



ALPINE COACH ASSOCIATION

December 2014

A View from the Summit



No matter how you chose to celebrate, hope that your holidays were magical.

Wishing you health, happiness, prosperity, adventures and safe travels in the coming year.

Happy New Year

President - Tom Cook

Our President was last seen boarding a cruise ship with his family.
More from him in Quartzsite.



Tom Polk - 1st Vice President



This past 6 months as been one of extremes. From RV rallies, sightseeing and riding in our Cam-Am Commander to being a total couch potato.

On July 31st we left home heading for Portland, OR to co-host the ACA pre rally with the Egg's. We had a good turnout for the pre rally. The majority of the attendee caravanned with us to Redmond for FMCA 90th Family Reunion. I have to say it was a pleasure to co-host with Vic & Willy on the pre rally.

From Redmond Nancy and I traveled to Island Park, ID for a ATV & UTV rally called "Rally in the Pines". For the next week we saw some of the back country around Island Park in our side by side.

Then it was on to West Yellowstone, MT as base camp to tour Yellowstone NP. Spent a couple days in Cody, WY before visiting Grand Teton NP and surrounding Jackson Hole, WY area.

From Jackson Hole we traveled south to Lehi, UT where Cabala's has one of its largest stores. They have "free overnight parking", but I have to warn you it's the most expensive place we have ever parked after shopping in the store.

Since we could only afford one night at Cabala's we headed for Moab, UT to do some more off road riding. Four days of slick rock riding in Moab and it was time to go to Blanding, UT for the San Juan Safari which is another ATV-UTV rally and more off road riding.

After Blanding we were off to the Rocky Mountain ATV Jamboree in Richfield, UT before heading back home. We have attended this rally (on and off) since 1996.

By the time this week long jamboree ended it was late September and we had to get home. I was scheduled to have foot surgery on the 3rd of October. I finally had to face up to this surgery that I put off for 2 years because I wasn't looking forward to the required down time after it.

After spending 8 weeks with my foot elevated and not allowed to put any weight on it, I experienced what it was like to be a true "couch potato". I am so happy to say that I am once again up and walking or should I say hobbling. The Doctor told me my foot should be 100% by St. Patrick's Day.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to my fellow ACA members.

Looking forward to seeing many you this January in Indio at the Western Area Rally and then Quartzsite for the Desert Rat Rally.

Travel Safely, Tom Polk

Wilma Egg - Secretary

The last quarter of 2014 took us from Branson, MO to New Jersey to Florida with lots of stops between. Following are a few of the highlights;

The Tripps recommended we stop at Bentonville, AR, so we did, along with the Cooks. We checked in at the Creeks Golf & RV Park, then headed to town with our list of three museums to visit: First, the Native American Museum with an audio tour that included beautiful headdress and beading displays. Next, The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, is not to be missed; the Walton family collection spans five centuries and admission is free. We took a 45-minute tour of highlights from the Hudson River era to a George Washington oil, and my favorite, Rosie the Riveter by Norman Rockwell. The architecture tour highlighted the all-encompassing use of landscape, bringing art and nature together, designed by Moshe Safdie, a premier international architect. His use of glass, light, geometric form, wood and cement is flawless! (Can you guess I worked for Architects?) We had dinner at The Hive, a farm to table restaurant, and on the way through town made our third stop at the Walmart Museum. Very unassuming, it told Sam Walton's story from Ben Franklin 5&10s to a billions of dollars operating. A man on a mission, he has helped mankind all over the world—so much more than Walmart stores.



The next day we were off on a trek East, stopping at Memphis and Bristol, TN for short visits, then overnight at Bowling Green, VA on Route 301 and onto Lewes, DE to see my favorite cousin “Tootsie”. A quaint town, on the water, we definitely want to return for a longer stay. We took the Lewes/Cape May Ferry with the Alpine and parked at the front to enjoy the view across the water from our front seats. Vineland, NJ was our next stop to see more cousins, parking on their side yard. The next few days we headed north on the Garden State Parkway, stopping to see old friends and unexpectedly bought a new to us Jeep Wrangler. I love the bright blue color, easy to find in a parking lot! Finally to North Jersey and our destination: our grandson Peyton. We parked the Alpine at Warwick, NY for the month of November to accomplish a few goals. There is a very long story about acquiring the title for our Jeep, just ask Vic! He also had outpatient eye surgery to correct double vision from his Shingles episode and all went well. When he woke up and looked at his feet he had two instead of four, success!

Hooray! I finished my Passport book of Presidential Libraries by visiting the FDR Library at Hyde Park, NY. That is another great area to explore, last year we visited the Biltmore Mansion, Eleanor Roosevelt's home Valkill, and the FDR home. The Library was closed for renovation, hence our trip back, and well-worth the trip!

We decided to stay for Thanksgiving with our son and family, hoping it would not get too cold—wrong! The day before Thanksgiving brought a wet, heavy snow, but we endured and headed for Florida with a quick three day trip, arriving by the Munsils on December 1. It has been cool in Florida, but we are parked for the month of December next to the Dees at Mount Olive Shores North, a great community, and a lot warmer than NJ! Happy, Healthy, Safe Travels in 2015! Willy & Vic Egg

Debbie Bragg - Treasurer



Hello from Texas. Our house is all decorated, the presents have been bought and baking will start next week. We are packing up the motorhome in preparation for our departure. We will be heading to Arizona on December 27, in hopes of joining up with many of you at the Desert Rat Rally.

Thankfully, things have been very quiet this year. Financially speaking, we are in good shape.

We had a wonderful, albeit, small rally in Branson, MO in October. There was fun, fellowship, and folly had by all. Check out some of Louie Burch's many photos.

Jim and I look forward to reconnecting with many of you this winter in the desert of Arizona and Palm Springs.

Mike Morris - Membership Director

Greetings from Pahrump, Nevada. It is a "chilly" 39 degrees on the patio and even Rosie (our cat) has second thoughts about venturing outside. The Pacific storm that flooded California before Christmas has provided a beautiful winter back drop with snow on the mountains surrounding the Pahrump Valley. It really does look like Christmas.

The Christmas and New Year holidays are a great way to enjoy family and friends, but it also serves as a reminder for ACA membership dues. The membership dues are the same as last year, \$15.00 and are payable by the 1st of January each year. Many members have asked if they can pay for multiple years at the same time and the answer is a definite YES.

Checks for 2015 or multiple years (please note years in memo field) should be made payable to Alpine Coach Association and can be mailed to either the Yakima address or directly to our Pahrump, NV address below. It is your choice, but keep in mind that we usually have the mailed forwarded from Yakima only once a month.

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Please also remember that all ACA members must be members in good standing with the FMCA. By being a member of FMCA in good standing, we are in compliance with their insurance liability so be sure to check the renewal date on your FMCA membership also.

A new roster for 2015 will be available sometime in February. This will allow the roster to be updated with those paying for 2015. If you have had a change in your physical address, mailing address or telephone numbers please include the new information with your 2015 membership dues. Please remember that with the new Member Roster format we also have the ability to list winter or summer address information, multiple email addresses and telephone numbers by member name.

On a personal note, Mary Ellen and I are in the middle of planning our 50th wedding anniversary with a five month trip to Alaska in 2015. We are also in the initial stages of planning a year long trip to Canada including the Maritimes, the eastern seaboard and a tour of the southern states with a return through Texas in 2016. With that in mind I am working with our president, Tom Cook to transition my membership duties during the 1st quarter of 2015, insuring our new and existing members receive the best possible support. If you would be interested in volunteering for the ACA Membership position please contact either Tom or myself.

Have a Very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe travels during the holidays!!!

Mike, Mary Ellen and Rosie ^.^

Welcome to First International Members
Geoff and Patricia Isard - Vernon, BC

National FMCA Director - Tris Swan

Christmas Greetings to you all!

The Western Area Rally is less than a month away, and you certainly don't want to miss all of the "Out Of This World" fun planned for this rally. **The registration fee increase scheduled for December 19 has been eliminated.** We are expecting a huge crowd for the event, slated for January 7 to 11, 2015, at the Riverside Fairgrounds in Indio, California. [Register online](#) or call (800) 543-3622.



Also coming up in the Golden State is FMCA's "California Gold" [Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase](#), which will take place March 26 to 29 at Fairplex in Pomona, California. This is shaping up to be a terrific convention in one of the nicest facilities in the country. Register online at [FMCA.com](#) or call (800) 543-3622. Also, the ACA Pre-Rally March 19 to 24 is a MUST DO event !

If you are interested in volunteering at either the Western Area Rally or the FMCA Family Reunion in Pomona, please contact Alice Bernard at bernardfrogfarm@yahoo.com – she is coordinator for both events!

[FMCA Road Assist](#) — This roadside assistance program is FMCA's newest member benefit. It will be available to U.S. and Canadian members for \$99 a year. Features include towing, jump starts, tire changes, winch-out services and more.

[FMCA Assist](#) is now included at **no extra** cost with your annual dues of \$40. Now you can save big dollars on both motorhome and car tires with the FMCA Michelin Advantage tire program. Details can be found at [FMCA.com](#).

It is not too early to start planning for Madison, Wisc. July 29 to Aug. 1, 2015: FMCA's 92nd Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase. The ACA Pre-Rally will be the week before!

Carolyn and I hope to see many of you this winter in California! In the meantime, have a wonderful holiday and a Blessed, Safe, Healthy, Productive and Prosperous 2015!



Tris Swan, FMCA National Director for ACA

If you are interested in attending a rally, check out the Alpine Coach Association website (www.alpinecoachassociation.com) for a registration form or email the rally hosts directly.

Looking for an Alpine Club Near You?

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REMINDER:

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Note: by being a member of FMCA in good standing, we are in compliance with their insurance liability.

Need to Contact a Board Member?

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Alpine Coach Association - 2015 Rally Calendar

Date	Rally Name/Location	Sponsor	Rally Hosts
January 6 - 11, 2015	Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	FMCA WMHA	Gail Stacy (Caravan Only) gjstacy@cox.net
January 14 - 18, 2015	2015 Super Show Rally Tampa, FL	ACE	Bill Dees, billdees@msn.com
January 14 - 22, 2015	Desert Rat Rally Quartzsite, AZ	ACA	Mike & Ann Fleming, annfleming@msn.com or mike@fleming.cc
February 11 - 16, 2015	Winter Blast Lake Havasu, AZ	SoCal	Joe & Micki Darling jdarling10@aol.com Nick & Ramona Escamilla Ramona324@hotmail.com
March 19 - 24, 2015	Pomona Pre-Rally Valencia Travel Village Castaic, CA	ACA	Mary Langford, marylangford@msn.com Carolyn Swan, swansnest2@verizon.net
March 26 - 29, 2015	FMCA's 91st Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase, Pomona, CA	FMCA	
April 9 - 13, 2015	LVM Resort Las Vegas, NV	SoCal	John & Gail Stacy gjstacy@cox.net Mike & Donna Hambarian GRBGMIKE@aol.com
June 21 - 26, 2015	Madison Pre-Rally KOA Kampground De Forest, WI		
July 29 - August 1, 2015	FMCA's 92nd Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase, Madison, WI	FMCA	
September 21 - 25, 2015	Riverbend Campground Pigeon Forge, TN	ACE	Joyce Putney, joyceputney@gmail.com
November 4 - 9, 2015	The Springs at Borrego	SoCal	Bob & Helena Mazzocco bobnhelena@roadrunner.com Rick & Judy Fisher judyfisher@gmail.com

Alpine Coach For Sale

2009 Alpine Coach Limited Edition 40MDTS 2009, lot of renovations. Black & Gold exterior, Cosmopolitan interior. New Michelin back tires summer 2014. I will bring Alpine to DDR at Quartzsite in January, 2015 if anyone is interested in checking it out. Delivery will be available in May, 2015. \$150,000. Holly Holly Muenzer (ACA 2006827) 707 218-5032.

Alpine Coach Wanted

Former Alpine Owner looking for 2006 - 2008 Alpine Coach, 34 or 36 foot. Please contact Jan Cook at rcook0395@charter.net, or 541-574-1926.



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