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Bill Marti, Editor

A Summer of Blessings Poured Out on Members of Coaches for Christ

...I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! (NLT)

We start this issue with the RMC4C Rally in Durango, CO in early May. I was unable to personally attend as I was attending meetings at FMCA headquarters in Cincinnati. The “unstructured” rally was put together by Russ Jakes, RMC4C Vice-President. That means that there would be plenty of action—4 wheel style. I really wish I could have been there. However, my involvement in the Cincinnati meetings was very rewarding. Charlie Schrenkel, FMCA National President, asked for all of the Executive Board, Finance Committee, and FMCA staff directors to meet in advance of the formal Committee and Board meetings. In these workshops, we went through all of the 2011 budget, line by line. Then we spent time “brainstorming” on ways to improve FMCA international conventions. The result was a unified plan for 2011 to present to the Governing Board in Redmond, OR. (see National Director’s Report).

Others actions included selection of a second company to advise and manage FMCA’s reserve funds. By changing the relationship between FMCA (non-profit) and FMC (for profit), [I would gladly explain in detail if you didn’t want to read about anything else in this newsletter] we found **1.3 million** dollars for added FMCA reserves! (This is not “smoke and mirrors” but actual cash refunds from the IRS.) Although the Finance Committee was not directly involved in the selection of a new program for our medical evacuation insurance program for members, we did get to hear the presentation. Bottom line: more coverage for less money! (see National Director’s Report). Overall, my nine days in Cincinnati were very productive. I need to mention that ALL of the Committee meetings and Executive Board meetings were opened in prayer. Several Executive Board members are in Coaches for Christ chapters including our own Allen Rein.

Dan Couch, member of the Finance Committee and South Central Area Treasurer, is a member of Coaches for Christ South Central. -Bill



Welcome New Members

Bill and Bee Harris
Deming, NM

RMC4C Annual Business Meeting and Officer Elections
Friday, October 15, 2010

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Durango Rally Report

Our rally had 4 couples, Russ and Nancy Jakes, wagon masters, Don and Darlene May, Dr. Bob and Beverly Newhouse, and Larry and Louise Vincent. Lets start with the kinda low spots: The weather, was not in our favor...



The Vincents and Newhouses faced daily strong winds that twice forced us to stay in a campground more than one day. We had allowed extra time to do some sightseeing. The Mays were snowed in and stuck in Gallup, New Mexico, and the Jakes also were sidetracked by bad weather in Cortez Colo. Did we ever think of turning back and cancelling our plans...NO! NOT FOR A MOMENT...well maybe just once! We finally came together on the official rally day, and then it was all smooth from then on.

The highlights were: Each evening, piling into 2 cars and looking for wildlife—we saw elk (200 plus) and deer. That was awesome; watching Dr. Bob skunk us at a game called Spinner; and taking part in lots of good natured teasing and fellowship. A Cinco De Mayo Mexican meal prepared by Louise Vincent; the Newhouses provided ice cream sundaes...YUM! The Mays hosted a barbeque hamburger night that was delicious; the Jakes topped that evening off with a delicious dessert that was low in calories and low in sugar. (Nancy shared the recipe with us.)

We visited the Red Ryder Museum which we really enjoyed. We could not take the train to Silverton as the season had not begun. So we once again piled into cars and took our own private tours with the Jakes and Mays as our guides. These folks really know how to show a person a good time. It was humbling to see how our LORD created such a beautiful area—the frozen ponds, the frozen waterfalls and as the sun began to shine each day, we could see the trees burst into bloom almost before our eyes. We went out to dinner our last night together and then to a concert. We laughingly discovered that we did not enjoy or understand the style of music the band was playing. But the bowls of popcorn were really tasty. We left after about 15 minutes.

Another highlight was being able to take part in our nation's "Hour of Prayer". Dr. Bob lead us in a beautiful prayer and praise to our Savior, and capped it off with prayers for our nation. Even though our numbers were small we enjoyed that warm glow that touches ones heart when you feel that bond of friendship that comes with Christian fellowship. On the 8th of May it was sad to say our goodbyes as we prayed for HIS travel mercies as we parted company. I probably could have summed it up in few sentences but then it would only have been half of the story. We know that we will get together again in Farmington, and yes, we will let Dr. Bob play spinners with us. So for now adios and to the Jakes and Mays, this was one of our favorite rallies. The Newhouses and the Vincents thank you all, for sharing Colorado with us! —Louise Vincent

Editor's note: Louise, I know what it's like to be killed in Spinner.



2010-2011 RMC4C Events



- October 10-16 Farmington, NM RMMA Rocky Mountain Ramble, RMC4C Business Meeting-election of officers
- January 9-16, 2011 Indio, CA Combined rally with California Coaches for Christ

Farmington Update

Sixteen RMC4C members from several states including Arizona, California, and Colorado have volunteered to serve in registration and Welcome Bags. Additional members are serving as RMMA officers and Volunteer Coordinator, and FMCA Store sales. We'll have many pre-rally activities, close-in parking, 30 amp electric and water at every site. Why not join us? Arrival is Saturday morning, October 9. Contact Bill Marti @ 303.898.7039 or billmarti@attglobal.net so we'll know your coming.

National Director's Report

The 87th National FMCA Convention was held in Redmond, OR August 12/15, 2010. The governing board met on Wednesday, the 11th with 29 of the 37 Rocky Mountain Area chapters represented. At the beginning of the meeting, it was announced that the MED-X program will continue through the rest of 2010 and will expire on December 31, 2010. It will be replaced by a new program FMCassist. FMCassist will be less costly to FMCA and will include expanded benefits. This will be spelled out in the September FMC magazine.

One part of the new program is available immediately to our members at a nominal fee. You may obtain health coverage for travel outside the USA where Medicare and some other insurances does not apply. That is accessed on the FMCA website. Items brought before the board included the budget for next year, a change to our fiscal year, and a change to the term limits for the National officers. The new term limits as approved by the board state that the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for a 2-year term and can run for an additional 2-year term for no more than 4 years in any one office. This is the same as the current limits for Area Vice Presidents.

The proposed budget with a deficit of \$91,828 was approved. It was states there are 17 fewer employees at Headquarters, the Store has been moved in-house and they have an agent trying to rent space which should net approximately \$130,000 per year. President Charlie Schrenkel explained the deficit is equal to a one-page advertisement in FMC magazine for a year. The organization is in great shape with over \$8 million dollars in investments and bank accounts.

The convention was a good one with nearly 1900 family coaches and about 200 vendor coaches. A larger crowd was hoped for but the mood was very upbeat. The convention will be reported in much greater detail in the FMC magazine. The weather was outstanding. Entertainment was wonderful with The Texas Tenors leading the way, Debbie Reynolds, Motown and a 60s band playing Jimmie Buffett music. DEVOTIONS were awesome with about 100-150 each day and many decisions were made as well as much prayer for individuals, our country, and our military.

Please join us at the Rocky Mountain Ramble in Farmington, NM October 12-16, 2010. Thank you for allowing me to represent the Rocky Mountain Coaches for Christ.

Carol Smith, F245135, Your National Director

BRANSON—2011 The Presidents of several Coaches for Christ have agreed that it would be a great idea to have a combined North American C4C Rally in mid November, 2011 in Branson, MO. Please block these dates in your calendar for a great time of fellowship. Look for more details as plans are developed.

Scenes from Redmond.....



Don Foster as Nicodemus (left)

Over 100 persons attended devotions each morning (below)



Eating is the national pastime of Coaches For Christ



Oregon/Washington Coaches for Christ was our host



Devotions were led by Chaplain Elton and Gloria Williamson



Special Praise Report—As many of you know, Dian Marti suffered a severe hand wound from a cat bite last March in Albuquerque. Two trips to the emergency room were required on consecutive days. Plans were cancelled to attend a rally in Las Cruces and we headed for our winter home in Las Vegas. A hand specialist there did an MRI and determined surgery was necessary. However a 6-week recuperation in Nevada was not desired so we headed to Colorado with a CD of the MRI. The hand specialist there did not want to operate (Praise God!) and suggested Dian *might* have the middle finger of her right hand “droop” forever do to a torn tendon. He suggested a wait-and-see approach. As of August 10 Dian can completely raise her finger to its normal position without pain. **GOD HAS REGENERATIVELY HEALED HER TENDON TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION!**

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