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27 Years of Ramblin' & Still Pushin'

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Time sure does fly! It just seems like yesterday that I wrote my first President's Corner article and now I'm writing my last. It has been a rewarding two years and I highly recommend that others step forward to take this journey. The journey for me actually started when I took office as the Vice President and MS Coordinator at the end of the 2013 MS. After the 2015 MS I passed those responsibilities on to Jim Grossman who I talked into being my Vice President and MS Coordinator. At the conclusion of the 2017 MS I will proudly pass on the gavel to my successor. I want to thank all the people who have helped make my term in office the enjoyable experience it has been.

The Maintenance Session takes a tremendous amount of work from a host of volunteers many of whom give several months of their year to making it the success that it has been. I want to thank these volunteers for their support during these last 3 ½ years. But, since I have several more months of work in my term as President, I will save further thanks until the closing dinner.

There are a couple of housekeeping items regarding this year's MS I want to mention. Although they will probably be addressed in other articles, they can't be said too often. Please, do not arrive before the first day of early parking unless you are assigned to the set up team. Members of the set up team will be contacted by their team leaders and given their arrival dates. Arriving earlier than

these dates puts real stress on the volunteers since we aren't prepared for your arrival. In addition, please, arrive on your scheduled date between the hours of 9am and 4pm when the greeters and parking crew are available to correctly note your



arrival, safely get you to your site, and correctly parked in what can be a very complicated parking scheme in some of the camping locations. Even though we don't recommend this, the fairgrounds will allow you to dry camp in the parking lot if you arrive after these hours. If you have any emergencies or questions, please, contact us at (866) 208-7411, published on the registration form.

We're looking forward to another great MS this year. A new program for First Timers has been added, First Timer Guides will be assigned to each first time registrant. We hope to enhance what can sometimes be an overwhelming first couple of days for first time attendees. If you're

not a First Timer and are looking for a rewarding experience, you might want to consider volunteering for this new program by contacting Jane Grossman, Volunteer Coordinator, or Doug Lindhout, First Timer Guides Team Leader.

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RAMBLIN' PUSHERS NEWSLETTER

Mission

To provide information to our members and associates to help them safely and properly operate and maintain their Holiday Rambler and other REV brands of 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 the manufacturer of HR and related 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 share the best way to make repairs, but shares ways other members have found to work for them. Members are encouraged to use their owner's manuals, the HR Monaco Tech Line, REV 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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The title block photo for this issue is John and Susan Benetoo's 1999 Holiday Rambler Endeavor. The photo was taken in about November 2015.

See your coach in the Newsletter title block

Send a high resolution photo of your RV (along with model & year) in an uncluttered setting to Roger at

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Recently, there has been a discussion on the Egroup suggesting that REV is discontinuing support of coaches produced earlier than 2008. REV will continue to provide technical information for older, legacy, coaches. They will provide prints, electrical schematics, whatever information they still have available and parts still in production. However, the west coast telephone support center will be closed. All future phone support will be provided out of the phone center in Indiana. In this regard, REV is acting as all other manufacturers of RVs and other vehicles. It appears some of us were expecting a

service that wasn't part of our purchase contract. I know of no industry that provides free, lifetime trouble shooting support. REV has always gone the extra mile to try to make us happy but I, personally, question whether we should expect them to spend a half a day assisting us on 10 to 20-year-old coaches.

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

John P. Jones,
President, Ramblin' Pushers

IN THIS ISSUE

The 2017 Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session is on track to be a highly successful event once again! The MS team has been busy at work for much of the time since the 2016 MS. The intensity of the activity has increased since the January Planning Session where the status of preparations and team building were discussed at some length. The 2017 Organization Chart is presented on page 7. All of the volunteers on the chart are dedicated to the task of making the MS the interesting and useful event that we all have come to expect.

Both Ray Blush and Jim Grossman address important aspects of the event that are important to everyone, chief among them: parking. If you are not a designated member of the set up team, you are advised not to arrive early. Doing so could result in your being charged the full fairgrounds camping rate and required to move your coach when parking begins. MS team leaders will identify the members of their set-up team and the dates on which they should arrive.

Deb Isett describes the functions and services of the Administrative office. This dedicated group of volunteers is often invisible and always indispensable. Their work includes receiving you upon arrival, settling your account with the treasurer, distributing arrival packages, identifying First Timers, and serving as the central point for sign up sheets and other routine items throughout the week. The MS office is also the place to go if you're expecting mail at the fairgrounds.

There are still numerous opportunities to serve your Ramblin' friends as a volunteer. Lynn Yeargain always needs help with the constant flow of

morning hospitality, evening socials, the ice cream social and countless other events. See Lynn's article on page 12 for more details.

One very important volunteer job is that of seminar host. These folks assist the presenter with the classroom equipment and select attendees to evaluate the presentation. Every seminar evaluation is studied, and factored into decisions concerning whom to invite back or not. Volunteer as a seminar host and you'll be invited to a short meeting and be able to choose the seminars you would like to host.

Being a First Timer Guide is a good way to make sure that every first time MS attendee has the kind of experience that brings them back year after year. Contact Jane Grossman or Doug Lindhout to become a Guide.

Jerry Davis shares important information concerning Coach Weighing on page 14. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the procedures to keep everyone safe during the process of getting your coach weighed at each tire position.

And speaking of safety, you might find The Last Word (p. 33) useful. This cautionary tale reminds us that safety must be a priority in everything we do with our motor coaches. In this case a moment of confusion resulted in a ruined winter trip. There is a lesson here for all of us; one that is best learned vicariously.

See you all at the fairgrounds. Let's hope for dry weather this spring.

A GREAT WEEK LIES AHEAD FOR ALL OF US!

The more than 200 volunteers who will be involved in our 2017 Maintenance Session are gearing up for an exciting, educational and fun week at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana.

Many articles in this newsletter address the various opportunities for us at the 2017 MS, and it's important for all of us to plan our time there to get the most out of it.

Initially, as you enter the fairgrounds, you have the option to have your coach weighed at all four corners by our volunteer coach weighing team. For a mere \$20 to help offset the cost of equipment, you will learn your coach's weight which will help you adequately balance your load and adjust tire pressures to the safest inflation for your unit. Our coach weighing volunteers also plan to set up a weigh lane on Thursday, May 11 as you exit the fairgrounds if you need it.

Our parking team volunteers will be working from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. as you arrive to escort you into your assigned parking space. Unless you are on the volunteer set up team, please arrive either on Early Parking Day Wednesday, May 3, 2017, or Arrival Day, Thursday, May 4, 2017. If you are on the set-up team, your team leader will notify you of when you may arrive at the fairgrounds and be parked in your assigned space.

Once set up, our Propane Sniffing volunteers will be available to check your propane system for leaks. Should you discover a problem, these volunteers will be able to offer you the various options to effect the necessary repairs. Last year, five units were found to have propane leaks.

There should be full hook-ups available for all registrants. Nevertheless, our Engineering volunteers will schedule a pump-out service for Monday, May 8th should you need it. There also will be propane delivery set up for the same day.

All you need to do is register for propane sniffing, pump out or propane delivery in the Ramblin' Pushers office on site.

Our First Aid volunteers are always available 24/7 should any issue arise, and at each Morning Hospitality, you can have your blood pressure checked by them.

Speaking of Morning Hospitality, I urge you not to miss it any day. The volunteers serve a variety of delicious breakfast foods, and it's an excellent opportunity to socialize and catch up with any schedule changes during the morning announcements.

We have well over 100 educational seminars scheduled dealing with everything from coach maintenance, to safety and various ways to make your motor homing experience fun. You certainly will not be able to attend all that you want to, so schedule your days to accomplish your priorities based on the program schedule you will receive upon check-in.

None of us has ever been able to attend every seminar we wanted to experience at one MS, but remember, there is always next year!

And, of course, maintenance is a key to our motor homing fun, so there will be many service technicians on site offering their services to us at reduced rates.

Getting around the fairgrounds is easy. We have a huge group of volunteers on our Information and Transportation team who will be driving their golf carts wearing their bright green caps, ready to pick you up and drop you off wherever you want to go.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 9, REV executives will detail what they are doing insofar as coach production is concerned, service center expansion and what lies ahead. Following their presentation and Q&A, REV RV Group will sponsor a social event to conclude the day.

Our last MS day is Wednesday, May 10. That evening is our highly acclaimed closing dinner. Be sure you make it! There are several off-site events available too, including Amish dinners and show as well as factory tours.

We all look forward to seeing you at our 2017 Maintenance Session, and wish you safe travels!

Unless you are on the volunteer set up team, please arrive either on Early Parking Day, Wednesday, May 3, 2017, or Arrival Day, Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Ray Blush

Building & Grounds Coordinator

FROM THE 2017 MS COORDINATOR

Jane and I look forward to welcoming all of our MS participants in May. Registrations for the 2017 Maintenance Session are running slightly ahead of last year. 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 34.

The MS committee is hard at work to make this year's event another great success. The committee Organization Chart appears on the next page. 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 11. You will make new friends, have more fun, and feel a sense of contribution to the club.

We have a few exciting changes and additions to this year's MS. **Mac, the Fire Guy**, will be back after several years' absence as both a vendor and seminar presenter. His seminars are highly informative and quite entertaining. If you have never attended one of his seminars, you do not want to miss this opportunity. Tuesday evening has always highlighted a panel discussion by the executives from our Coach Manufacturer. At REV's request, we are moving this session to Tuesday afternoon, probably 3:30 to 5:00, followed by a REV sponsored social. The REV executives invite all participants in the MS to join them at the presentation and social. As the TV infomercials say, "and that isn't all..."

As you all know, we do not refer to the Maintenance Session as a "rally," much less a social event. However, we are pretty sociable, and food is definitely a part of the package. Most of our First-Timers come prepared with full refrigerators or a listing of local Goshen area restaurants. Many of them go home with the refrigerators still pretty full.

For the First-Timers (along with Mentors and First-Timer Guides only) **the fun starts on Thursday (Arrival Day) evening with the First-Timers Social sponsored by Cummins Sales and Service. Beginning Friday morning through Wednesday morning we have hospitality** (more than enough for breakfast)

provided by Lynn Yeargain and her team of kitchen gourmet chefs. You can avoid the long line for hot food by entering the door to ECCC-C. The shortcut will get you to the coffee, doughnuts, and cold cereal. **Friday evening brings the club sponsored Dealer and Vendor Social** (again more than enough for

dinner along with beer and wine).

Saturday evening one of the New Coach Dealers will sponsor another social. In

addition to all of that, we expect another outstanding closing dinner on Wednesday, the new REV social mentioned above, and several lunches (check the Program Book as well as morning announcements) sponsored by the Dealers in the new coach display area.

If all of that is not enough, there are many family friendly restaurants in the Goshen area (see page 32). Yelp them on your

smart phone or ask one of the veterans for a recommendation.

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, plus pay the full fairgrounds camping fee for the extra days. 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.

Jim Grossman

Vice President
& MS Coordinator

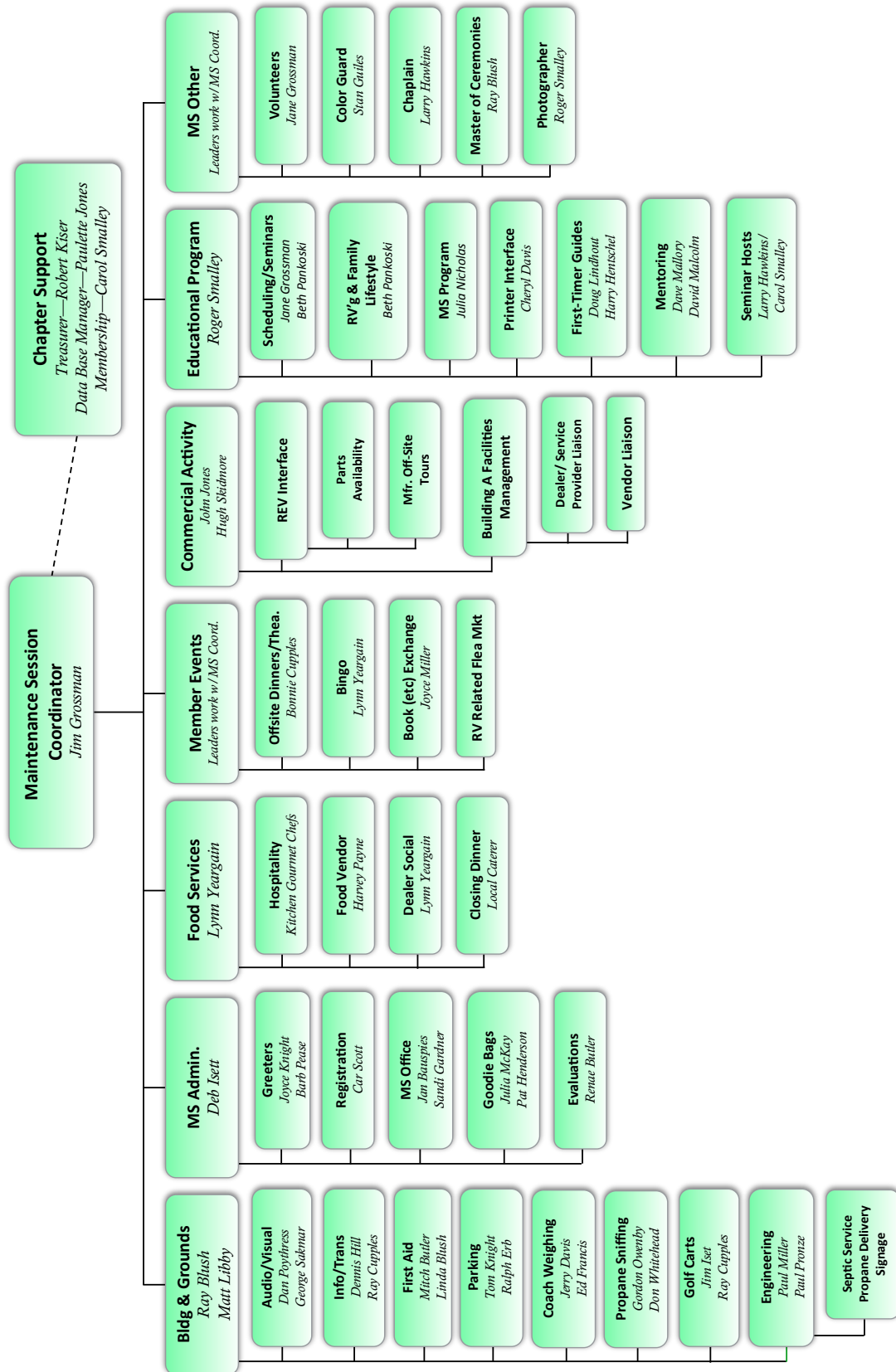
This year's MS promises to be the best ever!

If you haven't already registered, do it now!

Interesting & useful seminars, fun social events, and on-site coach service.

Who could ask for anything more?

2017 MS Organization



MS Org. Chart
(Rev. 02/22/2017)

MS ADMINISTRATION MAKES IT LOOK EASY

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

The Greeters, chaired by Joyce Knight, will be in the parking lot upon your arrival and will officially welcome you to the 2017 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 Julia McKay 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 2017 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 2018!

Deb Isett

Admin. Activities Coordinator/
MS Co-Coordinator



WELCOME FIRST TIMERS

So, you have registered for your first Maintenance Session, or maybe you are still thinking about it (but don't wait too long). We want to welcome you to one of the best RV educational conferences your money can buy.

If you are anything like I was leading up to my first MS, I had lots of questions. How does this event work? What type of sessions can I expect? Are there sessions that would be of interest to my spouse? How should I plan my time? Can I get some service work done on my coach while on the grounds? What else is there to do? Etc., etc.

We have developed a program to help the first time attendee with all these questions and more. If you have already registered, you have received an email from me with a document that explains our First Timer program. In all likelihood by now you will have also received an email or phone call from a volunteer First Timer Guide whose job it is to help you with your

questions and get you a bit oriented before you arrive in Goshen. They will be in contact with you when you arrive, then accompany you to the First Timer social, the first Morning Hospitality (aka breakfast), and the opening meeting. By that time, you will have met a bunch of great people and you should have a solid understanding of how you can wring the most value from the coming week. Our goal is to have you leave the MS so pleased that you will not just come back again next year, but you'll bring along some friends! If you have not yet been contacted by your First Timer Guide, please contact me right away.

For those who are familiar with the MS experience and have registered for the 2017 Maintenance Session and would like to help, I can use it. We continue to get new First Timer registrations and we are in need of additional First Timer Guides. Since this is the first year, you will be able to claim that you were in on the ground floor! If you are interested, drop me an email or give me a call. I'd love to chat with you.

If you have not yet been contacted by your First Timer Guide, please contact me right away.



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A TRAINED ELECTRONIC NOSE AWAITS YOU!

Most of you arriving in Goshen in a few weeks have propane systems for cooking and coach heating. It should be inspected regularly for leaks before they become dangerous. The Ramblin' Pushers offer this service using a sensitive electronic instrument that samples the air around the propane system components for small amounts of propane gas. Propane gas is especially hazardous in an enclosed space, like an RV or a boat because it is heavier than air and sinks to the floor or other low space and builds up until it is ignited by a spark. The result is often catastrophic!

We call the volunteers who will help you in this regard our Propane Sniffers, and they do a fantastic job helping you keep your unit safe from unwanted and dangerous propane leaks.

They'll be checking propane systems beginning Thursday, May 4 through Sunday, May 7. Registering is quite easy. Once you park on your site at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds, stop by the Ramblin' Pushers office and sign up. You will be contacted for our Sniffer team to make an appointment to check your coach.

We all are looking forward to another educational and fun Maintenance Session!

Ray Blush,

Building & Grounds Coordinator

MS MENTORING PROGRAM

The MS offers a program to help first timers and any other attendees who may have questions regarding the operation and use of their diesel motorhome.

We are not mechanics or technicians, but we are volunteers who 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!

While the roundtables held each year at the MS are a great way of learning more about your model of motorhome, a mentor's visit will provide more of a one-on-one experience. There will be a request form included in your 2017 MS program.

Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile program. 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 be 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), e-mail address.

I will be in contact with each of the volunteers with information regarding a meeting that will be held early in the 2017 MS to outline the program and deal

with any questions.

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

Volunteers are needed for this important program. Please contact Dave Mallory or Volunteer Coordinator, Jane Grossman.

Dave Mallory,

Mentoring Program Coordinator

THE MS NEEDS YOU!

It's time once again to think about volunteering at the Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session. The 2017 MS promises to be a great week of learning about our coaches while having a great time. Of course, we all will begin to use that new knowledge at the end of the MS and continue throughout the year. However, the MS cannot happen without volunteers like you and me.

If you have learned anything at past Maintenance Sessions, it is time to help pass the knowledge forward. The way to do this is to volunteer to help keep the MS running smoothly. Benefits of volunteering include meeting many new people, feeling like you are needed (you are!), and having a great time.

At this time, we particularly need First Timer Guides, Seminar Hosts, and Mentors. There are certainly other areas that also can use more help. Service as a volunteer at the MS is not work; it is an enjoyable way to meet new people, reconnect with

old friends, and help make the MS a great experience for all who attend.

If you did not mark your preference from the list of volunteer opportunities on your registration form, this is a great time to sign up.

Please contact me at the email address or telephone number below.



Jane Grossman

Volunteer Coordinator

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BOOK, PUZZLE, CD & DVD 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 that you have already read, movies that you have already watched, CDs you have already listened to many times, and puzzles you have already completed that still have all the pieces, 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, May 4,

2017. 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 & DVD Exchange Team

HOSPITALITY

The MS at the Elkhart County 4H Grounds in Goshen, Indiana is just around the corner. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone!

Attention my fabulous talented volunteers and my Kitchen Gourmet Chefs: We'll have a ball—again!

We always try to start everyone's day off right with an awesome **Morning Hospitality!** Serving up coffee and our "goodies." It is the best way to meet new people and renew old friendships.

If, by chance, you are not a morning person but, want to be involved, we have our "Prep Crew" each evening. These are the people who get everything organized for the next morning. Another super time is our **Ice**

Cream Social and we always try to make it special!! You will enjoy volunteering for this event too!

Another opportunity is the **Dealer's Social**. It is always a great time to see all the NEW rigs, the

vendors and their wares, along with catching up on the latest information from REV.

The last night we have a big dinner & we'll need a **set-up** crew and a **wrap-up** crew.

I so look forward to seeing & working with all of you – We have so much fun!! Look for my Sign-up Sheets when you arrive in the Registration Office during Early Parking and Registration.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

We look forward to all you new folks joining our Hospitality Volunteers group! In the meantime, Be careful & safe on those highways that we all love so much!!



Remember:
Get involved by
volunteering and
Volunteer to get involved!

Lynn Yeargain

Hospitality Coordinator



CALL FOR FIRST-TIMER GUIDES

The Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session has earned a very favorable reputation among the vast majority of current and past attendees. Also, we all do a great job of speaking with fellow owners of eligible coaches about the usefulness of the MS. Too often, though, First Timers arrive with unrealistic expectations concerning the types and amount of actual work that can be completed during the MS period. The corps of Mentors has been very effective in addressing technical issues on a one-to-one basis, but two problems have remained unsolved: First Timers often do not really know what to expect before they arrive, and they may arrive knowing hardly anyone else at the MS other than the persons who referred them. The First Timer Guides program has been initiated in order to address both of those issues.

Upon registration, the First Timers will be contacted by the Guides Coordinator who will explain how the MS works, how they can prepare to maximize their use of the time and resources of the MS team and vendors. A Guide will be assigned to each First-Timer.

First Timer Guides are asked to make contact with their First-Timers early, well before their arrival at the MS, preferably shortly after they register for the MS. This may be done by email or telephone. First Timer Guides should introduce themselves and become the person to call with questions before the MS begins.

During the MS, Guides are asked to perform three specific tasks:

1. If possible, meet the First Timers upon their arrival in the ECCC parking lot. This is most easily planned through telephone contact on the day prior to their actual arrival. After they are parked and set-up, take the First Timers on a brief tour including seminar locations, vendors, and service providers.

2. Accompany the First Timers to the First-Timer reception. This is a good opportunity for them to meet other Ramblin' Pushers and First-Timers. It is also an ideal opportunity for them to find a Mentor who is familiar with their coach.

3. Accompany the First-Timers to their first Morning Hospitality and the Opening Ceremony. Explain how to choose seminars that will best fit their needs and explain that there are always more seminars than can be attended in a single MS.

Become a Guide and help a First-Timer make the most of their first MS.

Much of this might sound very much like the function of the Mentors. But the Mentor's focus is on the technical aspects of their particular coach and its operation; the focus of the First Timer Guides' is on making the First Timers feel welcome and ready to enjoy a successful first Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session.

Doug Lindhout has agreed to serve as our First Timer Guides Coordinator. Please contact him right away to become First Timer Guides and make new First Timer friends for yourselves and the Ramblin' Pushers. Doug can be contacted at doug.lindhout@outlook.com or 616-490-8265.

COACH WEIGHING: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU

The Ramblin' Pushers Coach Weighing Team will be available upon your arrival and departure to provide coach weighing for you. We will be available on the following days:

Coach Weighing Schedule

Arrival Dates:	Wednesday May 3, 2017 (Early Arrival Day)	8 am - 4 pm
	Thursday May 4, 2017 (Arrival Day)	8 am - 4 pm
Departure Date	Thursday May 11, 2017 (departure day)	7:30 am - 12:30 pm

Departure signup sheet will be available in the MS office during registration and later on the Information Board in MS office area. Departure times are assigned in 10 min intervals to reduce traffic flow and allow for safe movement of the coaches. Please abide by your assigned times for departure.

If you desire to have your coach weighed on arrival, please email me at davisj9798@yahoo.com, your name, arrival date and time and coach make/model.

This is not an appointment, only info for us to ensure proper manpower during peak arrival times.

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 vehicle's drive system that allows these incredible vehicles to be operated safely, so it is imperative that you understand and have this knowledge.

For a \$20 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 equipment maintenance.

Your Board of Directors supports this endeavor through the mission statement of the Ramblin Pushers to pursue the knowledge to operate your diesel motor home safely.

Without this knowledge, you are possibly over loading or under inflating your tires and placing yourself and others at risk. Please take advantage of this important service during your attendance at the 2017 MS.

Jerry Davis

Coach Weighing Team Leader

ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COACH WEIGHING

- When you arrive at the Fairgrounds a flagger will stop you and ask whether or not you wish to have your coach weighed.
 - If **YES**, then follow instructions of flagger to position your coach in the area near the ECCC building for coach weighing.
 - If **NO**, then proceed as the flagger directs to position your coach toward the center area of parking lot and follow the instructions of the greeters.
- Stop the coach short of the weighing area, apply its Park brake, exit the vehicle, and complete the information form with a coach weighing team member.
- Disconnect your towed vehicle; pull the towed vehicle into the area parallel to the weighing area. Have your spouse or co-Driver stay with your towed vehicle. If you are traveling alone, parking for the towed vehicle will be provided.
- Enter your coach and follow the instructions of the coach weighing team member on movement to the scale area. **DO NOT MOVE** your vehicle until instructed to do so by the team member. This allows for all team members to be accounted for and reduce the risk of movement around your coach while it is in motion.
- Approach to scale area very slowly, use VERY EASY braking to prevent the scales from sliding when the coach brakes are applied. A coach weighing team member will instruct you through the driver's window.
- Once on the scale platform, place the coach in NEUTRAL and APPLY its parking brake.
- Await instructions to move by the coach weighing team member. Move your coach SLOWLY to the DRIVE axle location, listening carefully to instructions.
- Once on scale platform, place the coach in NEUTRAL and APPLY parking brakes.
- Await instructions to move by the coach weighing team member. Move the coach SLOWLY to the TAG axle location (**if applicable**), listening carefully to instructions.
- Await instructions to move by the coach weighing team member. Move the coach out of the scale weighing area SLOWLY. Wait for the documents on your coach weights. Bring these documents to the Seminar on Coach Weighing (check Program book schedule for timing).
- Pull forward to the Greetings area for assistance and contact with parking personnel.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTE:

- While unhooking the towed vehicle, **do not talk to other arriving units or coach weighing team members. This minimizes the risk of accidents or forgetting an important step of the procedure.**
- **Listen ONLY to the Coach weighing team member for instruction on movement. FOCUS ONLY ON COACH WEIGHING PROCESS. All external conversations must stop during the process.**

**Personnel and Equipment Safety throughout this process is
CRITICAL.**

SEMINAR HOSTS MAKE THINGS WORK

The next Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session will be held 4-10 May 2017. It may seem as if that's a long way off, but it is not! An integral part of any MS are the Seminar Hosts who coordinate the activities of the seminar presentations. The role of host is not difficult, requires little of one's time (especially if a person hosts a seminar they wanted to attend in the first place), but their service is important for the presenter and audience alike. And the seminar evaluations that the host collects help the MS leadership know how these sessions can be made more useful and enjoyable for everyone.

Seminar hosts pick up evaluation packages in the Admin office before their session, arrive in time to ask for volunteers to evaluate the session, meet the presenter to see if there is anything additional they need for their seminar, and introduce the speaker and topic to the audience. At the conclusion of the period, the host should thank the presenter for the session, collect the evaluations, and return them to the office. Serving as a seminar host need not interfere with the host's participation in the MS, but it can bring a new level of awareness of what makes a session work smoothly.

It is within this context that I'm asking each of you to consider accepting the role of Seminar Host. Whether you host one or several seminars, your volunteering is essential to making this and future MS events successful. Many of you have volunteered repeatedly over past years and I ask that you do it again. For those considering this task for the first time, please feel free to contact me as noted below and I will be glad to answer any of your questions.

The hosts and coordinators meet a day or so before the MS begins to select seminars to host, answer questions, and get acquainted with each other. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this program. My email address is hawkmarg1@gmail.com. My phone is 904-651-6591

Please join us as a Seminar host. Thanks.

Larry Hawkins,
Seminar Host Coordinator



2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

During the 2016 MS, the qualifications for the various elected offices and directorships were provided to all members present and published in the 4th Quarter (September, October, November) Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter. Six applications or nominations were received by the deadline date of 6 January 2017. The members being nominated for open positions are presented below.

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.

At the General Membership Meeting during the 2017 Maintenance Session in Goshen, Indiana, 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, 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.

Larry Hawkins, Chair
Paulette Jones, Carol Smalley
 2017 Nominating Committee





Jim Grossman
101983
Missouri

For President

Jim is currently Ramblin' Pushers Vice-President and Maintenance Session Coordinator for 2017. He has previously held several MS positions: Mentor in 2011, Mentoring Chairman in 2012, Seminars & Scheduling Chairman in 2013, Educational Program Coordinator in 2014 and 2015, and Vice-President and MS Coordinator in 2016. 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 the Ramblin' Pushers since 2007. Jane is currently Volunteer Chairman and previously served 2 years on the Board. In other volunteer organizations, Jim serves on two national committees of the Boy Scouts of America. He has been extensively involved in leadership training of both youth and adults in the Boy Scouts.



Ray Blush
93727
Florida

For Vice President

I am a retired television journalist and communications manager after 35 years, and retired from the U. S. Army Reserves after 29 years. I have been a Florida resident for 67 years, a Holiday Rambler owner for 16 years, and a member of the Ramblin' Pushers for 10 years. During my wonderful years with the Ramblin' Pushers, I have volunteered on the Information/Transportation Team (formerly Security), the Engineering Team, the Manufacturer Relations Team and currently am the MS Building & Grounds Co-Coordinator, a position I have held for the past three years. I also served on the Nominating Committee for three years. I was a Mentor one year, and MS Master of Ceremonies two years. My wife Linda and I celebrated our Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2016 and we both have a deep appreciation for what we have learned through the Ramblin' Pushers. I am seeking the office of vice president because as I look at our organization's future, it is very bright and I want to continue being an integral part of our success!



Jan Bauspies
21658
Florida

For Secretary

I began my career as a secretary in the purchasing department of the Union Tank Car Company in downtown Chicago, Illinois after taking numerous secretarial courses in high school. I continued working in numerous office settings until I was fortunate enough to get involved in the healthcare field as a billing clerk in a radiologist's office. I worked my way up and eventually became the business manager for a group of 21 radiologists with an office staff of 42 people. I managed that practice until my retirement in 1999 and our move from Kansas City, Missouri to Pensacola, Florida. However, my working days were not over. Because of sheer boredom I was able to come full circle and became a buyer in the purchasing department of Sacred Heart Hospital here in Pensacola. I finally retired for good in 2010.

My husband Bob (Buzz) and I have been involved off and on in HRRVC since we bought our first trailer in 1971. We now are members of Chapter 92 Florida Ramblers in addition to the Ramblin Pushers. I am currently the office manager for the Maintenance Session. I look forward to serving as secretary for the organization as I consider this position "right up my alley." Thank you for the opportunity to serve and the confidence the Board has placed in me to do so.



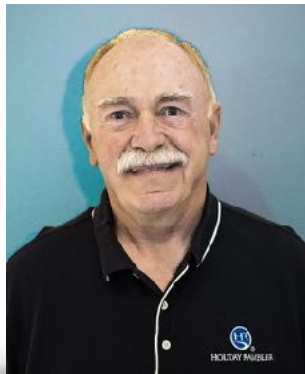
Dick Hohorst
116049
North Carolina

For Treasurer

Dick and Karen Hohorst joined HRRVC in 2007 following their purchase of a 2005 Holiday Rambler Endeavor. They were members of former HRRVC Chapters 277, Miracle Strip Ramblers (Pensacola FL); and 369, Hurricane Ramblers (Panama City FL); and are members of Chapter 419, Ramblin' Pushers; and Chapter 421, Military Retirees.

Dick served as Treasurer for Chapter 277, and as the Florida Assistant State Manager 2012-13. Having attended six prior Maintenance Sessions, Dick is now willing to serve as Treasurer for Chapter 419 if elected.

Dick has a BSBA (Marketing & Finance/Accounting); MS (Management); and MPA (Organization Development/Management). Following a 32-year Navy career, Dick served as a Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, and then as a "professional volunteer." He now writes and administers grants dealing with economic development and military base retention.



Paul Miller
113736
Virginia

For Director

Paul Miller has volunteered at several previous Maintenance Sessions for the Security/Information Team and the Engineering Team. Since the 2014 MS he has served as Chairman of the Engineering Team and will do the same in 2017. He has been a Chapter 419 Board Member since 2014. His wife Joyce has volunteered in several areas and has headed up the book exchange since 2015. Paul & Joyce have been members of Chapter 419 for 8 years and have attended 8 Maintenance Sessions.



Paul Pronze
118312
Michigan

For Director

My name is Paul Pronze. My wife Cindy and I have been a member (118312) since 2013, the year we bought our Holiday Rambler. Cindy and I have been married for 43 years and upon retiring decided to see the country, and what better way then in an RV. I am a alumni of Purdue University with a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. I have worked in the automotive industry as a Manager over plant and facilities maintenance, Production and Quality Control. Each position was a new experience and challenge which I have now found was just the training bed for owning and maintaining a Diesel Pusher.

Our sales person in Florida told us about the Holiday Rambler Club and the Ramblin' Pushers and encouraged us to attend and join. Not having been an RV owner or traveler in the past, we took his recommendation and then joined the Pushers to attend the following year. Cindy and I have volunteered in the kitchen, first aid and for the 2017 the engineering group and first aid.

I enjoyed the two Maintenance Sessions that we attended and would like to be part of the organization. I am submitting my resume for consideration for a position on the board.

MANUFACTURER RELATIONS

At the Tampa Super Show I was able to see a number of the REV folks and get some quick updates. The first person I was able to meet was Rick Horther, our new contact for support issues. He did a great job getting the booth set up for us to advertise Ramblin' Pushers and the Maintenance Session in the Holiday Rambler display area. Don Gephart, Marketing Manager REV RV, popped in and out on several occasions during the show to make sure everything was going OK.

Then Jim Jacobs, President of REV, dropped by our booth and gave us some insight into the new, redesigned Monaco line anchored by several floor plans of Diplomat coaches and the reintroduction of the Signature and Signature Executive coaches. Their hope is to have this massive redesign project completed between April and June of this year. I pressed Jim to see if there was a possibility of getting at least a preview of this line at this year's MS and he said he would try his best but could make no promises. I also asked Jim about the acquisition of Renegade and he stated he was very happy with this acquisition but it had just happened so he didn't have a lot of information to provide right now. It's always great seeing Jim since he is one of the most positive and upbeat people I've had the privilege to know.

Having noticed that Holiday Rambler and Fleetwood coaches shared a display area at Tampa and the only tag axle represented there this year was the Scepter, I asked Jim about the future of the Scepter because it seemed to me to be unique between those two REV brands they were showcasing together. His comment was they had made no decision about the Scepter at this time and, like all things, it would depend on sales.

Just my personal observation, our move to include all REV diesel products in the MS is becoming more and more important because now in order to upgrade to a 45' coach we would have to move to either a Monaco or American Coach within the REV brands. Also, it may become necessary if

upgrading to a tag axle depending on the future status of the Scepter.

Later on during the Super Show I ran into a very busy Jamie Buckmeier and had a short discussion. Jamie is Jim's guru. It's his job to make Jim's dreams come true. Jamie grew up in the RV industry and is an extremely talented young man. I asked him how he was doing on the Monaco redesign and if he actually thought it would be complete by late spring or early summer. He said he was working as hard as he could to make it happen. Jamie is the head of all new product development for REV and it's really nice to have someone in that position who has actually spent time camping in an RV. I really could see evidence of that experience in my Endeavor, the design for which he was responsible.

Next I ran into Steve Heim and Giff Akins and had a short discussion with them. They are looking

forward to this year's MS and promised to provide any seminars or assistance we request. Since Steve showed me around the new Quality Assurance (QA) operation

located adjacent to his office and is in charge of all warranty service, I asked him how the new QA program was working. He said it was working well. Steve's employees provide daily reports on warranty repairs to production in order to provide their customers the most trouble free coach possible.

It was a very productive show since I was able to meet with so many REV executives at one place. They all expressed their support of the MS and are looking forward to seeing us there.

John P. Jones,
President, Ramblin' Pushers



RAMBLIN' PUSHERS PROMOTE MS AT TAMPA SUPERSHOW

The 2017 Tampa SuperShow opened on January 18 and closed on January 22. Throughout that time, a group of Ramblin' Pushers members presented information about the 2017 Maintenance Session and chapter membership to show attendees who owned or were considering purchasing a diesel motor home produced by REV. Our representatives included John and Paulette Jones, Hugh and Nova Skidmore, Ray and Linda Blush, Ray and Bonnie Cupples, Roger and Carol Smalley. The display area was visited by many of our members who attended the show. REV provided an impressive display area



The Ramlin' Pushers Booth in Tampa



Roger Smalley, Hugh Skidmore, John Jones, REV President Jim Jacobs, and Ray Blush

for its products. The Ramblin' Pushers booth was in the Holiday Rambler & Fleetwood area of the General RV sales area. We were also able to place MS invitation materials in the adjacent American Coach display area. A number of REV personnel visited the booth during the show including Jim Jacobs, Steve Heim, Rick Horther, and Don Gephardt.

The booth made a comfortable and inviting appearance and was frequently the setting for discussions with interested visitors. Our prominent location also attracted casual passers-by to inquire about the location of specific models within the coach displays.



Roger Smalley, Rick Horther (REV) and John Jones



John Jones with Giff Atkins and REV Vice President, Steve Heim

General RV was more than generous with our booth staff. They kept us supplied with cold water, something that was badly needed in the blazing sun of Florida, and surprised us with box lunches enjoyed by the whole team. Everyone there treated us as members of the General team and made us feel more than welcome among them. We offer our sincere thanks to General RV for their support.

Severe weather was forecast for Sunday, the final day of the show, so the decision was made to

dismantle all of the temporary shelters that could be damaged by high winds or cause damage to the coaches on display. As a result, the booth closed at the end of the day on Saturday.

Overall, the booth and the show were successful for us. We distributed a good number of MS invitation packages and expect to see some registrations as a result. We look forward to seeing our visitors again in Goshen. Thanks to all who gave so willingly of their time and talent.



The Whole Ramblin' Crew



Larry Lublin and Hugh Skidmore chat at the booth



Matt and Judi Libby visit the booth.



General RV staff member Nikki Gonzales kept us properly hydrated and sun blicked.



John Jones, Carol Smalley, Ray Blush, and Hugh Skidmore attend booth.

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENSE

Calendar Year End 12/31/16

Account Description	
2015 Maintenance Session	
Registrations & Camping	\$ 629.00
	\$ 629.00
2015 Maintenance Session Expenses	
Hospitality Costs	\$ (364.50)
	\$ (364.50)
2016 Maintenance Session	
Coach Weighing Donations	\$ 1,845.00
Donations	\$ 15,500.00
Member Product Sales	\$ 61.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 428.48
Registrations and Camping	\$ 64,894.00
Refunds	\$ (10,132.00)
	\$ 72,596.48
Sponsor & Vendor Registrations and Camping	\$ 5,709.00
Refunds	\$ (219.00)
	\$ 78,086.48
2016 Maintenance Session Expenses	
Audio Visual Supplies	\$ 125.75
Building and Grounds Expense	\$ 362.55
Fairgrounds Buildings	\$ 9,868.30
Fairgrounds Camping	\$ 35,533.94
Golf Cart Rental	\$ 6,377.51
Hospitality Costs	\$ 6,511.49
Hospitality Vendor Sponsored	\$ 1,692.90
Hospitality Mileage	\$ 420.66
Closing Dinner	\$ 8,431.50
Coach Weighing Supplies	\$ 420.00
MS Advertising	\$ 843.66
MS Pins	\$ 945.00
MS Supplies	\$ 1,042.92
Office Supplies	\$ 245.76
Printing	\$ 3,219.99
Propane	\$ 883.88
Septic Pumping	\$ 60.00
Storage Facility Rental	\$ 828.00
Vendor Chair Supplies	\$ 96.42
Vendor Pipe and Drape Rental	\$ 2,985.52
	\$ 80,895.75

**Club Operating Funds
OPERATING REVENUE**

Dues Members	\$	7,888.00
Refunds	\$	(20.00)
	\$	7,868.00
Sponsor Dues	\$	720.00
	\$	8,588.00

OPERATING EXPENSES

Bank Charges	\$	99.71
Director & Offices Insurance & Treasurer Bond	\$	1,323.00
Dues Notices		
Postage	\$	51.40
Printing	\$	39.57
	\$	90.97
Mail forwarding Service	\$	200.00
Member Chair Supplies	\$	230.26
	\$	430.26
Newsletter		
Printing	\$	9,978.87
Postage	\$	1,459.39
	\$	11,438.26
Office Supplies		
President	\$	374.14
Software Update	\$	95.88
Treasurer	\$	106.17
	\$	576.19
Postage		
Treasurer	\$	47.00
	\$	47.00
Professional Services	\$	550.00
Telephone		
President	\$	287.29
Treasurer	\$	43.42
	\$	330.71
Telephone Forwarding Service	\$	46.81
Web Site Fees	\$	599.00
Operating Expenses	\$	15,531.91

Balance Sheet 31-Dec-16		
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	63,100.97
Prepaid Assets	\$	500.00
Total Assets	\$	63,600.97
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Deferred Revenue	\$	45,548.00
Unrestricted/Restricted Fund Balance	\$	18,052.97

Robert Kiser
Treasurer, Ramblin' Pushers

SPONSOR MEMBERS

Sponsor members are companies who are members of the Ramblin' Pushers and serve the RV market, either as sellers of new and used 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

Service Codes

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

Website: www.alliancecoach.com
Sales: Tom Peterson 352-330-3800
tom.peterson@alliancecoach.com
Service: Mike Hawkins 352-330-3800
mike.hawkins@alliancecoach.com
Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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DAY BROS. AUTO & RV SALES, LLC

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

Website: www.daybrosrvsales.com
Email: ken.day@hotmail.com
Contact: Kenny Day 606-877-1530
Sales: Jerry Lowe 606-877-1530
Service: George Day 606-877-1530
Services: **1, 2, 3, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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GENERAL RV

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

Website: www.generalrv.com
Contact: Jason Cohen 813-305-2500
JCohen@generalrv.com
Sales: Steve Ratcliff 813-305-2500
Service: Steve Scrape 813-305-2500
Services: **1, 2, 3**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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GENERAL RV

14000 Automall Drive
Huntley, IL 60142
847-669-5570

Website: www.generalrv.com
Contact: Tim Mann 847-669-5570
TMann@generalrv.com
Sales: Chris Stevens 847-669-5570
CStevens@generalrv.com
Service: Scott Rosselein 847-669-5570
SRosselein@generalrv.com
Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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DEALER SPONSORS (CONT.)

GENERAL RV

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

Website: **www.generalrv.com**
Contact: Jason Quillen 248-349-0900
JQuillen@generalrv.com
Sales: Chris Cole 248-349-0900
CCole@generalrv.com
Service: Dave Carlisle 248-349-0900
DCarlisle@generalrv.com
Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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GENERAL RV

14295 Minuteman Road
Draper, UT 84020
801-307-1070

Website: **www.generalrv.com**
Contact: Paxton Jensen 801-307-1070
pjensen@generalrv.com
Sales: Robbie Jensen 801-307-1070
rbjensen@generalrv.com
Zac Andersen 801-307-1070
zandersen@generalrv.com
Service: Bret Folkman 801-307-1070
bfolkman@generalrv.com
Services: **1, 2, 3, 5, 8**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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GIANT RV—MONTCLAIR, CA

9150 Benson Ave.
Montclair, CA 91763
888-636-1732

Website: **www.giantrv.com**
Email: sales@giantrv.com
Contact: Dick Torres 888-646-1732
dicktorges@giant.com
Service: Paul Nunez 888-646-1732
Services: **1, 2, 3**
Models: Ambassador

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MOTOR HOME SPECIALIST

100 O'Banion Way*
Alvarado, TX 76009
817-790-7771
800-335-6054

Website: **www.mhsrv.com**
Sales: Mark Griffith 817-790-7771
markg@mhsrv.com
Service: Terry Humphries 817-790-7771
service@mhsrv.com
Services: **1, 2, 3**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

*GPS may prefer 5411 South I-35W

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PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY

2155 Highway 95
Bullhead City, AZ 86442
928-704-5080

Website: **www.rvcountry.com**
Email: sales@rvcountry.com
Sales: Bill Coverdale 928-704-5080
bcoverdale@rvcountry.com
Service: Krystal Leslie 928-704-5080
kleslie@rvcountry.com
Services: **1**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY

3633 South Maple
Fresno, CA 93725
559-486-1000

Website: **www.rvcountry.com**
Email: sales@rvcountry.com
Contact: Curt Curtis 559-779-1725
curt@rvcountry.com
Sales: Shawn Williams 559-486-1000
Service: Hank Dudley 559-486-1000
Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY

83407 Highway 111
Indio, CA 92201
760-972-4122

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Email: sales@rvcountry.com
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90915 Roberts Road
Coburg, OR 90915
541-636-6041

Website: **www.rvcountry.com**
Email: sales@rvcountry.com
Contact: Jim Hardy
gentlemanjimhardy@gmail.com
Sales: Winnie Anderson 541-636-6041
Service: Randy Fergusson 541-636-6041
Services: **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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PAUL EVERT'S RV COUNTRY

5111 20th Street E
Fife, WA 98424
253-926-6000

Website: **www.rvcountry.com**
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gfisher@rvcountry.com
Sales: Gary Fisher 541-636-6041
Service: gfisher@rvcountry.com 541-636-6041
Services: **1, 3, 6, 7**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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PREMIER MOTOR COACH SERVICES

4340 East Tennessee Street
Tucson, AZ 85714
520-624-2024
877-624-2024

Website: **premiermcs.com**
Email: eolstrom@premiermcs.com
Sales: Joe Cartwright 520-624-2024
jcartwright@premiermcs.com
Service: Eric Olstrom 520-624-2024
eolstrom@premiermcs.com
Other: Debbie Watts 520-624-2024
dwatts@premiermcs.com
Services: **1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10**
Models: All HR Diesel Models

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SICARD RV

7526 Regional Road #20
West Lincoln, Ontario CANADA LOR2A0
905-957-3344
800-688-2210

Website: **www.sicardrv.com**
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gsicard@sikardrv.com
rsicard@sikardrv.com
Contact: Blair Sicard 905-957-3344
Sales: Roger Sicard 905-957-3344
Service: Terry Sicard 905-957-3344
service@sicardrv.com
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VEURINKS' RV CENTER

7144 S. Division
Grand Rapids, MI 49348
800-822-5272

Website: **www.veurinksrv.com**
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Models: All HR Diesel Models

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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>.

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.

If your interest is more along gastronomical lines, there are a number of interesting restaurants in the area. Among our favorites are the South Side Soda Shop, the Lux Cafe, and Stumpy's Old Time Pizza.



The South Side Soda Shop is located at 1122 S Main Street in Goshen, phone: 574-534-3790. This quaint diner has been featured on the Food Network program, Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives.

The Diner's fare is straightforward, but memorable. One of their signature dishes is spaghetti and meatballs served in a parfait glass. Quirky and fun!

No meal at South Side is complete without a slice of pie. Homemade and delicious. You'll want to take some home.

www.southsidesodashopdiner.com

The Lux Cafe can be found at 2012 Lincolnway East, Goshen, IN 46526, phone 574-534-8045. The menu offers a varied fare that runs from fresh salads to generous portions of comfort food selections. The prices are more than reasonable for the quality and amount of food. Go early or be prepared to wait!



A short way south of Goshen is New Paris, Indiana, home of Stumpy's Old Time Pizza, located at 19152 Market Street, phone 574-831-4160.

Stumpy's features mouthwatering pizza and delicious fried chicken.



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, Shipshewana, 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 35.

There's something here for everyone. Have fun!

THE LAST WORD

The 2017 Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session is now less than nine weeks away. The MS leadership team will use this time to bring together all of the details that make this event operate so smoothly for the six days of intense activity that is the MS itself.

One thing all of us will do in that time is travel. For some that will entail breaking camp in your winter quarters and starting the annual migration to the Goshen fairgrounds. For others it will be re-opening your coach after a winter of storage. But all of us will reacquaint ourselves with the operation of our coaches and remind ourselves of the safety hazards that are inherent in using our large, heavy, powerful, and complicated motor homes. As we begin that process we will bid farewell to some friends and fellow travelers. As we depart we will wave and smile and remind each other to Travel Safely.

The seriousness of that admonition came home to us in December. After getting set up in our Florida campsite, we watched for the arrival of our winter friends and we're always pleased to see so many return for a carefree winter of socializing, sightseeing, and not shoveling snow.

Two of our regulars, ladies, we'll call them Jane and Jill, who travel together in a Class C motorhome arrived, and after enthusiastic words of welcome we made plans for dinner together and returned to our campsite while they got settled. Not long thereafter we saw an ambulance leaving the campground and went to find out what was going on. We learned that Jill had been injured as they were leveling their coach.



The undamaged front of the motor home after the accident.

Briefly, what happened is that after getting the coach parked in their space, they moved their towed vehicle, a compact pickup, to its usual parking place in front of the Class C. Then they placed leveling blocks in front of the motor home tires and attempted to drive the coach onto the blocks to level

it. One of the blocks slipped on the gravel, so Jill stepped in front of the coach to reposition the block. What happened next is not exactly clear but is perfectly predictable. At some point the coach moved forward quickly, fell off the block and pinned Jill between the coach and the towed vehicle. The impact was sufficient to push the pickup sideways several inches.

Fortunately, an ER nurse happened to be across the street and heard the commotion of the accident and excited witnesses. Someone called emergency



The crumpled, but unscratched) door of the towed vehicle.

services and the coach was moved away from the truck to free our friend. The EMTs stabilized her and transported her to the nearest trauma center. We saw her late that evening and learned that her pelvis had been broken in 14 places.

The accident happened on December 28. Jill was hospitalized for more than a week, treated in a rehabilitation center for several more weeks, and is now back in the park living in her motor home. She is still in considerable pain and has limited mobility. This is not the way she planned to spend her winter. She is 78 years old.

So the next time you exchange "Safe Travels" with friends, remember that accidents can happen in a matter of a careless second, and **never get between a running RV and a fixed object**. We revel in the luxury and convenience of our chosen mode of travel, but must always be mindful of the fact that there is danger in what we do; danger for ourselves and others. Let's all make safe travels a constant goal of our motor homing life.

I'm excited about this year's MS and can't wait to see you there. But whatever else you do:

Travel Safely.

Ramblin' Pushers 2017 Maintenance Session

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

- Facilities -

7 nights parking starting 5/4/2017
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 5/3-5/4- MS starts with Opening Session at 9:15 AM on Friday 5/5

- 6 Days of Seminars/Sessions by REV RV Group, Vendors, Suppliers and 419 members, Ladies Events
- Round Table discussions
- REV Executives Session
- Service Technicians Available
- Coach Displays, Vendors, & Suppliers
- Morning Hospitality, Socials & Closing Dinner

May 4 – May 10, 2017

(Arrival Day May 4th included in Registration)

Early Parking May 3rd an extra \$22

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

Please don't arrive earlier than Early Parking Day -May 3rd

Need more information?

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

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.

Arriving earlier than May 3 may result in having to move to your assigned location on that date!!!!!!

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 Entire Form 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 via email to registered attendees in early April 2017.

Cancellations only accepted before MS Early Parking Day and will be subject to an administration fee of \$20. Call 866-208-7411 or email to jpjscuba@bellsouth.net to cancel.

HRRVC or XX#

Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Coach Make _____ Coach Model _____ Year _____ Length _____

Engine Mfg. _____

Vehicle ID Number (17 Digit No.)

Check, if applicable:

- ☐ Handicapped (Limit 19)*
☐ First Timer **

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

** Where did you hear about the MS? 419 Member _____ Ramblings _____ Other Publication _____ Other _____

REGISTRATION FEES: Check or MO payable to Ramblin' Pushers

Coach with 2 persons	\$235.00	_____
Coach with 1 person	190.00	_____
Extra Person in Coach, <u>Add</u>	65.00	_____
Non-Ramblin' Pusher Member, <u>Add</u>	20.00	_____
Early Parking Day – May 3 rd , <u>Add</u>	22.00	_____

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 _____

Round Table Moderators _____ Seminar Host _____ Mentors _____ Ladies Activities _____ Tours Table _____

Office _____ Registration _____ Goody Bags Prep _____ Greetings _____ Evaluations _____

Book Exchange _____ Hospitality _____ Signup Sheets Available at Registration _____ As Needed _____ MSN 2017 MS Registration 160423

Amish Dinners and Theater Reservation Form

This year, due to scheduling constraints and the very low participation in the scheduled Wednesday evening dinner last year, the lunch or dinner option at Amish Acres in Nappanee, approximately 18 southwest of the fairgrounds, will be the only Amish Dinner on our schedule. This option has traditionally been well attended and has received very positive reviews from our attendees. There are, however, several Amish Restaurants in the local area where attendees can dine as their schedule permits. A listing of these will be made available for your consideration.

This year the theater presentation information is as follows:

Amish Acres Red Barn Theater & Dinner Sunday, May 7th (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 "***I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change***". It is a musical comedy with book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro and music by Jimmy Roberts. With 5,000 performances, it is the second-longest running Off Broadway musical. It is presented in the form of a series of vignettes connected by the central theme of love and relationships. This celebration of the mating game takes on the truths and myths behind that contemporary conundrum known as "the relationship". This hilarious revue pays tribute to those who have loved and lost, to those who have fallen on their face at the portal of romance, to those who have dared to ask, "Say, what are you doing Saturday night?"

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!

Please register by completing and returning the following information before April 15, 2017:

(Indicate # of Persons for each Event)

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

HRRVC or X# _____

Amish Acres -- A Memorable Experience

Sun., May 7- Threshers Dinner :(12 noon) ____ OR (4:30pm) ____ @ \$20 per person = \$ _____

Sun., May 7- "***I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change***"

Performance: (2:00pm) ____ @ \$24 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, 2017 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, May 3rd

Ramblin' Pushers
413 Walnut Street # 5294
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