.

Walt K  
02 Endeavor 40 DST

Walt, I agree on the Navigator that it is shame to go from the top to the bottom of the line. We were told at the Tampa Show that it was a necessary move for them to preserve the name and since no one was interested in the top end they decided to use it on the entry level. It is a diesel though not a gas coach.

On that note, I just wanted to share some more info on what is happening with REV RV Group. I had a great conversation with Steve Heim, who is the REV RV Group Vice President of Customer Experience. I can tell you that they are very interested in feedback from owners and making improvements in the products and service provided to us. The whole service group has been extremely helpful in getting me information and helping with a few issues on my new coach. Mostly making me smarter on the new stuff which, as you can guess, is no easy chore! I will be giving them detailed info on issues, documentation and some design improvements as I find things. They seem very receptive and anxious to get that type of feedback. If anyone else out there has a new unit, you can communicate directly with them or if you would like, let me know and I will try to consolidate things.

I have also gotten information from Giff Akins who has worked with us for several years. The new REV Group Service facility in Alvarado, Tx

is now fully up and running. Alvarado is south of Fort Worth on I-35. They are continuing to work on other locations but it is too early to make any announcements. I am uploading a copy of their service card in our files section on the E-Group for reference. You can also get the latest on their website at any time. I will try to let folks know as soon as they announce any new locations since we are all looking for service locations near to where we happen to be traveling.

I was at General RV in Tampa this last week getting my Air Force One system moved over to the new coach and a few very minor things fixed. They did a great job taking care of me. It was also really nice to see that they actually have quite a bit of HR inventory. They have a lot of units including several Scepters, a few Endeavors, an Ambassador and some Navigators as well as lots of gas coaches. If any of you are interested, I have coordinated with Jason Cohen to be our point of contact. He is the Director of Operations and will make sure you are taken care of by folks that are the most familiar with our products. You can check inventories and locations on the HR website by putting in your zip code or a city/state to find dealers near you. I checked several in Florida and many of them have inventory on some of the product line. Overall, the new coach and my contact with the folks in the new organization has been very positive.

Bob Wolnewitz, Co-moderator, 2016 END 40DP

For more information on this important topic, see the letter from Matt Buckman (REV VP) on p. 21.

## DECORATING "CENTS"

It's closer than we think. Soon we will be on our way to Goshen for our fantastic Maintenance Session. If you have never attended a "Decorating Cents Program" you are in for a treat. And, if you have come to one over the last 16 years, you know that every time we get together its different.

This year our S.W.A.T. (Shopping Women At Training) will gather to delight you with a program that is both educational and fun, whether you are a full-timer, most-timer or some-timer. There is something for us all. This year we want to cover tips on cleaning(ugh), decluttering, and up-dating your

motorhomes by using necessary items, that are both decorative and useful. This program does not just "happen". the SWAT team works many hours to color coordinate our schemes and items to

stimulate you to go back to the motorhome and start "pitching" and starting over on making your unit both refreshed and color coordinated. Some items shown belong to our SWAT ladies and will be set aside at the end so they are returned to their coaches. But many

items will be available for you to purchase after the program's conclusion.

Come on down after lunch, and be ready to be entertained.

**ONLY OFFERED ONE (1) TIME AT THE  
M.S.**

**MONDAY MAY 2, 1:00 PM**

**LOCATION: H&FA Building, (check your  
fairground layout page for location)**



*Sarah Brooks*  
**SWAT Team Leader**

## BOOK, PUZZLE & CD EXCHANGE

We will be having a book, puzzle, CD, and DVD exchange at the Maintenance Session again this year, so please start setting aside your extra books and movies that you have already read and watched and bring them along so you can exchange them for something new. The initial exchange will take place in the Vendor Building A on the Arrival Day,

Thursday, April 28, 2016. The book drop off will be at 1 pm and the initial pick up will be at 3 pm. Any extra books left over will be available for exchange all week at our booth in Building A.

*Joyce Miller*  
**Book, Puzzle, & CD Exchange Team**

## **Amish Dinners and Theater Reservation Form**

Each year a variety of Amish Dinner locations are reserved in hopes of meeting the scheduling needs of our attendees. These authentic Amish dinners are very similar in nature so, unless you are really devoted to this cuisine, scheduling one of these locations would probably be all you need to sample this very interesting local fare. This year's offerings for our attendees are as follows:

***Authentic Amish Country Home Dining Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm***

On Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Elaine & Seth Jones (The Carriage House) welcome us into their home near Topeka. This **home cooked "Threshers" meal** includes baked chicken, roast beef, tossed salad with house dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, buttered green beans, ice cream with caramel sauce, various pies, water and coffee. Tax and tip are included. Cost \$18.00 per person.

***Amish Acres Red Barn Theater & Dinner Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (2 pm)***

Enjoy a live theater performance in the legendary *Round Barn Theatre*. Indiana's only resident musical repertory theatre company. The 1911 round barn has been preserved and converted into a state-of-the-art theatre with full-scale authentic sets. Enjoy the Round Barn Theatre's presentation "Forever Plaid". It is one of the most popular and successful musicals in recent memory. Once upon a time, there were four guys who discovered they shared a love for music, and then got together to become their idols – The Four Freshman, The Hi-Lo's and The Crew Cuts. Rehearsing in the basement of Smudge's family's plumbing supply company, they become *Forever Plaid*. Originally produced on the Joseph Stein Stage in 2006, *Forever Plaid* is a guaranteed smash with its program of beloved songs and delightful patter that keeps audiences rolling in the aisles when they're not humming along to some of the great nostalgic pop hits of the 1950's, including "Three Coins in a Fountain," "Sixteen Tons," "Chain Gang," "Heart and Soul," and "Rags to Riches."

As a dining option before or after your theater experience, you may choose to eat in the Red Barn Restaurant. The "All You Can Eat family style Threshers Dinner" features hearth baked bread, apple butter, ham & bean soup, sweet and sour cabbage salad, country vegetable, beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, dressing & gravy, broasted chicken, tender roast beef, a variety of fresh fruit & cream pies and beverage. Tax and tip are included. Our pre-reserved group will have a private room for leisurely dining.

*NOTE: On Sundays many sit down restaurants in the Goshen area are closed, so Amish Acres is a nice dining alternative!*

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 Please register by completing and returning the following information before April 15, 2016:  
 (Indicate # of Persons for each Event)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 HRRVC or XX# \_\_\_\_\_

***Authentic Amish Country Home Dining***

Wed, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Carriage House (Elaine & Seth Jones) (6:00pm) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Amish Acres -- A Memorable Experience***

Sun., May 1- Threshers Dinner :( 12 noon) \_\_\_ OR (4:30pm) \_\_\_ @ \$19.25 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sun., May 1- "Forever Plaid" Performance: (2:00pm) \_\_\_ @ \$25.95 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: "Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419" **Total Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail the above reservation form with your check by April 15, 2016 to:**

**Bonnie Cupples  
 786 Forest Drive  
 Clarion, PA 16214**

Any questions? Call Bonnie at (814) 221-0801

***Tickets & Travel maps may be picked up at Tours Table starting Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>***  
***We regret that we cannot serve anyone without a ticket and advanced paid reservations by the deadline.***



## E-GROUP THREAD: CABLE SLIDE OUT PROBLEMS

I have a friend with a 2013 Ambassador 36PFT with a road side slide that will not extend. It is of the cable drive style of which I have no experience. When the slide was brought in, it made no unusual noises and is completely retracted. Pressing the extend or retract switch has no effect on the slide mechanism. The curb side slides work normally.

I have not found any defective fuses but am not sure where to look. Any guidance would be greatly appreciated.

Ed Shaw '05 End, PDQ

I did check all fuses and one breaker in the overhead 120v breaker cabinet. Also all fuses in the battery compartment have checked out good. I tried looking for the motor and found it is not accessible in the basement like my old rig. Will need to look on top of the slide and check if he has the manual with him.

Thanks,

Ed Shaw  
'05 End. PDQ  
Co-Moderator

Ed, did you check the fuses in the battery compartment? There may also be relay in the front driver side compartment or another fuse in the cabinet in the bedroom or wherever the 120V breaker panel is.

The motor is behind the fascia on top of the slide. You can check there to see if a wire pulled loose or something is jammed.

Bob Wolnewitz, Co-moderator, 2016 END 40DP

My first question is What brand controller is on that slide and are there any fault codes on the controller?

Dick  
2015 HR Ambassador

Cable slide out rooms are a pain. I have one and have broken 3 cables, although that doesn't sound like the problem in your friend's case. The motor and drive chain assembly are located in the top frame on the motorhome wall above the slide out. The fabric trim piece is velcro'd in place and must be removed to expose the motor and drive chain.

The access hole is very small once the fabric is removed.

The 8 cables that operate the room run inside the motorhome slide out frame and exit at the top and bottom corners, both inside and outside the rig. If the room is retracted, you should be able to see the cables as they run outside of the slide out rooms walls. 2 of my cables behind my driver's seat are the easiest to see when the room is retracted. Check to make sure that the cables all have about the same tension on them. A broken cable will be loose compared to the others. NOTE: Only the inside cables are visible when the room is fully retracted. The outside cables will not be visible when the room is retracted.

The cables operate in a push - pull kind of way (actually none of the cables push). The inside cables pull the room in as it is retracted. The outside cables pull the room out as it is extended. A broken cable usually makes a loud grinding noise or popping sound when they break or fray. A frayed cable should be immediately replaced before it breaks. A broken or badly frayed cable can get jammed in one of the corner pulleys and cause your symptoms. Usually a broken cable cause the room to extend or retract unevenly or jam part way out.

The room can be manually extended or retracted if the motor has failed. It takes a drill and a flexible square drive shaft to do it though. The shaft can be ordered from BAL Accuslide, the likely manufacturer of the slide out mechanism. You can also buy replacement cable kits on Amazon or EBay. Google "BAL AccuSlide" to access the company trouble shooting guides and diagrams. They will make my above dissertation more understandable.

Mine failed with the room partially extended each time. Self repair was a necessity since I could not locate a service person or dealership that was willing to repair mine. As soon as they heard the words "Cable Slide," they all ran and hid!

Since your friend's room is retracted, I'd leave well enough alone for now and find a repair facility (good luck with that!) unless you are willing to expend several hours of your time learning how to repair the system.

Feel free to contact me directly. I'm in Fresno, CA and would be happy to lend a hand if you are in the area. You can reach me on my mobile phone as

well. I'll give you the number if you contact me directly at [blahargoue@yahoo.com](mailto:blahargoue@yahoo.com). I might not answer you today though since I'll be up skiing.

Bruce LaHargoue  
'06 HR Vacationer 34PDD/Cummins ISB

Bruce,

Thanks for the overview of the cable driven slide. This slide has had the cable replaced twice in the past but has been working well for quite a while. Now it does nothing,,,,no movement, not even a click of a relay. I will spend some time this afternoon checking on location of fuses, breakers or relays that are connected with the slide operation.

Ed Shaw  
'05 End. PDQ  
Co-Moderator

Bruce,

Sorry to report that due to inclement weather and the fact that our friends had to move on, we never got a chance to fully diagnose the inoperable slide on his Ambassador. He has an appointment with Alliance in Wildwood, FL next week for that and numerous other issues.

Thanks again for the information.

Ed Shaw  
'05 End. PDQ  
Co-Moderator

You are welcome, Ed. Please let me know what you guys figure out. Never can tell when I might have the same issue.

Bruce LaHargoue  
'06 HR Vacationer 34PDD/Cummins ISB

## VOLUNTEERING

Plans for the 2016 Maintenance Session are being finalized. The MS is totally planned, staffed, and carried out 100% by volunteers. No one gets discounts, comps, or any special benefits.

When you volunteer, you make new friends, learn new skills, feel good about participating, and HAVE FUN. If you have sent your registration in with your volunteer preferences, we thank you in advance. If you have not sent your registration in yet, now would be a good time—and please indicate the areas in which you would like to work.

If you don't have a preference, or don't know what the jobs entail, let us know and we will do our best to match you to a suitable position. There is something for everyone, both pilot and co-pilot, technical and non-technical.

To indicate your volunteer preferences, please email Jane Grossman at [jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net) or telephone at 314-277-0382 and let her know.

*Jane Grossman  
Volunteer Chair*

The people who make the MS happen are *all* volunteers. They need your help. Get involved and make the MS even better.

Do your part.  
**Volunteer Today!**

## MANUFACTURER RELATIONS

There have been a lot of changes with our manufacturer, the first being a name change. ARG is now REV, which is not an acronym for anything. Secondly, we've had some old friends leaving for other endeavors (no pun intended). There has been a realignment and there is no longer a separate President of Fleetwood/American Coach and Holiday Rambler/Monaco. These two positions have been retitled Vice-President of Sales for the respective brands. They still report to the President of REV RV Group, Jim Jacobs. The new Vice-President of Sales for Holiday Rambler/Monaco is Matt Buckman who it was my pleasure to meet at the Tampa RV Show. Matt has been in the business a long time and has a tremendous respect for the strength of the Holiday Rambler brand. While we may be sad to lose some of those familiar faces who have become friends over the course of time, I am encouraged by Matt's straightforward method of doing things.

Matt assured me that the Maintenance Session (MS) would have his full support and I could not ask for any better support than he has already provided in a short period of time. At his direction, immediately following the show I was contacted by Don Gephart, Manager of Marketing, who will be a primary contact for a number of our MS needs.

Steve Heim, Vice-President Customer Experience, will continue to handle our service and parts needs as he has in the past. Craig Biazio, the new Manager of After Market Parts, replacing Joyce Arnold, has over 30 years of experience. He is

familiar with the MS having attended last year. He assured me that we would have the parts truck and his able staff at this year's MS. Craig's goal is to make getting parts for our coaches the best experience possible.

We now have a strong offering of diesel coaches from Holiday Rambler. They have dropped the Ambassador and the high end Navigator, which never gained market penetration. There were only two 45' Navigators made, one of which is still at the factory as of the Tampa Show. In order to ensure they did not lose the Navigator name as the Imperial name had been lost by the previous manufacturer, REV elected to use it for their new entry level diesel pusher. While a 36' Navigator may be a shock to some, I was personally impressed with the quality of this coach and the value included at the price it is being offered. It is a very fine entry level diesel coach. In addition to the Navigator XE 36K, they will have an Endeavor XE 37PE, an Endeavor 40DP, a Scepter 43SF, a Scepter 43Q and a Scepter 43DF. They are also planning an additional Navigator offering which will be between the Navigator XE and the Endeavor XE. In addition to these diesel coaches, REV has several Admiral and Vacationer gas coach models which gives them an extremely strong Holiday Rambler line.

It appears that Jim Jacobs has followed through with what I was told at our meeting last July. He assured me then that he planned to bring out a high quality line of coaches that met the market's needs.



The first of the higher quality coaches, the Scepter 43DF, was presented at the HRRVC Eastern International Rally in Michigan and I was delighted with the quality I saw in it. The Endeavors presented there were almost, but not quite, the quality of design expected. The Endeavors and the Navigator presented at the Tampa Show, however, did fully meet those quality expectations. These were coaches

that really had loads of features, incorporated in floor plans I really liked, with great quality for the price.

The RV Display area at the MS should be the most interesting we've had in many years! Travel safe! See you in Goshen.

*John P. Jones*  
President and  
Member, Manufacturers Relations Committee

## ON THE COVER OF MOTORHOME MAGAZINE

The March, 2016 issue of MotorHome magazine featured the new HR Endeavor 40FX motor coach on the cover. A review of the new coach appeared on p. 64 of the magazine. The floorplan is a galley-forward design that the reviewer, Bob Livingston, said “takes some time to grow on you.” Later Livingston noted that the design had the benefit of making the forward portion of the interior feel spacious and after a few days found it much to his liking. The galley features stainless steel appliances, solid surface counter tops, and cherry-glazed cabinetry. Overall, he described the interior décor as “upscale and tasteful.”

The single-slide bedroom features a king-size bed. Clothing is stowed in a rear wall closet that also houses the stackable washer and dryer. Other cabinets with drawers and shelves provides additional storage.

The flooring is a combination of porcelain tile in the main salon and bathroom with carpet in the bedroom and roadside slide. Other appointments included LED lighting, three roof air conditioners and two LP furnaces.

Livingston was complimentary of the fit and finish of the coach overall and noted the quiet ride and predictable handling that its chassis and body structure provided while on the move.

The coach is powered by the familiar combination of a Cummins 380 horsepower ISL9 engine and an Allison 3000 MH transmission. The vehicle has a cargo capacity of a little less than 3,000 pounds and a GVWR of 33,400 pounds. The 10,000 pound towing capacity accounts for a GCWR of 43,400 pounds.

The MSRP of the coach Livingston reviewed was \$283,940.



**FROM MATT BUCKMAN, VP SALES**

Dear Holiday Rambler Owners,

*A company does not get better by chance. It only improves with change.*

With this in mind, please let me introduce myself. I'm Matt Buckman, the new Vice President of Sales for Holiday Rambler and Monaco Coach, two of four luxury motor coach brands under REV Group, Inc. My role mirrors that of Lenny Razo, Vice President of Sales for Fleetwood RV and American Coach. These two VP roles help align the REV Recreation Group sales team to better serve YOU.

So what's with all these brands *and* the REV name? And how does all of this affect Holiday Rambler? REV is simply the new name of Allied Specialty Vehicles (ASV), meaning Holiday Rambler is still owned by the same reputable company, only now with a name that gives our brands more commitment (and momentum) to connect and protect communities through our products — "Vehicles for life."

Under the REV umbrella, you'll find 23 specialty vehicle brands that have produced more than 300,000 vehicles on the road today. REV is proud to manufacture some of the nation's top transit buses, street sweepers, ambulance products, fire apparatuses, mobility equipment, terminal trucks and recreational vehicles. And regardless of industry, we plan to deliver on our goal with a speed and passion that only a revved-up corporation experiences when focused on the road ahead.

As a result of this new momentum, we've introduced three REV regional technical centers to better serve you. The East Coast REV Technical Center, an 84,800 sq. ft. facility in Decatur, Ind., near REV Recreation Group's headquarters, is currently undergoing a state-of-the-art renovation. There will be 49 paved campsites added this year. Following the Indiana renovation, our West Coast REV Technical Center in Coburg, Ore., received a facelift. Our third (and newest) location — the South REV Technical Center — recently opened in Alvarado, Texas, complete with campsites, too. And we just secured a fourth regional location in Mesquite, Nevada! The scheduled completion date for our Nevada facility is 2017. New owners taking possession of their coach can also enjoy the perks of a VIP Delivery Center in Decatur. All of these centers are designed to serve YOU!

As for the Holiday Rambler line, we're proud to have expanded our product offerings to include Class A diesel, Class A gas and Class C gas — a full-family lineup of motorhomes. We're also enhancing our floorplan offerings to create some of the industry's most robust models. We're already starting to see record backlogs, so our focus will be on fulfillment as we meet buyer demand. In fact, we're adding a dedicated 50,000-square-foot Class C facility, set to open in March.

Lastly, as Vice President of Sales, I want to let customers know that I love hearing from them. After all, customer feedback can help us pinpoint where change is needed most. I look forward to working with you this year and years to come. See you at the motor coach rallies!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matt Buckman'.

Matt Buckman

Vice President, Sales

**"A company does not improve by chance. It only improves with change."**



**DEALER/SERVICE SPONSOR NEWS**

Time is getting closer for the 2016 Session and I am receiving overwhelming response from our Dealer Sponsors. Several of our long-time Dealer Sponsor supporters will be in attendance.

At this time we have four Dealer Sponsors attending:

- Day Brothers – London, KY
- General RV – Locations in FL IL, MI
- Paul Evert's RV Country – Locations in CA, OR, WA
- Veurink's RV Center – Grand Rapids, MI

They will be introducing the NEW 2016 Holiday Rambler diesel motorhomes. Among these will be Ambassadors, Endeavors, Scepter and a new model named Navigator EX, an entry level unit, not to be confused with the past Navigator models. They will also be bringing other diesel motorhomes manufactured by REV. There will also be available a selection of previously owned diesel units.

Our dealers will help serve Morning Hospitality and furnish some lunches (check your program). Be

**Exciting News**  
 From the Dealer/Service Sponsors Attending the 2016 Maintenance Session

sure to visit them during the Maintenance Session to thank them for their support.

One of our Chapter's greatest assets is our Service Sponsors who attend our Maintenance Session and perform service on-site in the fairgrounds. They will be located in Building "A"

and open daily at 7:30 AM. They will be set up to begin doing their work-order and service scheduling on the First Day of Early Parking.

If you have ever thought about attending a Maintenance Session this is an exciting time to attend. Hope to see you at the 2016 MS.

*Dempsey Brooks*  
 Dealer Sponsor/Service Sponsor  
 Coordinator



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee worked on the process of nominations for Officer and Board of Directors positions open for 2016. During the 2015 MS, the qualifications for the various elected offices and directorships were provided to all members present and published in the 3rd Quarter (September, October, November) Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter. No applications or nominations were received by the deadline date of 1 January 2016. The list of members being nominated for open positions is presented below.

At the General Membership Meeting during the 2016 Maintenance Session in Goshen, IN, members present will vote for Ramblin' Pushers officers and directors.

Additional nominees may be nominated from the floor during the meeting for each office provided that:

1. Each floor nominee is present at the meeting;
2. Meets the qualifications for the office, and;
3. Is in good standing with HRRVC and Ramblin' Pushers membership rules and dues.

The printed ballot distributed during the election will have space available for write-in candidates.

*Ray Blush*  
Nominating Committee

Office	Term	Nominee	HR#	State
President	1 year	John Jones	114886	Florida
Vice-President	1 year	James Grossman	101983	Missouri
Secretary	1 year	Harvey Payne	82966	Virginia
Treasurer	1 year	Robert Kiser	107386	North Carolina
Director	2 year	Hugh Skidmore	116246	Florida
Director	2 year	Ed Francis	118020	North Carolina

**FOR PRESIDENT—JOHN JONES**

Currently serving as President, he previously served two years as Vice President (2014, 2015), one year as a board member (2013), two years as MS Event Coordinator (2014 and 2015), 2013 Audio Visual Chairperson, and many other volunteer jobs. John is retired Director of Utilities for the City of Griffin Georgia. John's wife, Paulette, is very active in chapter support and working on the 2016 MS. She is the Chapter Database Manager and MS Program Editor. They have been members of the Ramblin' Pushers since 2008.



**FOR VICE-PRES.—JIM GROSSMAN**

Jim is currently Chapter 419 Vice-President and Maintenance Session Coordinator for 2016. He has previously held several MS positions:



Mentor in 2011, Mentoring Chairman in 2012, Seminars & Scheduling Chairman in 2013, and was Educational Program Coordinator in 2014 and 2015. Jim was founder and President and is retired from Update Systems, a designer and manufacturer of electronic controls. Jim

and his wife Jane have been members of Chapter 419 since 2007. Jane is currently Volunteer Chairman and previously served 2 years on the Board

**FOR SECRETARY—HARVEY PAYNE**

I'm a DelMarVa Peninsula native, raised in Pocomoke, MD and now live on the Eastern Shore of Virginia since 1971, residing in Wattsville, VA whenever we are not in our RV traveling and enjoying the beautiful and breathtaking scenery provided for us.

My entire work career was in food service sales, retiring from SYSCO Food Services in 2005 as VP of Military Sales.

My wife Mary and I have been married for 28 years and together we have four children, all residing near us.

We have enjoyed being an RV owner since 1990 and bought our first Holiday Rambler product in 1996.

A great enjoyment to us is traveling in our motor coach and meeting new friends on our journeys as well as spending time with our family and friends.

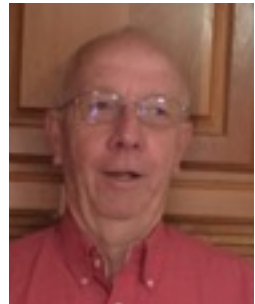
The annual Holiday Rambler Chapter 419 Maintenance Session has been a part of our travel plans and agenda since 2005 and we have gained an abundance of knowledge by attending the seminars and the fellowship with the attendees is another benefit from being a part of the Maintenance Session.



**FOR TREASURER—ROBERT KISER**

Graduate of Western Carolina University  
Retired Certified Public Accountant, State of North Carolina  
Veteran U S Navy

Thirty one years of financial and operational audit experience, (NC Office of State Auditor) state universities, community colleges, and related foundations that were non-profit, and other state agencies, (Clerks of Superior Courts, Smart Start)



Contract accountant/systems accountant with University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Contract internal auditor with Winston-Salem State University. Treasurer of a United Methodist church for 18 years.

Treasurer/business manager/property manager of another church for 5 years

Treasurer of non-profit Senior Center in Kernersville for two years serving as financial advisor and on board of directors.

Member of FMCA since 1987 and member of HRRVC for 11 years



**FOR DIRECTOR—ED FRANCIS**

Ed worked with the Coach Weighing Crew, 2012, 2013. Ed and his wife, Anita, both volunteer at the MS in many areas. They have been members of #419 since 2012.

Ed has served on the Board of Directors since his election in 2014.



**FOR DIRECTOR—HUGH SKIDMORE**

I am a retired Dentist from 38 years of private practice in Berea, Kentucky and 23 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. When I left my practice in Kentucky my wife Nova and I moved to Lake City Florida and soon got interested in RVing .



We bought our first Holiday Rambler diesel pusher in July 2008 and thus became a member of HRRVC #116246. Within a year we attended our first Chapter 419 Maintenance Session and 2016 will be the eighth session we have attended.

During this time I have volunteered for the Security, now the Information and Transportation Committee for several years and have also served as Chair of the Seminar Host Committee. For the last two years I have been the Audio Visual Team Lead and your elected representative on the Chapter 419 Board of Directors.

I feel very deep appreciation for the primary mission of Chapter 419, made possible through an organization of a very dedicated volunteer "family." As we move through these very turbulent times I hope that I be considered to serve another term on the Chapter 419 Board of Directors .

Respectfully Submitted,

Hugh

## THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN THE ELKHART AREA

While the MS is a busy event, there is still time to visit some of the popular attractions in the Elkhart area. Besides being the RV capital of the world, the city of Elkhart is located in the Amish Country of northern Indiana.



The city boasts a number of attractions, but first on the list for RVers has to be the **Recreational Vehicle/Manufactured Housing Hall of Fame**. Here you can see RVs from as early as the 1920s as well as current model displays.

For those of us who have camped for years in more humble abodes than our current diesel pushers, these early RV displays will bring back pleasant memories. Plan to spend a couple of hours meandering through the museum displays. The Hall of Fame is located at 21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart Indiana 46514. You can view their website at <http://www.rvmhhalloffame.org>.



Another major attraction in Elkhart is the **Lerner Theater**. The Lerner opened in 1924 and operated until 1987. The City of Elkhart purchased the theater in 1990 and began a major renovation in 2009. The work was completed in 2011 and the Lerner is in use today as a performing arts center and concert hall.



The architecture of the Lerner is striking, from its ornate ceilings and 2000 seat auditorium to its mosaic floors. Tours of the venue are available. Visit the Lerner's website at <http://www.thelerner.com> for more information.

Other local attractions include Ruthmere Mansion, a restored turn-of-the-century great house in Elkhart. This elegant dwelling is now home to fine art, period furniture, lavish appointments. Visit <http://www.ruthmere.org/> for details.



Visitors to the area are reminded regularly through the day (and night) that Elkhart is a major railroad hub. It is home to the largest classification rail yard east of the Mississippi. If you love the powerful drone of diesel engines and the plaintive moan of the whistle, the **New York Central Railroad Museum** is the place for you.

The museum features static and interactive presentations of railroad equipment and model trains in inside displays and outdoor equipment exhibits for visitors to enter and view. Details are available at <http://elkhartindiana.org>. Click on the Departments tab for the NYCRRM page.

Finally, Elkhart County is rich in the Amish traditions and lifestyle. Our RVs share the roads with horse-drawn carriages and bicycle travelers. A short car trip can take you through the **Amish Country** towns of Wakarusa, Shippshewana, Nappanee and Middlebury. Information, a map, and a downloadable audio tour may be found at <http://amishcountry.org>. Along the way you will find bakeries, cheese shops, and restaurants. If you do nothing else, sign up for one of the Amish dinners offered during the MS. The reservation form is found on page 15.

There's something here for everyone. Have fun!

## E-GROUP THREAD: TRAVEL THROUGH HOUSTON

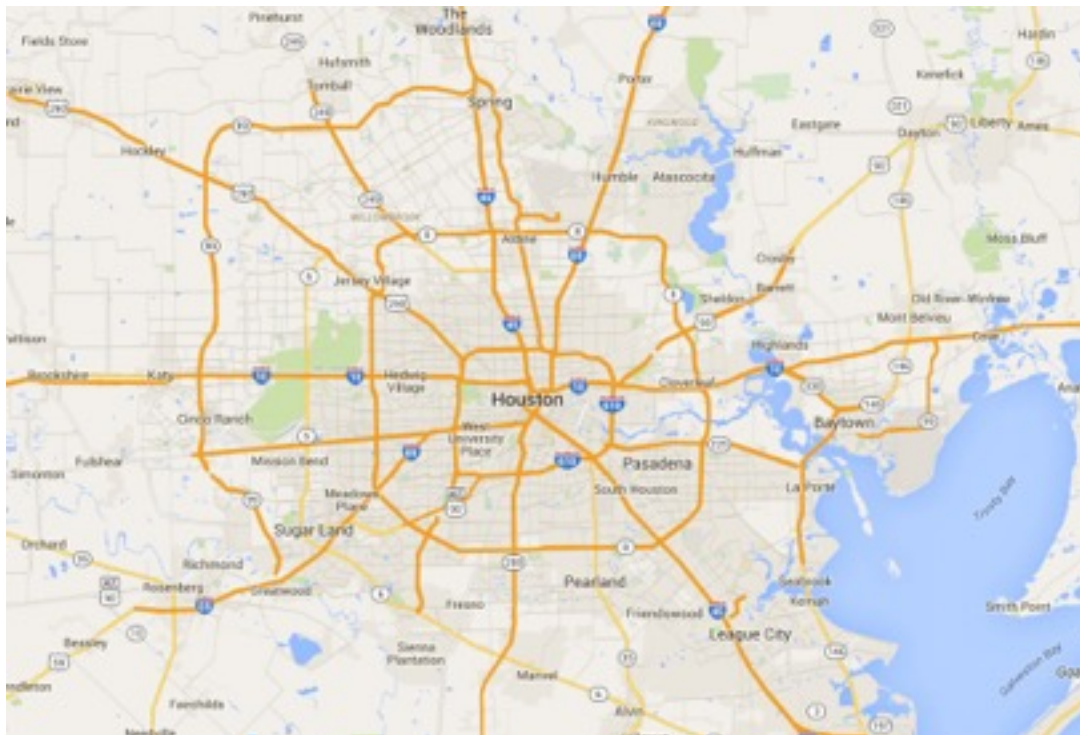
My wife and I are presently wintering in Arizona but plan on departing for Ontario on March 1st. Hoping to see Tombstone area during first week than following I-10 East from El Paso/San Antonio to Gulf Shores in Alabama during the second week of March. We have heard bad rumors about traveling through Houston TX. Is there a better/best time of day to travel through and is I-10 the best route. I'm hoping our experienced membership can share their experiences. Thanks in advance,  
 Larry B., 2005 HR 38PDQ Endeavor

Avoid the rush hour periods and check ahead for construction delays at night and weekends (hint: traffic page at [www.click2houston.com](http://www.click2houston.com)). Sports events, festivals and conventions can clog up I-10 for periods but I-45 is much, much worse. Like any city it's got periods where you just don't want to be on the road but avoid those and it's no worse than Tucson, El Paso and much better than Baton Rouge.  
 Steve Olsen 2007 HR Imperial

Larry is a native here who drove the Houston traffic for over 30 years on a daily basis. The weekday times Members have provided you are excellent. Certain times on weekends can be worse than weekdays depending on what is going on. Remember, Houston's roads were built to handle massive traffic at rush-hours. SO.....During non-rush hours, for me, I consider it as one of the easiest cities to 'pass through' .....Particularly Compared to LA, Chicago, Boston, New York, etc.

Now of course that could be because I know it like the back of my hand ....but stay in the middle lane, leave your exhaust brake on.....,and you will also find that Houston drivers are some of the most courteous in the US.

Straight through on I-10 during the Times provided you is a breeze. However, remember Houston's rush-hour on a Friday begins around 1 PM versus 3:30 PM. (they start dumping out all those big buildings downtown around that time on Fridays) LoL Let us know how it goes.  
 LD 01 Endeavor 05 executive



**TREASURER'S REPORT**

HRRVC Chapter 419  
 Balance Sheet  
 12/31/15

**AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD AT JANUARY 2016 MIDYEAR MEETING**

<b><i>Cash and Cash Equivalents</i></b>	
Cash and cash Equivalents(2)	\$ 66,773.76
<b><u>Accounts Receivable</u></b>	
Advance Payment to Fairgrounds(3)	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 67,273.76</u></u></b>
<b><i>Liabilities and Net Worth</i></b>	
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>	
Deferred Revenue(1)	\$ 40,456.00
<b><u>Net Worth</u></b>	
Net Worth(2)	<u>\$ 26,817.76</u>
	<b><u><u>\$ 67,273.76</u></u></b>

- (1) This amount consists of 2016 Maintenance Session registrations.
- (2) Includes a \$5,000 reserve for contingencies established by the board and an undetermined amount (likely less than \$1000.00) for motorhome memberships for units sold during MS
- (3) Prepayment for 2016 MS

Respectfully submitted,  
 Robert Kiser

Income/Expense by Category December 31, 2015

Category	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>2015 MS Income</b>	
2015 MS Income:Coach Weighing	\$ 1,670.00
2015 MS Income:Donations	\$ 8,017.00
2015 MS Income:Member Product Sales	\$ 683.00
2015 MS Income:Registration & Camping	\$ 71,040.00
2015 MS Income:Sponsor & Vendor Reg & Camping	\$ 8,517.00
<b>TOTAL 2015 MS Income</b>	<b>\$ 89,927.00</b>
<b>2015 MS Expense</b>	
2015 MS Expense:AV Supplies	\$ (623.00)
2015 MS Expense:Change Fund	\$ -
2015 MS Expense:Equipment	\$ 693.75
2015 MS Expense:Fairgrounds Expense	\$ 52,196.76
Golf Carts-Cart Rental	\$ 6,070.00
2015 MS Expense:Hospitality	\$ 20,224.31
2015 MS Expense:MS Advertising	\$ 465.00
2015 MS Expense:MS Hats Park & Trans	\$ 768.00
2015 MS Expense:MS Pins	\$ 1,077.40
2015 MS Expense:MS Supplies	\$ 1,205.53
2015 MS Expense:Office Supplies	\$ 113.82
2015 MS Expense:Offsite Dinners	\$ 9.00
2015 MS Expense:Printing	\$ 2,818.13
2015 MS Expense:Propane	\$ 526.47
2015 MS Expense:Registration Refunds	\$ 9,478.00
2015 MS Expense:Septic Pumpin g	\$ 30.00
2015 MS Expense:Storage Facility	\$ 2,022.95
2015 MS Expense:Vendor Chair Supplies	\$ 218.28
2015 MS Expense:Vendor Pipe and Drape	\$ 2,785.42
<b>TOTAL 2015 MS Expense</b>	<b>\$ 100,144.99</b>

**THE ABOVE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AT THE MIDYEAR MEETING FOR THEIR REVIEW OF COSTS AND INCOME**

## CURRENT RECALLS

MONACO RV / 2009-2011 SAFARI COACH / 2008

**Subject :** Electric Entry Steps may be Unstable

**What should I do if my vehicle is included in this recall?**

If your vehicle is included in this recall, it is very important that you get it fixed as soon as possible given the potential danger to you and your passengers if it is not addressed. You should receive a separate letter in the mail from the vehicle manufacturer, notifying you of the recall and explaining when the remedy will be available, whom to contact to repair your vehicle or equipment, and to remind you that the repair will be done at no charge to you. If you believe your vehicle is included in the recall, but you do not receive a letter in the mail from the vehicle manufacturer, please call NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 or contact your vehicle manufacturer or dealership.

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V020000

**Component(s):** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM , ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 7,657

**Manufacturer:** Navistar, Inc.

**Make /Model Years:** 2013 Ambassador and Endeavor

**SUMMARY:**

Navistar is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 IC Bus brand model 1300FBC, CE, HC, and RE buses; model year 2011-2013 International brand model Durastar, model year 2013 International brand Workstar trucks; model year 2013 Holiday Rambler brand model Ambassador and Endeavor vehicles; and model year 2013 Monaco brand model Diplomat and Knight vehicles. These vehicles were manufactured August 5, 2010 through September 6, 2012 and are equipped with certain 2011-2013 model year I-6 engines with feature codes 12NUK, 12NUL, 12NUM, 12NUN, 12NUP, 12NUR, 12NUS, 12NUT, 12NUU, 12NUV, 12NUX, 12NUY and 12NUZ. The injection pressure regulator (IPR) harness wire may break due to vibrational damage. This could cause an unexpected shut down of the engine.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

An unexpected engine shut down while driving may increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

**REMEDY:**

Navistar will notify owners, and dealers will replace the IPR wire connector free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin by March 18, 2013. Owners may contact Navistar at 1-800-448-7825.

**NOTES:**

Navistar's recall campaign number is 13501. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

## SPONSOR MEMBERS

Sponsor members are companies who are members of the Ramblin' Pushers and serve the RV market, either as dealers of new coaches with or without service facilities, or are companies who provide a range of maintenance and repair services. These companies have locations across the US and some are located in Canada.

In the course of our RV travels, Ramblin' Pushers members may have occasion to call upon one or more of these sponsors members for routine maintenance or repairs.

Sponsor memberships are renewed annually, and include a donation to the Ramblin' Pushers organization. In addition, some sponsor members support our annual Maintenance Session by providing a display in the dealer or vendor area.

We thank the Sponsor Members for their support of our club and offer the following information about them as a convenience to our members. The information provided does not constitute an endorsement of any product or firm by the Ramblin' Pushers organization.

## DEALER SPONSORS

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1. Service & Repairs 2. Collision Repair 3. Supplies/Accessories 4. Disposal Station 5. LP Gas  
6. Chassis/Engine Service 7. Overnight Parking 8. 10% Discount on Store Items 9. RV Storage  
10. RV Wash Service

ALLIANCE COACH, INC.

4505 Monaco Way  
Wildwood, FL 34785  
352-330-3800

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Website:	<a href="http://www.alliancecoach.com">www.alliancecoach.com</a>	
Email:	<a href="mailto:business@alliancecoach.com">business@alliancecoach.com</a>	
Contact:	Allan Shapiro	352-330-3800
	<a href="mailto:ashapi@aol.com">ashapi@aol.com</a>	
Sales:	Tom Peterson	352-330-3800
	<a href="mailto:tom.peterson@alliancecoach.com">tom.peterson@alliancecoach.com</a>	
Service:	Mike Hawkins	352-330-3800
	<a href="mailto:mike.hawkins@alliancecoach.com">mike.hawkins@alliancecoach.com</a>	
Services:	<b>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10</b>	
Models:	All HR Diesel Models	

DAY BROS.  
AUTO & RV SALES, LLC

3054 Laurel Road  
London, KY 40744  
606-877-1530

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Website:	<a href="http://www.daybrosvsales.com">www.daybrosvsales.com</a>	
Email:	<a href="mailto:sdlay29@msm.com">sdlay29@msm.com</a>	
Contact:	Kenny Day	606-877-1530
Sales:	Jerry Lowe	606-877-1530
Service:	George Day	606-877-1530
Services:	<b>1, 2, 3, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10</b>	
Models:	All HR Diesel Models	

**DEALER SPONSORS (CONT.)**

**GENERAL RV**  
 13396 E. US Hwy 92  
 Dover, FL 33527  
 813-305-2500

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Website: [www.generalmv.com](http://www.generalmv.com)  
 Contact: John Cohen 813-305-2500  
 J.Cohen@generalmv.com  
 Sales: Victor Davis 813-305-2500  
 Service: Tim Kelly 813-305-2500  
 Services: **1, 2, 3**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**GENERAL RV**  
 14000 Automall Drive  
 Huntley, IL 60142  
 847-669-5570

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Website: [www.generalmv.com](http://www.generalmv.com)  
 Contact: Jim Lyon 847-669-5570  
 J.Lyon@generalmv.com  
 Sales: Chris Stevens 847-669-5570  
 C.Stevens@generalmv.com  
 Service: Scott Rosselein 847-669-5570  
 S.Rosselein@generalmv.com  
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**GENERAL RV**  
 25000 Assembly Park Drive  
 Wixom, MI 48393  
 248-349-0900

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Website: [www.generalmv.com](http://www.generalmv.com)  
 Contact: Jason Quillen 248-349-0900  
 J.Quillen@generalmv.com  
 Sales: Chris Cole 248-349-0900  
 C.Cole@generalmv.com  
 Service: Dave Carlisle 248-349-0900  
 D.Carlisle@generalmv.com  
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**GENERAL RV**  
 14295 Minuteman Road  
 Draper, UT 84020  
 801-307-1070

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Website: [www.generalmv.com](http://www.generalmv.com)  
 Contact: Paxton Jensen 801-307-1070  
 P.Jensen@generalmv.com  
 Sales: Ralphie Jensen 801-307-1070  
 R.Jensen@generalmv.com  
 Service: Bret Folkman 801-307-1070  
 B.Folkman@generalmv.com  
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**GIANT RV—MONTCLAIR, CA**  
 9150 Benson Ave.  
 Montclair, CA 91763  
 909-981-0444

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Website: [www.giantrv.com](http://www.giantrv.com)  
 Email: sales@giantrv.com  
 Contact: Dick Torres 909-981-0444  
 dicktorres@giant.com  
 Service: Paul Nanez 909-981-0444  
 Services: **1, 2, 3**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**MOTOR HOME SPECIALIST**  
 100 O'Banion Way  
 Alvarado, TX 76009  
 817-790-7771

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Website: [www.mhsrv.com](http://www.mhsrv.com)  
 Contact: Donny O'Banion 897-790-7771  
 dobanion@mhsrv.com  
 Sales: Mark Griffith 897-790-7771  
 markg@mhsrv.com  
 Service: Terry Humphries 897-790-7771  
 service@mhsrv.com  
 Services: **3**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models



**DEALER SPONSORS (CONT.)**

**PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY**  
 2155 Highway 95  
 Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
 928-704-5080

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Website: [www.rvcountry.com](http://www.rvcountry.com)  
 Email: [sales@rvcountry.com](mailto:sales@rvcountry.com)  
 Sales: Terry Wolfe 928-704-5080  
           *twolfe@rvcountry.com*  
 Service: Krystal Leslie 928-704-5080  
           *kleslie@rvcountry.com*  
 Services: **1**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY**  
 3633 South Maple  
 Fresno, CA 93725  
 559-486-1000

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Website: [www.rvcountry.com](http://www.rvcountry.com)  
 Email: [sales@rvcountry.com](mailto:sales@rvcountry.com)  
 Contact: Curt Curtis 559-779-1725  
           *curt@rvcountry.com*  
 Sales: Julien Castillo 559-486-1000  
 Service: Han Dudley 817-779-1725  
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY**  
 83407 Highway 111  
 Indio, CA 92201  
 760-972-4122

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Website: [www.rvcountry.com](http://www.rvcountry.com)  
 Email: [sales@rvcountry.com](mailto:sales@rvcountry.com)  
 Contact: John Mathiasen 760-972-4122  
           *jmathiasen@rvcountry.com*  
 Sales: John Mathiasen 760-972-4122  
 Service: John Mathiasen 760-972-4122  
 Services: **1, 2, 7, 10**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY**  
 5111 20th Street E  
 Fife, WA 98424  
 253-926-6000

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Website: [www.rvcountry.com](http://www.rvcountry.com)  
 Email: [sales@rvcountry.com](mailto:sales@rvcountry.com)  
 Contact: Kevin Knowles 253-926-6000  
           *kknowles@rvcountry.com*  
 Sales: Kevin Knowles 253-926-6000  
 Service: Jeff Grah 253-926-6000  
           *Jeffg@rvcountry.com*  
 Services: **1, 3, 6, 7**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY**  
 90915 Roberts Road  
 Coburg, OR 90915  
 541-636-6041

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Website: [www.rvcountry.com](http://www.rvcountry.com)  
 Email: [sales@rvcountry.com](mailto:sales@rvcountry.com)  
 Contact: Jim Hardy  
           *gentlemanjimhardy@gmail.com*  
 Sales: Alan Page 541-636-6041  
 Service: Chad Ross 541-636-6041  
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**PGA AUTO, RV, BOAT COLLISION**  
 32393 Lakepoint  
 New Baltimore, MI 48047

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Website: [www.pgacollision.com](http://www.pgacollision.com)  
 Email: [pgacollision@comcast.net](mailto:pgacollision@comcast.net)  
 Contact: Gary Patchak 586-725-1863  
 Sales: Jesse Krasnicki 586-718-4726  
 Service:  
 Services: **2, 10**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**DEALER SPONSORS (CONT.)**

**SICARD RV**  
 7526 Highway #20  
 Sicard, Ontario CANADA L0R2A0  
 905-957-3344

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Website: [www.sicardrv.com](http://www.sicardrv.com)  
 Email: [gsicard@sicardrv.com](mailto:gsicard@sicardrv.com)  
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 Contact: Blair Sicard 905-957-3344  
 Sales: Roger Sicard 905-957-3344  
 Service: Terry Sicard 905-957-3344  
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**VEURINKS RV CENTER**  
 7144 S. Division  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49348  
 800-822-5272

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Website: [www.veurinksrv.com](http://www.veurinksrv.com)  
 Email: [rvsales@veurinksrv.com](mailto:rvsales@veurinksrv.com)  
 Contact: Tim Veurink 616-965-9605  
 Sales: Matt Veurink 616-965-9606  
 Service: Tom Woods 616-965-9631  
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10**  
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

**SERVICE SPONSORS**

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1. Service & Repairs 2. Collision Repair 3. Supplies/Accessories 4. Disposal Station 5. LP Gas  
 6. Chassis/Engine Service 7. Overnight Parking 8. 10% Discount on Store Items 9. RV Storage  
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**APALACHEE RV CENTER**  
 1364 Duncan Lane  
 Auburn, GA 30011  
 770-868-0999

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Website: [www.myarv.com](http://www.myarv.com)  
 Email: [service@myarv.com](mailto:service@myarv.com)  
 Contact: Joe Morillo ext. 309  
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           [tracy@myarv.com](mailto:tracy@myarv.com)  
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 Edwardsburg, MI 49120  
 800-589-7251

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 Email: [info@coach.supply.direct.com](mailto:info@coach.supply.direct.com)  
 Contact: Joshua Leach 800-589-7251  
           [josh@coach.supplydirect.com](mailto:josh@coach.supplydirect.com)  
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9**

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260-482-3691

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Website: [www.crosspoint.cummins.com](http://www.crosspoint.cummins.com)  
Email: [cd575@cummins.com](mailto:cd575@cummins.com)  
Contact: Carrie Buisman 260-482-3691  
Service: Carrie Buisman 260-482-3691  
Services: **1, 6, 7, 8**

### CUMMINS ONAN OF ELKHART

5125 Beck Drive  
Elkhart, IN 46516  
574-361-1068

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Website: [www.cummins.com](http://www.cummins.com)  
Email: [Kent.A.Hollopeter@cummins.com](mailto:Kent.A.Hollopeter@cummins.com)  
Contact: Kent Hollopeter 574-361-1068  
Services: **1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8**

### CUSTOM COACH CONNECTION

236 East Main Street No. 216  
Sevierville, TN 37862  
619-571-3393

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Website: [www.customcoachconnection.com](http://www.customcoachconnection.com)  
Email: [Geoff@customcoachconnection.com](mailto:Geoff@customcoachconnection.com)  
Contact: Geoff Matthews 619-571-3393  
Sales: [g.matt@me.com](mailto:g.matt@me.com)  
Other: Johana Matthews 619-571-3592  
[johana@me.com](mailto:johana@me.com)  
Services: **1**

### DUNCAN RV REPAIR

29393 Old US 33 West  
Elkhart, IN 46516  
574-296-7555

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Website: [www.duncanrvrepair.com](http://www.duncanrvrepair.com)  
Email: [pam@duncanrvrepair.com](mailto:pam@duncanrvrepair.com)  
Contact: Pam Duncan 574-296-7555 ext. 2134  
[pam@duncanrvrepair.com](mailto:pam@duncanrvrepair.com)  
Service: Joe Rose 574-296-7555  
Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10**

### EAGLE'S PRIDE RV, INC.

108C Plantation Drive  
Titusville, FL 32780  
800-552-3555

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Website: [www.eaglespride.com](http://www.eaglespride.com)  
Email: [eaglespride@yahoo.com](mailto:eaglespride@yahoo.com)  
Contact: Mike & Joshua Thibeau 321-383-0288  
Sales: Carrie Wilmer 321-383-4495  
Service: Joshua Thibeau 321-383-0288  
Services: **1, 2, 3, 6**

### ELKHART SALES & SERVICE, INC.

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Elkhart, IN 46514

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Website: [www.elkhartssi.com](http://www.elkhartssi.com)  
Email: [mmiller@elkhartssi.com](mailto:mmiller@elkhartssi.com)  
Contact: Marvin Miller, Pres. 574-238-1124  
Service: Tom Bumpus 574-215-1785  
Service: Patrick McGann 574-215-1441  
Services: **1, 2, 3**

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**GLEN'S TIRE INC.**  
 609 E. Waterford St.  
 Wekarusa, IN 46573  
 574-866-1159

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Website: [www.glenstire.net](http://www.glenstire.net)  
 Email: [pitstop@glenstire.net](mailto:pitstop@glenstire.net)  
 Contact: Glen Zimmerman 574-862-1159  
[glen@glenstire.net](mailto:glen@glenstire.net)

Services: **1**

**HYDRONIC HEATING SPECIALISTS**  
 (AquaHot)  
 23624 Greenwood Blvd.  
 Elkhart, IN 46516  
 574-612-4826

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Website: [www.hydronicheatingspecialist.com](http://www.hydronicheatingspecialist.com)  
 Contact: Darin Hathaway 574-612-4826  
[dhathaway77@gmail.com](mailto:dhathaway77@gmail.com)

Services: **1 (AquaHot)**

**LEE SMITH, INC.**  
 2600 8th Avenue  
 Chattanooga, TN 37407-1156

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Website: [www.lee-smith.com](http://www.lee-smith.com)  
 Email: [dkissinger@lee-smith.com](mailto:dkissinger@lee-smith.com)  
 Contact: Taylor Vinson 423-622-4161  
 Service: Mike Suggs 423-648-6404

Services: **1, 2, 6**

**LLOYD DEGERALD SERVICES**  
 (AquaHot)  
 16754 Smithers Road  
 Paron, AR 72122  
 501-258-8426

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Email: [lloyd.degerald@gmail.com](mailto:lloyd.degerald@gmail.com)  
 Contact: Lloyd DeGerald 501-258-8426

Services: **1 (AquaHot)**

**M&M RV ELECTRONICS**  
 (RV ELECTRICAL)  
 205 North Main Street  
 Ohio City, OH 45874  
 419-965-2662

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Website: [www.mmrvelectronics.com](http://www.mmrvelectronics.com)  
 Email: [mmrvelectronics@yahoo.com](mailto:mmrvelectronics@yahoo.com)  
 Contact: Mark Bayus 419-965-2662

Services: **1**

**RV SYSTEMS, INC.**  
 (AquaHot)  
 537 Sandy Creek Dr.  
 Brandon, FL 33511  
 813-770-7590

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Email: [plancy2001@yahoo.com](mailto:plancy2001@yahoo.com)  
 Contact: Paul Lancy 813-770-7590  
 Service: Paul Lancy 813-770-7590

Services: **1 (AquaHot)**

# Ramblin' Pushers 2016 Maintenance Session

If you own a Holiday Rambler, American Coach, Fleetwood, Beaver, Monaco or Safari Diesel Motorhome, you're invited.

**April 28 – May 4, 2016**

(Arrival Day the 28<sup>th</sup> included in Registration)

**Early Parking April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Goshen, Indiana – GPS: N41.5807 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 27<sup>th</sup> an extra \$20  
**Please don't arrive earlier than Early Parking Day April 4/27 (You will not be parked at assigned site)!!!**

### Need more information?

Visit our Website at [www.ramblinpushers.org](http://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:  
Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 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 three weeks after mailing your registration confirming receipt. Pre-arrival packets will be distributed electronically to registered attendees in early April 2016.

Cancellations accepted prior to MS, subject to an admin. fee of \$10. Call 866-208-7411 or email to [jpiscuba@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpiscuba@bellsouth.net) 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 19 handicap parking spaces are available and will be assigned based on when the registration is postmarked.

**- Facilities -**  
7 nights parking starting 4/28  
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 4/27 & 28 – MS starts with Opening Session at 9:15 AM on Friday 4/29

- 6 Days of Seminars/Sessions by Allied Recreation Group (ARG), Vendors, Suppliers and 419 members, Ladies Events
- Round Table discussions
- ARG Executives Session
- Service Technicians Available
- Coach Displays, Vendors, & Suppliers
- Morning Hospitality, Social & Closing Dinner

Cut Here and Return Below Registration with Check or Money Order

Names _____	HRRVC# if Applicable _____	<b>For Office Use</b>	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 \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle ID Number (17 Digit No.)

**REGISTRATION FEES: Check or MO payable to Ramblin' Pushers**

Coach with 2 persons	\$225.00 _____
Coach with 1 person	185.00 _____
Extra Person in Coach, <u>Add</u>	60.00 _____
Non-Ramblin' Pusher Member, <u>Add</u>	20.00 _____
Early Parking Day – April 27 <sup>th</sup> , <u>Add</u>	20.00 _____

**Check, if applicable:**

First Timer

Handicapped (Limit 19)\*

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

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (US Funds Only) \$

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

First Aid \_\_\_\_\_ Audio/Visual \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering \_\_\_\_\_ Parking \_\_\_\_\_ Info/Trans \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Weigh \_\_\_\_\_ Propane Sniffing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Round Table Moderators \_\_\_\_\_ Seminar Host \_\_\_\_\_ Mentors \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Tours \_\_\_\_\_ Book Exchange \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office \_\_\_\_\_ Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Goody Bags Prep. \_\_\_\_\_ Greetings \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluations \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ As Needed \_\_\_\_\_



HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419 MEMBERSHIP FORM - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY -



HRRVC National Membership # [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] (Required for Processing)

IMPORTANT: Please Check One [ ] I am applying for new membership in Chapter 419 - Ramblin' Pushers [ ] I am a current 419 member - this is updated membership information. Enter your HRRVC# name and only the information that is to be changed.

Last Name First Name Cell Phone Number

Mailing Address: City: State/Prov: Zip+4: Home Phone Number: Can. Postal Code Email:

Spouse/Companion: Last Name First Name Cell Phone Number Email:

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HR Coach HR Diesel Model (Circle One) > AMB END IMP NAV NEP SEP TRP VAC Coach Year Length Engine HP Engine Mfg. Coach # VIN#

How were you recruited into Chapter 419? (Please fill in all blanks that apply): 419 Member Dealer 419 Website Rally/Where Other

Signature: Date:

Cost to Join: An initiation fee of \$20.00 for the first year. Thereafter, the Annual Membership fee is due Jan. 1 of each year. If you are joining after Aug., the next year's Annual Membership Fee (\$15.00) is also due at the time of membership application. All fees/dues are payable in US Funds. Make Check Payable to: HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers & include HRRVC No. on your check. Send form & check (if applicable) to:



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

Questions? Visit our Chapter Website: www.ramblinpushers.org or call our Chapter President: 866-208-7411

FMCA Membership Number: F [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing... Since we all travel...

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## LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

You've heard it before, but once again, the best way to get the most out of the MS is to volunteer to help. When you volunteer your service you get to work with other people who share your interest in RV travel and maintenance. It's easy to meet people and make new friends at the MS.

If you're a first timer, you might think you don't know enough about the MS to be useful. Not so! Almost everything can be learned quickly, and sharing the load helps everybody.

You might enjoy being a **seminar host**, especially for a session you plan to attend. The Job of the host is to make the session proceed smoothly by introducing the speaker, keeping track of the time, letting the speaker know when it's time to wrap up, and offering public thanks for an informative session. It's easy, fun, and really makes a difference for both the presenter and the audience.

If you are an experienced RV traveler or have attended an MS before, and especially if you are a member of the Ramblin' Pushers chapter, you could help a first timer or new member as a **Mentor**. Couples are particularly effective as mentors for their differing approaches to using an RV. There is no strict agenda for mentors; you need only to be willing to share what you know, answer questions, and offer advice on how to get the most out of the MS. Often, first timers and their mentors stay in contact long after the MS and share their travels and plans as new friends.

The success of the MS is wholly dependent on the efforts of people who give the time and talent so generously. Volunteer opportunities are open to owners of any REV marque diesel motor coach.

Contact Jane Grossman today!

## THE LAST WORD

**Travel safely!**  
**Drive carefully!**  
**Stay safe!**

Many of us exchange these words as we part company with our fellow RV enthusiasts. The annual Maintenance Session is our Chapter's way of expressing those sentiments to our fellow REV diesel pusher owners. This issue of the Newsletter is intended to provide attendees with all of the information needed to make the event enjoyable and useful from the time of arrival, through the activity-filled days and evenings to the closing dinner and farewell.

We want everyone in attendance to have a great time and go home more knowledgeable of our marvelous and complicated motor homes that we so richly enjoy. None of us is an expert in all matters RV. The experts are the industry representatives who give willingly of their time to present seminars, answer questions, and sometimes visit our RVs for technical consultation. We are a group of interested enthusiasts who want to make

our travels comfortable and safe and are willing to share what we know with others.

For 26 years, this organization has striven to achieve that goal and fulfill our official mission.

By choosing to participate in the 2016 Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session, you have taken an important step in the direction of RV safety and trouble-free travels. Now it's time to take the next step. Join the Ramblin' Pushers Yahoo! group ([https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ramblin\\_pushers/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ramblin_pushers/info)) and follow the threads of discussion. There you will find that the problems you are having are not unique. Others have experienced the same ones and found solutions that they share in the posts. Join the group, enter the discussion and learn everything you can. It is a great example of crowd-sourcing in the 21st century and it works remarkably well.

From the whole MS Team,

**Safe Travels!**



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