



**ALPINE COACH  
ASSOCIATION**

# A View From The Summit

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INFORMATION ON PAGE 5.

## Alpine Ladies Learn To Drive By Claudia Hansen Lockwood

They said **"Let's drive!"** and so we did.

Thirty eight Alpine Ladies turned out for driving lessons at the Yakima Fair grounds, with a fearless majority being total rookies to driving big rigs. Uhlmann RV provided three big Alpines and away we went, after we had been assured that driving lessons DID NOT include learning to dump, that was a total ixnay!

We were quickly divided into two groups: newbies and ladies who knew what they were doing. I have to admit I was pretty nervous until I had to wait a few hours for my turn and by then I was rarin' to go. Those with experience were not nervous, listen to **Linda Cain**, with a '99, 36 foot, mid-door, single slide: "I've driven the rig twice, once in the race last year. I didn't win, I came in last. I drove for one hour in Maine to practice and now I'm looking forward to a little more confidence when I drive, I would like to give my husband a break."



**The Graduating Alpine Driving Class of May 2008**

**Judy Burns**, 36 foot '04, was in the first group go out for lessons. She says, "I was nervous, but what helped me was to be the last person to drive in our group of three, so when he was telling others what to do, I was listening and by the time it was my turn, I was ready!" Judy added she felt confident to "hit the road", but was still leery of in-town driving.

**Virginia Aird**, 36 foot '98 rig, had never driven before, "I don't think that driving four feet back and forth at the dump station

counts, but I'm looking forward to this because I want to see if I can talk my husband into letting me drive for awhile."

**Linda Schroeder**, Poulsbo, WA, with a 36 foot '00 rig, was very enthusiastic. "I went the Quartzite Rally and I didn't meet a single person. This rally is completely different! We're meeting lots of people, everyone is friendly and I can't believe how well organized this is."

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## Alpine Ladies Learn to Drive (continued from page 1)

**Ciel Seabury**, of Souix Falls, SD, with a 40 foot Alpine, said, “I drove once at the Homecoming at the races and I did okay, but nothing to comment about, and it was a good time. I’m looking for a whole lot more confidence before I take it out on the road.”

“Wonderful,” was how **Debbie Hallend**, of Wilsonville, OR, with a 36 foot '02, said. “I was fun! **Joyce Jensen** was in the recliner and when I punched it and hit the brakes like they said, she slid out of the chair feet first, slid right up the plastic and landed at my feet!” There was lots of hooting and laughing and Joyce was the encouragement the instructors needed to require that we all “buckle up” after that. Joyce herself, said it was “fun, a very smooth ride. The brakes were the most amazing thing, not like a car when you slam on the brakes, but a soft stop.”

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**Pat Meadows**, Pacific Grove, CA, with an '08 36 footer, said her lesson was “Great!” She adds, “It was very interesting. It gives you the feeling of the brakes. It takes the fear down, but I would like more practice, I don’t think you can have enough and the teachers were **REALLY GOOD!**”

All the lady drivers had high praise for their instructors: **Jody Miller and Kip Barker** of 1-5 Uhlmann RV, **Jamie Jamison**, Alpine Rally Director, and an SOB Allegro Bus owner, **Dale Hannon**, directed ground traffic. His wife, **Molly Hannon**, drove the ladies to the rest room, yeah Molly!

**Sally Tucker**, Gresham, OR, with an '05 36 footer, declared the whole experience, “Fun!” Sally, who is famous for winning the RV races last year, added, “ It was informative, and I had a good teacher, Jamie, and it was an opportunity to drive the coach in a safe area. I learned about putting mirrors down during blind parking and I enjoyed the 360 degree turn. I was astounded at how much room there is to stop, it gives me peace of mind when my husband pulls up behind a car. I love this group and I love this rally!”

**Mary Stidham**, Puyallup, WA, with an ‘01 36 footer, says she was “really nervous” to drive. She adds, “I had a hard time adjusting the seats and the mirrors and Jody helped me with that. Once Jody said “here we go”, and then started talking me through it, it was fine. I love the 360 degree turn and I love slammin’ on the brakes!”



Mary Stidham thinking about hitting the brakes



Claudia Hansen Lockwood ready to drive

## Blind-Folded Drivers Run the Course By Claudia Hansen Lockwood

We had a big surprise when the driving lessons were over, we were told we were going to drive an Alpine rig through an obstacle course **BLIND-FOLDED!!**

Once we recovered our composure and the screaming stopped (not really), we were told we would only have to volunteer and six brave couples stepped forward. Here are their stories.

First, let's congratulate the winners: Peggy Parsons and Bill Blankenship. Both their spouses declined the blind-fold opportunity, but Peggy and Bill decided to go ahead and by being last and listening to what others said who had gone ahead of them, they developed a winning strategy: 1) defined their terms in advance and 2) practiced their turns before they started. Peggy drove and Bill guided and they made it all the way through the obstacle course, only tapping the last cone at the very end. Good work!

Back to the beginning though, here are what their competitors had to say.

The first couple was Kathy and Carl Nicholson, who were able to get about half way through the obstacle course. Says Kathy, the driver, "He was confused on his left and his right. Then he would say 'Let it go, let it go' I didn't know what I was supposed to do!"

Next up was Renee Perrault and husband Gary Arnold. Renee guided and Gary drove. "I screwed up, I thought we were going great but when I looked in the mirror we'd hit a cone!"

Next up, Sally Tucker, the guide, and Walter Tucker, the driver: "We hit something, I think I knocked out four cones!" says Walter.

Then Linda & Paul Wilkins who said it was really harder to give directions than you would think. "Straight" says Linda, "What does that mean?"

Guide Cathy and driver Denny Dormaier said it was hard to see the cones, even though Cathy declared Denny good at following directions.

Then Joyce and Brad Jensen did pretty well. Brad guided Joyce and rued that he had told her to "go straight" when he meant to say "straighten it out." Joyce said she didn't really need the blindfold because she was "blind" without her glasses on!

Then Peggy and Bill brought it all home. Great fun!



**That's a lot of cones when you're blindfolded!**



**The winners Peggy Parsons & Bill Blankenship**

## Alpine SoCal May 2008 Rally – Lake Powell Resorts & Marina Anne McDougal – Rally Master

Good fortune smiled upon us with only one windy day and otherwise beautiful weather. We had 24 coaches including guests in beautiful section C of the Wahweap campground. Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> was our arrival day and we held our usual pot luck social welcome. There was an activity scheduled for every day and people signed up “a la carte” in advance.

Wednesday, we did a slot canyon tour in two groups. Getting there by open bed truck was like an amusement park ride! The beauty was worth it!

Thursday a few of us headed up to Zion for lunch at the Lodge and a quick view of the park. That evening we had a social hour and pizza party,

Friday was a “Lake” day. Several of us took the 7½ hour Rainbow Bridge Tour offered by the Resort. Others opted to rent “party boats” to get there. The Rainbow Bridge, the world’s largest natural arch, is a “must see” for those who have not.

A tour of the Glen Canyon Dam was on the agenda for Saturday and we had an excellent tour guide. The evening started with margaritas blended by the world’s best – our very own Bill Figge and assistant Patti. We grilled on the community grill and shared delicious sides. Yum!

Sunday saw many of us head for the Grand Canyon Lodge for lunch and exploration of some of the well kept trails of the North Rim. It is breathtakingly beautiful and quite distinct from the South Rim.

Monday began early for those of us taking the float trip on the Colorado River starting below the dam and culminating at Lee’s Ferry. They set aside 2 rafts for our group and while they usually take 20 each, we had 14 in each group so we were all very comfortable. We were on the water about 3 ½ hours with a midway comfort stop that included a viewing of and lecture on petroglyphs. Our Navajo female bus driver entertained us on the way back by giving us some Navajo life details, including their custom and ritual of initiating a girl into womanhood – a four day event. Monday evening found us all at our farewell “KFC” dinner. It seemed the time had

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and enjoyed  
company



flown by and the con-  
that we had much fun  
the sharing of good  
and friendship.

This group looks like it’s ready to do a little “rollin’ on the river”

## ALPINE RALLY CALENDAR 2008—2009

June 27—28 2008	<b>San Juan Bautista, CA</b> Betabel RV Park	NorCal	Steve and Gayle Picha gpicha56@hotmail.com
July 8 -13 2008	<b>Hinckley, Minnesota</b> FMCA Pre-Rally	National	Louis Burcsh Labsr@aol.com
July 9-13 2008	Canyonville, Oregon at Seven Feathers	NoWACA	Elaine & Jim Ellis jeellis@msn.com Carol & Don Schock yumatrailertrash@hotmail.com
September 19-21 2008	Yucaipa Regional Park Oak Glen Apple Festival	SoCal	Dave & Donna Fernandez <a href="mailto:AlpineDriver@msn.com">AlpineDriver@msn.com</a> Ed & Donna Mathews <a href="mailto:ejm_mathews@msn.com">ejm_mathews@msn.com</a>
September 18 - 21 2008	Montague, Ca Montague Balloon Fair	NorCal	Harold and Carroll Borland chborl@juno.com
Fall 2008	Lancaster, Pennsylvania See page 9 for details.	ACE	Jesse & Shirley Rumberger <a href="mailto:jrumberger@aol.com">jrumberger@aol.com</a>
Oct 30 —Nov 1 2008	Sacramento, Ca Cal-Expo	NorCal	Tom and Nancy Polk tomvending@msn.com
November 11-17 2008	Branson, Missouri Heritage Rally <b>Price: \$395</b> <b>\$370 if paid by June 30th</b>	National	Andy Lewis firemans@embarqumail.com Renee Perrault reneegary@msn.com Willy Egg vwe734@optonline.net Paul Sullivan— sobersully@hotmail.com
January 2009	Quartzsite	National	By Committee— If you would like to volunteer, contact Basil Shannon Basil_shannon@yahoo.com
Feb or March 2009	New RV Park between Laughlin & Kingman, AZ	SoCal	Hugh & Cyndi Reed reedinvestors@aol.com Orville McGee & Mary Anne Ratcliff, hidija@aol.com
April 17—19 2009	Ranco CA RV Resort Aguanga, CA	SoCal	Jerry & Beck Farrow, Bfarrow@cox.net Russ & Lois Thomas russ@seeing- green.com
May 19-26 2009	Mule Days Fairground Bishop, Ca	SoCal	Chuck & Donna Hall, dchall002@gmail.com Bill & Patti Figge, figgebp@mac.com
May 2009	Pendleton Oregon	NoWaca	More info to come
Sept 2009	Visalia for Sequoia National Park	SoCal	Tom and Patty Dietrich, tpdietrich@sbcglobal.net Dan & Margaret Oriente, dwommo@msn.com

## NoWACA Gives Back by Barbara Smith



### The Burns Family from Wishing Star

The charity we chose was Wishing Star and they offered to send a representative to talk about the organization – we were delighted when the “representative” turned out to be a wish family. Wendy and Russ Burns told us about the organization, about their sons, and about their wish. The Burns have two sons, Konner and Kayden. Konner received his wish last year and attended a NASCAR race, met his favorite driver and went to Disneyland, and Kayden is currently on the wish list.

With the formalities done, and a couple of tables of auction items ready to go, Jamie decided he needed spotters, so Dave Dahners, Mike Gamble and Carl Nichol森 were recruited and then the fun began! Jamie asked Konner and Kayden to help him (or maybe it was the other way around), and the three of them together turned out to be a slapstick comedy team. What followed the next few hours could not have been planned – it was incredible. Between the antics of our auctioneers, Carl’s constant prompting, and the kindness and generosity of our members, we raised \$5,700 for Wishing Star.

I’m still in awe of how things fell into place – it didn’t come together as we originally planned...it was so much better. Thank you, everyone, for your kindness and generosity -- not only did we raise a significant amount of money for the charity, we came together as a group and did something wonderful for a family. Wendy told us afterward that the evening of laughter and friendship came at a very “down” time for their family. They were overwhelmed by the event, and so happy to watch their sons having so much fun.

### About Wishing Star

Established in 1983, The Wishing Star Foundation, Inc. is the oldest, wish-granting organization in Eastern and Central Washington and Idaho. Wishing Star grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses between the ages of 3 and 21. A child does not need to be terminal to qualify for a wish.

Wishing Star is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are dependent on individual gifts, fund raising, donations, grants and memorials. We are not funded by the government or United Way. Wishing Star is proud to report that only 5% of funds go towards administrative costs.

Besides making the wish experience one of the most memorable times in a child’s life, we believe that “once a wish family, always a wish family.” We continue to support these families who care for medically fragile children. We provide tickets to fun opportunities knowing that these families struggle emotionally and financially.

The final night of the NoWACA Homecoming Rally is a night that is sure to be remembered as a highlight of the rally and something we can all be very proud of.

The intent of the auction was to give back to the community where we held the rally, and to do this in the name of WRV and NoWACA. The plan was for the wagonmasters to gather up extravagant items and raise a substantial amount of money (maybe \$2,000) for the charity. Jamie was to be our auctioneer, and we received a great start when Frank Rouse donated a Vagabond water system for the cause.

As with all good intentions and plans...things change. First, the factory closed – no more WRV – so the decision was made to donate the money in the name of the former employees of WRV and NoWACA. Then the wagonmasters got busier than expected with their real jobs and no one could find the time it takes to acquire extravagant auction items (i.e., schmoozing), so a subtle plea was sent to all who planned to attend, and with the rally goes came a wonderful array of auction items.



### Jamie and helpers Konner and Kayden stir up the crowd

## From our President—Franklin Halasz



Dessa and Franklin Halasz

Dear ACA members:

Well, it's official: WRV is on the auction block. The site is [www.biditup.com](http://www.biditup.com). Or simply enter "wrv auction" into your favorite search engine. June 25 is the last day to qualify as a bidder; the actual auction will take place June 26 and 27. What a sad homecoming day that will be. Our hearts go out to all the former employees who built our wonderful machines.

And they are wonderful. Of course the RV experience is hardly unique to Alpine owners, but our coach has been like a magic carpet to us, carrying us in style as we cross and re-cross our fabulous country. Right now we're guests at another club's rally at Pendaries RV

park in North-central New Mexico, about 140 miles from Albuquerque. We've been listening to the wind in the pines, enjoying their aroma, and swapping lies with friends. In these days of climbing fuel prices, it's good to be able to get away from city life so completely, and enjoy a less-familiar part of the state, without draining the gas tank.

Well, if we can have such a good time just bumming around with other folks' clubs, what benefit is it to remain with ACA? Especially now that all the former Regions have to reconstitute themselves as independent FMCA chapters? Good question; your Board is trying to develop a good answer! Clearly, we have to reinvent ourselves. We can no longer count on large-scale support for our activities from the factory or from dealers; and national rallies are something of a luxury too. On the other hand, we must learn to be our own support group. As mentioned in my last letter, we are going to rely on our website for vital owner information and we're going to have to work on a format for owner support sessions, rather than relying on factory representatives, at the rallies we hold. We're planning on beginning those sessions at Hinckley, which is less than a month away; and Hinckley will be our first test as a completely independent owners' group. Several members have expressed concern that their coaches lost resale value when WRV closed its doors. If value is to be added, we must do it ourselves by making ACA an effective support group. Come to Hinckley if you possibly can.

A couple of administrative matters: Next month you will receive mail ballots for officers. Members will be casting their vote for President, Vice President for Regions and Treasurer. The office of VP for Regions will be redesignated as VP for Something Else, but that too will be redefined when the bylaws are complete.

This brings us to Bylaws and Standing Rules. We have had input from an FMCA review of our current bylaws as well as from Fred Royce's committee, but the product is not yet ready for prime time. We will have a product for the Membership to consider well in advance of our Fall meeting at Branson. Please bear with us.

In the meantime, let's get out and enjoy our great land. Hope to see you on the road!

Frank Halasz

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## Andy Lewis —Special Projects Director

Suzan and I wish you great travels this summer. Don't let the fuel prices prevent you from enjoying your travels.

Travel safe and we'll see you in Branson.

Andy & Suzan Lewis



## Earlene Bloomquist—Membership Director

Hello to Everyone hope you are having a wonderful summer. I know the last couple of months have been upsetting to most everyone because of the closing of WRV. Just want you all to know we can continue to have fun with each other and enjoy our time in our Alpine Coaches.

A reminder that annual DUES of \$35.00 are due on June 30, 2008. If you are not going to rejoin please notify me by email [jebloom@earth-comm.com](mailto:jebloom@earth-comm.com) or by snail mail.

Earlene & Jerry Bloomquist

Please note that the ACA mail service (Mail N More) is in Yakima and the following address is the correct address and had no connection to the WRV building.

Alpine Coach Association % Membership Director  
5808A Summitview Ave. #337  
Yakima, WA 98908

Also remember if you are not an FMCA Member you **MUST JOIN** as we are a Chapter of FMCA. In accordance with FMCA rules, I will be forced to remove you from the ACA Membership list if you are not a member of FMCA.

I hope all of you will be in Branson MO for the Heritage Rally in November. Those of you who are attending the Hinckley Rally have a wonderful time. My granddaughter will be graduating from the Seattle Art Institute with her BA after only 3 years so that's why Jerry and I will not be at Hinckley, but we will be in Branson.

Just to let you all know we had an awesome 3 weeks in China with a Go Ahead Tour Group. There were 48 of us and we made lots of new friends and have been in contact with all of them.



## Basil Shannon—Secretary

I used to say that if you had to worry about the price of fuel you should not have a motor home. Times have changed and we now have to at least consider what it will cost to move the coach from point A to point B. We just got back from a two week trip to Florida to visit #1 son and see our second Shuttle launch. If you want to see a launch better hurry as there are only 10 left. While not as convenient, it was much cheaper to fly especially with diesel as high as \$4.98 on the Florida Turnpike. \$4.98 a gallon times 140 gallons in the Apex equals \$697.20, slightly less than two coach round trip airline tickets from Corpus Christi to Orlando. OUCH!!!!

Basil & Sue Shannon

Are we going to end our 3 1/2 years full time lifestyle? Heck no! We are having too much fun. We will, however, make some adjustments by wintering at our new lot in Palm Springs and cut back staying in places we like.

We hope you are spending your summer in some cool place. We are stuck down here in HOT HUMID south Texas while I get cataract surgery. I may be able to go without the glasses for the first time since 1947.

## Renée Perrault—Newsletter Editor & Treasurer

I hope I don't end up eating crow over what I'm about to say (there are simply no GOOD recipes for crow) but talk of rallies not being good without dealership support is simply not true. The Dealers added a private RV show and a chance to preview new coaches, that will be missed but obviously not possible with the closing of WRV. We have become friends with Guaranty and Uhlman and many other dealers, we all miss seeing them but, I am fully convinced that with careful planning, and with member participation at rallies, we can still provide a quality Rally without dealer support. The key to planning is having enough coaches come to make it cost effective for all. The fewer coaches, the higher the cost to each member. If anyone out there is not planning on coming to a rally because of the demise of WRV or no dealership participation, you have to ask yourself, "Are you in the club to look at coaches or to enjoy your time with fellow Alpiners, see new places and share experiences?" I sincerely hope it is for the social aspects of the club, there are so many great Alpine owners all over the country to meet and share experiences with.



Renee Perrault &  
Gary Arnold

I'm going to do a blatant plug for the Branson Rally—it will have all of the elements of prior National Rallies and then some. This Rally will only work if our members give the time honored one finger salute to gas prices, load up their rigs and head to Branson. In route, from where ever you are, there are places to see and things to do. So....show your stuff and sign up for Branson, keep our club going and don't let the naysayers win!

## Claudia Gayhart—Immediate Past President

Danny & I traveled East this summer to spend time with family and friends. We began our journey at about 50 cents per mile and we are currently spending 60 cents a mile. We will head West in September to the tune of 70+ cents per mile if the reports we are hearing are accurate.

Despite the high fuel bills, we have decided to make our trip a series of "Staycations". This has become our new buzzword and we are living the RV lifestyle while enjoying more time in various locations. We have discovered several low or no-cost spots to park the RV for a few days and take the toad on mini-trips.

We have had our Alpine Coach for 8 years and have put over 100,000 miles on it. Many of those miles were accumulated while traveling to events to be with "you" - our friends from the ACA. We hope to see many of you in our future "staycations" around this beautiful country.

I want to share a favorite recipe of mine with you. It's a cool and refreshing summer dessert that is easy to 'make and take'.

### CRANBERRY FREEZE

3 cups cranberries – chopped (1 pkg)

1 ½ cups sugar

2/3 cups (1 can) mandarin oranges – drained & chopped

½ cup walnuts – chopped

1 cup Cool Whip

8 oz cream cheese – softened

Combine cranberries with sugar. Stir in oranges, nuts & cream cheese. Mix well. Fold in Cool Whip. Freeze overnight. Remove 1 – 2 hours before serving. Can be refrozen or refrigerated.

**Reminder: All ACA Members must be a member in good standing of the FMCA. Note that by being a member of FMCA in good standing, we are in compliance with their insurance liability.**

**WELCOME ABOARD NEW ALPINE COACH ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**  
**We look forward to meeting you at future ACA Rallies or at a Regional Rally.**

**Duncan & Shirley Bellinger**

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**Alpine Coach Eastern (ACE)**  
**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Rally**  
**September 8, 9, 10, 11, 2008**

THIS IS A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL ACE AND NON ACE ALPINE COACH OWNERS. THE ACE FALL RALLY will be held in Ronks, Pennsylvania at Flory's Cottages and Camping in Lancaster County.

All Alpine Coach owners are welcome whether you are an ACE member or not.

Feeling stressed out by shrill cell phones, congested freeways and blaring TV screens. Try escaping to a place where life moves at one "horsepower" and the skyline is made up of barns and trees instead of skyscrapers and power lines.

SO, fire up your rig, whatever its horsepower, and take a trip back to a simpler time. Beware of the villages such as Paradise, Bird-in-Hand, Blue Ball, and um, Intercourse. That one got its name by being a cross-roads. Strict Amish worship in German. Love to "mall shop"? Get your kicks at the 40 shops of Kitchen Kettle Village. And Women—watch who is doing much of the hard work in the field!!! Men—have you forgotten the reel lawn mowers? The landscapes are peaceful with fields and fields of crops, the smell of homemade goodies, buggies everywhere, colorful landscaping and much more. Learn the different types of Amish and how the Mennonites are different.

All reservations need to be in by July 1, 2008.

SO, plan your summer vacation to be in Lancaster County the second week of September for an unusual fun filled time with the Amish, "Old" friends and new acquaintances. If you have any questions, call Jesse Rumberger at (941)792-1218.

The cost of the Rally is \$320.00 for 2 ACE members per motor home or \$340.00 for 2 NON-ACE members. This price includes:

- 4 days of camping
- Sights & Sounds Theater
- Shady Maple Buffet
- Good & Plenty Restaurant
- First night potluck dinner

# 50% OFF MANUFACTURERS SUGGESTED RETAIL

RV Motors of Dalton, GA would like to clear the air of rumors. Jimmy Doyle is not related to Ron Doyle and the inventory has been on our lot prior to the closing of WRV.

The coaches are showroom new, the TV's were stolen and we are in the process of repairing and restoring each coach. Every coach that leaves our lot will be in showroom condition. Dealers are welcome to buy. **Don't cry, just buy!** A straight buy is your best option.

'05 FDTS 40'	Platinum, new, fixed back to specs
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'06 FDTS 40'	Cinnabark cherry, new, fixed back to specs
'06 FDTS 40'	Cinnabark, Ultra-Leather, new
'06 FDQS 40'	Platinum, new, loaded, fixed back to specs
'06 FDTS 40'	Platinum, new, Cherry, loaded

We have 6 mid door Apexes, all loaded.

5 are '07's and 1 '06, new, all colors

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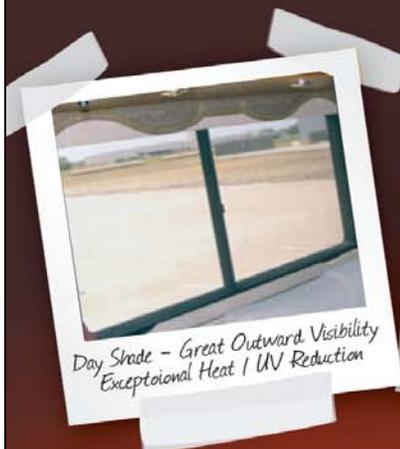
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## ACE North Ft. Myers, Florida Rally By Peggy Bacome

There were 16 coaches at the rally.

On Monday we greeted everyone with an Hors D'Oeuvres party and went over the agenda for the week. Tuesday we carpooled to Captiva Island and took the Captiva Cruise Ship to Cabbage Key for lunch at the Inn. We had dolphins swimming with us both ways.

Wednesday we carpooled to Ford-Edison Estate and had our own personal tour guide and then lunch at the Banyan Tree Café.

Thursday was breakfast buffet in the clubhouse with our business meeting after, then Rick Barna from WRV gave a talk and introduced Debbie from Long View RV. After introductions, Kevin Turell from Cummins Engine put on a presentation that was educational to everyone including the women. Door prizes were given out and sun visors to all the women. Long View furnished us with wine and cheese before a catered dinner in the clubhouse. Friday morning was coffee and donuts to say good-bye until September. Jim & Jodi Girouard did a wonderful job hosting this rally. We're sorry to say that they had to leave early because of the death of their daughter-in-law. They had worked so hard and wanted to see it through to the finish but family comes first and we all understood and our prayers were with them. We want to give them a great big THANK YOU!

Don't forget our Pennsylvania rally September 8, 9, 10, & 11, 2008. You can get an application by e-mailing Peggy Bacome at [Pjbacome@aol.com](mailto:Pjbacome@aol.com) and I will e-mail you the application file or call Jesse Rumberger and he will send you a file through the mail. Don't let these fuel prices stop you from meeting up with your Alpine Friends.

### WHAT'S YOUR "THING"?

Have we got any "Cloggers" out there? Mary Ann Ratcliff loves to clog and carries taps and music with her. Interested? Email Mary Ann at [Hiidija@aol.com](mailto:Hiidija@aol.com).

Do we have any jewelry beaders out there? I've turned into a beading fanatic....we drive from bead store to bead store—anyone else? Renee Perrault [reneegary@msn.com](mailto:reneegary@msn.com)

I know there are quite a few women in the club that do quilting—come on, let's hear from you.

Let's hear about some other hobbies that are great in the coach

Send an email to:

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**ALPINE COACH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL  
DUES ARE DUE BY JUNE 30TH  
See information on page 7**

## NorCal by John Knox

The Plymouth rally, our third so far, was an outstanding success for NorCal. Not only was it the biggest yet, it was also the best. Rally Hosts Paul and Peggy Parsons together with Bob and Sue Rockett did an outstanding job. Neither couple had hosted a rally before and they did it like old pros. Activities included tours of two wineries with a picnic lunch at one of them. The next day we had a guided tour of a hard rock gold mine which was very interesting. There were 16 coaches in attendance including six guests. We gained five new member coaches. There are now 26 coaches on our roster and we should gain at least two more by September.



NorCal has applied to become a FMCA Chapter in its Western division. ACA is a FMCA Chapter in the International division. The principle reason for our application is for the insurance coverage that we do not currently have. NorCal intends to remain in close association with ACA.

Frank and Dessal Halasz participated in the Plymouth rally. At our business meeting, Frank told us about the latest news from ACA. He stressed that there is an election coming up and that we need to think about the people we would like to see become officers. He also talked about upcoming rallies and stressed the importance of having good attendance at those rallies.

I want to thank Mike Fleming (EngineerMike of iRV2.com fame) for driving over from Auburn to attend our Plymouth business meeting. He provided the purpose and status of an Alpine Coach technical library that is being developed under the auspices of ACA. We should ALL do whatever we can to make this effort a success as YOU may be a beneficiary of this resource.

Tom and Nancy Polk have stepped up to the plate and scheduled our final 08 rally at Cal-Expo (Sacramento) for Thursday October 30 through Saturday November 1 (depart Sunday morning). They have some interesting things planned for us to do and this should be a good rally.

John Knox

## The New Alpine Coach Technical Library Has Been Launched! By Linda Cain

With the loss of WRV we thought we should maintain a library of documents, schematics, manuals and other technical material on our coaches; as well as information on modifications made by individual owners.

The Library can be accessed from the ACA home page:

<http://www.AlpineCoachAssociation.com>

So far Engineer Mike (Fleming) and I have been wading through whatever we have accumulated, but we would appreciate any additional materials that are available.

Right now the information is arranged this way:

**Brochures** - the Sales brochures given out by WRV or dealers.

**Alpine Owner's Manuals** - The book that came with the coach other than individual appliance and component manuals.

**Home Improvements** - Things people have done to make their "motorhome" more comfortable.

**Chassis & Brakes** - Other technical information, including troubleshooting guides & schematics.

**Components & Appliances** - This page lists and links to component & appliance manufacturers there is no technical information on this page.

We're also hoping to include any helpful "hints" that owners have come up with over the years; so please share your decorating, storage and creature comfort ideas with us.

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## Photo Request

It's time to do some updating of the ACA website and I need a few photos. What I'd like are photos of member's rigs in locations they find interesting. Please email the photos to [linda@vex.net](mailto:linda@vex.net) with your name and the location the photo was taken.



Linda Cain, Webmaster

## June Health Tip - Wino's Live Longer

Finally a health plan that doesn't include the E word—you know, exercise. Here's some benefits to drinking a glass or two of wine a day. The benefits are better with red wine and remember, a glass is **4 ounces**, health benefits decrease dramatically if you serve it in mugs.

### Nine Benefits to drinking wine:

#### 1. Promotes Longevity

Wine drinkers have a 34 percent lower mortality rate than beer or spirits drinkers.

#### 2. Reduces Heart-Attack Risk

Moderate drinkers suffering from high blood pressure are 30 percent less likely to have a heart attack than nondrinkers.

#### 3. Lowers Risk of Heart Disease

Red-wine tannins contain procyanidins, which protect against heart disease.

#### 4. Reduces Risk of Type 2 Diabetes

Moderate drinkers have 30 percent less risk than nondrinkers of developing type 2 diabetes.

#### 5. Lowers Risk of Stroke

The possibility of suffering a blood clot-related stroke drops by about 50 percent in people who consume moderate amounts of alcohol.

#### 6. Cuts Risk of Cataracts

Moderate drinkers are 32 percent less likely to get cataracts than nondrinkers; those who consume wine are 43 percent less likely to develop cataracts than those drinking mainly beer.

#### 7. Cuts Risk of Colon Cancer

Moderate consumption of wine (especially red) cuts the risk of colon cancer by 45 percent.

#### 8. Slows Brain Decline

Brain function declines at a markedly faster rate in nondrinkers than in moderate drinkers.

#### 9. An accidental overdose improves your dancing.

This has no health benefits for you but it's well known laughter is good medicine, so at least your audience will be healthy.



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