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27 Years of Ramblin' & Still Pushin'



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As you read this newsletter, most of you will be settled into winter quarters in Florida, Texas, or Arizona. Many of our members have permanent homes in the sunbelt, while others have winter homes, or live in their coaches at RV resorts that seem like summer camp for grown-ups. Wherever you are, we sincerely hope that you are keeping warm, enjoying yourselves, and traveling safely.

A couple of reminders are in order at this time of year. If you have not registered for the MS, now would be a great time to do so. If you have not responded to our notices about dues for 2018, this would also be a good time to take care of that, as well. You can even save the cost of a stamp by putting both forms in the same envelope.

By now you should have received an announcement about and a request to participate in our membership survey. In fact, we are probably tabulating the results. If you did not respond, and the survey is still available, please do so as quickly as possible.

Your 2018 Maintenance Session committee has been working diligently to plan the best ever motorhome event. Ray Blush, Ramblin' Pushers Vice President and MS Coordinator has been keeping me up to date on plans. I am especially impressed by the rejuvenation of RV Lifestyle and Ladies Crafts activities under the very capable leadership of Sandy Lindhout. Planning for other areas of the MS also appears to be going well. Ray and his entire committee are hard at work to deliver another great MS.

Did you know that each month our Membership Chair Carol Smalley mails about 100 MS

invitation packets to new REV diesel coach owners? These mailings are generating quite a few telephone inquiries and MS registrations. We also receive registrations from people that you have met and invited to the Maintenance Session. Our tracking shows a significant return on investment from your efforts. Please, continue to make new friends in the campground and tell them about the Ramblin' Pushers. If anyone needs more invitation packets, contact Carol Smalley or myself.

We will have a small group with a table at the Tampa RV Supershow. If you are in that area around January 17-20, stop by the Holiday Rambler display and say hello. Following the show, we hold our combined mid-year Board and MS Planning Meeting at the Paradise Oaks RV Park, Bushnell, FL, from January 22-23. Our meetings are open to all. If you want to park with our group, contact Jane Grossman.

Jane and I are looking forward to a great family reunion over Thanksgiving. We will have both of our children's families – yes, all four of the grandchildren – here in St. Louis together. After that we leave for Arizona. If you are in the Phoenix area over the winter months, give us a shout.

We also want to wish all of you the appropriate greetings of the season: Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah to each of you. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy a Happy and Healthy New Year. May all of your travels be safe, and may we all be blessed with a Year of Peace.

Jim Grossman

President, Ramblin' Pushers

PRESIDENT'S

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Mission

To provide information to our members and associates to help them safely and properly operate and maintain their REV diesel motor homes and enhance their ownership experiences.

Purpose

The purpose of this *Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter* is to inform members of recalls; new products; information about REV, the manufacturer of our motor homes; information concerning the next Maintenance Session; and methods other members have used to diagnose problems and maintain their motor homes.

This *Newsletter* does not claim to present the best way to make repairs, but shares methods and approaches other members have found to work for them. Members are encouraged to use various sources of information such as owners manuals, brand specific technical assistance, REV Repair Centers, and other supplier information along with web/phone support to diagnose and correct problems experienced in their motor homes.

Do You Really Need The Newsletter in Print?

It costs the Ramblin' Pushers almost \$3 per copy to have the *Newsletter* printed and mailed to members. That adds up to more than \$600 for each issue. In other words, almost \$12 of those members' annual dues is spent on printing and mailing the *Newsletter* to them in hard copy.

Downloading the *Newsletter* from our website is really better for the reader. You get color graphics throughout (not just on the front page) and the size can be adjusted on screen. It costs the club almost nothing to make the *Newsletter* available online and notify everyone that it's there to download and read. Of course, you can save your copy of the *Newsletter* and print it (in color) for yourself.

If you have an email address and are willing to receive your *Newsletter* online, please contact Jane Grossman, our interim database manager and request the change. Jane's email address is jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net.

Cover Photo

The title block photo for this issue is Doug and Sandy Lindhout's 2009 Endeavor. The photo was taken in September 2016 during 3 days of dry camping in the Upper Drinks Canyon Bureau of Land Management Campground near Moab, Utah.

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2018 Ramblin' Pushers Annual Dues

Dues of \$15 may be paid for the current year and/or future years at any time. If you would like to pay dues in advance, please make your check payable to **Ramblin' Pushers**. Include your HRRVC on the check.

Mail your check to:

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Cover Photos Needed

We are running short of title block photos. Now that the winter travel season is upon us, please take some uncluttered photos of your coach and crew in camp and send them to ramblinpushersnewsed@gmail.com.

All REV brands are welcome in the title block. Please identify the coach make, model, and year, the owners' names, and the location and date of the photo.

IN THIS ISSUE

I suppose that Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the Holiday season with its rich tradition of over-eating, afternoon naps (It's the tryptophan!), and Black Friday shopping. I sure hope it's not Halloween! For the Ramblin' Pushers MS team, the season provides a break in the ongoing work of preparing for MS 2018. Everyone knows that right after the decorations come down we'll pick up our duties and head to Bushnell, FL for the Mid-Year meeting and MS Planning Session.

However, there is still time to fill out that Registration Form you've been saving since last May (or the one on page 18 of this *Newsletter*) and send it in. We all know that the best parking goes to the early registrants. There are still plenty of full hook-up spaces available, so put your name on one. And while you're at it, indicate on the form your willingness to volunteer to help make the MS a success.

As you read the articles by the various MS team leaders you will find appeals for help in specific areas. Most of these can be performed with minimal disruption in attending those seminars and events that are at the center of the MS mission.

In the following pages you will find information that describes our plans for a really exciting

collection of RV Lifestyle seminars related to cooking, decorating, and planning RV travel to satisfy personal goals. For example, this fall Carol and I visited Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon for the first time ever. Both were humbling and immensely satisfying experiences.



Assistant Newsletter Editor,
Bob McCann

Let's face it, we all bought these motorhomes to use. Maintenance and repairs are a means to that end and the MS is a great way to make us informed coach owners and cautious do-it-yourselfers. But I don't know anyone who bought his coach just to have something else to fix.

Please join me in welcoming Bob McCann to the *Newsletter* team. Bob is an experienced and very capable writer and editor.

He joins us as Assistant Editor and I am very pleased to work with him. Bob is the editor of two other newsletters; Chapter 421, Military Retirees and Chapter 10M, Wolverines. Both have been prize-winning publications. We're fortunate to have him on our team.

An example of Bob's work can be found on page 14. For some time now we have had the need for more coach maintenance content in the *Newsletter*, and Bob has agreed to that "beat" for now. By doing so he will make an important contribution to our coverage.

FROM THE MS COORDINATOR

Hello fellow Ramblin' Pushers and the many other guests who have attended our past Maintenance Sessions! We hope you are well on your way toward a wonderful holiday season and a winter full of enjoyable times. Your Maintenance Session volunteers are busy at work planning for another memorable time in Goshen, Indiana.

Our 2018 dates are May 3 – May 9, and we are looking forward to presenting for your benefit more than 130 seminars, lots of RV Lifestyle and Crafts sessions, excellent service technicians at reasonable rates, dealer displays of new and used coaches, vendors with all kinds of “goodies” for us, along with many other types of demonstrations, instruction, and roundtables designed for the different years and makes of units we own.

The Maintenance Session is the place to go to learn about your RV. We all know how vulnerable we can be to break down on the side of the road. We also know how valuable it is for us to either know where to look and what to fix to quickly get back on the road, or how to understand preventive maintenance concepts and apply them so that we can avoid needing emergency help to get going again.

REV executives will join us to learn from you, and our business session will be conducted to get your input on the course of the Ramblin' Pushers as we roll on down the road.

Our time together also includes multiple social events highlighted by the daily morning hospitality where there is more food for us than anyone can consume at one sitting. The mid-day and evening socials sponsored by our vendors and dealers are also highly acclaimed. And of course, the Amish country related dinners and shows available to each of us are always fun times. All of these things lead up to our closing dinner.

We are all about learning while enjoying, a combination we cannot find at many gatherings but certainly are part of our mission at each Maintenance Session.

Our some 200 volunteers are getting up to speed to welcome you in May. If you have not yet registered, you can go to www.ramblinpushers.org to download the appropriate form and get more information or use the form on page 18.

See you in the RV heart of the United States in a few months!

Ray Blush

2018 MS Coordinator
Vice-President, Ramblin' Pushers



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Hi, everyone. I hope everybody had a good summer of travelling in their motorhome.

Fall is here and the Snowbirds will be heading South soon. Looking ahead to Spring, we have the 2018 Maintenance Session. For all of you already signed up, I'll be happy to see you. For those not registered yet, it's time to get your form in. We still have Full Hook-Up sites available.

We need help in two areas. Audio-Visual and Propane Sniffing. Two or three volunteers are needed to set-up and check sound systems. These persons should have knowledge and experience in electronics, preferably with A/V systems. This person (or persons) should be available to help presenters get equipment set up and working if that is needed.

We also need people to visit coaches to use a propane detector to check for leaks in the system.

Four or five volunteers are needed. We have the equipment and will train you in the Safety Check.

Please contact Matt Libby at applejack1022@yahoo.com or Jane Grossman at jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.

I hope to have all of our volunteers lined up before the Mid-Year Meeting in January. Please let me or Jane know of your choice as soon as possible. Start planning for the 2018 Maintenance Session by getting in your Registration Form TODAY.

The arrival and parking hours will be 9AM to 4PM. See you in the Spring.

Matt Libby

2018 Building & Grounds Coordinator

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Planning for the 2018 Maintenance Session is well underway. My chairpersons: Greeters - Joyce Knight; Goodie Bags - Julia McKay; Registration - Car Scott; MS Office - Tonia Ahlmeyer and Evaluations - Renae Butler have been busy getting in touch with anybody who has signed up for these areas. If you haven't been contacted, please let me or Jane Grossman know. We will inform that chairperson and she will contact you. Also, if you haven't signed up yet, please do so right away.

Areas we need help in are: MS Office, Evaluations and Greeters. Evaluations are collected on the last night of the MS at the dinner. They are then tabulated the next morning, the day that attendees are leaving. The tabulation session usually starts at 9am. If you can stay 1 - 2 hours that morning, we would be glad to have your assistance.

The Greeters meet each RV coming into the fairgrounds for the MS. Of course, it's outside, but it's going to be "warm and sunny" this coming year, so please sign up.

The MS Office will be in a different building in 2018 - the Home and Family Arts Building. The building is on Maple Street not far from the handicapped parking section. The building will be open each day from the time of registration to the last day of the MS. As a matter of fact, Registration, MS Office, Goodie Bags and Evaluations will all be working out of the Home and Family Arts Building.

We can no longer use the History Room. I hope, nobody has difficulty finding us. But, I'm sure we will have signs out keeping us on the right path.

A "Door Greeter" will be at the door of the Home and Family Arts Building during registration to guide you as you come into the building.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Remember to register for the 2018 MS and to volunteer. Hope to see you all in May of 2018.

Judi Libby

2018 Administrative Activities Chair
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FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

We need YOU to help at the 2018 Maintenance Session. The success of our event depends on the number of participants who volunteer.

Everyone, from our president on down, is a volunteer who pays full fare with no benefits, perks, or comps. The Board of Directors, Maintenance Session Coordinator, and all the committee chairs put in many, many more hours of hard work than just the week in Goshen, so please help keep them happy by volunteering. The "pay" that each of us receives is the satisfaction of making our Maintenance Session a great success, making new friends, and feeling part of the group. I guarantee you will have more fun, too!

I hope you have sent in your registration with areas you would be willing to work. If you have not sent it in yet, when you do, please indicate on the bottom of the form the areas where you can help. If you are already registered, but did not volunteer yet, email me at jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net. I am sure

both pilot and co-pilot can find an area or two of interest.

For anyone in need of a suggestion of positions that need filling, there are a few areas where we can always use more help: First Timer Guides, Info/Trans drivers, Mentors, and Seminar Hosts. Each of these groups will have a training session, so don't be afraid of volunteering. They are easy, fun, and a great way to get involved.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our 2018 MS the best ever!!

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Educational Commttee is working hard to offer an informative, useful, and enjoyable program that includes a variety of technical and lifestyle topics. We are working hard to make sure that everyone who attends the MS has a great experience.

To that end, Doug Lindhout, assisted by Bob and Pam Hill, is making excellent progress confirming technical seminars and organizing other schedule events. Sandy Lindhout is coordinating the whole RV Lifestyle and Crafts area. See Sandy's article on page 12 in this *Newsletter* to read of some really exciting news regarding the venue being developed for these classes and activities.

Paul Pronze is working hard to recruit a full team of First-Timer Guides for our 2018 class of First-Timers. If you served as a guide in 2017 and have not yet registered, please do so soon. And be sure to contact Paul at pcpronze@yahoo.com or Jane Grossman at jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net to volunteer.

Dave Malcolm returns to coordinate the Mentor program. Any attendee may request a Mentor, but most who do are First-Timers. Mentors have technical knowledge of RV systems and can answer questions or suggest approaches to technical issues. Both Mentors and First-Timer

Guides do much to help our newest participants make the most of their first MS.

Everyone who comes to the MS attends seminars of one type or another. Most of those seminars are presented by technicians and experts who are not a part of the MS organization. Those presenters should be assisted by a Seminar Host. Mary Jensen is the coordinator of this service. Since we all attend seminars we should all be willing to provide this small service to the event. The seminar hosts meet the presenters, make sure their needs are met, introduce the speaker to the audience, and solicit some session evaluators from the audience. That's about it. No heavy lifting with minimal public speaking. You can do it!. Contact Mary at kazoodgj@gmail.com or Jane Grossman to volunteer.

In the months to come work will begin for other members of the Education team. Our goal is to send everyone home well prepared for a year of safe travel and comfortable living in their well-maintained diesel motorhome.

Roger Smalley

Educational Coordinator



FIRST-TIMER GUIDES

The 2018 MS is coming on as quickly as 2017 is drawing to a close. As it does we are addressing the needs of the people who will be First-Timers at MS 2018. The First-Timers are important to the future of the Ramblin' Pushers and the MS. A First-Timer's initial impression of the event is formed in the weeks before they arrive and the welcome they receive when they enter the fairgrounds parking lot. If the First-Timer is overwhelmed by the number of seminars and lost as to how to have various services done to their coach, then they may be left with a negative impression and low expectations for the rest of the event.

The First-Timer Guide is often the first contact a new registrant has with the Ramblin' Pushers.

The First-Timer Guide program was established to help the First-Timer understand what to expect and how to take advantage of the many opportunities offered at the MS. Many of us may remember our first Maintenance Session. How do we fit all these seminars in? When or where is there service available (and maybe it's already booked up)? How can I go to all these seminars and still get things serviced on my coach? Why are so many of the seminars I want to attend scheduled at the same time? We don't have time to see a lot of interesting products in the vendor area because we are all booked up. STRESS!

The First-Timer Guide can help with this up front by how the MS works, how to contact service providers and make appointments for work before or after the MS, or other courses of action or

direction they may want to consider. At present we have 36 First-Timers registered and the number will probably grow by the time you read this *Newsletter*. All of them have been assigned First-Timer Guides. As registrations continue to come in, we will need additional volunteers to meet the need.

I would like those experienced members who have not yet volunteered to serve as a Guide to do so right away. Last year's First-Timers are welcome to share their experiences by being Guides this year. Please contact either Jane Grossman (jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net) or myself to become an MS Guide.

Helping someone who is unfamiliar with our event can be a rewarding experience for both the First-Timer and the Guide.

Paul Pronze

First-Timer Guides Coordinator
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Each year at the MS, we elect four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), and two directors.

The Standing Rules of the chapter define the eligibility requirements for the officers and directors of the chapter. According to the Standing Rules, members who seek to serve as officers or directors must meet the following eligibility requirements.

Nominees for the Chapter 419 Board must have been members of the chapter for at least two years and attended at least one Maintenance Session.

Nominees for Secretary and Treasurer must have been members of the chapter for at least three years and attended at least two Maintenance Sessions.

Nominees for Vice-President and President must meet at least three of the following requirements:

- a) Been a member of the Chapter 419 Board for one year;
- b) Been a Maintenance Session Coordinator;
- c) Been a Maintenance Session Co-Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator for two years;
- d) Held a Chapter Standing Committee Chair position for two years;
- e) Attended three Maintenance Sessions and served one year as a MS Committee Leader;
- f) Attended four Maintenance Sessions and served three years on a MS committee;
- g) Served in an official leadership position of HRRVC or one of its chapters (i.e.

Chapter President, State Manager, Asst. State Manager).

Exceptions to all nominee requirements must be approved by at least six members of the Board.

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

1. Each floor nominee is present at the meeting, and;
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.

Persons who wish to serve on the Ramblin' Pushers Board, should present their qualifications for the office they seek to Carol Smalley, Nominating Committee chairperson by the deadline of **December 31, 2017**.

Carol Smalley
Nominating Committee Chair
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RV LIFESTYLE, FAMILY ACTIVITIES, & CRAFTS

Here's a Hint! You might want to start your "crafting fund" for the upcoming 419 Maintenance Session in Goshen. We do have several classes already planned and possibly more on the way. Here's a rundown on what we have in store for you so far.

Join the Jewelry Beading Class being taught by **Mary Yapple** from Crestview, Florida. She was a first time attendee in 2017. Hurrah for Mary who volunteered to teach this class two times so everyone will have a chance to participate.

Maggie Braden from Austin, Texas is teaching two classes as well. Each of her classes will feature a different project. Don't forget to bring your sewing machine so you can make a Fruit Pie Hot Pad. This easy and fun project would justify bringing your machine just for this project. But wait! There's more! She is also going to teach you how to make a Zippered Coin Purse. I've seen a picture and it's so cute. She will help you through that scary zipper part for those who don't like installing zippers.

New to our teaching group this year is **Nancy Reimann** from Wamego, Kansas. Nancy is showing us a new way to create a Fleece Blanket/Lap Quilt. Start shopping for 1 1/3 yards of your favorite fleece to bring with you. If possible, bring sharp shears or a rotary cutter and cutting mat; sewing machine; straight pins; your fabric and matching thread. I can't wait to learn this new technique!

Returning again for the 2018 Session is **Francisco Avila**, our painting teacher from Goshen. The title of his class is Acrylic Painting on Canvas. He tells me that each participant will be choosing their own subject to paint. "This way people won't be comparing their work to others in the class." He

wants everyone to feel comfortable in class regardless of their previous experience. We will be scheduling him for three hours for each of his two classes and he will bring all the supplies you need.

Susie Garberick from Middlebury, IN will be presenting two classes as well. She will guide you through making a very creative "camper" potholder in her first class and a great pie trivet in her second class. I've seen the pictures – they are both very cute! Susie is the new owner of the Quilt Shop in Middlebury.

Debbie Beres and her assistant **Cammie** from

Stampin'Up in Goshen are planning several paper projects in a class to be offered twice so everyone gets a chance to get in on the fun. They are designing not only a card-making project but also a couple other designs detailed just for us!

Our own **Debbi**

Whitehead from Glasgow, KY is going to share techniques for her "Hexie" project. This is a hand-sewn project you can use to keep your fingers busy while traveling down the road. The class will feature a supply kit to make your choice of three projects: a mug mat, Christmas ornament, or pin cushion. Once you learn this simple sewing technique, an adorable combination of mini quilt blocks and English paper piecing, you can vary the hexagon size, the number of hexies in your project, and the size of your project — coin purse, fabric tote bag, pot holders, placemats, table runner, quilt top—the sky's the limit! Debbi was a first-timer at our session this last spring. Kudos to Debbi for stepping up to do this class for us! No sewing machine required for this class. We will be offering this class twice.

MS Crafters will have a space of their own to spread out work, share ideas, and help each other.

(cont.)

And there's more...

And last but not least, we received a wonderful suggestion from another 419 first timer, **Mary Anne Verstrate**. Mary Anne is a multi-talented fabric artist from Grandville, MI, who suggested that we set aside an area for our fabric lovers to work on projects that they may have started at home (UFO's - unfinished projects), or where people could share project ideas, show off their work, and meet others with like interests. Mary Anne has volunteered to bring a couple self-guided sewing instructions for people to use to create some small projects on their own in our "Creation Room." So you may want to bring some of your own scraps to work with when you pack your sewing machine and accessories. We have expanded upon her idea and want to include all who wish to come in to bring their knitting, crochet work, counted cross stitch, puzzles, cards or board games, or just to sit and visit. Bring your favorite snack to share. This room will be located in the back half of the Ag building and sectioned off with just a pipe and drape wall. As of this writing, the hours for this room to be open will be during regular daytime hours. Thank you Mary Anne for this wonderful idea!

Plans are coming along for our Lifestyle presentations for next year. Back by popular demand, **Harry and Sandy Hentschel** will be leading their presentation, *Co-Pilots' Coach Walk-Around - What is It? Where is It? How do I Use It?* They will be presenting the session twice but check your schedule when you get to the MS, as the session may be in a different location this year. **Sandy Hentschel** will also be presenting *Tips and Tricks for Women, by Women* again. She asks that you bring your own tips and tricks to share for this interactive idea exchange. (Hint: Now's a good time to start noting some of your ideas as you use them.)

Kay Black has consented to share her ideas on *Writing Your Own Life Story*. I am sure this group has lots of history to share about their lives. **Sondra Nelson**, our Mary Kay Consultant will be offering two presentations on *Fighting the Signs of Aging*. **Jim and Jane Grossman** will offer some great ideas on *Planning Your Next RV Adventure*. Don't miss that talk. Somehow they fit this into all their other responsibilities for the Maintenance Session.

Janet Sadlack is returning to educate and inspire us with her *Beginner and Advanced Microwave/Convection Cooking classes*. Love those free samples and the shopping opportunity!

We are in discussions with a number of possible presenters of additional cooking classes. We also have more Ramblin' Pushers members to contact about classes they have previously offered as well as a grilling class or two.

We are seeking someone to present an Introduction to Meditation. Do you know of anyone who can do this? If you do, please send me their contact information at beeswax62@outlook.com. You may also call or text me at (616) 318-3733.

A big thank you to all of our presenters! We appreciate you! When you attend their classes, please be sure to tell them thank you for sharing their knowledge and time.

Sandy Lindhout

RV Lifestyle & Crafts Program Coordinator

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COACH MAINTENANCE

Like many of you I am a great fan and an avid reader of the Ramblin' Pushers Yahoo Group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ramblin_pushers). When facing any new maintenance challenge I have found the group helpful and responsive. Their combined experience, wisdom and occasional humor lighten the load and usually provide solutions. The nature of the forum provides a focus on solutions. In this column my objective is to focus on one topic and provide the background and details for the less experienced among us who need a little more information to feel comfortable with the maintenance of our coaches.

Winterization: How much is enough?

I completed a search of the conversations on the Yahoo Pusher Group using the search terms winterization & winterizing. There were over 100 messages on the topic.

The questions ran the gamut from general to specific:

"Well, we are just about finished with our first season with the coach. ...Now I have to think about putting the coach away for the winter. We will be stored inside with no heat so the water systems are a given. I'm looking for any advice / tips on what to do so we'll be ready to roll next spring. Batteries? Fuel? Engine? Bruce B, 2000 Imperial"

"I need a Propylene Glycol antifreeze for my Hydro-hot boiler on my 07 Scepter I cannot find anything around that sells it. Can I use the antifreeze I use to winterize my coach... dennis"

This question got an immediate response - *"This is what you need Camco Mfg Gal Boiler Antifreeze (Pack Of 6) 30027 Auto Anti-Freeze [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B001B13F6S/](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B001B13F6S) ref=cm_sw_r_cp_api_u4FizbKAW6JJB...Bill G"*

Other responses included advice:

"Sell the house and head South or Southwest. Best advise for Winterization you can get. Ah if only? Dave Riesenberger 2008 Ambassador SE"

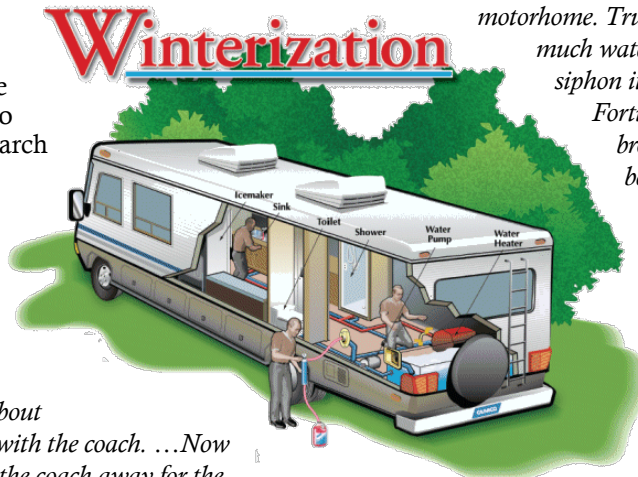
While others provided valuable Lessons Learned:

"I have always covered my RVs in the winter. Last winter I put a cover on the Navigator - a big mistake. My Navigator has Girard awnings mounted on the roof. The front and rear caps are extended to the same height. This creates a tub like effect on the top of the motorhome. It hides the air conditioners and looks great. The tub is over 8 inches deep. Do you see where I'm going with this? Drains are provided so under normal conditions the water runs off. The tops of good RV covers are waterproof. I used saw horses and a beam to create a slope on the cover but it did not hold up to the lake effect snow we experience on the western shore of Michigan. The snow filled the tub. When it melted I had a wading pool on the top of my motorhome. Trust me, you don't bail out that much water. It took over an hour to siphon it off using a garden hose. Fortunately the only damage was a broken sewer vent but I will not be using a cover this winter. Bob McCann 07 Navigator"

During the first week in November the temperature dropped to freezing here in Michigan. I had winterized my coach the day before although I don't worry about minor freezing temperatures. My coach is stored by the house and I keep it plugged in so I just turn on the electric element for the Aqua-Hot when the temperature drops. This year we were done camping until January so I decided to winterize. Despite having done this for decades on many different rigs I always start with the owners manual.

I use the manual as a guide. The 2007 Navigator's Owners Manual is like every other manual. It is poorly indexed, often contradictory, and filled with cautions and notes. For example, the winterization section starts by saying "the recommended method of wintering the motorhome is using air pressure to remove liquids..." This is contradicted on the following page with a caution "Vehicle Systems recommends winterizing the Aqua-Hot domestic

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water loop with RVA approved antifreeze.” Another caution in the section states “It is recommended that a qualified RV service technician familiar with motorhomes, such as an authorized dealer, perform the winterizing procedure” (more on this later). The first winter I owned this coach I went through the manual, found all the references to winterization and listed them in the index. I also marked up the pages with my own cross references. Now my manual serves as a checklist leading me through the process.

My Navigator is equipped with the Aqua-Hot system, a residential refrigerator, separate washer & dryer, and an Insta-Hot Tank. The only plumbing system missing is a dishwasher. Even so, winterization only takes a couple of hours. I winterize using both the air pressure and antifreeze procedures. I begin by emptying the tanks, opening the low point drains, removing all water filters (including the refrigerator water filter) and connecting the air hose regulated to 40 pounds. For some coaches this may be redundant but it is not the case for mine. The coach is set up with a winterization kit for pumping the antifreeze into the lines. Unfortunately this bypasses the hose reel used to connect to city water. Purging the lines with air pressure takes care of that potential problem. In this initial step I open all valves and faucets until only air is escaping. The air pressure also allows me to empty the hoses for the washing machine without removing them. The hoses are emptied by turning the machine on in a wash cycle with warm water selected. This empties both the hot and cold hoses. It only takes a moment before you can hear the air blowing into the washer. That ends up saving me time because the hoses are not accessible without moving the washer. The air pressure also clears out the cold water reservoir in the back of my residential refrigerator. Last year I filled that reservoir with antifreeze but the taste lingered so I watched it carefully this year to ensure that all the water had been blown out. The Insta-Hot tank is simply drained. It doesn't require air pressure and should not be filled with antifreeze.

Phase 2 of my process is made easy with a winterization valve installed on the inlet side of the water pump in the Navigator. I simply turn the valve and place the winterizing tube into the container of antifreeze. Turning on the pump I move throughout the coach to all the faucets turning them on one at a time (hot followed by cold) until the antifreeze flows through the faucet. Here again the manual is only a guide. My manual states that eight gallons of antifreeze is required. I

have found that only four are needed. After the faucets I flush the toilet until antifreeze appears in the bowl. When this is complete I add a pint to each of the traps (all sinks and the shower). Next I work on the appliances. The washing machine requires one quart of antifreeze in the drum. The machine is turned onto Drain for 30 seconds and the machine is winterized. This leaves the ice maker in the refrigerator. In my previous coach, an Ambassador, a jumper wire could be used to energize the ice maker forcing antifreeze into the tray. That circuitry isn't readily accessible on the Navigator so I simply leave the refrigerator plugged in with the ice maker turned on overnight. By morning it has kicked out some ice cubes including a few pink ones and antifreeze is in the tray. My Ambassador had an Atwood propane heater instead of the Aqua-Hot. This system was protected by removing the plug to drain the tank and turning the bypass valve so antifreeze didn't enter the tank.

With the plumbing systems protected I turn my attention to another checklist for long term (more than 30 days) storage. I started with the batteries ensuring they were clean and properly filled with fluid. I leave my coach plugged in all the time so this must be checked regularly. I also use an electric oil heater inside the coach to keep the temperature above freezing throughout the winter. I do this to protect the TV mounted in the ceiling, but I find it helps with the humidity. I also place a desiccant in closets and the bathroom to help control the moisture. We remove all food and anything that will freeze from both the interior and the basement. Vermin control is another concern. I place dryer sheets at all potential entry sites.

Earlier I said I'd provide more information on the use of a qualified RV technician for winterizing. A couple of years ago my local RV dealer was running a special for winterization. He was charging \$94 for a motorhome. If there was a washer dryer the cost went up \$35. If the motorhome had Aqua-Hot the cost went up another \$180. Given the time, materials and effort required I felt the basic fee was reasonable. I just couldn't stomach three times the cost for no additional effort.

My title asked 'How much is enough?' For me the redundancy is comforting and I have the time to do it myself. Repairs are expensive and it only takes a little water and one night of subfreezing temperatures to break something.

Bob McCann

Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter
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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT
KEEP SPREADING THE WORD
ABOUT MS 2018**

Your Membership Team continues to mail packets to all new REV brand owners each month - nearly 1200 so far this calendar year! We're happy to report that as a result, we have received phone calls and emails asking for further information and a number of those folks have sent in their registrations for the coming event.

While these letters are getting the information to new owners, we depend on YOU to continue to inform others who may have purchased a used coach or who have simply not heard about our group. As you travel, perhaps to your winter digs, please pass along information about MS 2018. Your enthusiasm can be contagious. Encourage those who don't know about this educational event to participate, learn and have fun.

Committees are hard at work, planning Maintenance Session 2018. Those important seminars on the systems of our RVs, safety matters, and new products will be presented along with a number of new sessions. There will be no shortage of information as well as fun topics of interest to all at MS 2018. RV Lifestyle activities will abound. Remember ALL owners of REV Brand coaches (Holiday Rambler, American Coach, Beaver, Fleetwood, Monaco, Safari, Renegade) are welcome.

Carol Smalley

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BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee has been tasked with revising the Ramblin' Pushers' bylaws and standing rules to address the recent changes to HRRVC membership rules and any other issues needing revision. The members of this committee are Paul Miller (Chairman), Jim Grossman, Ray Blush, Dick Hohorst and Harvey Payne. The committee will have a draft of proposed changes to both documents for Board approval at the January Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting. Any revisions coming out of that meeting will be

made and the Board recommended changes to the bylaws will be voted upon by the membership at the 2018 Maintenance Session during the business meeting. Note that changes to the standing rules only require Board approval while changes to the bylaws require approval by the Ramblin' Pushers membership.

Paul Miller

Chairman, Bylaws &
Standing Rules Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT—NOVEMBER 2017

I want to thank the membership for the honor of serving as your Treasurer. I will admit that it was a bit overwhelming at first, but now each month is just another “enlightening experience.” There are some changes afoot.

Annual audit: In past years, the internal Annual Audit was conducted during the Maintenance Session while the books were still very active. This made it extremely difficult to conduct a true comprehensive audit. As a result, I have recommended to the Board that we conduct the Annual Audit following the close of our Fiscal Year and prior to submission to the accountants who prepare our income tax returns. Plans now are to conduct the audit during the Mid-Year Planning Session in January 2018 with a report to the membership in the next Quarterly *Newsletter* but prior to the next Maintenance Session. At the Membership Meeting held during the Maintenance Session, I will present both the prior year's Audit Report and a current Financial Report for approval.

Credit Cards: We now have a Square account and will begin accepting all major credit cards, plus Apple Pay and Google Pay at MS 2018. If you have seen Square's ads on TV, then you are aware of the 2.75% processing fee on each scanned transaction. For keyed in transactions, they charge 3.5% + \$.15. We will evaluate what impact these fees have on our bottom line and may adjust accordingly in the future. Be aware that initially, we will not accept credit cards to pay for Registrations and will limit other credit card purchases to \$100. Since we have about 300-plus attendees, at about \$6.88 in fees per coach for each registration, it is possible that we would have to

absorb over \$2,000 in fees. We are not quite ready for that yet. Give us a chance to see what impact this has.

Printed Newsletters: Historically, anyone wanting to receive a printed copy of the Quarterly *Newsletter* is mailed a copy. If they have internet service, they can also go on the Ramblin' Pushers website and download an electronic copy. We do provide printed copies of the *Newsletter* to our manufacturer, service and dealer sponsors. As of October 1st, we had spent nearly \$7,000 on production and distribution of our Newsletters. By the end of the 2017 Fiscal Year, we will be close to \$10,000 for these costs. I have made a recommendation to the Board that we continue to provide printed copies to our sponsors, but discontinue printed copies of *Newsletters* to any members who have an email address. Upon board approval, we will modify our Membership Form so that new members will have to indicate if they DO NOT have an email address. You will receive an email letting you know of this change.

We will continue to identify those areas where we can be more cost conscious so that we can keep providing you, our members, with a top-notch Maintenance Session at a reasonable cost. We, as your board members, want as much bang for our buck as you do.

Dick Hohorst

Ramblin' Pushers Treasurer

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- Opening Session for MS - Friday, May 4 - 9:15 a.m.
- Limited activities 5/2 and 5/3
 - 6 Days of Seminars by Vendors, Suppliers, Club Members and REV Group.
 - RV Lifestyle and Family Sessions
 - Roundtable Discussions
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You should receive a confirmation email about 3 weeks after mailing in your registration. In early April 2018 pre-arrival packets will be distributed via email to registered attendees.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations will only be accepted PRIOR to MS Early Parking Day and are subject to a \$20 administration fee.

To cancel you must call 866-208-7411 or email jim.grossman@sbcglobal.net prior to 5/2/18.

Visit our WEBSITE www.ramblinpushers.org or call 866-208-7411 for more information!

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To park together, you MUST register together AND arrive together.

Arrival Day parking (5/3) included. Early parking on 5/2 is an extra \$25.

Please do NOT arrive before May 2 (Early Parking Day) unless authorized. Arriving earlier could result in your having to pay the full fairground camping fee for those days and then have to move to your assigned location on Arrival Day.

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Only 19 handicapped spaces are available and will be assigned based on when registration is postmarked.

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.

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IN THE NEWS

The following article appeared in the September 14, 2017 edition of *RV Business*, an online daily report of news about the RV industry, the companies that it comprises, and events that affect the industry overall.

The article describes an array of new RV models across all of the REV product brands.



REV Launches 12 New Models at Open House *

Jim Jacobs,** REV Recreation Group president, noted in a press release, “REV Group is committed to bringing the RV market innovative models that appeal to the evolving needs of motorhome customers. With a focus on quality, reliability and design – and the recent acquisitions of Renegade RV and Midwest Automotive Designs — REV Group continues to build a diverse offering of RVs that meets the needs of a broad range of customers.”

Jacobs added, “We are excited about the range and depth of new products we’re bringing to the market for Open House. Many of the models we’re introducing bring a completely new look and feel to motorized RVs. We’re not only responding to the market, but anticipating the everchanging needs of RV buyers and this is reflected in the innovative lineup of RVs we are launching.”

REV Group’s RV division manufactures a complete line of industry leading motorhomes under the American Coach, Fleetwood RV, Holiday Rambler, Monaco Coach, Renegade RV and Midwest Automotive Design brands. New product introductions for 2018 include:

- American Coach – American Dream SE, American Revolution SE, American Patriot
- Monaco Coach – Marquis
- Fleetwood RV – Axon, Pulse, Surge
- Holiday Rambler – Reno, Prodigy, Altera
- Renegade RV – Valencia
- Midwest Automotive Designs – Passage

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**Mr. Jacobs’ departure from REV was announced by *RV Business* on November 2, 2017

REV Group's 2018 RV product lineup highlights include:

American Patriot from American Coach – American Coach's first-ever Class B diesel motorhome. Built on a MercedesBenz Sprinter chassis and loaded with amenities, the Patriot appeals to a new consumer within American Coach's luxury motor coach family.

Axon from Fleetwood RV – The Axon is an entry-level Class A RV built to appeal to the next generation of motorhome buyers. With aerodynamic front caps, a raked front windshield, stainless steel belt lines and other sleek details, the Axon introduces features that provide increased functionality and a modern feel.

Prodigy from Holiday Rambler – Holiday Rambler's Prodigy, along with the new Fleetwood RV Pulse, are REV Group's first Class C diesel RV products since 2009. The reentry into this segment is driven by a steep increase in consumer demand for Class C diesel RVs. The Prodigy features electronic amenities, contemporary interiors, and upgrades not found on other Class C diesel motorhomes.

Valencia from Renegade RV – Renegade RV's Valencia is built on the first SuperC chassis designed specifically for the RV industry, the S2RV from Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. (FCCC) offering a towing capacity of 12,000 pounds. Valencia delivers both luxury and power to appeal to the most adventurous RVers.

Passage RV from Midwest Automotive Designs – The Passage is a one-of-a-kind luxury Class B camper van that includes porcelain bathroom fixtures, custom burl wood finishes, an induction cook top and a full-sized refrigerator.

REV Group's current lineup of 2018 motor homes is available at REV dealerships nationwide and new products will be available this fall.



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 (AQUA HOT)**
 23624 Greenwood Blvd.
 Elkhart, IN 46516
 574-612-4826

Website: www.hydronicheatingspecialist.com
 Contact: Darin Hathaway 574-612-4826
 dhathaway77@gmail.com
 Services: **1 (Aqua Hot, Hydro Hot, Webasto)**

2017

INTEGRITY RV SERVICE CENTER
 4411 Bankhead Hwy
 Douglasville, GA 30134
 770-693-1186

Website: www.integrityrvservice.com
 Contact: Dean Woodruff 770-693-1186
 dean.irvsc@gmail.com
 Service: Dean Woodruff 770-693-1186
 dean.irvsc@gmail.com
 Parts: Eddie Adams 770-693-1186
 irvsc.parts@gmail.com 770-693-1186
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**

2017

LEE SMITH, INC.
 2600 8th Avenue
 Chattanooga, TN 37407
 432-622-4161

Website: www.lee-smith.com
 Contact: Taylor Vinson 423-622-6267
 tvinson@lee-smith.com
 Service: Mike Suggs 423-622-4161
 msuggs@lee-smith.com
 Parts: Steve Harper 423-622-4161
 sharper@lee-smith.com
 Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7**

2017

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

Email: lloyd.degerald@gmail.com
 Contact: Lloyd DeGerald 501-258-8426
 Services: **1 (AquaHot)**

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

Website: **www.mmrvelectronics.com**
 Email: *mmrvelectronics@yahoo.com*

Contact: Mark Bayus 419-965-2662

Services: **1**

2017

PGA AUTO, RV, BOAT COLLISION
 32393 Lakepoint Street
 New Baltimore, MI 48047
 586-725-1863
 888-773-9387

Website: **www.pgacollision.com**
 Email: *pgacollision@comcast.net*

Contact: Gary Patchak 586-725-1863
 Sales: Jesse Krasnicki 586-718-4726

Service:
 Services: **2, 10**
 Models: All HR Diesel Models

2017

PRO CUSTOM INC.
 29079 CR 20 (Mishawaka Road)
 Elkhart, IN 46517
 574-217-0399

Website: **www.procustominc.com**
 Email: *service@procustom.com*

Contact: Don Walder 574-217-0399
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pjmcgann@procustominc.com

Service: Don Walder 574-217-0399
dwalder@procustominc.com

Services: **1, 2, 3, 2, 7, 10**

2017

RV SATELLITE & ENTERTAINMENT SOLUTIONS
 236 East Main Street No. 216
 Sevierville, TN 37862
 619-571-3393

Website: **rvsatelliteentertainmentsolutions.com**
 Email: *johanam@me.com*

Contact: Geoff Matthews 619-571-3393
 Johana Matthews 619-571-3592
 Other: *johana@me.com*

Services: **1**

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

Email: *plancy2001@yahoo.com*

Contact: Paul Lancy 813-770-7590
 Service: Paul Lancy 813-770-7590

Services: **1 (AquaHot)**

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Meet the Folks Who Print Our *Newsletter*

Each quarter, the editor sends a large file to the company that prints, assembles, and mails our *Newsletter* to everyone who needs to receive it in hard copy form. The vast majority of our members receive an email notification that the *Newsletter* is available on the Ramblin' Pushers website where they can download it to read at their convenience. We have a number of sponsor members, companies who make a donation to the organization and are listed in the Sponsors section. These sponsors receive printed *Newsletters* to distribute in the businesses and place in service areas. Putting the *Newsletter* in the hands of potential MS attendees is an important part of our

effort to use marketing tools to attract new people to our event and our organization.

All of this printing and distribution is done by Kirksey's Sprint Printing in Beaumont, Texas. While making our way across I-10, to Florida, we took the opportunity to stop in Beaumont and visited Kirksey's to meet the people I have previously dealt with only on the phone or by email.

Shown below are the fine folks who make our *Newsletter* look great in print. It has been a pleasure to work with these lithographic professionals; without them the *Newsletter* would not look nearly as good as it does.



The Kirksey's Crew (left to right)

DJ Moore, Account Manager; Mercial McKenzie, Copy Center; Aaron Mullins, Production Manager; Patrick Clark, Press Operator; Charlene Mullins, Financial Manager; Doug Mullins, Owner; Rita Slabaugh, Receptionist; Sam Janise, Postal Operations; Rita Short, Computer Graphics and Print Layout.

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