

# Foretravel MOTORCADE CLUB

## 1965 - History - 2005



### 1967 WINTER NATIONAL RALLY

88 motorhomes gather for this second National Rally in Bradenton, Florida

### 2001 GRANDVENTION

98 motorhomes gather in Lake Havasu, Arizona for the 2001 International Grandvention



### WHERE WE'VE BEEN, SETS THE STAGE FOR OUR FUTURE

This 40-year club history will intermingle the whats, the whens and the happenings of two clubs that became one club and went on to become the very best manufacturer's motorhome owners' club in the world.

**Let us explore and record it here**

*Researched and Prepared by Warren & Arlie MacKenzie*

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The continued success of the Motorcade Club goes to  
**C. M. FORE**

As with any organization someone has to say OK first to start it and second to keep it going.

For many years that was C. M. Fore.

When the Travco Motorcade Club's future was in jeopardy because Peter Fink decided to close down the Travco operation and auction off the assets, C.M. was there and purchased the club along with the right to build future Travcos. He then lead the Foretravel's support and sponsorship of the club.

C.M. and Marie personally brought the first Foretravel-built Travco to the National Convention in Yuma, Arizona and then began planning for the future of

owners' club(s) for Foretravel.

His desire for Foretravel owners to have the best has lead to the growth of the best motorhome factory-sponsored club in the United States.

C.M. & Marie's dedication needs to be permanently recorded in the history of the Motorcade Club.

The next President and General Manager, Ray Fore, followed in his Dad's

footsteps in support of our club.

The current President Lyle Reed said in the Summer 2005 Motorcader, in part "I have quickly learned the importance of the Motorcade Club and its thirteen regional chapters".



### SOURCES

- A paper written by Ray Wilkins #365 "Motorcade Club History"
- "The Foretravel Story"
- A collection of Motorcader magazines & from memories of Marion & Trudy Dunn #40
- Numerous internet articles
- Statistics & information from the club office.
- Memory of Warren & Arlie #2335
- Bill & Elsie Greenhalgh #1761

We have gone to many places to accumulate the information that is included in this publication.

To the best of our ability the facts in this history are accurate. We hope that this will help to preserve some of this information.

All the material used is on file at this time in the Motorcade Club office.

## THE BEGINNING

**Travco** About 1958, Frank Motors of Peck, Michigan, according to Tommy Scott #79, started building a motorhome. Tommy and Ray Frank had both built their own motorhomes. Tommy was the head of the "Old Time Medicine Show" which traveled 60,000 miles a year. The two joined forces. Frank would build the motorhome and Scott would travel in one, doing his shows, showing the motorhome and taking orders and deposits.

So a company was started in a converted milk barn. It soon outgrew these accommodations and moved to Brown City, Michigan.

A Dodge truck chassis was redesigned for the mo-



torhome and so it became known as a Dodge Motorhome.

It wasn't long before the Dodge Company tried to buy out Frank Motorhomes. Failing this, according to Mr. Scott, Dodge began to freeze the number of chassis available for their use.

The troubles multiplied and eventually the doors were closed.

### FRANK MOTORHOMES SOLD

Peter Fink bought the rights to the motorhome and the Travco Corporation was formed.

Under Mr. Fink's supervision the Motorcade Club was born.

Gib & Mabel Stadler were chosen to organize the club. They started setting up a full scale travel

program in July, 1965. A mailing list was established from the Brown City sales office and repair department of The Travco Corporation.

Both the Stadlers had been teachers in the Chicago school system and had pioneered in travel trailering since 1941. They had traveled with Wally Byam and Airstream in the mid-50's and organized and directed a Avion Travelcade Club for a number of years so the Stadlers brought a wealth of knowledge to the Dodge Motorcade Club.

According to Mabel Stadler, a number of State Units (chapters) were formed and held rallies during the first few months of 1965.

John & Marjorie Teeter #155, recalled meeting in Woodbridge, Virginia in August 1965 with the



Stadlers chairing the meeting and organizing the Unit, as well as distributing club numbers and discussing a motorcade into Mexico.

### MOTORCACADER MAGAZINE

The first issue of the *Motorcader* was distributed in February 1966.

The club was called The Dodge Motorcade Club with Director Gib Stadler, Executive Director and Mabel Stadler Executive Secretary, sponsored by the Travco Corporation. Dues were \$2.00 per year.



Picture missing

quarter.

The Sanitation Committee had to see that all the gopher holes were properly closed and left as found.

Water was not always available and the Teeters remember one motorcader who stated that he never thought he would take a bath in second-hand water. His wife had bathed in it first.

### NATIONAL RALLIES

The National Summer Rally was held July 1-4, 1966 at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

In keeping with the volunteerism that made the club, unit presidents were chairmen on different days at the rally. Sid Lance #34 of the Ohio Unit the first day, Frank #265 of the New York Unit the second day, and Ike Hollis #293 of the Illinois Unit the last two days.

### CANADA MOTORCADE

The Western Canada Motorcade met in Calgary on July 9th and attended the Calgary Stampede. According to the article written by Marion McKay #337, the Stadlers led the motorcade to Banff. It was quite a sight to see. Can you believe that these pioneers took their motorhomes to Takakkaw Falls? If you've never been there you wouldn't know what a fete it was, but because of the sharp turns and narrow turns they had to back up one length of the road and drive forward the next one and continue until they reached the top and repeat it to return. In later years motorcades used busses that had to do the same thing.

From the very beginning.

### FIRST MOTORCADE

The first organized motorcade to Mexico was in February and March 1966. 74 Dodge motorhomes assembled at the new Civic & Convention Center in Laredo, Texas. 30 states and Canada were represented.

The Teeters recalled many lasting memories of this first trip. Many volunteers were on committees including a doctor, 3 nurses and men with mechanical knowledge who manned the "caboose". They remember pulling into a new camp area when 10 to 12-year old boys would descend upon them by the dozens begging to allow them to dig gopher holes for a

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each Sunday found the motorcade stopping to worship in a non-denominational service. The sites varied—sometimes in a building, in a campsite, by a blazing campfire, by a stream of rushing water surrounded by majestic mountains, in the valleys; but always in reverence to the God in heaven.



Travco, becoming the 700th member.

## FIRST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

At the National Winter Rally (now called Grandvention) in January 1969, the members voted to have a Club Board of Directors to be composed of presidents of each unit. At the first meeting, Frank Kaiser #265 was elected the first National President.

## NEW CLUB DIRECTOR

In the same Winter issue of the *Motorcader*, Charles Kiefer is listed as Director under Clara Johnston National Secretary.

Charles, after a successful business career in pedigreed poultry breeding, sold his operation and retired.

Tiring from being inactive after being out of business for a few years, he bought an Airstream trailer and within two years was their National President. One year later Airstream hired him to become the National Director of the trailer club's activities.

In his 10 years as Director of Airstream, the membership grew from 1700 to 20,000.

Charlie retired, again, but in six months, Peter Fink of Travco asked him to be Director of the Travco/Dodge Motorcade Club. We can still see the influence of the Air-

On the Western Canada motorcade, the Dr. M. R. Brumme's family of nine joined the club and became the 500th member. The club was just a year old.

## NATIONAL SECRETARY

Sometime between October and December 1966, the Stadtlers were no longer in charge of the club. Mrs. Clara Johnston was named the new

National Secretary and the club office was moved to Brown City, Michigan.

The first winter rally was held in Bradenton Beach, Florida. Jake Green, Manager of Recreational Vehicle Sales for Travco Corporation was in charge of the rally.

The national rallies were run by Jake Green from the Travco office for some time to follow. Volunteers from units (chapters) were greatly encouraged and used. There was never a shortage of helpers.

## BRINKS #700

The April issue of the *Motorcader* shows Frank & Altha Brink picking up their new



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stream format in our club today.

## PIGGYBACK

Bill Magann #287, President of the Southern California Unit, came up with the idea of a group of Dodge motorhomes crossing Northern Mexico piggy-back on railroad flatcars, traveling the then new and

tions. He was always there to help the club and its members.

## TRAVCO TO MEXICO

This Mexican Motorcade in early 1970 sees 63 Travcos at Queretaro, Mexico. Many things of yesteryears do not seem to be acceptable in 2003, and one of those is dry parking. The camaraderie that developed from parking in fields was the fastest way to make new friends. "Circle the wagons."

You think sixty-three motorhomes is a lot? On January 31st,



most extraordinary railroad in the Western world.

The first week of January 1968, twenty-eight Dodge motorhomes met in El Paso, Texas and this groundbreaking adventure known as "Piggyback Motorcade" began. Many hundreds, if not thousands, have since made this incredible journey thanks to these brave and innovative motorcade folks.



1971, 107 motorhomes rendezvoused for a Yucatan Motorcade.\*

## TRAVCO AND NIXON VISIT CHINA

In 1971 a commercial Travco built especially for ABC Broadcasting was shipped to China via airplane for President Nixon's visit.

Special hard rubber tires were installed made to lower the motorhome so they could get it in the airplane. The original tires were then replaced when it got to China.

## BUD SMITH, DIRECTOR OF DEALER AND OWNER RELATIONS

Any history of Travco would not be complete without reference to Bud Smith. Bud joined Travco in April 1962 and was named Service Manager in January 1964. In the spring of 1970



he was elevated to a new position, that of Director of Dealer and Owner Relations.

## KIEFERS RETIRE

In the spring of 1972, Charlie and his sister Ethel, who had worked with him, decided to retire. Their research,

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planning and hard work sets became the Motorcade brought the membership to Club's 3000th member. They are shown here being welcomed by National Secretary Clara Johnston, Bud Sweet, National Motorcade Director and Charlie Kiefer, now Director of Special Travel Programs.

## A MOTORCADE CONCEPT

By Carrie Rosen #1650

I want to thank God for letting me live

To reach this wonderful stage  
My material goals accomplished  
In youth of my old age

And now my Lord has set me free  
To view His great creation  
From mountain to mountain and  
sea to sea  
And even from nation to nation

Included in His glorious plan  
Are the people of this caravan;  
Gathered together from far and  
wide  
To travel together—side by side

Helping each other, our problems  
to pool

## BUD & BARBARA SWEET

New leaders of the Travco Motorcade Club were also Airstream people. They too brought with them a vast rally and tour experience. They reported directly to Bud Smith.

## MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Membership continues to grow. Francis & Esther Morgan of Holbrook, Massachu-



are shown here being welcomed by National Secretary Clara Johnston, Bud Sweet, National Motorcade Director and Charlie Kiefer, now Director of Special Travel Programs.

## SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Service on motorcades started by having mechanically inclined motorcadgers follow as "tail gunners".

Ralph & Carol Walters #324 were recognized as a real asset to any motorcade and were designated as Service Representatives. In the spring of 1972 *Motorcader* Ralph writes, "having taken eight motorcades and taking the responsibility either volunteer "caboose" or employed "caboose"..." it seemed appropriate that he become Travco staff.



At this time in the life of the club, two National Rallies were held each year—winter & summer; and two Motorcades—also winter and summer.

## FEES THEN

History should record that motorcade fees were much different than today.

In 1974 a deluxe tour called the Tiffany Tour was \$250. This was unusually expensive, but it was a first-class motorcade.

The National Winter Rally (Convention) was \$15 per coach for two people. Each extra guest was to pay

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for meals at registration.

*Remember, things were much different then. Not many campgrounds, lots of volunteers and side trips and tours were much different and less expensive.\**

(Northern Michigan & Wisconsin)

- Rocky Mountains
- Florida & Bahamas 3-day cruise

## JOE JOHNSTON #1546 CORPORATE COORDINATOR

At the 1974 Winter Rally, Bud Smith announced the appointment of Joe Johnston as Corporate Coordinator of the Travco Club activities.

When Joe hired on as successor to Bud Sweet he was given the number "0" until he proved himself. This was done by Bud Smith.

At the Summer Rally, Joe publicly requested that this number "0" be replaced with "00". He was immediately turned down. This fun went on for some time, and Joe was always known as "0".



## TEEN PROGRAM

Plans were always made for children to attend most rallies and motorcades. There were special programs and a Teen Queen was chosen each year. The Teen Queen often would have an article in the *Motorcader* reporting her experiences.

## 1972 SEES DUES INCREASE

President V. Clyde Sickle #355 announced that dues would increase to \$5.00 if the next meeting of the Board of Directors approves.

## JOE JOHNSTON #1546

In Part II of an article in the summer issue of the 1972 *Motorcader*, Joe wrote about CB radios and signed it as "Communications Manager." In the October issue we find that he scouted the Four Corners Motorcade and then went along on it with Bud & Barbara Sweet. *This is important, as you will see later.\**

1973

## MORE MOTORCADES

The schedule is now expanded to four motorcades and two national rallies.

- Western Mexico

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## FRANK & FERN SCHLEICHER #3468

### SERVICE

Starting with the 1973 National Winter Rally the service rate will be \$10.00 per hour. Plus parts. No more free refrigerator cleaning and no preventive maintenance

Frank & Fern are two very important people in the Motorcade Club. We cannot find exactly when they were brought on officially as staff, but it

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seems they were always just there.

Fern recalls it was some time in 1973 or '74 before they became official.



## TRAVCO WINTER HAVEN

Day's Park in Orlando, Florida had agreed to provide a winter headquarters for Travco Motorcadgers at a rate of \$70 per month, one month minimum. There were no planned programs, just a place to be with friends.

Watch for more of this\*

## \$100.00 ?

A New England motorcade in July 1975 rendezvoused following the National Summer Rally and ended in Norwalk, Connecticut

After the trip, Joe writes "The New England Motorcade has just ended as 101 motorhomes "woke them up" on an historic journey through land where our Nation began two hundred years ago.

This trip was the largest of all stateside summer motorcades and shows the continuing popularity of planned motorcading.

## SERVICE REP JOINS CLUB STAFF

Ralph & Carol Walters' last motorcade was the New England Motor-

cade. They retired in August 1975.

Bud & Alyce Righter #4256 joined the ranks as Service Representatives. Bud & Alyce live in Fort Worth, Texas. "It looks like we will be living in our motorhome more and more," says Alyce.



Bud, a mechanical engineer retired from McDonnell Douglas had accompanied the Walters on their last three motorcades.

## SOME 1976 ACTIVITIES

Another Piggy-Back Motorcade will spend 29 days touring, starting in Las Vegas ending in El Paso. This trip included a 5-day Piggyback. The cost estimated to be \$361.

- Las Vegas Winter Rally, January 16-18, 1976, fee \$75.
- Summer Convention at Eau Claire, Wisconsin called "Celebrate American Bicentennial, 1776-1976"
- Bicentennial Alaska Motorcade, July 3-August 31, fee \$175. *How times have changed!\**
- Desert Magic Motorcade October 1-31

The number of activities is growing.\*

## DOCTOR

At the Las Vegas Conven-

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tion in 1976 it was announced that Doc & Jan Camero would join the staff and accompany all future motorcades. *The Camero's set a magnificent standard for future volunteer doctors on motorcades\**



## 1977 WINTER CONVENTION BIGGEST EVER

Orlando, Florida, under the Big Top, was crowded with 727 people in 343 motorhomes, representing 42 states and 3 Canadian provinces.

The Florida Unit had 76 motorhomes in attendance, and



Ted & Kit Rosenthal #1430

Michigan came in second with 57.

Two style shows and a craft show were just a couple of the programs that went on, all with club members participating.

## WOULD YOU BELIEVE 109 MOTORHOMES ON THE MARITIME MOTORCADE?

Starting at Clayton, New York on August 15, 1977, this large motorcade crossed the U.S.-Canadian border twice and trav-

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eled all the way to Newfoundland and back to a Final Banquet at Bangor, Maine. A total of 4515 miles and a fee of \$153.

## 1978—A YEAR FOR MANY MORE ACTIVITIES

- Winter (January) Convention, McAllen, Texas
- National Summer Convention in Berea, Kentucky
- Appalachia Motorcade
- Four Corners Motorcade
- Australia-New Zealand Jetcade

The Winter Convention in McAllen, Texas went wonderfully with 306 motorhomes from 41 states and 4 Canadian provinces attending.

## TRAVCO CLOSES ITS DOORS

### THE MOTORCADE CLUB LOOSES ITS SPONSOR

The Appalachia Motorcade started well. Then the terrible news arrived that the **Travco Corporation was closing its plant in Brown City, Michigan.** No more Travcos; no more Motorcade Club sponsor.

*This could be the end of the story but for the efforts of many.\**

## THE PERIOD BETWEEN JULY AND OCTOBER 12, 1987

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Joe Johnston drafted a letter on the Appalachia Motorcade to all motorcaders spelling out the situation. Joe states, in part, **"we are determined to continue the Travco Motorcade Club and I have discussed plans with a representative number of members from the Board of Directors who agree that immediate steps must be taken to continue the club's services."** The letter continues to suggest that the dues be increased to \$10.00 and that they be paid early, and further asks for voluntary pledges in increments of \$100.00, this to be a one time aide. At that time there were about 2700 dues paying members.

Assurance is given that all deposits for activities have been put in a separate account and all activities will be run as planned.

## RALLY 'ROUND THE CAUSE

A *Motorcader Newsletter* was subsequently sent out in August updating members on progress.

On July 31st, 1978, representatives from each unit of the Travco Motorcade Club met in Brown City to cope with the problems of operating without the support of Travco. Over 50 people attended, including most past International presidents. Warren MacKenzie, current president presided and Arlie was Recording Secretary. Many options were considered, but most then or later were abandoned. A tentative balanced

budget for the balance of 1978 was approved. A tentative budget for 1979 however showed there would be a deficit unless additional revenues were found. President MacKenzie appointed a Executive Committee to be interim overseers.

The board authorized the appointment of Bud Smith as Executive Director and Joe Johnston as Coordinator of Club Activities. Both would serve without compensation.

The Four Corners Motorcade with 88 motorhomes will go on schedule. The Australia Jetcade is a sellout.

The National Winter Convention at Yuma, Arizona, January 15-17, 1979 is a go and the Baja Motorcade will leave on the 18th after the convention.

Not knowing what the future was to bring, Warren MacKenzie explored several possible sponsors actually meeting with one other manufacturer. None seemed to show much interest.

***Little did we know that God had a plan.***

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## The Foretravel Story

The Fore family's tradition for travel began in 1876 when C. M. Fore's grandparents first traveled from the East and settled in Nacogdoches, the Gateway to Texas. This tradition was carried on by James E. Fore (C.M.'s father), who began his travels around the turn of the century as a peddler, living and selling from a covered wagon.

C. M. Fore and his new bride, Marie, continued this tradition of travel through numerous family vacations, and as their family grew requirements for a suitable vehicle changed. They went from cars to station wagons, and even a small fold-out trailer during the early days of the RV industry in America. C. M. and Marie finally decided that if they were ever going to own the perfect vehicle for family travel, they would have to build it themselves.

## FORETRAVEL MOTORHOME IS BORN IN 1967

It began as a high school Distributive Education project for son, Ray, and soon turned into a real family endeavor. They began working together to build the **first Foretravel motorhome**, a 21' Class "A" built from lightweight aluminum on a Dodge chassis, which weighed less than 4000 pounds. Upon completion, they promptly drove their new creation to Wash-

ington State for a visit with their eldest son, Roy, stationed there in the military. The



Fore's "coach" generated so much interest along the way, that by the time they arrived back home, they had concluded there was definitely a need for high quality motorhomes such as theirs. So they decided to go into the business of building motorhomes under the **"Foretravel"** name.

## FIRST (FACTORY)

The original production facility was a small building located on the family property. For the first five years, the company manufactured and sold units at a loss.

## FIBERGLASS

However, in 1973, their firm commitment to quality and success led them to make their first major exterior design



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change. The "Super Luxura" good organizers and strong FMCA supporters.\* boasted a fiberglass front and rear cap, and side panels, which sparked great interest across the country. Foretravel continued to grow during the '70's and by 1974 had pioneered the first use of a diesel engine in a conventional motorhome.

## TEN YEARS & "FTX"

In 1977 Foretravel celebrated ten years in business with the introduction of the FTX (Foretravel ten). The FTX offered features not common to the RV industry at that time.....TVs, VCRs, dual roof air



conditioners, icemakers, central vacuums, and more. The FTX was truly "the" way to travel in style. Also, by October of 1978 the FTX became the first conventional motorhome to be powered by a rear engine diesel.

## EARLY FORETRAVEL OWNERS MEET

In early years we can find no record of any Foretravel organized club activities. We do know that owners would gather at FMCA chapter and national events and share meals and activities together.

Max & Pat Todd #7118 were known to be

## FORETRAVEL BUYS TRAVCO

October 10-13, 1978 would become very important days in the life of the club. Many Travco owners were not aware of the company called Foretravel, but on these days the auction of the Travco Corporation assets took place. Out of curiosity several Travco Motorcade Club members attended



the auction and the story is that some of them were impressed with C.M. Fore and encouraged him to buy the Travco construction rights which would include the Motorcade Club.

We know that it took C.M. and Marie much soul searching and prayer to make this decision, but the Motorcade Club will be forever grateful. Also thanks to the Travco members that were there.\*

## FORETRAVEL SPONSORS TRAVCO MOTORCADE CLUB

The exact dates and times are not recorded, but Joe Johnston, Frank & Fern Schleiter, Bud & Alyce Righter, and Doc &

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Jan Camero were retained by they would both have similar activities and direction. Foretravel to continue the activities of the Motorcade Club. Joe Johnston, having the expertise with tours and activities, helped Max set up a motorcade, and even helped him in running at least one.\*

A letter to motorcadars from Clarence Fore appears in the second Motorcade Newsletter and reads in part\* "we have been working very hard to complete our first Travco motorhome prototype which is progressing in the newly designed 320. It has been a slow and meticulous undertaking, but we want our first Travco to meet our quality standards as well as your expectations. We hope to show you this redesigned 320 at the National Convention in Yuma, Arizona".

"We at Foretravel wish you a Merry Christmas and hope the New Year will bring many lasting friendships." Signed, Fraternally Yours, Clarence Fore.

## FORETRAVEL TRAVELERS

Somewhere in this time period, after Foretravel started sponsoring the Travco Motorcade Club, Max & Pat Todd were selected to oversee and organize a group of Foretravel owners.

Max patterned the Foretravel Travelers after the Travco Motorcade Club so

## ACTIVITIES FOR THE TRAVCO MOTORCADE CLUB UNDER FORETRAVEL SPONSORSHIP

Approximately 272 motorhomes attended the Yuma Convention January 15-17, 1979. Excitement was running high in anticipation of the arrival of the new Foretravel-built Travco. Supporting its arrival, in attendance at this convention were C.M. & Marie Fore, Don & Lynda Franklin and Jennifer, and Chris Kline Club Executive Director.

The convention heard C.M. Fore proudly proclaim his sponsorship of the Travco Motorcade Club and explained that Nacogdoches is an Indian word meaning, "it's a long walk to El Paso." By the way, that brought down the house!

1979 had a full itinerary. A Summer Convention in Holland, Michigan; Desert Magic Motorcade; a South American Cruise (Jetcade); the Appalachia Motorcade.

In the midst of a severe



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gas shortage, 263 Travcos Winter swarmed into Holland, Convention Michigan for an out-tion in standing Summer Convention. 1974.



Joe

## FRANK & FERN SCHLEICHER #3468 NEW DIRECTORS

Their first motorcade was Western Mexico in January 1973. They soon became dedicated motorcaders attending nearly all of the club activities. At the

Johnston asked them to go to Texas to be in charge of the Texas Retreat. Since that time, they had only missed one motorcade and had acted as Joe's assistants.

Frank and Fern now replaced Joe Johnston as Motorcade Club Directors. The official announcement was made in the 1979 Winter Travco Motorcader.

### TO TRAVEL BY FORETRAVEL

BY Marion Dunn #40

Since '66 we've been motorcading around

In the states, Canada and Mexico we've been found

They told us "THE TRAVCOS" were made to travel, they say

And now, not only "To travel" but by "Foretravel" we're surely ahead

Our TRAVCO Motorcade Club is rolling on high

With Foretravel backing it clear to the sky

We know the friendships made that keep us so near

Will now continue on forever, so dear

So lets all get behind, push, promote and more

Our TRAVCO Club, now headed by Fore

Show him we appreciate his "Foresight" so much

We know his leadership will add that touch

To make our club continue to grow

So in some way let's all us show

Our faith in "Foretravel's new TRAVCO line"

## 1980 CONVENTION

198 Travcos attended the Winter Convention in Harlingen, Texas. Along with all the usual reports, etc., one item of business announced was a minor change in the by-laws which called for all dues, National & Unit (Chapter), to be paid directly to the National Secretary at the club office in Nacogdoches.

Director Frank Schleicher reviewed future activities for the rest of 1980.

The Big Sky Country of Missoula, Montana welcomed the Travco motorcaders for their Summer Convention. Only 97 motorhomes were in attendance, but this did not take away from the enthusiasm and the good times. There were thirty-three states represented.

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is to be made. We feel to get the most out of the dollars spent for clubs, the consolidation is necessary.

Warren & Arlie MacKenzie #2335, have been chosen as Corporate Club Managers, Frank & Fern Schleicher #3468 Corporate Coordinators, Max & Pat Todd #7118 Communications Directors, Carla Vinson, National Club Secretary and Bud & Alyce Righter #4256 Service Representatives.

Foretravel, Inc. manufactures two top lines of Class "A" motorhomes and wants the club to be top line, Class "A" as well.

There will be a new discount policy of 10% on service and parts to all club members at any Foretravel authorized location"

### CLUB MANAGER

Warren MacKenzie #2335, new Corporate Club Manager says in his initial *Motorcader* article the following:



"You own a quality motorhome—a Foretravel or a

### MERGER

## FORETRAVEL TRAVELERS AND TRAVCO MOTORCADE CLUB BECOME ONE

173 Travcos took over Crystal Lake RV Resort In Okeechobee, Florida for the 1981 Winter Convention. Many will never forget the costume parade. Some fished for catfish with barb-less hooks. Many participated in a Flea Market, but probably the biggest news was.....

An emergency meeting of the Board of Directors was held prior to the Convention . At this meeting Foretravel presented a request for the consolidation of the Foretravel Travelers and the Travco Motorcade Club, the group to be called **The Foretravel Motorcade Club**.

In announcing the change, we will quote C.M. Fore's presentation to the Board of Directors.

"We promised to build a quality motorhome in Travco, to support the club to the best of our ability.

There comes a time for change, which took place when Foretravel, Inc. took over the Travco. It has been decided that we need the expertise of the Travco Club in the Foretravel Club and so a merger of the two



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Travco. You wouldn't have that quality motorhome if you didn't expect the best from it. You belong to our Foretravel sponsored club because you want the best services and activities from a club.

I have accepted the job of managing the club for Foretravel, Inc., because I believe that our Foretravel Motorcade Club can be the best manufacturer's sponsored club in the world."

## 1981 ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED TO PLEASE MANY

To kick off our newly merged club a full schedule is planned. Now all Foretravel and Travco owners who are members are invited to participate.\*

- Winter Convention, Okeechobee, Florida
- Pre-Rally in Tampa, Florida
- Summer Convention in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Maritime-Newfoundland Motorcade
- Pre-Rally in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Midwest Motorcade
- Hawaiian Jetcade

## ACCEPTING MERGER IS A SLOW PROCESS

When you take two fine groups of motorhome people such as the Foretravel owners and the Travco owners (later add Avco owners) each loyal to their own ownership, and bring them together, it takes time, understanding and patience. We (Warren & Arlie) spent months and untold miles visiting owners. Units,

Foretravel dealers, attending rallies, spreading the good word and extolling the advantages of being one great club.

It is probably hard to believe today, now that so many years have passed that this would have been much of a problem, but believe me, it was a super-challenge.\*

## FORETRAVEL ACQUIRES AVCO RIGHTS

In the April 1981 Motorcader, C. M. Fore writes, "As an example of our company's faith in the motorhome industry and the USA as a whole, we have taken the steps of acquiring the production rights to Avco's Grand Touring Motorcoach (GTC) to be built by Foretravel."

This addition brought all Avco owners into the family of the Foretravel Motorcade Club.\*

## FORETRAVEL INTERNATIONAL

This is an active chapter of FMCA in the International area. It was formed in July of 1977 and the members are comprised of those Foretravel and Travco owners that belong to FMCA.

Foretravel International is not a part of, or affiliated with, the Foretravel Motorcade Club. It has the support of Foretravel, Inc. and our club, but it is independent and under the direction of its own officers.\*

## MOREY & DOROTHY POWELL #5646

Morey & Dorothy Powell were appointed as Medical Advisors to the club by the Schleichers. The Powells had been motorcading for many years and as volunteers had repeatedly

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served on the medical staff as helpers.

Morey & Dorothy were well-liked and respected for their abilities and concerns for others. It was a logical assignment and comforting to all of us.\*



December 1981 announced the beginning of the toll-free message service using a Nacogdoches answering service, allowing motorcadars to receive messages from home.

This service continued for motorcadars until 2002 when the extensive use of individual cell phones made it unnecessary because of its lack of use.\*

## "MRS. MOTORCADER"

This column appeared first in the December 1981 Motorcader magazine and was edited by Arlie MacKenzie. Along with motorcading helpful hints, etc., were some recipes. One of the first was the following:



## BROCCOLI SALAD

- 2 packages frozen chopped broccoli, cooked to crisp
- 4 stalks celery, sliced or cut fine
- 5 green onions, chopped
- 10 stuffed olives, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 2 hard boiled eggs, chopped
- 3-4 tablespoons mayonnaise or Durkee's dressing

Cook broccoli, slightly undercooked so it is a little crunchy. Cool. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover tightly and refrigerate for 6-8 hours or overnight.

## CLUB BENEFITS BECOME IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS

In August 1981, announcement of a new benefit was added to the growing list.

### MAIL FORWARDING

Now you can travel anywhere and never have to worry about your mail reaching you if you let the Motorcade Club handle it for you. You never have to tell the post office where you are once you give them that first change of address—a post office box in Nacogdoches. The only person you have to notify is your Motorcade Club MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE.. This service is free to Foretravel Motorcade Club members. Your only cost is for any extra postage needed for forwarding.

This service was very popular and widely used by many members.\*

## TWENTY-FOUR HOUR WATTS LINE MESSAGE SERVICE ADDED TO BENEFITS

Back in 1981 this was a simple way for traveling motorcadars to keep in touch with their family.\*

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## WHAT IS A CLUB?

In the February 1982 Motorcader magazine the Club Manager gives this description that still applies.\*

Webster's definition of a club is a group of persons associated for a common purpose. Webster also says that a fraternity or sorority is a group with the same common interest but with a brotherly or sisterly relationship.

This sure sounds to me like a pretty good explanation of what our Foretravel Motorcade Club is, although the secrecy sometimes associated with a fraternity or sorority certainly does not apply to our club.

## A NEW CHASSIS FOR FORETRAVELS

Don Franklin, Vice-President of Marketing announces the introduction of a new chassis for our Foretravel motorhomes.

The 35' and the 38' will have the Detroit Diesel, air brakes and the Allison transmission.

## BOB & MARCELLE PARKER #7414 NEW SERVICE REPS

Bud & Alyce Righter had retired and the Parkers were ready to assume full duties.

They bought their first Foretravel in 1976. They had traveled with the Righters since June 1981 and learned the "ropes".

They will be a fine addition to the staff.



## RALLY NAME CHANGE

When is a Pre-Rally not a Pre-Rally? When it is a **Fun Rally**.

The June 1982 Motorcader says we changed the name. Why? Because that's what we do at a rally—have fun.

When we hold a rally from now on the emphasis will be on having fun.

## 1982 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

302 motorhomes registered

for the International Convention at the Heritage High School in Maryville, Tennessee. \*This is the largest attendance since the merger and the largest that will be seen in the future..\*

Tennessee



THE 1982 WORLD'S FAIR.

200 of the 302 motorhomes arrived early before the beginning of the Convention for the Pre-World's Fair parking at \$4.00 per night. Tickets for the Fair admittance were \$8.25 per person.



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The convention program complex with an Open House and Buddy Rally. This is the first Buddy Rally of many to follow.\*

One of the highlights was a program by Jeanne McGrath who entertained us with songs we all knew and loved. Jeanne is the wife of Bob McGrath, salesman extraordinaire at Nacogdoches.\*

Through the super-human efforts of many people, the new building is back in full operation. It seemed very fitting that every-



## WHO CAN ATTEND MOTORCADE ACTIVITIES?

From the October 1982 Motorcader we find the answer that is still true today.\*

The simple answer. ONLY MEMBERS OF THE FORETRAVEL MOTORCADE CLUB, whose dues are paid and who meet the requirements of the by-laws.

If you have a friend who owns an "X-brand", as we call them, and you want to show them what a good time we have

one be invited to join in the rededication of this beautiful facility.

## MOTORCADE CLUB COOKBOOK

At the 1983 Summer International Convention a Motorcade Club cookbook was presented. This six-month undertaking was



Motorcade Fun

in the Foretravel Motorcade Club, you should invite them to attend an event with you in your motorhome.

## MARCH 1983 SEES FORETRAVEL'S NEW SHOW ROOM, SERVICE AND CORPORATE OFFICES

After the disastrous fire of July 11, 1982, Foretravel dedicated their new

dedicated to Frank & Fern Schleicher in appreciation for all they have done for the club.

After the presentation, the cookbook went on sale. Many lined up to have it autographed.



## HARLAN & BETH HANSON #6127 NEW ACTIVITY &

## TOUR DIRECTORS

After serving in the Marine Corps, Harlan worked in the defense industry.

In 1977 he and Beth joined her parents in Homer, Alaska running Silver Fox Charters.

In 1981 they sold the charters and started motorhoming seriously and were ready and able to be Tour Directors.



## 1984 OFFERS A FULL SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

At this time in the club's history all of these activities were run mostly by Frank & Fern, with Warren & Arlie assisting as needed. No one before or since has accomplished so much as the Schleichers did.\*

## SCHLEICHERS ANNOUNCE THEIR RETIREMENT

At the 1984 International Convention in Ames, Iowa Frank Schleicher announced that he and Fern would be retiring at the end of the activity year.

They have been with the club since 1974 as Assistant Coordinators for the Travco Motorcade Club.

A plaque was presented to them at the convention for their ten years of service to the club. Many tears of love were shed.

Along with the plaque they received the first Lifetime Membership in the Foretravel Motor-

cade Club.

## PETE & JEAN VAIL NEW ACTIVITY & TOUR DIRECTORS

Pete & Jean have been travelers with Foretravel since February 1978.

Pete has had an insurance company in Seminole, Florida since 1968.

He was the first president of the Foretravel Florida Chapter. Jean was secretary.

The Vails assisted at the Ames Convention, but their appointment was not announced until the end of the year.\*



## CREDITS TO DON FRANKLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT, MARKETING

For many years Don was the corporate contact person for the Motorcade Club.

This may not seem important, but believe me it was. Many times when there was a need for equipment and/or support Don was there to back us up.\*



## 1985 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN GUELPH, ONTARIO, CANADA

For the first time in the history of the club a convention was held outside the continental US. We did have several supportive Canadian members.\*

One hundred thirty mo-

torhomes attended.

This was one of the hardest jobs we ever attempted. U.S. customs regulations and challenges were almost insurmountable. Getting show coaches across was quite difficult. Little things like bringing across any printed materials such as the convention programs that had been printed in the club office, held us up. But we finally made it, though all agreed we would not attempt it again.\*

## GRAND VILLA

In the August issue of the Motorcader Don Franklin says, "I'm sure a lot of you have already heard rumors about a new motorhome line. It's true that we have added another line to the Foretravel family—the Grand Villa.

The outside is a new body style. The curved windshield and the lower appearance gives this unit a nice silhouette." He goes on to share all the advantages that we all know by now.\*

*Little known fact*—The grand and fitting name **Grand Villa** was the brainchild of Marie Fore. We will always be grateful to her for giving us this lasting name.\*



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## FORETRAVEL SHORES

Days Park and Outdoor Resorts in Orlando, Florida were both sort of designated as a Foretravel gathering place. Now there is something real.\*

The October 1985 Motorcader says, "Apparently we were right—you folks wanted a place you can call home."

Foretravel had investigated developing a Foretravel park. The high cost of acquisition and maintenance kept the idea from materializing.

Randy & Judy Garavalia #7921 Motorcade Club members and also on the staff of a Florida development company, Anchor Realty, sold their company on the idea of building a motorhome development that would be exclusive to Foretravel Club members.

Pre-construction prices were from \$11,495 to \$18,995 per lot.

All lots can accommodate a single-wide or double-wide mobile home with room for your motorhome.

The lots offered were complete with cement drives, water, sewer and electric, plus some closing costs.

Foretravel Motorcade Club and/or Foretravel Inc. has never had any financial investment in this project. Other than promoting it through our club publication and at club meetings, we simply were allowed the use of the Foretravel name.

The Club Manager and the Garavalias spent a lot of time with Anchor Realty in setting up the format for this development.\*



## CLUB MANAGER EXPLAINS SCHEDULING

In a 1986 *Motorcader* article, Warren reviews how ACTIVITIES are timed and the reason for their being chosen.\*

International Conventions were held the second week in January and the third week in June. A motorcade would follow each convention.

Winter motorcades would rotate between California, Arizona, Texas and Florida.

Summer motorcades would include a rotation of Alaska, Maritime and Four Corners.

A fall motorcade would consider New England, Colorado, Outer Banks or similar area to show off the fall colors.

April '86 introduced the first spring activity & Special Event—the Washington Cherry Blossom Festival.

We then sprinkled in Special Events when they were available.

Fun Rallies are always held prior to FMCA in an area reasonably close to their convention to make caravanning to it as easy as possible.

*Remember, this was 1986\**

## THE BLUEBERRY INCIDENT OR "WHO FORGOT HIS WIFE"

This story, which I won't repeat in its entirety, stuck with Club Manager, Warren for many years after he shared it with the membership in the *Motorcader*. A little personal touch.\*

"I might as well tell you the story, because if I don't, Arlie will.

We were on our way to the Atlantic provinces last summer.

When passing through

northern Maine we decided to stop to buy some blueberries.

On the right side of the highway was a blueberry stand. Arlie walked back to make the purchase while I stayed in my seat. She came back and said they are very expensive—\$2.00 a quart, what did I think. I said, "whatever you think is o.k." She shut the door, and I took off. I knew there were more berries along the way. After a while when she didn't come back to her seat, I wondered what was going on. I stopped and checked the bathroom, but she was nowhere to be found.

The lady at the blueberry stand told Arlie she would call the police, but Arlie said "no, he'll be back"—and I came back. I wasn't going to leave Arlie stranded."



## KEN & ESTHER VANDERWIELE #7055

The June 1986 *Motorcader* announces that Ken & Esther will be joining the staff of the Motorcade Club as Activity & Tour Directors. They will be training in 1986 and start running activities in 1987.

Ken retired in 1979 and had spent much time traveling with Esther and their children. They had been very active in Word of Life Fellowship.

They make their home in Schroon Lake, New York. They



were warmly welcomed aboard. torhome production.

At that first meeting when we were exploring plans for Foretravel Inc.'s sponsoring the

## FIRST INTERNATIONAL LADY PRESIDENT

Gwen Cockrum #7624 was elected by the International Board of Directors at the Edinboro, Pennsylvania Summer Convention, the first lady to be elected president.



## GEORGE & PATTY RAY #9071

George & Patty were added to the Motorcade Club service staff.

George comes with an extensive background in service, engine mechanics in the Air Force, American Airlines and after retiring he was a race car mechanic in the SCCA circuit.



## WARREN RECEIVED PROMOTION

The following is a quote from selections of C. M.'s article in the February 1987 *Motorcader*.\*

"Eight years ago in January we first met Warren MacKenzie after we had purchased the Travco production rights. Warren was presi-



dent of the Travco Motorcade Club at the time. He enjoyed his motorhome and leading the club after Brown City stopped mo-

## 1987 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- Las Vegas Winter Convention
- Winter Fun Rally Foretravel Shores
- Mississippi/Louisiana Motorcade
- 1987 Buddy Rally Nacogdoches
- Indy 500
- Summer Convention—Coeur D'Alene, Idaho
- Canadian Rockies Motorcade
- 1987 Alaska "Eskimo Land"
- Summer Fun Rally—Amana Colonies, Iowa

Motorcade Club, we told Warren that someday he was going to work for us. His response was, "no, I'm enjoying my retirement."

Six years ago this January, after being recommended by some of the club members, Warren & Arlie accepted the job of Corporate Club Managers of the Motorcade Club, with the challenge to unite the two motorhome clubs that Foretravel was sponsoring into one strong, viable club, in order to give all of our owners equal service.

In the past a manufacturer would usually have someone from within the corporation oversee the operation of its owner's club. Now we were taking someone from the club and bringing him into the corporation and making them responsible for the running of the club."

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This concept must have been successful. After six years the club has developed into the best factory sponsored motorhome travel club in the world.\*

Foretravel, Inc. may be a little bit selfish, but we are going to expand what Warren has to offer in our corporate structure, but we also need his continuing management of your club, so we have offered Warren a new challenge and he has accepted expanded responsibility.

Warren will join members of the Foretravel family and our General Manager, Don Moore, on the Board of Directors of Foretravel, Inc. and has accepted a position with the company as Assistant to the Corporate President. This job will carry many diversified responsibilities and special projects.

One area will be his input into continual improvement of your motorhome, satisfying our customer thoughts. Let him know your feelings.

Again, let me re-emphasize that Warren will continue to manage the Motorcade Club as co-manager with Arlie, who will take over the responsibilities of the club's day-to-day details."

## WARREN'S RESPONSE TO A CHALLENGE

"I have never worked for anyone else other than my father until C.M. Fore talked me into accepting the responsibility of managing our Motorcade Club.

I guess I have never really looked at my position at Foretravel

as a job, but rather an opportunity to help people enjoy their motorhomes better by bringing organization and continuity to the leadership of the club.

C.M. Fore is probably one of the most unique individuals I have ever known. He is able to get you to do something for him without your even knowing you have been asked. He is a hard worker, a brilliant engineer—he's committed to his Christian beliefs, a fine person and a good friend."

## FORETRAVEL ANNOUNCES SEVERAL STAFF CHANGES

**Don Franklin**, Vice-President of Finance. Don has been with Foretravel, Inc. for many years and has been a force in the running of the company.

**Carroll White** was appointed as Director of Marketing & Sales to replace Don Franklin. Carroll's responsibilities include marketing the product, market research, advertising, sales, future planning and the overall operation of the Foretravel company stores.

**Don Shipe** continues as Vice-President of Sales with new responsibilities involving the management of shows and rallies in which Foretravel participates.

**Floyd Wilcox** was appointed as Director of Marketing Operations, with responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the company stores.

**Charles Myers** was appointed as Sales Manager of Foretravel of Texas, Nacogdoches

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Division, and will also function as a member of the Foretravel marketing team.

**James Rice** was appointed as Dealer Coordinator for all stores, and Business Manager for Foretravel of Texas, Nacogdoches Division.

Colonel Tom Schaefer, who was the ranking officer taken hostage at the U.S. Em-



## GRAND VILLA UNIHOME INTRODUCED

It is a new concept, it is significant in new terminology. For eighteen years the

bassy in Tehran, Iran in late 1978 kept everyone's full attention as he spoke.

Secondly, Ron Severson, the Human Echo, entertained us with humorous anecdotes and a demonstration of his fantastic ability by echoing a Polish dissertation by Ed Surowiec #5055 and a New Hampshire spiel by Dick Blair #6777.



Fores have dreamed of a motorhome with unitized body assembly. They have dreamed of producing their own chassis modules as an integral part of that assembly. They now see that dream come true in the Unihome.

## 1987 SUMMER CONVENTION—TEMPLIN'S RESORT HOTEL—POST FALLS, IDAHO

110 motorhomes filled the undeveloped area adjacent to this fine hotel. The beauty of the surrounding area, perfect weather, excellent facilities and an attentive Northwest Unit group of members made this a unique and enjoyable time.

For some reason I remember most all the happenings of this convention but two of the entertainers stand out in my memory.\*

## HII! LIFT YOUR HAND AND WAVE

The February 1988 Motorcader suggests\*

When you meet someone on the road in their motorhome or even in a truck—whatever—WAVE!! Think of the im-



compact this could have. It could soon be known that those folks driving those white motorhomes really

are a friendly bunch.

Let's let a WAVE and a Hi! become the symbol of the Foretravel Motor-



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cade Club, the friendliest and best group of people in the whole world.

## FORETRAVEL SHORES EXPANDS

The Shores is within two lots of being half sold out. Anchor Investment has agreed to continue exclusive Foretravel initial sales in Phase I. We have released our exclusive agreement for the balance of the development.

## CLUB STAFF CHANGES

Harlan & Beth Hanson #6127 have been Tour Directors for 3 1/2 years, but have found it necessary to return to the business world. We wish them good luck.

Bob & Mary Sillett have business interests that require their personal attention. We appreciate their two years of service.

## WHAT MAKES MOTORCADES COST?

In the October 1988 issue of the Motorcader, costs of activities are discussed. And remember this was written in 1988\*

There are those who remember when a motorcade only cost \$90 for a tour to Mexico, \$100 to travel the Four Corners area. Many cannot understand today's costs. I suppose they also remember a 10-cent loaf of bread. It is hard to pay today's prices with money earned in yesterday's era.

It will be more expensive to go to Alaska with about 50 coaches than it was when we went with 94 coaches in 1984.

The following fig-

ures are the exact computer numbers that we used to figure our motorcade costs. Notice what happens to the fee as related to the number of motorhomes.

Some of our members feel that they cannot travel unless

IF we Have	The fee will be
25 Motorhomes	\$821.
35 Motorhomes	\$707.
40 Motorhomes	\$671
45 Motorhomes	\$643
50 Motorhomes	\$621
55 Motorhomes	\$603
60 Motorhomes	\$588
65 Motorhomes	\$575
70 Motorhomes	\$554

they stay in an RV park hooked up to electric, water and sewer. A great deal of the cost factor of motorcades is directly related to campground costs as well as the following numbers. We must remember that if we stay in campgrounds, then it is impossible to take the larger numbers of motorhomes which helps keep the costs down.

## NEW TOUR DIRECTORS DAN & JUDY TRIMPE #9017

They were both born and raised in Ohio. Dan was a Cincinnati fireman for twenty-five years. When they retired they moved to Florida. They have been assistants on a couple of motorcades and will be training with the Vails.



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## STAFF IN DECEMBER 1988?

In reviewing Motorcaders, when I reached the December issue I realized that we had missed two very important staff members, Glenda Browne and Dr. & Marj Bunting. My apologies\*

## GLENDA BROWNE

She was appointed as Club Secretary in the August 1986 Motorcader. Glenda replaced Carla Vinson.

Glenda's husband, Tex, is a new football coach for Nacogdoches High School. Glenda enjoys arts & crafts and as you can imagine, sports.



## DR. & MARJ BUNTING #6757 CLUB MEDICAL ADVISOR

Sometimes you are so used to people that you just feel like they have always been there.

Research in Motorcaders did not show when they started, but Doc's first article was in the July 1987 Motorcader.

Lou was an easy going, comfortable person. Someone you could talk to, but a doctor that made you immediately feel confident that he knew his medicine.

Marj was just a very sweet lady that everyone loved and enjoyed

## B. J. LANEY (NOW SCHOOLEY)

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## JOINS AS OFFICE ASSISTANT

B.J. is our newest Motorcade Club staff member. She comes from the Stone Fort Bank here in Nacogdoches. She enjoys horses, cooking, cross stitching and walking.



## EVERETT (SADIE) & BERLA LAWRENCE NEW SERVICE REPS

February 1989 Both natives of Maine, they bought their first Travco in 1972 and owned three Travcos and one Foretravel.



## MOTORCADING IS FUN

Sometimes we look too seriously at ourselves so here's a little of the light side of things.\*



## RAYS ASSUME POSITION OF ASSISTANT CLUB MANAGERS

George & Patty Ray #9071 have been Service Reps since 1986 and will start their new job as Assistant Club Managers July 1, 1989.

## PETE VAIL TAKES JOB WITH FORETRAVEL OF FLORIDA

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"Jean and I, after much consternation and mental anguish, have made this decision to change careers. I (Pete) am selling Foretravel-made motorhomes in Florida.

We will miss the fellowship that we have enjoyed with the club activities, but we're at Foretravel of Florida.

Pete later moved on and we will remember his next move as Manager of Foretravel Northwest, Coeur de Lane \*



## ERNIE & JOANN JAMES #10590 NEW SERVICE REPS

1990 Ernie and Joann are from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ernie has an extensive background and they have RV'ed since 1968.



## IN EARLY 1991, GEORGE RAY TAKES OVER AS CLUB MANAGER

After over a year working with Warren & Arlie, George & Patty now assume the duties of Manager of the Foretravel Motorcade Club.

Because of their years working with members and because they are so well liked, they will make good leaders of the club.

Foretravel is proud to announce the entrance of the 1992 102" wide Unihome in the GRAND VILLA AND UNIHOME models of the Foretravel family.



## GLENDA BROWNE GIVEN NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

George Ray announces the promotion of Glenda to Office Coordinator and Editor of the Motorcader.

Glenda will take on additional responsibilities for some routine paper work of the club. This will take some of the work load off the Rays while they are on the road.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### 102" WIDE UNIHOMES

### "MRS. MOTORCADER" RETIRES

After sixty-two issues of "Mrs. Motorcader's" column, Arlie said in the December issue of the Motorcader that it seemed proper that the new manager's partner take over the job.

Arlie goes on to say, "I have enjoyed doing it these many years, it has given me an opportunity to collect tips for motorhoming, to share my love for cooking, collecting recipes and to meet many Motorcaders."

## ERNIE & JOANN JAMES #10590 NOW TOUR DIRECTORS

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lent recommendation from their years at KOA, the Motorcade Club looks forward to Ron and Jan's leadership.\*

In Ron's first Motorcader article he says....

"Our excitement for 1993 is overflowing. Records indicate that signups for events are filling up fast. There is something for everyone and for those members that have never been on a motorcade, neither have we. Let's do it together!"



In 1992 at the Winter Convention, it was announced that they would move to the position of Activity & Tour Directors. The Yucatan Motorcade will be their first motorcade as Tour Directors.

## FORETRAVEL SHORES BECOMES A MAJOR RETIREMENT SPOT

This development has taken on a distinctive character. It has become the kind of place we had

## A SAD DAY AT FORETRAVEL DON "BONEY" MOORE 1943-1992 PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER FORETRAVEL MOTORHOMES

Don "Boney" Moore passed away on December 24, 1992, after suffering a massive heart attack a few days earlier.

Many of our readers might not have known "Boney". He was a kingpin here at Foretravel. He came to work for Foretravel in April 1972 and is considered by all as a major contributor and leader in the success of the company.

Yes, he was so missed—a sad time.\*



hoped. Many have put in nice mobilehomes and doublewides. But most important, many are just using the pads as you would in any RV park.

This pictures shows a typical developed lot.\*

## RON POE #11611 NEW MOTORCADE CLUB MANAGER

With an extensive background in management and an excel-

## RAY FORE ELECTED PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF FORETRAVEL

Ray Fore, the high school

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student who helped design and build the very first Foretravel motorhome, has literally grown up in the company, is now President and General Manager.



including serving about 1100 people in record time.

Factory tours are always a highlight; busses kept this large group rotating between each department.

A wonderful time for friends to meet and share their Foretravel experiences with buddies and a wonderful opportunity



for all to get to know Foretravel workers and vice-versa.\*

## JESSE & SHIRLEY RUMBERGER #11197 NEW TOUR DIRECTORS

They were Pennsylvania dairy farmers and then Florida mobile home park owners, but always enjoyed planning tours.



After several other motorhomes they finally bought a Foretravel.

They should make good Activity and Tour Directors.

## NEW MOTORCADE CLUB LEADERSHIP

Charlie Myers, now Director of Marketing, replacing Carroll White, announced that Dan Trimpe will become Manager of Field Operations and Glenda Browne is now Manager of Office Operations.

Dan and "Glender" have a combined total of 14 years ex-

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perience in club work.

Charlie goes on to say "as in the past, the Foretravel Motorcade Club continues its association with Foretravel, Inc. through the Director of Marketing and Sales.

June worked in bookkeeping until she purchased a Hallmark store. During the thirteen years in that business, she and Erwin together built and operated seven Hallmark stores in the Dallas area.

They are looking forward to their new duties with the club.

## THE FORETRAVEL UNICOACH



The Unicoach was introduced in 1994. With this new coach, Foretravel was able to integrate the high performance, smooth ride and easy handling characteristics of the Unihome, but with massive bus styling, which provided greater interior space.

## ERWIN & JUNE SHARP #10834 NEW ACTIVITY & TOUR DIRECTORS

At the Lake Havasu Winter Grandvention, Erwin & June were introduced as trainees.

Erwin & June always loved to travel and have especially enjoyed many trips with the Motorcade Club.

Erwin became involved in early-day development of cable television and ultimately developed his own company.



## BEVERLY KOONCE NEW CLUB SECRETARY

In May 1994, Beverly joined the Motorcade Club staff.

She was born in Redwood City, California, but moved to Nacogdoches where she went to high school, then met David Koonce when he was a student at Stephen F. Austin University.

Beverly & David have two sons, Chris and Ryan ("see June-July 2001 Motorcader, page 24").

David was Director of Personnel at Memorial Hospital and Beverly worked for a local physician for 9 1/2 years.

## GORDON WAGNER #11220 APPOINTED CORPORATE CLUB MANAGER

Ray Fore announces that Gordon Wagner, on July 11, 1994 assumed the position of Corporate Club Manager for the Foretravel Motorcade Club.

Gordon has been motorcading for several



## 1993 BUDDY RALLY AND FORETRAVEL OPEN HOUSE

Can you believe 518 RV units, 344 Foretravel owners and 172 buddies?

For years the Buddy Rally was one of the highlights of the season for Foretravel. This was one of the best attended and it sure was busy. 14 seminars, most all conducted by Foretravel Department Heads, people that know how a Foretravel is built. A large group of employees pitched in to help in all sorts of ways



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years and has met many motorcaders, so he will not be a stranger as he takes over his new responsibility.\*

For many years Gordon worked for Airstream managing their owner's club, as Airstream was attempting to develop an owner's club under their corporate sponsorship.

Gordon and Nancy will be residing in Nacogdoches and living fulltime in their Foretravel motorhome.\*

## GLENDA BROWNE JOINS FORETRAVEL OF TEXAS

Glenda Browne is leaving the Motorcade Club office as she has accepted a position as sales representative with Foretravel of Texas, Nacogdoches.

Glenda's nine years of service and experience will be greatly missed in the Motorcade Club office.

## JILL CLIFTON (CURBOW) ASSUMES CLUB OFFICE MANAGER'S POSITION

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I announce (Gordon Wagner) that Jill Clifton has assumed the position as Office Manager for the Foretravel Motorcade Club. Her smiles will bring a new fresh look to the Motorcade office.



In her new position Jill will be responsible for publishing the Motorcader, the Membership Directory and general overall supervision of the

Club office.

Jill worked for 7 years in Service & Warranty and 6 years in the Marketing Department at Foretravel.

## FORETRAVEL ENTERS "INFORMATION HIGHWAY"

Gary Whitsett's article in the April 1996 Motorcader announces that Foretravel has created what is called a virtual domain "Home Page" or web page on the internet ; <http://www.foretravel.com>



## PHIL & DONNA BLACKBURN #9540 JOIN MOTORCADE CLUB STAFF

In the August Motorcader, Gordon Wagner announces the addition of Phil & Donna Blackburn as Service Representatives.

The Blackburns are long-time Foretravel owners and reside in North Port, Florida.

Phil has been employed by Ryder Fleet Maintenance for 11 years and is A.S.E. Master Certified in auto & light trucks.

Phil & Donna were foster parents for ten years. They had as many as 12 children for a period of three years, after having two children of their own, and now have three grandchildren.



## 1996 ACTIVITIES

This seems like a good time to show an example of the different activities that were offered in 1996\*

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## ONE OF MANY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Each year at the Grandvention the Board of Directors elects an International President to represent the club for the coming year. The International President must have been president of one of the Foretravel chapters and must be a current member of the Motorcade Club.

You will find a list of all the past International Presidents on page 59.

One of the many International Presidents was Larry Teague #9342. Larry writes in the June 1998 Motorcader, in part—\*



"A caravan to an FMCA convention is a wonderful and exciting experience. About 100 Foretravel coaches lined up at Mission RV Park and drove to Las Cruces, New Mexico. It was a spectacular sight to see, espe-

cially when we made two 180 degree turns as we made our way into FMCA."

## FORETRAVEL INTRODUCES SLIDE-OUT

In the October 1998 Motorcader Gary Whitsett announced "that in September 1998 we be-



gan construction on the first Foretravel with a slide-out room."

In the December Motorcader Gary further states "the slide-out seems to be everything we expected and more. The extra 26 or so square feet makes a difference."

## JACK & BOBBIE BRADSHAW #14800 JOINED AS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

Jack & Bobbie of Lake Charles, Louisiana are new Service Technicians. They retired from the U.S. Air Force and Jack is currently employed by Northrup-Grumman refurbishing military radar surveillance aircraft.



The Bradshaws start August 2nd in an intensive factory, field and vendor training school program.

They will sell their home and become fulltimers. Welcome.

FLORIDA GRANDVENTION	January 15 - 18, 1996
FLORIDA MOTORCADE	January 21 - February 23, 1996
Erwin & June Sharp, Activity Directors	
MARDI GRAS MADNESS	February 14 - 20, 1996
Dan & Judy Impe, Activity Directors	
MOULTRIE, GEORGIA FUN RALLY	March 20 - 22, 1996
CANNONBALL EXPRESS THROUGH ALABAMA MOTORCADE	April 1 - 24, 1996
Ernie & Joann James, Activity Directors	
NASHVILLE SAMPLER	May 21 - 25, 1996
Ernie & Joann James, Activity Directors	
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO GRANDVENTION	June 5 - 9, 1996
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH MOTORCADE	June 12 - July 6, 1996
Dan & Judy Impe, Activity Directors	
CALGARY STAMPEDE MOTORCADE	July 1 - 26, 1996
Jesse & Shirley Rumberger, Activity Directors	
BILLINGS, MONTANA FUN RALLY	July 12-14, 1996
HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND MOTORCADE	September 4 - October 10, 1996
Ken & Esther Vander Wiele, Activity Directors	
BALLOON FIESTA	October 7 - 12, 1996
Dan & Judy Impe, Activity Directors	
ETCADE	TBA

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## FORETRAVEL IS GROWING

In the October 1999 *Motorcader*, Foretravel, Inc. president Ray Fore announced that the new Refurbishing Center in Nacogdoches will be completed by year end. The new building will add 32,890 square feet to the existing work space for parts, service and remodeling.

The new RV park is already in use.

## THE FORETRAVEL GRAND VILLA REDESIGNED AS A UNICOACH

With the introduction of a very popular Unicoach, the pleasing de-



sign of the Grand Villa was not available for several years. Now the innovative Design Department of Foretravel has created the Grand Villa Unicoach. Because of the design it is only available in mid-entry floor plans.\*

## LADIES DRIVING SCHOOL

Motorcade Club Director, Ernie James, has developed a two-day driving school.

For some reason, many women hesitate to drive the family motorhome. For many years staff members have been trying to encourage the ladies to become more familiar with their motorhome. Many reasons make this important, but most of all, in case of emergency or sickness, to have a partner ready to take over the wheel can make any situation much less stressful.

Ernie's original schedule of a Driving School called for \*

One day of classroom instruction, including a manual to keep, then

a day of driving with an instructor, through a prepared course and on the highway.

## NEW MANAGER FOR THE MOTORCADE CLUB PAUL TINKLE #14700

From Paul Tinkle's article in the June 2000 *Motorcader*\*

"The announcement was made at our 2000 Buddy Rally that Gordon Wagner would become Administrator for the Research & Development Department at Foretravel, Inc. and I (Paul Tinkle) was appointed Corporate Club Manager of the Motorcade Club.

Approximately two years ago, when Gordon came to me and asked if I would consider working with him in the Motorcade Club with the possibility of replacing him as Club Manager at some time in the future, I was intrigued with the idea.

Carolyn and I traveled over 200 days last year. We worked with Directors and Service staff and saw a



big part of the country. But the most enjoyable part of this experience was meeting many wonderful motorcadeters and making new friends in our club.

I am honored and consider it a privilege to be your Corporate Club Manager. I solicit your ideas, your help and your encouragement."

Ray Fore says, in the same *Motorcader* "by now many of you have met Paul Tinkle, who has just

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become the Club Manager. Paul has been in training for some time to take over for Gordon Wagner. We are pleased to welcome him into this new position.

## GOOD SIGN-UP WARRANTS RUNNING TWO OF THE SAME MOTORCADE

In the June 2000 *Motorcader*, we find that there will be two Maritime Enchantment Motorcades, each running one week apart.\*

It is awesome, it is a thriller, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience to visit the spectacular provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador.

This 42-day motorcade includes the following:

- 2 Breakfasts/Brunch
- 1 Lunch
- 13 Dinners
- 1 Dinner/Theater
- 1 Pizza Party
- 1 Potluck
- 1 Craft
- 1 Bull Session
- 9 Entertainments
- 2 Ferries
- 7 One-night stops
- 23 Campgrounds
- 20 Options @ \$550 per person

This is a good example of a typical motorcade in the year 2000. All of this was only \$2259 per motorhome.

## WELCOME TOM & ELAINE NALE #10962

Tom & Elaine Nale were welcomed in August 2000 and are in training as Activity & Tour Directors.

Their RVing experience began in 1976 when they owned a trailer,

then moved up to a motorhome in 1979.

Tom was Department Head in the Industrial Arts division of Baltimore County School system and retired in 1992 after 27 1/2 years.

Elaine is a registered nurse specializing in ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins Wilmer in Baltimore, and retired in 1999.

## MOTORCADE CLUB INTRODUCES "THEME" MOTORCADES

The Lewis & Clark Expedition Motorcade was planned for summer of 2001.

In May 1804, began a Journey of Discovery that opened routes to the West that would forever affect our country.

On our motorcade we will stay as close to the routes followed by Lewis & Clark as possible. This 41-day journey will begin in St. Charles/St. Louis, Missouri and continue across the country through seven states, ending in Warrenton, Oregon.

Other "theme" motorcades are the Michigan Lighthouse Tour, a second running of Lewis & Clark and The Trail of Tears. I am sure there will be others.\*



## PAINTED FORETRAVELS

2001 introduced painted Foretravels as opposed to decal designed Foretravels.

Ray Fore said in the June 2001 *Motorcader* "as fully painted coaches are becoming more and more popular, we are exploring several options for 2002 to assure our coaches have the much desired custom look. There is no end to the combination of designs and colors that can be achieved in our paint shop."

### THIRD LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP INTO THE FORETRAVEL MOTORCADE CLUB IS AWARDED

At the January 2001 Grandvention, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to award "Red" and Dorothy Hurlbert #3984 a Lifetime membership in the Motorcade Club.

Manager Paul Tinkle and Carolyn attended the Four Corners chapter rally to personally present this award.

"Red" is famous for his popcorn. The Hurlberts for years have sacrificed a part of their motorhome closet and built a popcorn machine into the side of their motorhome. For those of you who have not eaten his popcorn, you have missed a treat.

*The Hurlberts have done many other things, other than popcorn, to earn this award. They are forever sponsoring meals, dedicated in their service and outstanding chapter members of the Four Corners area. We were very sorry to learn that Dorothy had passed away recently.\**

**MERLYN & JO DEAN  
NEEL #11213**

### NEW TOUR DIRECTORS

In February 2001 Neels joined our team of Tour Directors. Their first motorhome was in 1988, and 1992 became Foretravel owners.

After several different jobs, Merlyn realized that working with cable systems was his niche.

Jo Dean had a variety of jobs besides raising her family, but most interesting is her 30-some years as a rural mail carrier.



### TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES BROCHURE WILL BE INTRODUCED

*At this time in the life of the club, only one Grandvention per year is being offered. The Grandvention will be rotated through different parts of the country and at different months of the year. This eliminates the possibilities of introducing the upcoming activities at a January convention at the beginning of the year.\**

Manager Paul Tinkle has completed plans to produce a new twelve-page *Travel Opportunities* catalog that will be sent out the early part of each year. This will give all members information for the upcoming year at the same time. This catalog will also give the procedures for signing up for these events at a specific date.

We feel this is a much more fair and equitable way for our members to have the same opportunity to sign up for these events.

**TAG AXLE ON 40' MOTORHOMES**

Over the years, as Foretravel continued to add more equipment and features, the added weight began to reduce the Cargo Carrying Capacity (CCC). As engines and transmissions grew bigger and more powerful, they also became heavier. And, with additions of such popular features as slide-out rooms, solid service countertops, automatic awnings, tile floors and the like, the CCC issue became more and more important.

In the October-December 2001 *Motorcader*, Gary Whitsett makes this announcement.

"We realize you don't want to give up the things that you have come to expect in your Foretravel, so after careful analysis we determined that the addition of a tag-axle to our 40' U320 and GV320 slide-out models will provide the owners of these models greatly increased CCC without sacrificing a great deal of storage compartment space. The tag-axle we plan to use is the same one used successfully for many years on our top-of-the-line 40' U320 models."

*Motorcader!!*

Paul Tinkle says "Here it is at last...the first issue of our new *Motorcader*. Starting with this issue, we will publish quarterly, January, April, July, October—and this will enable us to give you a more professional publication."

Gary Whitsett says "Congratulations to Paul Tinkle, Joseph Alford, Foretravel's Graphic Artist, along with the rest of the staff."

### WELCOME HAMPTONS #12941

New Activity and Tour Directors  
Peter and



Katherine Hampton retired from Ford Motor Company—Michigan Truck after 31 years as a Quality Control Metrologist.

They are looking forward to the challenging and rewarding job as Tour Directors.

*The Hamptons are in training this year (2003) but they have already taken over one activity.\**

### 2002 MOTORCADER Special, Special—the new



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## KANSAS SUMMER FUN RALLY AT PRAIRIE ROSE CHUCKWAGON SUPPERS

As the sixty-three motorhomes arrived, a cowboy on horseback directed everyone to the parking area. We knew right off we were in cowboy country.

We took a side trip to a bull riding training school where young men learned to do it right. One of our "young men" found a tame bull.

We learned about cowboy music and soon realized it's not country western music. We enjoyed the music of Prairie Rose Wranglers.

The Chuckwagon cooks sure knew how to feed us.

Our 63 Foretravel motorhomes were the first RV group to rally at the Prairie Rose.



## BALLOONFEST IS A REAL HIGH

This is one of the most colorful and spectacular special events the Motorcade Club does.

Kickoff dinner atop Sandia Peak is the way to start a rally, the twinkling lights of Albuquerque are like the frosting on the cake for our dinner. We caravanned to the Balloon Fiesta grounds where our parking spot turned

out to be on a knoll overlooking the launch field. Fantastic!

At 5:45 a.m. many crawled out of bed to watch the Dawn Patrol take off. Then at 7:00



a.m., the Special Mass Ascension. The local paper said that there were some more than 600 balloons in the air at once.

The next days were filled with all kinds of liftoffs. In the end we all

realized we were back down to earth and it was time for us to go our separate ways, somewhere "down the road".



## TWO IMPORTANT FORETRAVEL INC. PROMOTIONS

Gary Whitsett announced that Mark Harvey will be the new Director of Service and Warranty. Mark has worked himself up from plant production position to service technician, to technician and service advisor, to this new position.

Gary goes on to announce the promotion of James Triana, a long time service technician, to the position of Technical Advisor. James, for many years, has been one of our more talented, helpful, and popular service technician and brings these skills to his new job.

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## CHAPTER RALLIES ARE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES OF THE MOTORCADE CLUB

*More and more emphasis needs to be put on the club chapters. They are the backbone of the club and important to its continued success. Following are reports from a couple chapters.\**

### MID-SOUTH CHAPTER Spring 2003

Goodbye winter, hello spring.

Our spring rally was a Bluebonnet Festival the first weekend in April at the Alamo Fiesta RV Resort in Boerne, TX. Ken & Sammy Ford #10291, hosts. They did a fantastic job planning many interesting sights for us. A bus tour took us to San Antonio, also to Luckenbach and Fredericksburg, ending with dinner at the LBJ Ranch.

Several first-timers attended. Of course, there was entertainment and plenty of food.

The fall rally will be held in October at Cedar Valley Resort in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

We encourage all members to attend their Chapter rallies. That is the best way to meet other Foretravel owners who may be your new best friends. *We should also say it is one of the best ways to learn more about your Foretravel.\**

*Don & Earline Brown #12016  
President & Secretary/Treasurer*



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Ray Fore**  
*From the Summer 2003 Motorcader\**

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We hope that you

received the letter explaining the changes in our sales and marketing concept. Changing from a few company stores to numerous independent dealers should provide you with more options when you require service work or get ready to trade for a new coach. We are very careful who we partner with in providing sales and service to our customers and want you to know we will be here to answer your questions and listen to your concerns. We sense you will be pleased with the prospect of finding one of our dealers close by when you need attention.

We feel this was a good decision for our customers as well, to have more service points around the country. Also to have more places to be able to look at new models and to make your deals in the future. Please know that we are and will continue to be concerned about your service needs for your motorhomes. Factory service centers will be an important part of our future decisions, to make sure you will be able to receive the best service that you need and deserve.

### 2003 GRANDVENTION & RE-UNION

#### BRANSON MISSOURI

131 Foretravel motorhomes converged on Chastain's RV Park filling it to where some had to be assigned to a over flow campground. The large Conference Center at the campground had something going on most of the time.

Four different seminars were held during the Grandvention, two popular ones were, "Tips and Ideas For Motorhome Care and Maintenance" with Service Reps, Phil Blackburn

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and Jack Bradshaw leading. This is always popular and gives all owners a chance to learn new things about their motorhome.



The ladies seminar "Easy Cooking With A Crockpot" was led by Arlie MacKenzie, Donna Blackburn and Bobbie Bradshaw. Not just stews but desserts, dips, roasts, casserole etc. They learned how well the crockpot fit motorhoming. Tasting and recipes were enjoyed.



Chapter Dinner was held in the Conference Center with each chapter sitting together and exhibiting a display of their area. Fun!



For entertainment each evening chartered buses took us to one of the top shows in Branson.

## POST BRANSON

Having traveled so far to get to Branson a "Post Rally" was offered and 40 coaches stayed for 3 days of show after show, some times morning, noon and night. They really kept the buses going. As you would expect the days were sprinkled with free time, shopping and some good eating.



## LEWIS & CLARK RELIVED II

On page 36 we first introduced you to theme motorcades. Lewis & Clark has become one of the most popular theme motorcades.\*

On May 15, 2003, Tom & Elaine Nale #10962, and 27 motorhomes met in St. Charles, Missouri to begin a 2900 mile journey, that will take 42 days. This trip followed the Wide Missouri and crossed ten states.

(Lewis & Clark took one and a half years). Over the next six weeks, the motorcade relived their journey through character portrayals—several of the interpretive centers had life-sized models in dioramas of the Corps experience. Exquisite Western art filled in for photographs of this period.



By melting together all we saw, our group, with a little imagination, came to know, feel and appreciate what the Corps of Discovery experienced 200 years ago.

In the Mandan Villages where Sacagawea lived, a life-sized earthen- lodge has been rebuilt and the impressions in the earth from these massive structures can be seen clearly. One's imagination can only wonder in which Sacagawea lived. Many areas on our tour are only accessible by water. The Gates to the Mountains in Missouri is such a place. We took a boat ride through this area in the evening where the

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wildlife was abundant. We were all in awe of this raw, natural beauty; most of it just as Lewis & Clark left it.

els lined up waiting to cross the Yukon River on the ferry, two or three coaches at a time. We stopped in the town of Chicken for lunch, the special—Chicken Soup. Driving the "Top of the World Highway" was a challenge. *The following is a condensed list of the rest of the trips' sights.\** Cross border to Alaska, U.S.A.,

## NORTH TO ALASKA MOTORCADE 2003

On June 4, our 3580-mile adventure started with a group photo at mile marker "0" in downtown Dawson



Creek, British Columbia. Everyone was anxious to explore the Alaska Highway and the surprises the trip would hold. Ft. St. John, B.C., was our first destination. On this first leg of the trip our scenery became more rugged, as we saw lots of stone sheep on the edges of the highway. That night we parked on the shore of beautiful Muncho Lake.

The drives were magnificent; back roads, lightly traveled with vast expanses of the west, meandering river valley with "Big Sky" framing it all. *Robert G. Bobbitt #14579, reporting.*

We drove by Lake Labarge on the road to Dawson City, Yukon. We had an opportunity to see a preserved gold dredge and learn about the process that was used for gold mining. What a sight to see with Foretravel-

Fairbanks, Denali National Park a visit to Mt. McKinley, Anchorage, flight to Nome and Kotzebue, Resurrection Bay in Seward, awesome scenery at Kenai, Homer for halibut fishing, Palmer and their monstrous vegetables, the winding road to Valdez, a cruise on Prince William Sound to view glaciers, Alaska pipeline with our final stop at Skagway. *Reported by Sandra Weston #15095.*

## OHIO BUCKEYES CHAPTER HISTORY STARTS IN 1966

*Jane Slessman prepared the Chapter History for their 35th Anniversary. We will share excerpts as follows:\** Early records indicate that the first chapter rally of the Travco/Dodge Motorcade Club occurred on May 12-16th 1966 in Warsaw, Ohio at the home of Glen and Frances Pew and found 12 coaches present. Sid

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Lance #34 was elected president At the Fall Rally it is reported they picked elderberries and the ladies baked pies for the picnic supper. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$48.44.

Spring and Fall rallies in 1967 were both held in parks. Camping fees were @2.50 per night and the catered dinner was @1.75 each. In 1973, the chapter reported a membership of 164. That year they changed their name to "Travco Buckeyes".

A 1975 rally included a discussion of the importance of water pressure regulators and pressure gauges.

In 1978, of the 306 coaches attending the National Convention 12 were from Ohio. Our president was to meet with the national directors in Brown City to try to continue the Motorcade Club without the Travco Corporation which is shutting down.

Members at the 1979 rallies were concerned about the take over of Travco by Foretravel Motorhomes. At the 1982 fall rally Warren and Arlie MacKenzie, Corporate Club Managers, were our guests.

In the fall of 1989 a rally was held at the home of Harold & Jane Slessman (first time with no hookups) in Willard, Ohio. 22 coaches formed a semi-circle in a field behind the house and met in their garage.

In 1994 during the fall rally, the group motorhomed to Jeannette, Pennsylvania to the home of Lou & Harold Kiefer where they were treated to a Pig Roast.

Sixteen coaches traveled to Mansfield, Ohio fairgrounds in May 2000

where they rode a rebuilt carousel and learned about the construction of carousel horses.

Verne and Marilyn Ardrey #9930, hosted 18 coaches at beautiful Baylor Beach Park in Navarre, Ohio for the spring rally of 2001. Cleveland, Ohio's third largest city - was the scene for our 2004 Spring Rally. A busy 3 days of activities mentioned a visit to Malley's Chocolate Factory for a tour and samples. The closing dinner aboard the Nautica Queen was filling and delightful, overlooking the evening light of downtown Cleveland.

## LADIES DRIVING SCHOOL

The ladies found an unusual opportunity and invaluable lesson by attending The Ladies Driving School. For a novice needing experience or for the experienced just needing to brush up is what it's all about.

The school is conducted in Nacogdoches, Texas at the Foretravel, Inc. complex. The group met in the ForeStar Training room for a welcome/orientation and introductions, followed by a get-acquainted luncheon and a special factory tour just for the ladies.

The curriculum was divided into three phases. **Phase 1** was a classroom lecture and discussion on principles and safety aspects of driving a motorhome. This phase of the course was personally presented by Ernie James, the Ladies Driving School instructor, who has also developed the curriculum for the course.

**Phase 2** was a course of problem driving on a area set up to simulate

conditions you would encounter when driving a motorhome. This course is set up in the parking lot at Foretravel.



**Phase 3** took the ladies out on the Nacogdoches city streets, state roads and some federal highways. All the driving was done in new Foretravel motorhomes with small groups of ladies in each motorhome and under the supervision and direction of personally assigned instructors. This phase 3 was designed to provide each lady with the confidence needed to feel comfortable behind the wheel.

The men were excluded from the classroom and driving activities, but were invited to participate in



the registration/welcome orientation and introductions on the first day. They were also provided with meals, plant tours, and technical seminars that were arranged for them while we, the ladies, were attending classroom and driving. *There must have been a reason why the men (husband or partner) were not allowed to be around when we were getting our instructions.\**

## INSIDE FORETRAVEL

*From the Fall 2003 Motorcader\**  
Gordon Wagner, R & D Administrator and former Club Manager, retired from Foretravel

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the end of August. Also, Mark Griffith, National Director of Sales left. Terry Nabours, Foretravel of California manager will become Foretravel's west coast dealer rep.

## RAY FORE ANNOUNCES MORE STORE CLOSINGS

*Fall 03 and Spring 04 issues of the Motorcader of the "From the President" column, Ray said that\** The California dealership and Denton, TX had been closed and that Liberty Lake, former Foretravel Northwest had been sold.

He further said new independent dealers had been appointed in Florida and New Mexico.

## COLORADO SPRINGS GRANDVENTION 2004

June 23-26 saw 88 Foretravel motorhomes come from every part of The United States to enjoy the awesome beauty of Colorado Springs and the special people that own, drive, build, service and sell them. The KOA Campground located below the majestic snow covered peaks could not of been a better location.

Ernie & Joann James were directors for this event and, as usual, did a fantastic job. We were honored to have Ray & Sherrie Fore and Lynda Fore Capell in attendance.

Four of the Foretravel independent dealers were in attendance, displaying the new Foretravel motorhomes. Our club members welcomed the independent dealers and some even drove home new motorhomes.

*Quoting from Club Manager, Paul Tinkle in the Fall 2004 Motorcader.\**

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We had a "surprise" farewell reception for Warren & Arlie MacKenzie. They will officially retire in December of this year and will leave with big shoes to fill in the future. Warren &



"Miss" Arlie have played a large role in making this club what it is today. We will truly miss their personal touch; however we hope to see them often at Foretravel events.

The Grandvention was kicked off with a wonderful evening at the Flying W Chuckwagon Dinners.

Many opportunities were available during the next three days. Service seminars, crafts, chapter reports, lots of good food and fellowship.

Perhaps the highlight was a tour that took us to the

Air Force Academy, and Garden of the Gods.



If you haven't ever made a Grandvention you owe it to yourself, and believe it or not, to your motorhome (you will learn so much about its care and maintenance).

The Grandvention ended in the custom that has been used for many years where everyone

holds hands and sings

"May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You".



**JILL CURBOW  
MOVES**

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The summer 2004 Motorcader announced.\* After ten years as office manager of the Foretravel Motorcade Club Jill has been transferred to the Marketing Department. she will be missed, how ever she will continue with the club as Editor of the Motorcader.

## THINGS SEEM TO BE GETTING TIGHT AT FORETRAVEL

Garry Whitsett Director Of Marketing has left Foretravel after 17 years with the company .

This coming year a supplemental membership directory will be available to those that request it. It will contain updates of members who have joined since the 2003 directory.

New England and San Francisco Motorcades have been canceled.

Paul Tinkle, Club Manager states in the Summer Motorcader "we don't like to cancel any event; however, sometimes there is not enough interest in an event and we have no other choice." He further says\* "We have received several calls concerning future club events."

*There was getting to be increased concern about Foretravel's future, caused by the closing of stores, personnel changes, the change to independent dealers and decrease in production of new motorhomes. 2004\**

## MOTORHOME SERVICE AT INFORMATION FOR YOU

*I have heard that the price of mem-*



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bership in the Motorcade Club is worth it just to get the servicing advice in the Motorcader.

One good example is in the Summer 2004 issue, by Jack & Bobbie Bradshaw.

The following are some excerpts from that article.\*

As we travel with many of you on Motorcades, events and rallies, you think I don't have trouble with my coach. Well let me tell you, I do. Just recently at the Albuquerque Fun Rally, I discovered that my left rear brake was worn beyond limits and required changing on the road. Yes, we do know how it feels when it happens.

*Jack goes on to explain some of the basic brake information and includes a reprint of some of the Rockwell Maintenance Manual. From this information it told me how important proper maintenance is and the fact that we need to be very aware of our brakes and that maybe we don't want to be a "do it your selfers" on this project.*

**Do you collect these articles? Every Foretravel owner should.**

*Of course if you attend a club activity you can get this and more, personally.\**

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ECON-O-CADE 2004

Twenty six coaches gathered in the beautiful autumn woods near Bradford Pa., for the first ever Western Pennsylvania Motorcade. We were lead by Warren & Arlie MacKenzie #2335. This will be their last Motorcade.

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In the Bradford area we rode to the vin-

tage Kinzua Rail bridge. We noted the path of a tornado of July 2004 that tore down a large section of this historic bridge. We were surprised to find that Zippo and Case knives are both made in Bradford. At the next stop we visited the world's first oil well founded in 1859.

We were amazed by the Pymatuning Spillway where we saw "ducks walking on fish".

Pittsburgh is no longer "Smoke City" as many of the steel mills are gone or have modernized their pollution equipment. We toured this beautiful city.



The highlight of the next stop in Laurel, PA was Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece,

Falling Water. October 18th of our tour was "disaster day" with visits to Que-



creek mine site where 18 coalminers were trapped, next disaster site to see the memorial of Flight 93 commemorating the crash of September 11. Finally, that day we toured Johnstown, site of the historic flood of May 31, 1889 when the South Fork dam broke sending a wall of water into the town of 30,000 people.

We all enjoyed the Econ-O-Cade very much with people caravanning together to so many sites, sharing favorite recipes, potluck dinners and

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enjoying the Ice Cream Social. Goodbye, Warren & Arlie, everyone in the Foretravel Motorcade Club will miss you. See you down the road.

*Condensed - Motorcader reporter, Lynda Richter #14398.*

## 2005 FORETRAVELS INTRODUCED AT 2004 FMCA REDMOND, OREGON

*FMCA is historically the time of year that the next year models are introduced and we start taking orders.*

*FMCA is always preceded by our Foretravel Fun Rally. This year was no exception with a wonderful rally planned and lead by Peter and Katherine Hampton, in the Diamond Lake area at the Broken Arrow Campground.*

*Then on to FMCA and our first viewing of \* the new Foretravels that include a kitchen slide and a wide assortment of new colors and new interiors,*



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*\*Indicates editor's comments*

## LATE IN 2004 FORETRAVEL INTRODUCES QUAD SLIDE

*In the Volume 25 Number 1 Motorcader\* This issue brings The Marketing Department through many changes and events. As of this writing, we are preparing for the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association's annual manufacturer's show held each year in Louisville, Kentucky. We will introduce our first Foretravel with four slide rooms that we will call the "Quad Slide".*



### WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO FORETRAVEL?

*Nothing was written, but this history needs to record that those of us that knew, were very concerned at the condition of the company. Sales were low, help was being laid off, there were problems getting supplies. Other things that were rumors, not to be printed. What will happen to our club, our service, our motorhome value? What will we do? What is the future?*

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## THE NEW FORETRAVEL A NEW AND BRIGHT FUTURE

### MEET LYLE REED



After spending some thirty years in the railroad industry with the Kansas City Southern Railway, St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, Burlington Northern Railroad and the Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad, Lyle Reed was active in retirement and looking for a more comfortable way to travel. That search took him to ordering a custom built U320, 42 feet, 2005 Foretravel. It was custom ordered to accommodate Lyle and Nell and their driver and attendant. It was during the building process that the Reed's learned of Foretravel's rich history, loyal customers and dedicated employees at the factory in Nacogdoches, Texas.

After taking delivery in June, 2004 they learned that Foretravel was struggling financially with all the changes that had taken place with

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Foretravel since 2000. In the Fall of 2004, Reed had conversations with Ray Fore, C. M. Fore, Foretravel's Founder's son and company president, about getting involved with Foretravel. Those discussions led to the family agreeing to retire from the business they had seen grow since its inception in 1967.

In order to gain control and to start rebuilding the "new" Foretravel, Reed formed an investor group that consisted of Dr. Dane Miller, CEO and Founder of Biomet, a leading international designer and manufacturer of medical implants, Warsaw, IN, Gregory Amys, a former railroad executive, Lake Nebagamon, WI an associate of Reed, and Frank Sheeder, Jr., Reed's Frisco, TX neighbor and former GE executive, past COO of Zurn Industries and retired CEO of Atrium Companies. Reed immediately became Foretravel's fourth president and Amys its chief operating officer, while Miller and Sheeder are board members. Reed is from southwest Missouri, graduated from Drury University and sits on the boards of Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN and Drury University, Springfield, MO.

The investor group's negotiations with the Fore family resulted in the purchase and sales transaction closing on February 15, 2005. Work immediately began on updating the

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product. The Phenix and Nimbus models were introduced to replace the U270, U295 and U320 series. The interior heights were raised, new end caps were designed and the ISX 525 hp Cummins engine was put into production. Since those early improvements were made Foretravel has also added 38 and 42 feet lengths to the Nimbus and a 45 feet Phenix with an ISX 600 hp engine, new and improved slide rooms, and much more.

The new owners want to build the best motorcoach possible and strive to continue improving all aspects of Foretravel quality. They are committed to building off past successes while meeting the competitive challenges of the future, and to restoring Foretravel to its rightful place, as a leading manufacturer of quality custom luxury motorcoaches with unsurpassed value, ride and drivability, fit & finish.

*The preceding was prepared by Mr. Reed especially for this history. The following, taken from his first article in the Number 2, 2005 Motorcader.\**

During my short time with Foretravel, I have quickly learned how important the Motorcade Club and its thirteen regional chapters are in serving our valuable Foretravel owners. It is our intention to find ways to make the club even better for you, while at the same time, becoming more efficient in everything we do.

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*The following is a excerpt from the next*

*Motorcader, Number 1, 2006*

You may have heard me say that when we were in discussion with Mr. C. M. Fore, I assured him we would do everything possible to save his company, and we are working hard to keep that promise. But, I can also assure you that it is our intention to have the club provide worthwhile benefits to it's members. We want you to feel that there is a real value to being a Motorcader.

## **GREG AMYS, SR. VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER**

I am excited to be part of Foretravel Inc. and look forward to working with its many loyal motorcoach



owners and dedicated employees. My wife, Sue, and I have located to Texas.

As we move forward, every aspect of Foretravel will be analyzed to determine what can be done to improve our motorcoaches and the service provided to our customers. *Time will show how important Greg's leadership is to the operation of Foretravel.\**

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## **2005 NOW IS ABLE TO MOVE ON FOR FORETRAVEL AND FOR THE MOTORCADE CLUB**

*When the "Number One" issue of the Winter 2005 Motorcader arrived we realized that the change of Foretravel Inc. ownership was taking place. But our club activities were scheduled to continue as announced, Club Manager, Paul Tinkle said."*

Your Club has a full schedule for 2005. We have two Ladies Driving Schools—the first in January and the second in November. Both these schools will be held in Nacogdoches. Our Pre-Rally, preceding the spring FMCA show, will be held in Perry, Georgia, on March 17-18, 2005. The summer FMCA Pre-Rally will be held in Minot, North Dakota, on August 9th-12th, 2005. Our Grandvention will be held in Columbus, Indiana, in September 26-29, 2005.

These are only a few events we had planned for you in 2005. Each Motorcader will list the entire 2005 events.

The Motorcade Club is working closely with all of our independent dealers to encourage becoming connected to the local chapter in their area.

## **2005 FORETRAVEL MOTORHOMES**

You will notice this Motorcader (*Winter 2005, Volume 25 Number One*) looks a little different. We are dedicating several pages to our 2005 motorhomes. Because of the continuing loyalty of the Foretravel custome,

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we felt the Motorcader would be a good vehicle for you to see the great innovative changes we are implementing, particularly with the quad slide.

## **LOUISIANA ECONOCADE PLEASING TO ALL**

Hosted by Peter & Katherine Hampton, this was a fun-filled, informative

sight-seeing delight. Twenty-six coaches



made the journey as we learned about the history and the flavor of the unique Creole and Cajun lifestyles. It did indeed seem as if we had stepped back in time, as we toured New Orleans, visited beautiful historic plantations, experienced the diversity of Mardi Gras and toured quaint communities throughout Louisiana.

*The following is a short list of the many sights included in the Motorcade,\**

The French Quarter, Mardi Gras world,

Oak Alley, Mister Charlie's Oil Rig training plat-



form, historic homes on the National Register, Natchitoches homes of the movie "Steel Magnolias", Rayne, the frog capital of the world, Ver-

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millionville, an early Cajun settlement: Iota to attend an old fashioned Mardi Gras parade. Avery Island, home of Tabasco sauce. The final banquet was a costume ball and a King and Queen were chosen. *Debby Best #15037, Club Reporter*

## MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

*Great thought and ideas come from our chapters. In the summer 2005 Motorcader, Ed and Alice Purcell #14909, president and secretary-treasurer wrote, in part.\** What better way to escape these temperatures than using your Foretravel coaches to get away. Foretravelers are no strangers to wanderlust. We can each feel the stirring in our bodies when we have been in one place too long. Our love for these great coaches makes me ponder on how truly fortunate and lucky we are. To be able to travel this magnificent country in our coaches is inspiring to say the least. The Foretravel members I have met, regardless of their walk in life, all have one thing in common, and that is their love for the Foretravel motorhome and the ability it gives each one of us to spread our wings. After our fall rally we will be traveling to the Grandvention in Columbus, Indiana. This will give us our first opportunity to see the improvements and changes that Mr. Reed and his staff have made on the new Foretravels.

## 2005 COLUMBUS, INDIANA GRANDVENTION

110 Foretravels with 219 members gathered at Ceraland, Cummins Engine

Company's employee recreational facility & campground. This mammoth facility is first class and contributed to our good time.

Peter & Katherine Hampton, club directors, were in charge. They had organized one of the greatest three-day Grandventions in many years. There were all kinds of games. We found people carrying eggs in a spoon, teams dressing in opposite clothes and racing for the finish, bean bag throw and much more for many laughs.

One of the highlights for many was the tour of Cummins Design Center and Engine Assembly facility. Here we saw the area where they test engines, present and future, test oil and new fuels, fantastic look into the concerns and outlook that Cummins has for its' engines. The engine assembly was just unbelievable to many.

We were able to see a raw casting in all stages as it became a complete engine with accessories, ready to be shipped. Although these were not motorhome engines, but pickup engines, the plant processes some nine hundred a day.

Frank Sheeder, one of the investors in Foretravel, represented the company as Lyle Reed needed to stay at

the factory because of the hurricane. As usual, the Board of Directors met during the Grandvention. There was much anxiety, this being the first board meeting since the change of ownership of Foretravel. Mr. Sheeder reviewed the owner's survey that was taken earlier in the year, presented many proposed reductions to the club activities and an increase in dues, based on the results of the survey.



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A new international president, Wally West and his wife, Billye #14796, were introduced to the club. It was also announced that Club Manager Paul Tinkle, was taking a position with the Marketing Department of Foretravel. No replacement was available at that time. New Foretravels and dealers were available for everyone to enjoy. The food was great, the facility was wonderful, the camaraderie was outstanding and this was a great Grandvention.



Incoming Int. Pres. Wally West & Billye (L&R) —Retiring Pres. Al & Marion Rice (Center)

Florida Natives, Skip and Gail purchased their first Foretravel in 1991 and have put it to good use doing many motorcades. From Alaska to the Maritimes and many in between they

## NEW ACTIVITY AND TOUR DIRECTORS SKIP & GAIL LANGFITT #11550

Many of you already know me and have traveled with my wife Jo Dean, and I many time as we directed numerous events. The deci-

have come to love the club and its members. Being blessed with an excellent partner in the Dairy business for the past 25 years they have been able to escape the Florida summer heat and participate in the Foretravel Motorcades and functions. They have one daughter in the St. Petersburg area and a son in the Marine Corps stationed in Jacksonville, NC along with one granddaughter. Planning to retire in January 07 they look forward to becoming Activity Directors and being with the wonderful Foretravel members.



## MERLYN NEEL PROMOTED TO CORPORATE CLUB MANAGER

After Paul Tinkle's move to the Marketing Department many members were very concerned about the future leadership of the Club. Many felt that Merlyn was the logical choice and sent this recommendation back to Mr. Sheeder.\*



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sion to take on the responsibilities of Club Manager was not a quick or easy choice. It was much easier to sit back and enjoy the ride. But, like the majority of you, my loyalty to this club is strong, and the greatest part of my apprehension was soon set aside to achieve new goals and objectives.

We were married in 1961, have 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandson (so far). We bought our 1st Foretravel in 1991 and have traveled with the Club ever since. We have owned 4 Foretravels and have traveled in many. We became Tour Directors in February of 2001 and have enjoyed traveling with the wonderful motorcadgers. (Due to changes taking place in Foretravel, Inc., Merylyn became Club Manager in October, 2005.)

Many things took place last year for Foretravel as we welcome the new owners. Lyle Reed and Greg Amys have worked long hours in getting our production going again. Everywhere you look you see changes being made. The Motorcade Club is no exception. Foretravel realizes the value of the club and the impact our loyal members have on the company. We will continue to produce the Motorcader quarterly this year and our plans are to print a new directory. Motorcade Club dues will raise this year to \$75 and as you can imagine, we have received some phone calls asking why. Dues cover a minor part of the total expense Foretravel incurs. The club has never paid its

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always been subsidi-

dized by Foretravel. The cost to Foretravel is a substantial amount. Foretravel cannot now afford to continue subsidizing the club in the same manner as it has in the past. In order to draw larger attendance at Club activities the 10% parts discount will only be available with a certificate issued for attendance at chapter and/or national Foretravel Motorcade Club events. It is a privilege to serve you. This has been a rewarding and enjoyable job, thanks to many people.

## SEVERAL CLUB STAFF CHANGES IN FIRST PART OF 2005

The following people each left for personal reasons:

B. J. Schooley left before the Grandvention. B. J. had been with the club since 1988.

Phil & Donna Blackburn, Service Representatives who had been with the Motorcade Club since 1996 had to leave during the Grandvention in Columbus because of family health and personal reasons.

Jill Curbow who had been club office manager and then moved to marketing, left after the Columbus Grandvention. She started working for the club in 1995 after having worked for Foretravel in Service & Warranty for seven years and previously in the Marketing Department for another six years.

Peter & Katherine Hampton left as Activity & Tour Directors after having done a magnificent job organizing and running the Columbus Grandvention. The Hamptons started working 2003.

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## 2005 CLUB ACTIVITIES

Show you this so you can compare

LADIES DRIVING SCHOOL I - January 17-20, 2005 - 2 in a motorhome \$269; 1 in a motorhome \$179; each extra person \$199. FULL PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR RESERVATION.

LOUISIANA EXCITOCRADE - January 25 - February 9, 2005 - 2 in a motorhome \$1220; 1 in a motorhome \$963; each extra person \$449. FULL PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR RESERVATION.

WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOLF VI - March 3-15, 2005 - Pkg. A: 2 persons/2 golf \$2154; Pkg. B: 2 persons/1 golf \$2116; Pkg. C: 2 persons/no golf \$2078; Pkg. D: 1 person/1 golf \$1534; Pkg. E: 1 person/no golf \$1496; Pkg. F: each extra person/1 golf \$799; Pkg. G: each extra person/no golf \$761. FULL PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR RESERVATION.

GEORGIA FUN RALLY - March 17-18, 2005 - 2 in a motorhome \$523; 1 in a motorhome \$273; each extra person \$163. FULL PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR RESERVATION.

WASHINGTON, DC CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL - March 31 - April 8, 2005 - 2 in a motorhome \$1014; 1 in a motorhome \$443; each extra person \$484. FULL PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR RESERVATION.

OHIO MOTORCADE - April 20 - May 11, 2005 - 2 in a motorhome \$1580 if reservation made before 1-20-05, \$2005 if reservation made after 1-20-05; 1 in a motorhome \$1496 if reservation made before 1-20-05, \$1521 if reservation made after 1-20-05; each extra person \$54. FULL PAYMENT IS DUE WITH YOUR RESERVATION.

LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION - May 16 - June 20, 2005 - 2 in a motorhome \$2985 if reservation made before 2-16-05, \$3010 if reservation made after 2-16-05; 1 in a motorhome \$2516 if reservation made before 2-16-05, \$2541 if reservation made after 2-16-05; each extra person \$180. A \$200 DEPOSIT WILL PUT YOUR NAME ON THE RESERVATION OR STANDBY LIST.

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA FUN RALLY - August 9-12, 2005 - 2 in a motorhome \$449 if reservation made before 5-11-05, \$474 if reservation made after 5-11-05; 1 in a motorhome \$336 if reservation made before 5-11-05, \$361 if reservation made after 5-11-05; each extra person \$251. A \$200 DEPOSIT WILL PUT YOUR NAME ON THE RESERVATION OR STANDBY LIST.

LADIES DRIVING SCHOOL II - November 7-10, 2005 - 2 in a motorhome \$279; 1 in a motorhome \$229; \*\*\$. A \$200 DEPOSIT WILL PUT

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THE RESERVATION OR

STANDBY LIST.

## MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA SUMMER PRE-RALLY 2005

Pre-Rallies/Fun Rallies are always held prior to a FMCA Convention.

This Pre-Rally was held in Dickinson, North Dakota in a newly constructed campground, in fact the meeting room was just being finished the day we arrived.

One of the things that made this rally memorable was the ride to and from our rally site and FMCA. This was obviously sunflower season for many "sunflower farms" in North Dakota.



Try to imagine the bright yellow and orange blossoms against the green leaves and the blue sky.

At the Orientation program after a warm welcome to the rally by Ernie & Joann James, we were most pleased to have the mayor, Chamber representative and other local dignitaries welcome us to Dickinson.



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New to many of the rally attendees was the attendance of a large representation of Foretravel's independent dealers.



Another real pleasant surprise was having Lyle Reed, President of Foretravel Inc. with us for the rally. We soon realized that he was friendly, interesting and was interested in the club, and many of our suggestions.



We boarded a bus for a visit to the quaint little town of Medora where we had a Steak Fondue dinner and later attended an outdoor musical.



For the fellows and ladies if they are interested, a "bull session" where the Service Rep presents motorhome service tips, and answers questions to make the rally very worthwhile.



There was a lot to eat, some great entertainment and we had an abundance of time to share information and memories with other motorcaders.

A Pre-rally is one of the very few times that you will find Foretravelers caravanning, but going in to FMCA it is a way that we can ensure that we are all parked together



When are you going to attend a Fun/Pre-rally?

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## LYLE REED'S COMMITMENT

*When we needed something to make us feel good about the future of Foretravel, first, Lyle Reed's purchase of the company and then this commitment in the summer issue of the Motorcader. In Part he said.\**



"There were things that piqued my interest in Foretravel...first were its rich heritage and reputation for quality, second was the skill of its work force, and third was you, its loyal customers. When the Fore family was considering the difficult deci-

sion to give up control of the company that was Mr. C.M. Fore's life, I told him that it would be our purpose to restore Foretravel to its rightful place as a leading manufacturer of quality Motorcoaches of distinction. Our team will do that by honoring the past even as we write a new chapter in its already storied history. And we'll do it in a way that will make the Fore family proud of its decision to make such a bold and unselfish change at this time."



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## BEVERLY KOONCE, ACTIVITY COORDINATOR OF THE MOTORCADE CLUB DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Someone who does their job far beyond what is expected should be recognized..

Beverly has always been a conscientious and talented worker. When



Foretravel started having problems and cuts started to take place with personnel, the Motorcade Club office staff was no exception. Each time that someone left, Beverly stepped up to the plate and covered those responsibilities even though her job at that time was all that she could handle. She ended up doing the work of the other two girls that were in the club office, as well as her own.

Beverly joined the Motorcade Club staff in 1994.

She moved from California to Nacogdoches where she went to high school, then met David Koonce when he was a student at Stephen Austin University. Beverly and David have two sons, Chris and Ryan, both who are Texas State Police officers and if you want to see pride, just ask Beverly about her sons.

**Thank you, Beverly**

## NEW CLUB STAFF MEMBERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2006

### John & Dawanna Hughes #15620

John & Dawanna were both born in Oklahoma, married in 1962 and have 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren. John spent thirty six years in the automotive industry. After spending four years in the Navy, he started out as a mechanic apprentice and worked his way up to Regional Service Manager of the Cadillac Motor Car division of GM. Dawanna spent thirty years in the



grocery business. Dawanna retired as Assistant Store Manager, after working her way up from grocery clerk. She received customer awards from Safeway and Food Lion Grocery.

They both retired in 1999, and hit the road. For the first 3 years, we were in a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel and bought our first motorhome in 1992. While in Nacogdoches a year later, we spotted a 1997 that suited our fancy. We had never been on a motorcade before this. Boy, we didn't know what we were missing. We look forward to many more. Being able to help fellow motorcaders is a real joy.

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## ED & LOIS GOERING #14928

Ed & Lois were born and raised in Iowa and completed their formal education in North Carolina, Ed at UNC-Chapel Hill and Lois at NCSU. In 1984 they purchased their first RV, a Coleman Popup tent camper, fifteen years later,



their second RV a Foretravel. Lessons learned.

Moving from the Twin Cities area of Minnesota, they have made their home in Corvallis, Oregon since 1988.

Ed's career was in a variety of engineering positions and ending as The Corporate Safety Director for a manufacturer of Titanium Metal. As a Home Economist Lois taught in High School and worked for the Extension Service ending her career as State Program Leader for Home Economics at Oregon State University.

Ed and Lois have 2 children. Daughter, Becky is a budget analyst with The Department of Army in Germany. Son Scott is a sales and marketing engineer with Intel Corporation in Austin, Texas.

## DENNIS & SANDRA WESTON #15095

Dennis & Sandra were both born and raised in Wisconsin.



Dennis was enrolled in Wisconsin State Indentured apprentice program becoming a journeyman lithographic stripper and plate maker. Sandra was a Flight Attendant for United Airlines when they met. They were married in 1969.

In 1970 Dennis joined the sales department and worked with major Educational Publishers. In 1976 he was Vice President of Eastern Sales and in 1984 they relocated to Orlando, Florida.

They retired from Webcrafters after 43 years.

In 1999 they purchased a 1991 Grand Villa and went on their first motorcade in 2003 to Alaska. After returning home they realized they were hooked, and purchased a new 2003 Grand Villa.

They have three daughters, eight grandchildren.

They currently reside in Longwood, Florida.

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## PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

1968 & 1969 ..(Deceased) Frank Kaiser #265  
 1970 & 1971(Deceased) Dean Downing #1356  
 1972..... (Deceased) Clyde Sickle #355  
 1973 .... (Deceased) Edwin Presby #623  
 1974(Deceased) :Howard Howse #1902  
 1975 (Deceased) Raymond Myers #2257  
 1976& 1977 ..... Bob Grimes #393  
 1978 (Deceased) Nels Anderson #1210  
 1979 & 1980 Warren MacKenzie #2335  
 1981 ..(Deceased) Ted Rosenthal #1430  
 1982.....(Deceased) Ray Wilkins #365  
 1983 ..... Bill Greenhalgh #1761  
 1984 ....(Deceased) Henry Willie #4336  
 1985(Deceased) Russell Anspach #5853  
 1986 ..... (Deceased) Jim Edson #6216  
 1987(Deceased) Gwen Cockrum #7624

1988 .....Jim Myers #5666  
 1989 .....(Deceased) V. W. Davis #7609  
 1990...(Deceased) Allen Hansen #4658  
 1991 ..... Chuck Morschcheck #4357  
 1992 .....Richard Blair #6777  
 1993 ..... Bill Snyder #7527  
 1994 .....Bill Rodriguez #7417  
 1995 ..... Al Phillips #10391  
 1996 ..(Deceased) Sydney Hoveskeland #6556  
 1997 ..... Frederick Haas #8675  
 1998 .....Larry Teague #9342  
 1999 .....Leo Reising #10283  
 2000 .....Richard Wells #7841  
 2001 .....Bill Jennings #7828  
 2002 ..... Charles Bateman #12235  
 2003 ..... Darrell Jones#7103  
 2004 ..... Al Rice#10985  
 2005 .....Wally West#14796  
 2006

## YOUR FORETRAVEL MOTORCADE STAFF

 Corporate Club Manager Marilyn & Jo Dean Neel #11213	Activity Coordinator Beverly Koonce 
Service Representative Jack & Bobbie Bradshaw #14800 	Activity & Tour Directors Skip & Gail Langfitt #11550 
Activity & Tour Directors Ed & Lois Goering #14928 	Activity & Tour Directors Tom & Elaine Nale #10962 
Service Representative John & Dawanna Hughes #15620 	Activity & Tour Directors Erwin & June Sharp #10834 
Activity & Tour Directors Ernie & Joann James #10590 	Activity & Tour Directors Dennis & Sandra Weston #15095 

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# History and the Foretravel MOTORCADE CLUB

Editorial by Warren MacKenzie

The first Travco and Foretravel were both built about the same time, though in different parts of the country and history has shown that they have been brought together as one.

Were it not for the support and enthusiasm of the Travco owners and their willingness to continue their club through the Foretravel Motorcade Club, there might not have been a Motorcade Club.

On the other hand, were it not for Foretravel owners and Foretravel Inc.'s, support there might not have been the Motorcade Club that we have today..

I believe it is because of the strong family feeling within Foretravel that they have continued the support of our club. Let us not forget that as club members we also have an obligation to support Foretravel. If they don't sell motorhomes they won't have the means for that support.

As you can see in reading this history capsule, people have been important. We have spent a lot of time on staff. These people have set the direction the club has taken. Most have given more than they received monetarily. Joe Johnston once told me that to be a club leader you need to have a preacher's love, dedication and the ability to lead. These are important qualifications used in choosing your club staff.

Many staff in the early years received no more than the fee for that activity. Arlie and I worked for a token amount for some time when we were

first managing the club. It was all we asked of Foretravel, but later they made it up and more.

Club directors have come and gone, almost every one of them left the club something of value.

Of course, no club is a club without members and ours sure are the best. Why? Well, because the product is tops, the support is the best, the members before you have helped to set a standard that good people could follow. Management has listened to its members and developed programs that all can enjoy.

Over time a lot has changed—the motorhomes, the tours (motorcades), members wants, names of activities, numbers participating in activities, cost and fees (inflation), and yes, we have changed.

The latest change at Foretravel, February 15th 2005, is when Lyle Reed and his investors assumed ownership of Foretravel. This should be recorded as the greatest lifesaving occurrence in the **Motorcade Club's 40 years**. Change is not bad; change is the road to the future. Let our Foretravels continue to take us there.

It has brought back many memories preparing this history and update, I challenge someone to pick up the responsibility to keep it updated.

Maybe I don't move as fast and my mind works slower and definitely the ears and eyes are not what they used to be, but my love and support for Foretravel and the Foretravel Motorcade Club only grows stronger.

Arlie & I hope that this background of the Motorcade Club will help all of you better understand your club and help you in continued support and enjoyment of the Foretravel Motorcade Club and Foretravel motorhomes.

Thanks,  
Foretravel

