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Please help us keep your membership up to date, by logging in and checking to ensure your membership is current and that we have all of your current contact information.

WHO ARE WE?

CCI is a non-profit organization, 501(c)(7), centered on Fun and Fellowship. The Club was founded in 1984 and is a Chapter of the Family Motorcoach Association (FMCA).

WHAT WE DO

The Purpose of the Country Coach Club is to: provide a community for all Country Coach motorcoach owners to exchange information, provide opportunities for fun and fellowship, support CCI and FMCA activities such as rallies and FMCA conventions, provide a common communication and resource link for CCI members and to help our fellow Country Coachers.

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Reports to Members

President Report

CCI PRESIDENT
Bill Sax



Am I a bad person? We are in the heart of winter and Rita & I are enjoying our second season in central Florida. I can't stop looking at the weather apps on my phone & comparing our forecasts with our daughters back home in the mid-west. This weekend at "home" the high will be 14° with the low at 2°. But here in Florida it's going to be 83° for the high & 65° for the low..... So, here's the bad part, I keep sending them screen shots of our forecasts.

Part of it is 30 years working the streets as a police officer, regardless of the weather we worked in it. I can tell you stories of pushing cars, working traffic accidents and foot chases through the snow. Luckily, I never got seriously hurt, but I did make some spectacular falls on the ice! All those years I kept telling myself, someday I will be able to get through a winter without scraping off a windshield or shoveling a sidewalk.

Since our daughters followed me into the field, one is a police officer and the other a 911 dispatcher, maybe the way I should look at it is I'm giving my daughters something to look forward too. Or... maybe I'm just a bad person....

Anyway, we all know it's going to warm up (someday) and hopefully this COVID thing will diminish soon and we can all get back to normal. PLEASE!

Stay safe & stay healthy.

We'll be CCing you.....Bill

Reports to Members

Membership Report

From Buddy Bordes, VP Membership

Please welcome our new members!



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Treasurer Report

From Dianne Hegler, Treasurer



January 31, 2021 CCI OPERATING FUNDS*			January 31, 2021 CCI RALLY ACCOUNT*		
BEG BAL		\$6,846.77	BEG BAL		\$4,901.40
END BAL		\$5,512.07	END BAL		\$7,405.71
MONEY MARKET		\$52,967.43	NA		NA

*If you have questions about this Club's financial information, feel free to contact Club Treasurer, Dianne Hegler, via email at:

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Advertiser of the Month- Bright Idea Ventures

Gary and Debbie Glenn, fellow Country Coachers, started Bright Idea RV LED Lights back in 2017 after purchasing the LED business from fellow Country Coachers, Bill and Linda Herring.

Since that time, they have added several different products including, TopCoat F11 Sealant for your vehicles and added Bright Idea Purses this last year, selling Save the Girls Touchscreen Purses.

They carry over 50 different types of LEDs including Fluorescent Replacements and Microwave LEDs for your Motorhome and give personal assistance when you are not sure of what kind of LED you need for your coach.

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Tips on Buying an E Bike

By: Pat Gauch - Board of Director

My husband and I have been considering purchasing electric bikes for a couple of years. We both had conventional bikes but found we didn't do much bike riding because I did not have the stamina or leg strength to pedal for any distance. I finally sold my bike that was in like-new condition.

I have done a lot of research on e-bikes on the internet. There is quite a bit of information available; some helpful, some causing more uncertainty. I found there is a wide price range with the message "you get what you pay for." There are also size and style choices.

The information I am providing is from an article written by Owen Jesse in June, 2020. There is also a list of resources at the end that was very helpful.

An electric bike is a bicycle that uses an electric motor along with pedals and gearing of a traditional bicycle. Most e-bikes use a pedal-assist system where the rider is assisted by the motor. This enables the average riders to travel further than if they were using an unpowered bike. This makes e-bikes ideal for senior cyclists and riders with compromised abilities.

Types of Electric Bikes

1. **Commuter and Urban/City bikes** - this category is the most popular
2. **Folding e-bikes**- popular with commuters and some riders that have limited space for transporting and storage.
3. **Mountain e-Bikes** - come in hardtail (front suspension) and full suspension.
4. **Gravel** - mostly for the performance sector: hi speeds, long distance, efficiency.
5. **Cargo** - usually quite heavy; look for high capacity battery and powerful motor.
6. **Fat e-Bikes** - for getting through snow, mud, and sand.
7. **Retro style**
8. **Pedal Assist** - the motor kicks in when pedaling begins

Class 1 pedal assist - the electric drive must be activated through pedaling. Sensors measure pedal movement, pedal torque and/or speed. In most parts of the U.S. these bikes are limited to a top speed of 20mph. Due to the limited power these bikes are usually permitted in the same areas as a regular push bike: streets, bike lanes, bike paths and off road trails.

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Class 2 - usually activated by a throttle without pedal assistance. Many have pedal-assist functions. The top speed is limited to 20 mph and are permitted to be ridden in the same areas as regular push bikes.

Class 3 - Speed Pedals. These pedal assist bikes have a top speed of 28mph. They are permitted on roads and road bike lanes but are not allowed on bike trails and multi use paths.

Throttle only - class 2 where the motor is activated by a grip-shift lever or button and no pedaling needed. Many also feature multi-level pedal assist options. Working the throttle unassisted will drain the battery fairly quickly.

Terms

Watt hours (Wh) - a measure of available energy. This is probably the most important measurement to look for in e-bike specs. It is the most reliable measurement of the bikes battery capacity. Capacity is the amount of energy that the battery has available; the higher the number of watt hours, the more range that is available. The watt hours can be calculated by multiplying the voltage with amp hour.

Amp hours - look for this info on the battery and manufacturer's specifications. Amp hours is useful in calculating watt hours. Voltage x amp hours=Watt hours. Amp hours are usually in the range of 8Ah to 28Ah.

Voltage -relates to the entire system of the e-bike. Voltage generally relates to speed. The higher the voltage, the faster the e-bike can go. E-bike systems are usually between 24v to 48v.

Important components of an e-Bike

Batteries - look for a battery that offers slightly longer range than what you usually need. Buyers look for a huge battery to cover long range rides but they are quite heavy and thus add extra weight to the bike which in turn can slow you down and requires more power to handle the extra weight.

Range - the average range on an e-bike using moderate levels of assist is around 20-35 miles.

Battery life - most batteries are expected to last for 500 charges or 3-5 years. After 3-5 years the battery will not last as long on a charge as it did when new. Two well known battery manufacturers are Shimano (2yrs or 1000 cycles) and Bosch (2yrs or 500 cycles). Factors that may affect battery life are: storage, maintenance, use with heavy cargo, exposure to extreme temperatures and frequency of charging. Costs range from \$450- \$1200.

Charging - average time for a full charge ranges from 3.5 to 6 hours

Controllers - this device is the brain of the e-bike. It's connected to the bike's battery,

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motor, and throttle. It controls the power from the battery to the motor by pulsing on and off very quickly. It prevents excess stress and overheating of the battery and motor. The controller sets a limit on how many amps are allowed to the motor.

Motor - usually noted in wattage: 250, 350, 500 and 750.

- a. Hub motors are situated within the hub of an e-bike's rear or front wheel. Rear hub driven motors are the most common and most affordable option
- b. Geared - internal nylon gears to reduce the motor's output to optimal speed and efficiency. These are the choice for more torque.
- c. Direct Drive - has less torque than geared hub motors.
- d. Mid Drive - motors between the cranks. These require a specific kind of frame.

Brakes - disc brakes are better. Mechanical disc brakes are reliable and easily adjusted. Hydraulic brakes are more powerful but may require professional adjustment and repair. Rim or V-brakes require increased stopping distance.

Torque - power to climb hills at a faster speed for a longer period of time.

Prices

\$500-\$700 range. Expect a hub driven motor in the configuration similar to an e-bike conversion. These can be found at big box retailers. Brakes may be rim brakes or even drum brakes. Frames are usually steel and heavy aluminum. Can be bought from online dealers and delivered partially unassembled.

\$700-\$1400 - usually hub driven. Frames are mid range aluminum. Components may be similar to those found in the \$250-\$500 pedal powered bikes.

\$1400-\$2500 - may have a mid drive system including Bosch and Shimano. Frames may be of lighter, higher quality aluminum construction.

\$2500-\$3500 - you get a more powerful mid-drive motor and a higher capacity battery. Hydraulic brakes should be standard. Integrated lights and accessories are usually included. Frames are high quality aluminum.

\$3500-\$10,000 - full suspension mountain e-bikes, high end commuters, performance e-Gravel and drop-bar road bikes fall in this price range. Components are high level, high quality and durable. Frames can be made from carbon fiber. The motors will be powerful and batteries high capacity.

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E-bike Laws

Electric bike laws vary from state to state. It is recommended to check local laws before purchasing an e-bike. Especially true if ordering online as the bike may be tuned to match the laws of another state or country.

In many areas e-bikes are classified into 3 categories which affect where you can ride and the speed you can go. All classes are limited to a motor size of 750 watts.

The information above is brief. Go online and get information on e-bike brands and manufacturers. I found reviews very helpful but did not recognize most of the brands. The e-bikes we are looking at are the Rad e-bike, Adventon e-bike, EcoMotion e-bike, Himiway and Pedego. The Pedego e-bike is the only one that has a shop near us. It is a little more expensive, well made and heavy. We have found that the longer we wait the longer we have to wait for delivery because e-bikes have become very popular during COVID.

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Inverter Info

By Gregg Bootes

Tech Support

One of the many questions Country Coach Technical Support receives each month is, *“I’ve lost power to all my coach outlets. I checked the 110 volt breaker box and none of the circuits are tripped. What do I look for now?”* Before I answer that question, you should understand a little bit about how the 110 volt outlets in your coach get their power.

The inverter in your coach serves several different functions, it converts 12 volt battery power to 110 volt power for most of the coach outlets and it charges the house batteries when 110 volt power is present. It also acts as a transfer switch between inverter supplied 110 volt power and 110 volt power from the coach shore cord or generator to the outlets. There are normally two separate outlet circuits from the inverter, one to power the microwave outlet and another to supply the majority of the other outlets in the coach.



Many newer coaches have a separate dedicated breaker panel just for the inverter located inside the coach adjacent to the main breaker panel. Most older and some newer coach outlet circuits are protected by breakers located on the inverter, usually reset buttons on the front or switches on the side of the case. Inverters vary in location by coach type but the following should supply you with a general location to find them and the circuit breakers if so equipped.

Tribute & Inspire – Driverside first bay behind front wheels.

Allure & Intrigue – Passengerside bay behind drive axle wheels, older models have a removable cover above batteries to access. Newer Intrigues may be located in electric bay, second bay forward of the drive axle.

Magna & Affinity – Older units in electric bay, first bay behind front wheels and newer units is the second bay forward of the drive axle.

After the inverter circuit breaker on the main outlet circuit is a GFI (Ground Fault Interrupt) plug that protects all the outlets after this plug if there is a ground loss. If the GFI blows, you will lose power to most of the outlets in the coach, except for the microwave plug. GFIs are normally placed near a sink or water source on the side of a cabinet or underside of an upper cabinet. Many coaches have the GFI as the first outlet of the circuit, so they will be located in the bedroom on the face of a cabinet, side of the bed, or the bed nightstands. They are not always easy to find but the coach will always be equipped with at least one GFI device to protect the plugs in the coach.



Basic checks for no power at outlets should be to inspect the circuit breaker that the coach is plugged into or the breaker on the generator. Then look at the breaker panel inside the coach, both the main and the inverter breaker panel if so equipped. Next locate the GFI plug in the coach and see if the “reset” is tripped, attempted to reset the plug. Last locate the inverter, check to see if the breakers on the inverter are tripped, and recheck for power after each step. At this point if you still do not have any outlet power, it would be recommended to have a qualified technician inspect the electrical system to locate the problem. *Good luck!*

Tech Talk by Doug Beaudry

“Using Your Inverter”



Inverter/Charger Basics

The inverter/charger combines within a single unit two different electrical functions. As an inverter, it transforms (inverts) 12 VDC battery power into standard, household 120 VAC power. As a charger, it monitors the batteries and, when AC power is available, it recharges the batteries as needed. Sitting between these two functions is a power transfer switch that automatically shifts the AC loads (the house appliances, for example) between incoming AC power (generator or shore) and inverter power. This arrangement allows you to enjoy the utility of conventional AC appliances in your coach at all times just as you do in your home.

Equipment Bay Location

In class A motorhomes, the inverter/charger is wired into the coach as an integral component of the electrical system. The unit is typically located in a lower equipment bay, where it is out of the way. A circuit breaker on the front of the unit provides protection. If the circuit breaker trips, simply reset it by pushing in the button or resetting the breaker. The main on/off power switch is nearby. However, the inverter/charger is designed to be a trouble-free unit that is controlled exclusively from the remote panel inside the coach. Avoid turning it off and on inside the equipment bay, on most inverter models that switch located at the inverter should always be in the off position to enable the interior panel or switch to turn the inverter on/off.

CAUTION: The inverter/charger housing becomes warm from use. Maintain ample free space around the housing to ensure sufficient air circulation.

Remote Access Panel

The inverter/charger has been factory pre-configured for operation in your particular coach. The operating controls for daily operation and changing the configuration are available on a remote panel located conveniently inside the coach. Depending on the make and model of the inverter/charger, remote access might be through an accessory panel that matches the inverter/charger. Or access might be through the display panel for the house monitor system provided by a different manufacturer such as Silverleaf. When such multiple control panels are available, they all retrieve and display the inverter/charger settings from the same physical unit within the equipment bay, like different TVs that can display the same set of viewing channels.

Invert Mode

When AC power is available from the generator or from a shore connection, the inverter stays in standby, waiting for a condition that activates it. If AC input power disconnects, fails, or exceeds configuration and quality specifications, the inverter/charger quickly transfers AC power generation to the inverter. At that point, direct current (DC) from the coach batteries is transformed (inverted) into alternating current (AC) for providing uninterrupted power to the household electrical appliances (the AC loads). When you will not need inverted power for extended periods, we suggest turning off the inverter function.





Since the source of power for the inverter comes from the house batteries, extended use of the inverter can quickly deplete their charge. That's why the inverter is not intended to function as a primary source of 120 VAC power. Instead, consider using it only when shore power is unavailable and use of the generator is restricted.

Charge Mode

Alternating current (AC) available from shore power or the generator is transferred directly to the domestic appliances and other AC loads. At the same time, any surplus incoming AC is converted to direct current (DC) for recharging the coach batteries, depending on their state of charge. In normal usage, the charger function is left turned on at all times.

Battery Charging Stages

The charging function typically follows a programmed three-stage charging process. It cycles through the following stages to ensure a fast, safe, and complete charge.

1. **Bulk** charging replaces 80% of capacity very quickly. Charge current is controlled while the battery voltage is allowed to rise until it reaches the absorption level.
2. **Absorption** charging replaces the remaining 20% of capacity. Charger voltage is held steady while current is allowed to drop as the battery reaches full charge.
3. **Float** charging applies a lower, constant voltage at a safe predetermined value. This prevents the battery from being overcharged, yet it allows the charger to supply enough current to make up for the self-discharge losses of the battery while supporting the additional loads wired directly to the battery, such as CO detectors and DC lighting.

Battery Equalization

Many chargers provide equalization maintenance. This feature prevents flooded lead acid batteries from aging prematurely. It is not part of the routine three-stage battery charging process. Equalization is user activated after the battery enters the float stage. In this state, the battery continues to be charged by a small current at high voltage. This forces the battery to its highest possible state of charge, which dissolves any crystals of lead sulphate that may have collected on the battery's plates. Generally, equalization is useful to perform every 20 to 50 charge cycles.



“Cherry Blossom Time in Washington, DC”

WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 9-14, 2021

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Panorama of Washington DC's Tidal Basin with Views of Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial



You'll hear DC locals talking about “the Mall”; they aren't about to go shopping. They're referring to the National Mall, a 2.2 mile long stretch of land in the heart of downtown DC. The Mall contains just about everything you've got on your bucket list. The monuments, memorials, and more are all here.

MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS:

Washington Monument Lincoln Memorial Jefferson Memorial WW2 Memorial
Vietnam Memorial Korean War Memorial MLK Memorial FDR Memorial

NOTABLE BUILDINGS, MUSEUMS, AND MORE:

The White House US Capitol US Supreme Court Library of Congress
National Archives National Gallery of Art Holocaust Museum Museum of the Bible

OTHER POSSIBLE AREA MUST SEES

Smithsonian Institution Annapolis Gettysburg

DC CHERRY BLOSSOMS:

In 1912, Washington, DC, was gifted 3,000 cherry trees from the city of Tokyo. Over 100 years later, the spring blossoms are still one of America's most beautiful sights. The capital's cherry blossom season is famously temperamental. The city is said to be in “peak bloom” when 70% of the trees are actively flowering, and this can happen anywhere from March 15 to April 18, lasting for only a few days.

MOUNT VERNON

George Washington's preserved estate and grounds

"Cherry Blossom Time in Washington, DC"

WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 9-14, 2021

RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

Pilot Name: _____ Co-Pilot Name: _____
Pilot Cell: _____ Co-Pilot Cell: _____
Pilot eMail: _____ Co-Pilot eMail: _____
Home City/State: _____ How you heard of Rally: _____
Is this your first CCI rally? Yes ___ or No ___ Are you a CCI member? Yes ___ or No ___
FMCA #: _____ CCI #: _____ Coach Year/Model: _____ Length: _____
Pilot shirt size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ Other ___ Tall ___
Co-Pilot shirt size: XS ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ Other ___
Emergency Contact Information: Name: _____ Phone: _____
Guest(s)/Child(rens) name(s): _____ Check here if a child: _____
Special meal requirements? (we will do our best to accommodate)? _____

Important Campground Fee Information

Your Rally Fee covers rally expenses except the campground site fees, which you pay directly to the campground. Once you register for the rally please contact the campground directly to arrange for your site. **The Campground Registration deadline is Mar 9th.** Check with the Registration Office about their cancellation policy. Spaces are **\$73.80 (includes taxes, Back in)** per night. There is limited site availability at this rate before and after the rally. Be sure to tell them you are with Country Coach International!

Cherry Hill RV Park Phone: (301) 937-7116
9800 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD, 20740

Your Rally Fee is \$150 per CCI member, \$200 per non-member. Your rally fee includes all tour fees & meals listed on the previous page. There will be time for exploring other area attractions as listed on the prior page.

# of registrants (including guests & children)	\$150 CCI member price \$200/non-member price	I have CCI Bucks I would like to use. Insert amount.	Total of Check Enclosed
#	\$	\$	\$

Final Deadline to Register is March 9th, 2021

*Registration is limited to **35** coaches, registered by date on form and/or online and payment received. Additional registrations will be placed on a waiting list for any cancellations that may occur.

*Registrations cancelled after **March 9th** may not be eligible for refund due to prepaid costs for the rally. Rally reservations cancelled before Deadline will incur deductions for non-refundable items (i.e. credit card fees, prepaid fees).

Payment options:

To use a **credit card** please register online at www.CountryCoachClub.com. For **Checks**, make payable to Country Coach International. Mail form and check to: Tammy Toalson, 8430 Kingswood Rd, Panama City, FL 32409.
On The Road Again

Questions or comments call Tammy Toalson at (850) 866-5758

What kind of antifreeze should I use in my Hydro-Hot?

Compiled from the Country Coach Tech Topics site by Mike Cebula

by James Jordan, Country Coach Service Training Manager

• As published in the WINTER 2007 issue of Country Coach Destinations

Question: What kind of antifreeze should I use in my Hydro-Hot?

Answer:

The answer depends on the internal construction of your unit. Early models used by Country Coach had a double walled heat exchanger and used standard automotive anti-freeze in a 30/70 mixture. That's 30% anti-freeze and 70% water. Newer units have a single wall heat exchanger and therefore require the use of a boiler coolant that the FDA rates "Generally Recognized as Safe" or GRAS. This coolant should always be used in a 50/50 solution and in fact, is usually purchased in a pre-mixed formula. How do you tell which style you have? You can always take down the model and serial number and give Technical Support a call, or you can identify the vintage by noting the size of the cap on top of the unit. New style units use a standard automotive style radiator cap while the original units have a large (approximately 4") round metal cap with a bail handle on top. Important Note: If in doubt, give Technical Support a call at 800-452-8015, or use boiler coolant to top off your system. If you use automotive anti-freeze in the single-wall units it will be necessary to drain, flush and refill the entire system. This is an expensive and labor-intensive undertaking.

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CCI 2021 Rallies

CCI is in the planning phase on many events and themes. We are currently working with other CC Clubs as well as host sites. More information will be available in upcoming issues of the eNews.

April 9-14
Cherry Hill RV Park
College Park, Maryland

Cherry Hill Park is a family-owned and operated campground that has been in the Gurevich family for 5 generations. We love hosting guests from all across America, from all over the world, and from just down the road in our home state of Maryland.

July 12-16
Santa Fe Skies RV Park
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Nestled on the Western Slopes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains looking out upon the vast Rio Grande Valley, the City of Santa Fe has stood for nearly four hundred years underneath beautiful blue New Mexico skies. Santa Fe Skies RV park is located just south of Santa Fe city rested on the top of a hill. Visitors can enjoy the wonders of the nation's oldest capital city and take in the spectacular beauty of the region. Enjoy our beautiful panoramic view of the total Santa Fe area with unobstructed sunrise and sunset views from the Turquoise Trail!

July 25-31
Rapid City, South Dakota

We are currently working on getting a rally! – More details to come in the future

October 5-10
Buckhorn Lake RV Resort
Kerrville, Texas

Perfectly located in the Heart of the Texas Hill Country, you will find everything you would expect from a premier RV Resort. Every site features complete landscaping, full hookups, and concrete pads. All our guests will appreciate the wide paved roads and ease of access.

**We are always looking for rally locations. If you have any ideas or would be interested in assisting in hosting a rally, please contact:
Tammy Toalson at VPRallyCoordinator@countrycoachclub.com**

CCI Facebook Pictures

We ask our members to post pictures of themselves either with their Country Coach or just having fun! Watch for pictures to be featured in our eNews.



**Don & Sue Hutchins
2008 Allure**

**Max & Dianne Hegler
2008 Allure**



**Watch for more photos next month!
or
email your photos to:**

debbie@brightidearvledlights.com



George and Janet Sanders - 2003 Magna



All Rallies Calender

2021 UPCOMING RALLIES

2021

MARCH

March 9-12
Northwest CCers
Florence, OR

March 10-13
FMCA Int'l Rally
Perry, GA

APRIL

April 9-14
Country Coach Int'l
Washington DC

April 13-17
Rocky Mountain
CCers
Fort McDowell, AZ

April 19-23
FMCA INTO Rally
Lebanon, TN

April 19-24
CCFI
Tucson, AZ

JUNE

June 9-12
FMCA-Great Lake
Area Rally
Allegan, MI

JULY

July 7-10
FMCA Int'l Rally
Gillette, WY

July 12-16
Country Coach Int'l
Santa Fe, NM

July 25-31
Country Coach Int'l
Rapid City, SD

July 29-August 1
FMCA-Northeast
Syracuse, NY

AUGUST

August 16-19
FMCA-Midwest
Manchester, IA

SEPTEMBER

September 27-30
Northwest CCers
Westfir, OR

September 29-Oct 2
FMCA-Eastern Rally
Lewisburg, WV

OCTOBER

Oct 5-10
Country Coach Int'l
Kerrville, TX

October 6-9
FMCA-South Central
Hutchinson, KS

October 20-23
FMCA-Rocky
Mountain Rally
Tucson, AZ

Dates - TBD
Rocky Mountain
CCers
Albuquerque, NM



If your Country Coach Club has a rally event that is not listed here, please contact the Club at club@countrycoachclub.com so we may include your event(s)."

"See Page 3 for all Country Coach Club websites and Club contact information.

Benefits of Membership

INFORMATION AND ACCESS

- Dedicated Club website
- Member's Directory online
- Library of Technical & DIY Articles
- Member's Facebook Forum
- Country Coach Brochures & Specs
- Online breaking news through the CCI Facebook Page
- Regional Clubs' news
- Forms available for download online
- Services & Parts Resources
- One FREE Ad for your CCI/RV or Product/Service

QUALITY MONTHLY eNEWSLETTER

- Professionally designed monthly eNewsletter -
ON the ROAD AGAIN,
- Sent via email only to members in good standing, or for a limited time to members with dues payment in arrears.

ACCESS TO all CLUB OFFICERS

- Phone: Call the specific Officer to address your need
- Email CCI:
club@countrycoachclub.com
- Club Website:
www.countrycoachclub.com

TRAVEL PLANS HELP

- Use the Member's FaceBook Page for advice on routing, sights, and trouble spots
- Real-time, on-the-road help with mechanical problems, post a problem to the member's Internet Forum for quick replies

COUNTRY COACH RALLIES

- Enjoy camaraderie with fellow owners of The World's Finest Motor Coaches at rallies around the country.
- CCI offers multiple rallies per year.
- Independent Regional Country Coach Clubs across the nation also rally several times per year in their particular geographic regions.
- CCI will often partner and do joint rallies with these Regional Clubs

SERVICES AND PARTS RESOURCES

- Member Discounts & Special Offers from over 40 Partners of CCI. Many are listed here in the News.
- Place one FREE classified ad per year in the classified section of the Club website. Visit the website for details.

CCI Valued Partners

To learn more about each of these partners and the details of their special offers visit:
<https://countrycoachclub.com/>

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www.BrightIdeaVentures.com

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800-305-9045
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Countryside Interiors

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www.DLHDesigner.com

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www.AmericanCoach.com

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kvn.wt.7629@gmail.com

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Wholesale Warranties
a Network of Dealerships
800-939-2806
<https://wholesalewarranties.com/quote-forms/rv-warrantyquote/?sr=50%25LandingPage>

If you have received great service or assistance from any CC related issues, please send your recommendations to: club@countrycoachclub.com

Five Years of CCI Rallies

If you have a great, possible rally site in mind, let us know. Just eMail Tammy Toalson (VPRallyCoordinator@countrycoachclub.com) with information and why you think it would be a great destination.

Past events

Oct 2020	Savannah, GA	Jan 2018	Tampa Supershow, Tampa, FL
Jan 2020	Lakeland, FL	Sep 2017	Virginia Historic Triangle, VA
Sep 2019	Foxboro, MA	Jul 2017	Vendors Galore, Columbus, IN
Jun 2019	Door County, WI	Feb 2017	Friends and Fun in the Sun - Lazydays, Tampa, FL
Mar 2019	Tucson, AZ	Oct 2016	My Old Kentucky Home, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY
Dec 2018	St Augustine, FL	Apr 2016	Meet me in St Louis, St. Louis, MO
Oct 2018	Dandridge, TN	Feb 2016	Fun in the Sun, Lazydays, Tampa, FL
Jul 2018	Colorado Springs, CO	Sep 2015	Waterfalls, Wineries and Gorges - Watkins Glen, NY
Mar 2018	New Orleans, LA		