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## CORNER *Roger Stickley # 106217*



PRESIDENT'S

This Newsletter finds Dee and I at the Florida Grande Motor Coach Resort, Webster, FL, where we just finished the Mid-Year Board Meeting and the 2014 Maintenance Session (MS) Planning Session. Officers and the Board along with 2014 MS Chairmen met for three days. These two meetings are always very productive and give MS volunteers a chance to get the details worked out for our late spring MS.

This year's Board Meeting was very interesting, and as you'll read below we made a very important decision about the 2014 MS.

Dee and I are still trying to slow down to a more relaxing pace after a very hectic month. We picked up a new to us HR motor home in Fort Worth, TX. After driving the new motor home back to Oklahoma, our friends and family helped us load the new rig. Immediately, we left for our 1,300 mile drive to Florida arriving on a Tuesday morning to park at the Tampa RV Show. We and other Chapter 419 members staffed the Monaco RV booth trying to sign up new members and getting out the word about Chapter 419. Then, on the following Sunday we moved to Florida Grande for the meetings. To say we are just now winding down is an understatement. Now we are able to try and find items we think were packed in this new rig, but we're not sure.

In this Newsletter issue you'll find great information about the upcoming 2014 MS along with details and information about some of the many activities planned for this year. If you've not sent in your registration, I urge you to send it in soon. See you in Goshen in early May!

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### ***Breaking News from your Board of Directors***

As most of you are aware, our parent club, Holiday Rambler Recreational Vehicle Club, HRRVC, has continued to experience losses in total membership numbers, and we here in the Ramblin' Pushers have also started seeing declines in total membership, although not as dramatic as HRRVC. For the first time since 2005 Ramblin' Pushers may well be below 700 members. These numbers have also started to affect numbers registering for the 2014 MS with attendance projected to be down by 15% - 20%.

As much as we would like to say these numbers will improve through a more focused effort on signing up new members that really isn't likely. Several things contribute to these declines but one that has clearly had significant impact is the lack of newly produced HR Diesel motorhomes in the market for sale. It's clear there are signs this will soon change as the manufacturer brings back production, however it will not positively impact our membership for a while.

As many of you know, there has been discussion for many years about including other Monaco Diesel products in the MS. After much discussion the Board has agreed we should explore this opportunity and in fact voted to open the 2014 MS to all Monaco Diesel Products or as we refer to them "Sister Ships". We believe this will allow us to better evaluate our overall capability with the MS and also allow many of our friends who own "Sister Ships" to experience, as our guests, what has become a one of a kind event. Please join us in welcoming these fellow RV'ers and "Sister Ships" as they reap the benefits of the 2014 MS. (See pp. 3 - 11, 28 for more information.)

The Board has committed to reevaluating other possibilities as well as any actions as it relates to non-HR diesel owners after the conclusion of the 2014 MS to determine any future implications for future MS.

*Board of Directors*  
*Ramblin' Pushers, Chapter 419*

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# Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419



## Purpose

The Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419 Newsletter is published quarterly, to help fulfill the:

## Chapter Mission:

*"To Provide Information To Our Members To Help Them Safely and Properly Operate and Maintain Their Respective Holiday Rambler Diesel Motorhomes and Enhance Their Ownership Experiences."*

The purpose of this Chapter Newsletter is to inform members of ways other members have diagnosed problems and maintained their Holiday Rambler motorhomes, recalls, new products, information about the manufacturer of HR motorhomes, and the next MS.

This Newsletter does not necessarily share the best way to repair items, but shares ways other members have found to work for them. Members are encouraged to use their owner's manuals, the Holiday Rambler Tech Line, Holiday Rambler Repair Centers, other supplier information and web / phone support to diagnose and fix problems with the best information for their particular motor home. See pages 20, 21, 22, 32, and 33 for more contact information.

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OVERLOOK**



Betsy Brock, Aransas Pass, TX



# 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

## From the 2014 MS Event Coordinator

Registrations have been steadily arriving; and the Volunteer Chair has been compiling the list of potential volunteers for each Chairman. My thanks to everyone who has already registered early; and I would like to encourage those who haven't registered yet to do so as soon as possible. We can't wait to see everyone there enjoying the social and educational opportunities. A big welcome to our "Sister Ships" from Monaco, Beaver and Safari and know they will enjoy the MS as much as we do.

Remember, we're following the same parking procedures as last year, which got so many positive reviews in the evaluations. In order to park together, you must register and arrive together. Several groups have already signed up to arrive and park together this year.

I'm working on filling a couple of remaining Chairman positions and would like to give my hearty thanks to those who have already stepped up to volunteer to fill these important roles.

## 2014 MS Teams

### **Commercial Activity Team**, John Jones

- *Holiday Rambler RV Interface* (George Coolidge/Jim West),
- *Coach Display & Service Providers Chair* (Dempsey Brooks)
- *Vendors Chair* (Bill Farmer).

### **Educational Program Team**, Jim Grossman

- *Seminars and Scheduling Chair* (James West),
- *Ladies Activities Chair* (Shirley Crow),
- *Manufacturing Tours Chair* (George Coolidge),
- *Maintenance Session Program* (Paulette Jones),
- *Printer Interface* (Paulette Jones),
- *Mentoring Chair* (Robert Kiser)
- *Round Tables Chair and Seminar Hosts Chair*, unfilled

### **Administrative Activities Team**, Cheryl Davis

- *Greetings Chair* (Terri Gallagher),
- *Registration Chair* (Marg Hawkins),
- *Greeters for ECCC Chair* (Jean Harrison),
- *Goody Bags Chair* (Judi Libby),
- *Maintenance Session Office Chair* (Deb Isett), and
- *Evaluations Chair* (Cheryl Kiser).

### **Building and Grounds Team**, Ray Blush

- *Information/Transportation Chair* (Tim Gallagher),
- *First Aid Chair* (Mitch Butler),
- *Parking Chair* (Matt Libby),
- *Coach Weigh/Propane Sniffer Chair* (Jerry Davis),
- *Golf Carts* (Dean Yoesting)
- *Engineering Chair* (Paul Miller)
- *Audio/Visual Chair* unfilled to date.

### **Food Services / Hospitality Team**, Lynn Yeargain

- *Outside Food Vendor Chair* (Harvey Payne),
- *Dealer Social and Closing Dinner*

### **Member Events Team**

- *Off Site Dinners/Theater* (Darlene Gerstenslager),
- *Bingo* (Lynn Yeargain),
- *Book Exchange* (Marg Hawkins)
- *RV Related Flea Market* (Bob Harrison, Darlene Gerstenslager)

### **Maintenance Session Other Team**

- (Who work in the spotlight & behind the scenes to make this event a success)*
- *Chaplain* (Larry Hawkins),
  - *Master of Ceremonies* (Keith Chapman),
  - *Photographer* (Dale Barstow), and
  - *Volunteer Chair* (Paulette Jones)

These very capable ladies and gentlemen are working tirelessly to make the 2014 MS even better than ever. I can't thank them enough for the time and effort they are taking to make your MS a success.

You will find several articles in this issue of our Newsletter with information about this year's MS. In addition, the following information will be provided to all attendee's via email or by USPS mail if you don't have email a few weeks prior to the MS:

- Directions to Elkhart County Fairgrounds with arrival routes to take
- Coach Weighing sign up information for requesting to be weighed upon arrival
- Basic parking hand signals
- Electronic copy of Program
- Some additional pre-arrival Information, i.e., parking procedures, parts availability update, early parking information, and arrival day seminar and tours information if any
- Contact information on Service Providers so work can be scheduled ahead
- Mentoring form
- Other items as may be appropriate

Again, thanks to all who have or are going to register and all the volunteers who will be making the 2014 MS so special. We'll see you in Goshen.

*John Jones*  
*Chapter 419 Vice President*  
**2014 Maintenance Session Coordinator**  
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# 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

## Join the Fun! Volunteer

### Message from the Volunteer Coordinator

First, let me thank everyone who has already expressed a desire to volunteer on their Registration Form. It's our tireless volunteers who make the MS the success we have grown to expect year after year.

There are a few areas, however, where we still need some additional help this year. If you will volunteer your time, we really need you to be in charge of these areas.

We are still in search of **Chairmen** for the following positions:

- **Audio/Visual,**
- **Seminar Hosts and**
- **Round Tables** (see p. 5)

The job descriptions for **Audio/Visual Chair** and **Seminar Hosts Chair** appeared in the last Newsletter. The job description for **Round Table Chair** is in this issue. If you have the skills set to chair one of these teams, call me or **John Jones**, the MS Event Coordinator, (386-965-5233).

I look forward to your call or email to let me know you can help us out with these committees. The following groups need willing workers who will be scheduled to work a few hours at a time. Can you help with some of your time? (See box below.)

If you think any (or all) of these activities would be an area where you could help, please, mark the appropriate activity on your registration form or contact me at the email or phone listed below.

I look forward to your email or call. Thanks, and I know together we can make the 2014 MS a rousing success.

*Paulette Jones*

*Volunteer Task Leader*

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***Do You Know? The Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419 is an ALL Volunteer Organization, no one gets paid.***

### Will You Volunteer a Few Hours for One of These?

- **Information and Transportation Team** – to operate golf cart transportation at the Fairgrounds, taking attendees to seminars and the vendor dealer area from the various campground areas and back again. The feedback from those performing this function last year and those taking advantage of this service was very positive. Take the opportunity to be an asset to the valuable team and meet many new friends along the way.
- **Seminar Hosts.** This team is responsible for making sure the room is ready for the assigned seminar, opening the seminar with basic housekeeping (phone off, limit side conversation, etc.) instructions and introducing the speaker. During the session, responsibilities include helping keep discussion focused, recording a count of attendees and monitoring the time to ensure the room is vacated and organized for subsequent sessions.
- We're also looking for **Mentors** to work with first timers, new members and not so new members to answer questions about their specific motorhomes, and helping members with new to them coaches.
- **Evaluations Team** is looking for individuals staying after the MS concludes to help compile the data provided from all attendees on the Evaluation Form. This committee works on the evaluations turned in at the Closing Dinner. You will probably be finished by 10 am on the day after the MS.

### How To Volunteer

To volunteer for these or any other volunteer positions, contact the Volunteer Task Lead for that area as soon as you can.

**Paulette Jones**  
**[pjjones@bellsouth.net](mailto:pjjones@bellsouth.net)**  
**386-965-5232**

# 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

## Coach Displays At The 2014 MS

The 2014 MS is just around the corner. We are pleased to announce that we will have (3) three Dealers displaying coaches. There will be many 2013's and some great pre-owned units, for those who want to step up a few years.

### Holiday Rambler Dealers at 2014 MS

Alliance Coach	Florida
Veurink RV Center	Michigan
Paul Evert's RV Country	CA, WA, OR

The Dealers will be arriving on the site May 1st, and the opening displays will start on Friday, May 2nd. Stop by, view the units, both new and pre-owned and be sure to thank our dealers for their continued support of our Chapter.

Due to changes by our Board of Directors this year, we will be inviting all Monaco Diesel Pusher units to attend the 2014 MS as our guests. To attend, you must be an owner of one of the following: Holiday Rambler, Beaver, Safari, or Monaco.

Safe travels, see you there.

## 2014 Vendors

We have sent out all the letters to the vendors and potential vendors with a good response. If anyone knows of a vendor who has not been contacted, please have them contact Bill Farmer at 804-241-4243.

We still have room, and we have more vendors signed up than last year. More vendors with items for the ladies have signed up this year. We look forward to a great Session.

*Bill Farmer*  
*Vendor Chairperson*

## Rental Golf Carts Available at MS

Would you like or do you need a golf cart to use while at the 2014 MS? See the information below as to how to rent a golf cart.

The Chapter provides this information to help members obtain golf carts to rent, but has no other involvement in the process. **You must make all your own arrangements.**

Please Contact

**Gary, GRC Golf Products**  
**Elkhart, Indiana**  
**@ 574.333.3473.**

The electric Carts are \$35.00 per day plus a delivery fee of \$50.00 per cart. If you know someone who is interested in a Cart you might save some money by consolidating your order and delivery..

*Dempsey Brooks,*  
*#85414*  
*Sponsor Coordinator*

## Need Repairs At The 2014 M.S.? Service Sponsors

We are pleased to once again have expert service available as a vital part of our continued effort to support members. Service techs will be available during the 2014 MS to repair many items on your coaches.

The Service Sponsors will be located in the rear area of building "A", to write service orders. They will begin to do work order write ups on the morning of May 1st. All services are available for a fee. Be sure to discuss the fee with each Service Sponsor.

Service Sponsors listed at the end of this article will be available at the 2014 MS. All of our sponsors are well trained and bring experienced RV techs with many years of experience. Several have attended many of our MS.

Their efforts and continued contributions to Chapter 419 and previous MSs are greatly appreciated.

### 419 Service Sponsors Bringing Techs

Cummins Crosspoint	Carrie Buisman
Elkhart Service & Collision	J.D. Adams
Elkhart Sales & Service	Marvin Miller
Master Tech	Tim Klenk

## You will leave the 2014 MS better educated regarding the use, care and maintenance of your coach.

### Round Table Chairman Job Description

1. Recruit two facilitators for each round table (each round table is a coach model)..
2. Instruct round table facilitators in advance of round tables.
  - a. They are to control the session so no one hogs the floor
  - b. They watch the time so no one question goes too long
  - c. They guide the discussion so the answers are as accurate as possible
3. At the start of round tables, the chair goes to each round table to make sure it has its facilitator(s) in place, its sound system is working, and the discussion is running smoothly. The round table chairman can then attend most of his own round table session.

# 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

## Get Ready for a Memorable Week!

The 2014 Maintenance Session (MS) in Goshen is drawing closer and closer to the April 30 – May 1 arrival dates. Those of us working to make it one of the best ever have a few items of interest for our “First Timers” (and even for those who have not made it in the past few years and could use a “refresher”!).

*Ray Blush,  
2014 MS Building &  
Grounds Coordinator*

There is so much to do, so much to learn, and so much to enjoy, that it's impossible to include everything in just one article in our newsletter. But as you peruse the entire publication, you'll get a good idea of what is in store.

### Arrival & Parking

First, we suggest you arrive at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds site of the MS well before everything officially cranks up. That means if you arrive Wednesday, April 30, or Thursday, May 1, you should be parked, settled, and meeting new folks. The MS starts the morning of Friday, May 2, 2014. Our Parking Volunteers will take good care of you as you enter the staging area and all the way into your camp site. If you want to have your coach weighed at all four corners (a great idea you will find out more about at the MS), that also is available in the staging area.

### Hospitality

We urge you to take advantage of each morning's Chapter 419 Hospitality including lots of goodies for breakfast! It's also an important time of the day to meet new friends and to hear the announcements which include important program changes and announcements for the day.

### Program

You'll find the program schedule includes so many seminars on Monaco and Holiday Rambler coach maintenance items, it is virtually impossible for anyone to keep up with everything in one year! We encourage you to spend time with your MS Program studying and marking the seminars you want to be sure to attend. Your week will be chocked with great ideas for maintaining your coach. You can attend sessions all day long if you like.

### Transportation

To help you move from seminar to seminar, or from seminar to vendors and back to your coach, we have many volunteers equipped with six-passenger golf carts to provide your “trolley” service anywhere you want to go on the fairgrounds. Just look for them and flag one down for a ride.

### For the Ladies

Many Ladies Programs are wonderful learning experiences and fun too. Classes devoted to decorating our coaches, cooking, crafts and quite a few other topics are very popular among our members. Of course, ladies are always welcome at the maintenance seminars since they often notice problems before their husbands!

### Repairs & Maintenance

It's also a good time to have your coach maintenance needs taken care of. Plans are to have an ample supply of technicians and parts available at reasonable rates. You will sign up with the maintenance vendor of your choice (all are excellent) early in the day. Also bring a list of parts you need to purchase.

### Volunteering

And, as you learn more about us in the months leading up to the 2014 MS, we would love for you to consider volunteering in any area where you are comfortable. Our entire MS, from initial planning, to gathering equipment and food, to serving attendee's needs, is 100% volunteer effort. No one gets paid or compensated for all of the work accomplished!

We welcome you as part of our highly acclaimed annual 2014 MS at the Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana!

## Free Propane Check at MS

Free Propane checks will be available at the 2014 Maintenance Session. The propane system is often overlooked even though it can be a dangerous part of the RV. Please sign up during Registration.

In addition, there will be a seminar with DIY safety checks and additional information regarding propane usage. Please check the Program for the date and time. We look forward to providing the propane safety checks.

*Jim Pease / Larry Black*

## Arrive With Empty Black & Grey Tanks

To save each person arriving at the 419 MS unnecessary maneuvering in the Fairgrounds camping areas, please remember to arrive with empty black and grey tanks.

Even though the majority of the sites we will be occupying have water, electric and sewer, about one-third of the sites we estimate we will be using have only water and electric. But have no fear! A free septic pump-out service will be provided midway through the MS if you have water and electric. And as a backup for all of us, there are multiple dump stations at the Fairgrounds.

# 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

## Coach Weighing Why It's Important to You

To weigh your coach on all four corners upon your entry or exit, Chapter 419 Volunteers will be waiting for your arrival on the following days:

**April 29 & 30; May 1** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
(before the MS)

**May 8** 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
(departure day)

The individual wheel weight and totals, which we provide, will allow you to set your tire pressures to manufacturers' recommended settings and provide the best ride, wear and more importantly your safety.

Tires are an important component of your vehicle's drive system that allows these incredible coaches to be operated safely. So, it is imperative that you understand and have this knowledge of your coach's weights.

For a \$20.00 donation, the volunteers will guide you through the weighing process and provide you with a form and printout for your unit. This information can be taken to the Coach Weighing seminar where we will complete each section and discuss any questions or concerns. *(Check your program for the time and location of this seminar).*

The donation goes to defer the cost of maintenance of the scales and repairs required. The Chapter owns and maintains four scales to weigh each wheel of your motor home. Your BOD supports this endeavor through the mission statement of the Ramblin Pushers "to pursue the knowledge to operate your diesel motor home safely."

Without this knowledge, you are possibly overloading, under inflating your tires and placing yourself and others at risk. Please take advantage of this important service during your attendance to the 2014 MS. Safe Travels

*Jerry Davis*  
Chapter 419 Board Member / Coach Weighing Team Leader



## Mentoring Program at 2014 MS

What does this button do? Why can't I straighten out my "mess?" What do I do about the lights that come on? Where are the controls for the heat?

Come ask your questions of the program "experts" or ask for an onsite visit for a more personal question and answer period. This "folks" have been around quite some time for the "new"/older owners to ask their questions on a more person-to-person basis.

The Mentors will come to your unit and help answer your questions, show you how to operate various components and help make your experience of RVing more enjoyable. There is no such thing as a "dumb" question. If it is a dumb question, we won't tell you and that question might lead to some enlightening conversation about your expensive and complex unit.

The Mentor will be there for you for the MS Session to answer any additional questions. Sign up for a Mentor in the Office!

## Have Fun!

### Volunteer for All Hospitalitys



Time really flies – I can't believe the MS, May 2-7, 2014 at the Elkhart County 4H Grounds, IN. is just around the corner. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone!

ATTENTION: MY FABULOUS-TALENTED VOLUNTEERS and my KITCHEN GOURMET CHEFS

(We'll have a ball – again!)

We always try to start everyone's day off RIGHT - with an AWESOME Hospitality! Serving up coffee and "OUR GOODIES" – it is the best way to meet new people and renew old friendships.

If, by chance, you are not a morning person but, want to be involved – we have our "PREP CREW" each evening, that gets everything organized for the next morning.

Another SUPER time – is our Ice Cream Social and we always try to make it SPECIAL!! You will enjoy volunteering for this event too!

Another opportunity - is the Dealer's Social & it is always a great time to see all the NEW rigs, the vendors & their wares, along with catching up on the latest information from Holiday Rambler.

The last night we have a big dinner & we'll need a SET-UP and WRAP-UP CREW.

I so look forward to seeing & working with all of you – We have so much FUN!! Look for my sign-up sheets when you arrive in the registration office. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

We look forward to all you new folks joining our Hospitality Volunteers group! In the meantime, Be Careful & Safe on those Highways that we all love so much!!

Remember – Get Involved by Volunteering and Volunteer to get Involved!!



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# 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

## Sampling of Ladies' Activities

### Motorhome

#### Driving Classes

##### Have a Fear of Driving?

Primarily known as a class for women to overcome their fear of driving our big rigs, **Kay Black** has always welcomed men into her class, the purpose of which is to become familiar with the unknown factors that cause fear.

As a former flight instructor, Kay breaks down the elements of RV driving to develop references to use during close-in maneuvering around turns and parking. Women need to be able to assist in case of illness or accident involving the primary driver.

The class is in two parts: part 1 is the classroom part and part 2 is the driving part. Ultimately, we form a safer driving team. Class, Part 1 must be attended in order to participate in the driving, part 2.

##### Class attendance is a requirement in order to participate in driving.

Be sure to sign up early as these classes always fill up.

*Shirley Crow  
Ladies' Seminars*

### How Can You Share Your Talents and Skills at the 2014 MS?

#### Activities for Women

We are busy arranging several craft classes and seminars for the ladies who will be available during the 419 MS. We're working on several ideas such as classes in quilting, locker hooking, oil painting, pottery, beaded jewelry and greeting card making. We're planning seminars on microwave/convection oven cooking, crock pot cooking, full-time RVing and a microwave/convection oven roundtable.

The Amish Bakery that delivered orders to the MS in past years was a great hit, so we will do this again with wonderful pies, cakes, breads, rolls and homemade noodles! As you are thinking about Goshen in the spring remember fresh pastries will be available at the rally! Be sure to sign up with your order so you won't be without these delicious pastries.

If you have any suggestions for classes or know someone who has a "special" talent and is willing to share their skills, please contact me. (See below.)

So many ladies' activities are on the schedule, be sure to check the MS Program when you arrive to ensure you do not miss any that interest you.

Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you!

*Shirley Crow  
Ladies Activities*

### Join Us for a Quilt Class "Goshen Stripes"

This will be a take off on "Roman Stripes." This idea came from quilts I saw in two Amish homes last year while at the MS. If you would like to purchase fabric from me, I will have solids in typical Amish colors. Each color will be available in five graduated shades. You may also provide your own fabric.

#### Each person will need:

- A sewing machine they are familiar with using as I cannot provide machine help.
- Standard general supplies (pins, scissors, thread, a rotary cutter, ruler and mat) We will cut both cloth and paper as these blocks will be paper pieced.
- Optional but very helpful are a 8 1/2" square up ruler, iron, ironing pad, extension cord, tasklight and chair pad.

A 13"X49" table runner or 24"X24" wall hanging will require 2yds black or other background fabric and total of 3yds. of other colors. This includes a border of the background color. If you would like to do another size I might be able to help you figure fabric requirements.

There will not be enough time to finish a quilt. You will however learn the basic of the blocks and we can discuss possible settings.

You might want to google "Roman Stripe Quilts" and see what you can see if you are not familiar with this traditional Amish block.

For more information please contact

**Susan Eagleton** HRRVC 62000, at  
[susan.eagleton@gmail.com](mailto:susan.eagleton@gmail.com), or 865 604-8219.



### Folded Star Hot Pad & Fabric Wreath

Ros Stoffel, from the Essenhaus Quilt Shop in Middlebury, IN, will be teaching a "Folded Star Hot Pad" that is pretty enough to hang. The class will take about 1 1/2 hours with all fabric and pattern included. You will need a sewing machine, white thread, scissors & pins.

Ros will also teach a fabric wreath class, a two hour project. For this class, please bring: sewing machine, thread, scissors, hot glue and gun.

Sign up for these seminars during Registration. Also, you will pay for the classes at that time..



# 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

## Sampling of Ladies' Activities

### "You Can Do It!, One More Time! – "Decorating Cents"

This ladies' program is always entertaining. If you have never attended Sarah Brooks' "Decorating Cents" seminar you are in for a real treat and you will not want to miss this 2014 Program. While the Program changes year to year, surprises always occur when these ladies get together to work their Magic to think "outside the box" with budget decorating ideas for their coaches. Do you have a "thang" box? The room is filled each year so join us for more fun.

Check out the MS Program for the date, time, and location for "Decorating Cents" seminar and plan to attend. This seminar will be presented ONE time only during the 2014 MS, so mark your Program so you don't forget.

### Book, DVD/CD, & Puzzle Exchange

It is time to clean out your shelves for those already read books, watched DVDs or listened to CDs, and put together puzzles. Pack them up to bring to the 2014 MS for our Book, DVD/CD and Puzzle Exchange. Remember to load your coach with the books, CD/DVDs or puzzles you have been saving for this event.

Sign up in the Registration Area. Look for the Sign Up Sheet.

**Wednesday, May 7th**

**Location: Building F**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm Drop off books,  
CD/DVDs**

**or puzzles**

**2:30 - 4:00 pm Pickup equal number  
of items**



### RV Related Flea Market at 2014 MS

While planning your trip to the 2014 MS, don't forget to load up all the RV related items that you no longer use or need. Bring these items with you and sign up for a table (in the Registration Office) as we will once again have a **RV Related Flea Market** at the 2014 MS.

Your unwanted or unneeded items may just be the thing another member is looking for. Look for the sign up sheet in the Registration Office when you arrive so I can plan on the correct number of tables and if you need all or part of one. There is no cost for a table. The date and time will also be on it and also in your program booklet. See you at the RV Related Flea Market.

**Bob Harrison  
Darlene Gerstenslager**

**2014 Flea Market Coordinators**

### Teasers for Some Ladies' Offerings

*Many classes, seminars, and craft offerings will be available to choose from during the 2014 MS. Below are a few samples to whet your appetite. Check the Program and the craft area during Registration so you will not miss the "good stuff."*

**Jan Perry**, a 419 member, will be teaching a beading class. She will be making a **Swarovski bracelet and earrings**. Everything is furnished. Pay the fee for all materials during Registration.

**Car Scott**, a Ch. 419 member, is teaching a **Locker Hooking class**. Participants will be making a hot pad. The only item needed for the class is scissors. The cost is \$10. Sign up and pay in Registration.

**Rosilynn Stoffel**, from the Essenhaus Quilt Shop, will be teaching "**How to Make a Folded Star Hotpad**." Sign up and pay during Registration.

**Francisco Avila**, a local artist, will again be offering his oil **painting class**. There will be 2 or more sessions offered. He will be using a smaller canvas this year. Sign up and pay in Registration.

**Beginner and Advanced Microwave/Convection Oven class**. Learn how to use your oven for more than just a microwave. **Janet Sadlak**, representing Tri-Star Distributing, will be cooking several different foods to demonstrate how useful our ovens can be. There will be tips and suggestions to make our meals easy, tasty and healthy. Janet always brings along some very useful silicone products for sale.

**Mari Ann Hollopeter** will be giving a **Crock Pot Cooking** session, another session on "RV Grilling" and also new this year, a Jelly Making Session for those RV'ers interested in taking advantage of any fresh fruit found in their travels. Dates, times and room locations in the Program.

*Shirley Crow  
2014 Ladies Activities Chairman  
Chapter 419 MS*



Betsy Brock, Shippshewana, IN

*Amish buggies parked for a picnic in  
Shippshewana, IN*

# 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

## Sights To See And Places To Go

The 2014 Chapter 419 MS is fast approaching. Early Parking for the MS takes place in Goshen on April 30 with Arrival Parking on May 1st. Below is a sampling of activities.

Information on things to see and do will be available in the **Registration Area** at the Tour Table. Look for us and come join us to see many interesting sites in the area such as:

- **University of Notre Dame,**
- **Studebaker Car Museum,**
- **New York Central Railroad Museum,**
- **RV Hall of Fame Museum,**
- **Hudson Auto Museum** (World's largest collection of Hudson products),
- **Hall of Heroes** (Superhero Museum), and
- **Menno-Hoff** (Multimedia presentations and displays telling the Amish-Mennonite story).
- Amish Popcorn farm and store
- Shipshewana, a nearby town filled with interesting items and a two day flea market

On May 2nd and 3rd enjoy nearby **Shipshewana May Fest**, a fun festival that you will want to experience. A hometown parade is one of the highlights along with "old fashion" kids games, food, music and magical entertainment.

Come join us for the Amish Acres experience, have a **Threshers Meal** before or after the **Little Shop of Horrors** play in the Round Barn Theatre. (See p. 11)

We will be welcomed into the home of **Cindy and Harry Graber**, authentic **Amish Family Style Dinner** and watch while they make our homemade ice cream for dessert. (See p. 11)

The **Heritage Trail Audio CD Tour** is a great option to visit the back roads of Amish Country in your car and learn the history and culture of the area.

Plans are being made for group tours during early parking to visit a **Bison Ranch** (buffalo meat available for sale), see wood furniture being made at an **Amish Wood-working Shop** and then see the staining/finishing process at a neighboring **Amish Finishing Shop**.

During your stay you can even take a Amish buggy ride or visit one of the many RV Surplus / Salvage Stores in the area. These are many of the sightseeing suggestions including maps available at the MS Tour Table along with a current address list/hours of operation.

## What to Do During Early Parking?

Coming early for Early Parking allows you to get your motor home set up, to get the "lay of the land," to meet your neighbors, and to explore the Goshen, Elkhart, and Shipshewana areas. So much awaits you.

This is a great time to look for restaurants you like so when you are ready to eat that decision is made. Keep in mind that in Goshen and many other towns in the area, places to eat may be closed on Sunday. Only chain restaurants will be open. So choices may be limited on Sundays.

Or you may decide to have your own "mini-rally" choosing to cook and share food with friends.

By arriving early you will be ready to attend your first MS breakfast on Friday morning. Ready to meet more folks and listen for changes to the Program. Ready to participate in your first MS session learning more than you ever thought you needed to know.

Weather in the Goshen, IN, area is unpredictable. Some years it is cold and rainy. Other years it is sunny and warmer. Just come prepared for any weather. For those of you from the warmer states, remember that this is very early spring in northern Indiana and winter could decide to come back at any time.



Map of Goshen, IN showing US 33 & CR 34 to  
the Elkhart county 4H Fairgrounds

## 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION PREVIEW

# Amish Dinners and Theater Reservation Form

### *Authentic Amish Country Home Dining Wednesday, April 30th (5:00 pm)*

On **Wednesday, April 30th**, **Cindy and Harry Graber** welcome us to their home near Shipshewana. This home cooked meal includes all the taste tempting treats from Amish country including tossed salad, tender beef, baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, homemade noodles, hot vegetable, homemade bread & butter, fresh baked pies, homemade ice cream and beverage. Tax and tip are included. COST \$15.50 per person.

### *Authentic Amish Country Home Dining Saturday, May 3rd (5 pm)*

On **Saturday, May 3rd**, the Carriage House (Elaine and Seth Jones) welcome us into their home near Topeka, IN. This home cooked meal includes: baked chicken, roast beef, tossed salad with house dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, buttered green beans, ice cream with caramel sauce, various pies including the popular Bob Andy pie, water & coffee. Tax and tip are included. COST \$18.00 per person

### *Amish Acres Theater & Dinner Sunday, May 4th (2 pm)*

Enjoy a live theater performance in the legendary Round Barn Theatre. Indiana's only resident musical repertory theatre company. The 1911 round barn has been preserved and converted into a state-of-the-art theatre with full-scale authentic sets. Enjoy the Round Barn Theatre's presentation "**Little Shop of Horrors**" which tells the tale of a nerdish florist who finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed. Based on the low-budget 1960 film directed by Roger Corman, this rock musical features several well-known tunes, including "Skid Row (Downtown)", "Somewhere That's Green" and "Suddenly Seymour." Round Barn audiences will most likely associate the musical with the 1986 film starring Rick Moranis and Steve Martin which was directed by Frank Oz. COST \$23.50 per person

As a **dining option** you may choose to eat in the Red Barn Restaurant. The "**All You Can Eat**" family style **Threshers Dinner** features hearth baked bread, apple butter, ham & bean soup, sweet and sour cabbage salad, country vegetable, beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, dressing & gravy, broasted chicken, tender roast beef, a variety of fresh fruit & cream pies and beverage. Tax and tip are included. Our group will have a private room for leisurely dining. COST \$19.25 per person

**NOTE: On Sundays many sit down restaurants in the Goshen area are closed, so Amish Acres is a nice dining alternative!**

## Amish Dinners and Theater Reservation Form

(Indicate # of Persons for each Event)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

HRRVC# \_\_\_\_\_

### *Authentic Amish Country Home Dining - Cindy's Kountry Dining*

Wed, April 30 (5:00 pm) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.50 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### *Authentic Amish Country Home Dining - The Carriage House*

Sat., May 3rd, (6 pm) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### *Amish Acres -- A Memorable Experience*

Sun., May 4- Red Barn Threshers Dinner:

( 12 noon) \_\_\_\_\_ OR 4:30 pm) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$19.25 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sun., May 4- "Little Shop of Horrors" Theater Performance:

(2:00 pm) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$23.50 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please register by completing and returning the above information with your check **BEFORE April 15, 2014 TO Darlene:**

Tickets & Travel maps may be picked up at Tours Table starting **Wednesday, April 30th**

Please make your check payable to: "Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419"

Darlene Gestenslager  
3303 Waterside Drive  
Akron, OH 44319

**Any questions? Call Darlene at (330) 644-4177**



# MANUFACTURE RELATIONS WITH GEORGE

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

**George Coolidge**, Manufacture Relations Chair, is keeping us updated on changes as the new ARG / Holiday Rambler / Monaco gets up and running to manufacture HR motorhomes.

Judy and I attended the Monaco RV "Return to Power" Rally at the Charlotte Speedway on January 7th and 8th. Due to the extremely cold weather, attendance was below expectations, but the event was well done and highly informative. On Tuesday evening at the Dynasty reception and "reveal," there was one other HR couple. The rest of the group were Monaco owners and one Beaver owner. While I had previewed the new Dynasty during its final stage in production at Decatur, it was exciting to see the finished unit and hear the very positive comments of those touring it for the first time.

On Wednesday, the group was bussed to the Freightliner Plant in Gaffney, SC, for a guided tour of the facility producing the chassis. During the round trip, we rotated off the bus and took turns driving the Dynasty. The ride and handling is a nice improvement over the stiffer ride of the previous Roadmaster chassis configuration. It had surprising acceleration and a very tight 60 degree front wheel cut for a great turning radius, compared to 55 degrees on the last Roadmaster configuration.

**Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC)** is a division of Daimler Trucks North America, LLC, and a Daimler Company. The facility runs four production lines. Three lines are for chassis production:

- *Rear Engine chassis*  
(RV and Commercial Bus),
- *Front engine cab/cowl/hood*  
(School Bus & Commercial Bus) and
- *Front engine stripped rail chassis*  
(Walk-In Van, Commercial Bus and RV).

A fourth production line is an engine trim line that dresses the engine and transmissions for all 3 chassis production lines. This facility ships approximately 100 chassis a day. Notable customers are UPS, Thomas School Bus, Fleetwood RV, Thor, Newmar, and Winnebago, among a host of others. **Tony Sippel**, Freightliner's Director of Marketing, made the point that ASV is Freightliner's largest customer, while ASV's Goldshield is a Freightliner vendor supplying fiberglass parts.

Our tour guide, **Bryan Henke**, gave an excellent presentation on the history, technology, and current implementation of the EPA emissions requirements. I am working to have Freightliner host a seminar at the 2014 MS explaining the emissions' solution and the Freightliner independent front suspension assembly.

We also visited Freightliner's Service Center in Gaffney which is one of their Oasis Network Centers and the home for "Camp Freightliner." The 90 plus Oasis centers around the country provide specialized RV chassis service along with RV amenities like overnight parking (electric hookups in many locations) and comfortable waiting rooms for RV families. Camp Freightliner provides introductory classes on their RV chassis. For

## The "Return to Power" Rally Charlotte Motor Speedway January 7 - 8, 2014

*George Coolidge,  
Manufacturer Relations*



a fee of \$175 you can attend a comprehensive two-day training session in Gaffney, SC, to learn more about the benefits of driving a motorhome built on an FCCC chassis. Topics include the air brake system, electrical system, maintenance intervals, weight distribution and vehicle storage.

We returned to the Speedway Club in the afternoon for a presentation by **Martin Perlot**, President of Silver Leaf Electronics, who is supplying the driver monitor for the Cummins engine diagnostics and trip detail. I have reached out to Martin to

do the same seminar for our MS attendees. Silver Leaf also can provide laptop software for coaches that do not have engine monitors.

After the seminar, we were given a company update by **Mike Snell**, filling in for ARG's CFO, **Lance Randolph**, whose flight got cancelled due to the cold weather. Here are some highlights from the presentation:

- The Louisville RV show resulted in **25 dealer orders for the new Dynasty**.
  - At the time ASV sold the Wakarusa Plant to Thor, ASV purchased Thor's commercial bus business.
  - **ASV reorganized into three groups:** Fire and Emergency; Commercial; and Recreation (Allied Recreation Group).
  - **ARG's leadership team:**
    - **John Draheim**, CEO;
    - **Lance Randolph**, CFO;
    - **John Lowry**, COO;
    - **Mike Snell**, President, Monaco and Holiday Rambler;
    - **Kyle McCrary** – Senior VP, Product and Design;
    - **Steve Heim** – VP, Customer Experience.
- Visit [www.alliedrecreationgroup.com/about/](http://www.alliedrecreationgroup.com/about/) to see their profiles.)
- There are plans to put **service centers in the SE and SW, and eventually in the NE**.

The model lineup and timeline will start with the newly introduced Dynasty, which will also become a Navigator. Now in production is the new gas Vacationer. Next up will be an Ambassador, a Diplomat, an Endeavor, and then a Windsor. There are plans for a model called a Beaver, similar to the Marquis. Also, there are plans for a front engine diesel model similar to the Safari Trek. The timeline for introduction of these models will take about a year and nine months.

We ended the evening with dinner at the Charlotte Speedway Club overlooking the track. It was a great way to conclude this Rally as we dined and viewed the new Dynasty, majestically bathed in spotlights and parked in the Winner's Circle.

# MANUFACTURER RELATIONS

I first viewed the promotional letter "The Return to Power and the Dream is Alive" from **Mike Snell**, newly appointed president of Monaco/Holiday Rambler, this past May, in a personal email and then in just about every publication that has anything closely related to motorhomes. It is certainly an uplifting message for owners of Monaco produced motorhomes.

About a month prior to that, rumors were flying at our annual 419 Maintenance Session about the future of Monaco and, more specifically, Holiday Rambler. No comment was made by the leadership group at that time, other than the fact that Navistar was not going bankrupt but they were looking to sell Monaco to a "quality" buyer. Information on the topic was also shared by the President on a one way conference call with over 300 people.

Later, in September, Tom Knight met with Mike Snell to get more specific information on the "dream" and how it might apply to Holiday Rambler, HRRVC and Chapter 419. Mike Snell provided **Tom and Joyce Knight**, HRRVC president and his wife, with a personal tour and answered questions regarding the Roadmaster Chassis, production of new HR units, the vision for HR, dealer networks, sales people assignments, service centers, expected support for HRRVC and 419, and production dates for the new Ambassador and Endeavor.

A couple of months later, near the end of October, **George Coolidge** took the personal "dream" tour with Mike, and I began to observe that the dream was evolving. At that time, Mike was able to report that Monaco would be diesels only and Holiday Rambler would introduce a high end gas Vacationer, then an Ambassador with a 300 Cummins on a Freightliner Chassis, and finally an Endeavor on a Roadmaster Chassis. George also met briefly with John Draheim, CEO of the newly formed Allied Recreation Group (ARG).

I decided to take a tour myself in early December. The new Allied Recreation Group website was up and it indicated that tours were encouraged, so I called the number and was connected to Tom Liechty. I had made 3 tours of the Wakarusa manufacturing facility and was the first person to camp at the new service facility (now defunct) in Wakarusa while having my slide repaired, so it was hard not to compare the two. The first thing I noticed, when arriving the evening before the tour, was the new signage. The blue button (**HR**)

## Comments on "The Dream"

*Jim West, Director Chapter 419*

was alive, along with three other logos, Monaco, Fleetwood and American Coach. All four were displayed under the new Allied Recreation Group Logo. The outside of the plant was not as attractive as Wakarusa but there were about four times as many employee vehicles with much

more activity evident.

I bumped in to some of the employees who had just gotten off their shift. They were very upbeat and, when asked about Holiday Rambler, indicated that they were looking forward to building new products and could build whatever the engineers in Wakarusa provided them.

Tom Liechty gave an excellent tour of the production facility. Two American Coach owners, who were there for service, were on the tour as well. The plant was in full production with the paint booths running two shifts to keep up. Instead of having a notebook follow each unit through production, like at Wakarusa, each station had a computer or laptop with all the specifications and requirements, so it appeared much more automated. It was also evident that there were innovative inventory control processes in place as well. Tom did not comment on future products for Monaco and Holiday Rambler other than the new Dynasty they had just built.

So the "dream" really is still alive. At the Tampa RV Show, we saw the new Dynasty which many dealers have ordered. When I toured the coach, someone asked the salesman if they were going to make the Navigator and he said they would build one to his specifications if he would like. I tagged along with a couple who expressed a strong interest in the new Vacationer. We were shown a prototype of a bath and a half 36 foot gas which may be the high end Vacationer that Mike told George about. Allied Recreation Group is certainly not new to the RV business and it already appears they are making careful steps in their resurrection of the "dream".

What part we play depends on us as HR owners and 419 members. John Miller made a great statement at our recent Mid-year Board Meeting. He said Holiday Rambler has moved from a single owner company to a family of brands of which HR is one part. I believe the 419 Board, under Roger Stickley's leadership, is making important decisions regarding this new reality that will keep us active partners in this unfolding "dream."

*See you at the 2014 Maintenance Session!*





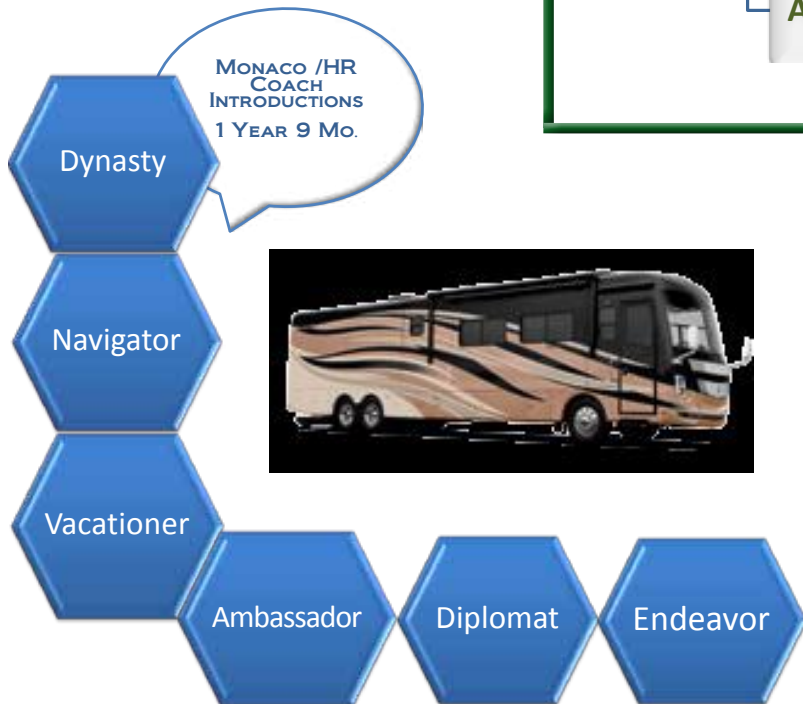
New ARG Banner in the Indiana Service Center

## About ASV and ARG

When Allied Specialty Vehicles (ASV) purchased Monaco RV from Navistar, they were adding an RV group to the Fleetwood Group they already owned. In addition, they have been purchasing other "specialty" vehicle companies.

Recently they formed Allied Recreation Group (ARG) to focus on their RV groups - Fleetwood and Monaco. The diagram to the right might help to explain the way all the groups fit together. The new ARG logo is above and on the left.

In addition, Monaco's president, Mike Snell, has announced the gradual introduction of familiar Monaco and Holiday Rambler models. The diagram below shows the order of introduction of six of the models over the next year and nine months. Watch for these new models.



## Allied Specialty Vehicles

### 3 Groups



• Emergency Vehicles

• Commercial Vehicles

• Recreation Vehicles

## Allied Recreation Group - ARG

**Fleetwood**

**Monaco**

Fleetwood

Monaco

American

Holiday  
Rambler

## ASV & ARG's Leadership Team

- John Draheim, CEO;
- Lance Randolph, CFO;
- John Lowry, COO;
- Mike Snell, President, Monaco & Holiday Rambler;
- Kyle McCrary – Senior VP, Product & Design;
- Steve Heim – VP, Customer Experience.

Visit [www.alliedrecreationgroup.com/about/](http://www.alliedrecreationgroup.com/about/) to see their profiles.



# LETTER FROM MONACO PRESIDENT -- MIKE SNELL



Members of Chapter 419:

A new year is upon us! As is a new era for Holiday Rambler. With the support of our partners at ARG, we recently introduced the 600 hp 2015 Dynasty at the Tampa Super Show. (The Holiday Rambler Navigator will be modeled off the same platform as this new Dynasty). The coach was equipped with a full array of kitchen and bath accessories, staged to demonstrate the thoughtful appointments, functionality and incredible storage capacity of the redesigned U-shaped galley in the 45P. The market's anticipation for us to reenter this segment of the industry was evidenced by the continuous line of attendees, waiting in line to get through the front door of the coach.

Following the introduction of the Dynasty, the company's focus will be to launch the 2015 Holiday Rambler Vacationer. The Vacationer is expected to debut this spring with an MSRP of \$135,000 for a typically equipped 36' SBT, the best-selling floorplan, company-wide, for the previous two years.

Later this spring we'll return the Ambassador to our line-up. The Ambassador will feature a Cummins ISB 340 hp engine and will have an MSRP of approximately \$215,000. To round out the initial Holiday Rambler product offering, we anticipate reintroducing the Endeavor in the Fall of 2014. The all new Endeavor will boast a Cummins ISC 380 hp engine and a retail sticker price of \$295,000.

Focusing on these price points grants us the opportunity to appeal to a larger segment of the diesel market, attracting more members to Chapter 419.

While the higher end diesel offering is noticeably light, I want to emphasize that this is our initial line-up. These are the products that were determined to be our first focus. After bringing these lines to market, we will meet with the Advisory Board and determine where to expand from there.

We can't wait to see you in Goshen.

Wishing you safe travels until then,

Mike

## **2014 Maintenance Session Application**

*The completed MS Registration Forms are numbered as each is received by Chapter 419. Parking assignments will be according to the receipt number on your Registration Form.*

*Groups should register together and arrive together to park together.*

*Don't forget to mark the volunteer section at the bottom of the form.*

### Personal Safety Issues For Travel to MS



*Dean Yeesting*

#### Tires and Tire Pressure

Do you determine your tire pressure by looking at the tires? This is not a very accurate approach. Use a good digital tire gauge and check the pressure when the tires are cold or at air temperature. Tires exposed directly to the sun, under a tire cover, or driven will not give you an accurate picture of the tire pressure needs. Ideally, use two different gauges to check pressure. Remember, hose valve extenders give you more opportunities for leaks so check pressure daily when on the road.

Use a tire pressure monitoring system as a backup system to check tire pressure. Do not rely on these systems as your only system, as they are not as accurate as a digital gauge.

Know what pressure to put in your tires as tire pressure is related to the weight of each wheel and the size of the tire.

**BE SURE TO HAVE EACH WHEEL  
OF EACH AXLE WEIGHED  
AT THE MS TO DETERMINE  
THE AIR PRESSURE TO PUT  
IN EACH TIRE ON EACH AXLE.**

In addition to having your Coach weighed at the MS, have the Chapter check your propane system for leaks. This is another service provided by Chapter for its members. Every year we have a few coaches which have leaks in their propane system. **YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO SAFE.**

#### **Do You Know?**

Holiday Rambler posts manual addendums at the site below for the model years 2001 to 2013.

<http://www.holidayrambler.com/holidayrambler/service/manuals/addendums.html>



#### Electricity

Be careful if you use extension cords around your coach. A light duty electrical cord is a dangerous fire hazard and can endanger your life. These light cords create resistance, the longer the run the more the resistance and the more heat is created.

Many members have electric reels for their 50 amp cords. The safest approach is to pull the 25 foot cord completely outside the reel. Why? If you put a heavy load on your electrical system, like running 2 or 3 air conditioners simultaneously, you are putting a heavy load on the cable. You can turn your reel into a **"heating cable"** inside your coach. Stretch out the cable to put the least resistance on the cable to the power pole.

#### Fire Extinguishers

Mac the Fire Guy has been at the MS in the past and has great suggestions on preventing Fires. Check out his website:

<http://macthefireguy.com>

for helpful information on fire education for RVers. Mac recommends that you should have at least 5 fire extinguishers in your coach. He recommends the Foam and Wetting Agent Extinguishers as best for the RV. These newer extinguishers are the direction we should be heading for our RV industry. The extinguishers we receive when we purchase a RV are usually a BC dry powder extinguisher. They are the least expensive and the minimum required to be installed in a Class A RV. This means only 5 to 10 square feet of fire surface can be covered by one extinguisher. Please consider purchasing the newer Foam and Wetting Agent Extinguishers for your coach just in case you have a fire.

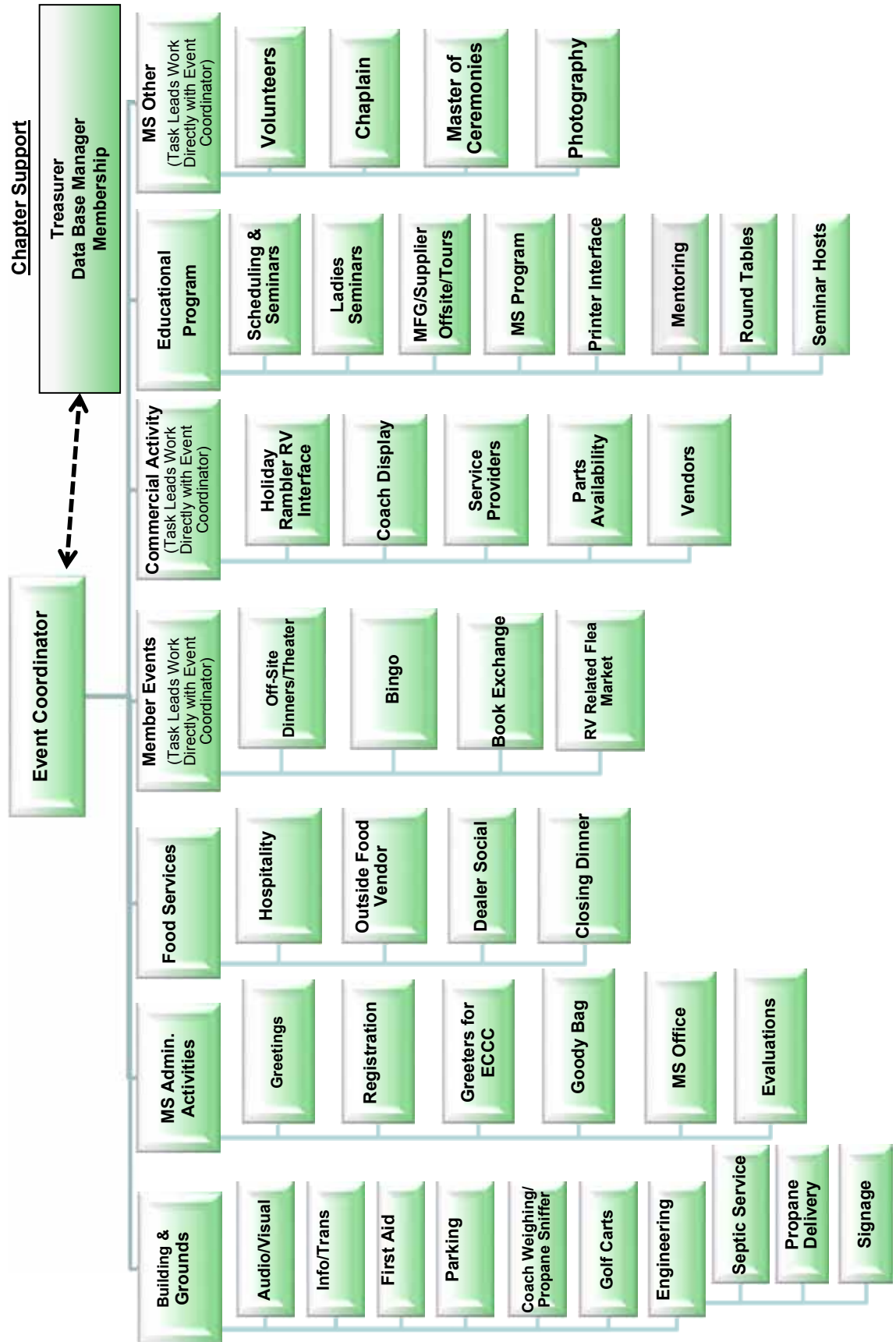
I look forward to seeing you at the MS. Look for the **Safety Seminars** that will be available for you to attend.

#### **ASV Shutters Towable Plants**

*In February, ASV announced they would be closing the towable plants in Indiana and Oregon to focus on the motorized divisions.*

For the last 24 years, the Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419 has been an all volunteer organization with no one being paid to do the Chapter's work. The Organization Chart for the 2014 MS is below for you to see how many committees work to produce the Chapter's one event a year. Without your help, the MS would not be the rewarding event it is. Would you please look over the myriad of tasks to be done and consider where you could volunteer to share your expertise, if not this year then for 2015? All help is welcome. If you want to volunteer contact Volunteer Chairman, Paulette Jones, pijones4@att.net.

## 2014 Maintenance Session Organization





# MAINTENANCE - 2012 ARTICLES LIST

## 2012 Maintenance Article List – Volume 22 – Issues #1, #2, #3, & #4

After many requests for maintenance article lists from past issues, this list for 2012 may be useful to you. Each quarter in 2014, a different list will be published.

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Articles from 2011  
Articles from 2010  
All issues are in PDF form on [www.ramblinpushers.org](http://www.ramblinpushers.org) and are available to members to read or download and

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## Thetford Toilet

My Thetford toilet is not working. The flapper is not working when I flush.  
Dexter, '03 Imperial

If you remove the cover on the back where the knob is, there are 4 or 5 screws holding the cover on. You will see a spring on the shaft with a snap ring holding the spring. I disassembled it and there is like a clutch disk in the housing. My disk had grease on it so I cleaned it up good with mineral spirits. Reassembled works good now.  
Ed

Thanks Ed, but that is not my problem - although I have had that problem in the past and used the silicone spray so that works fine. I can also open the flapper manually with the knob on the back and attempt to reset the unit but without success. Every three or four flushes it does not open. Just click, click, click and add water to the bowl but does not open the flap to let everything out. So then I have to reach around and try to turn the knob which is usually very hard to turn at this point and manually open the flap. Then pushing both buttons seems to get it back in sync for another few flushes.  
Dexter, '03 Imperial

One thing you might try, with the blade locked open be sure there is no debris in the slot the blade fits into. Then apply a silicone grease, not silicone spray, to the groove the blade fits into. Also with the blade open, you should be able to apply grease to the threaded rod that the blade moves on as it opens and closes. Your proctologist skills will be handy for this! I use a silicone grease that is available at NAPA, comes in a tube, called Silco or something like that.  
Billy, '01 Endeavor

As a fulltimer with an electric Thetford Aria, I have had this problem many times. I use to replace the Blade Seal and that would always fix the problem for a short while. Noticed that every seal I replaced was coated with white minerals. Someone recommended Lime A Way. I try to put it in the toilet at least once a month or more especially when in a hard water situation or when toilet is out of "time" like yours.  
Unknown

Sounds like the small motor that operates the flapper is going. You can get the motor only and replace it. You have to remove the toilet and once upside down, the motor can be removed with a long screw driver. There are a couple of RV dealers on EBay that discount the Thetford parts. You will also need a new gasket for re-installing the toilet.  
Art, '05 Imperial

You may have a point Art, it could be the motor is failing and just isn't strong enough to open the flapper on some flushes. I have done the silicone soak for the seal and that did solve a problem I had before when the unit would not hold water. Now it is holding too much water - guess I am just too hard to please - just kidding! Billy had a good point too by lubricating that threaded screw - I used lithium grease - in the back of the unit and it does seem to be running smoother. We will see if that improves it otherwise we will have to look at pulling the unit.  
Dexter, '03 Imperial

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## TruVision Wiper Parts

I have been trying to locate a source for TruVision wipers. The cover over the arm connector nut has come off and is lost and I am looking to replace it. I have called TruVision phone numbers in NC and IN and they are both disconnected. So while I can find the replacement blade info, I cannot locate the other part info.

Two questions:

- 1) Is there a source for TruVision that I can use to find the part?
- 2) Is there a recommended replacement brand or will any replacement arm work, using the same size of course?

Ken, '07 Ambassador

Try this number-877-307-7059. It is for  
[www.dieselequipment.com](http://www.dieselequipment.com)

in Greensborough NC. They built the entire wiper systems for Monaco and still do for over 70% of the diesel pushers sold today. Their Chief tech is Shawn Miller should you ever need to work on your system, control arms and all. But the nice lady who answers the phone will help you order any part you would ever need.  
LD, '01 END '05 EXEC

If Diesel Equipment does not pan out, try "AM Equipment" in Jefferson, OR ([www.amequipment.com](http://www.amequipment.com), 541-327-1546). They sell the weird 32" wiper blades for big bucks and according to their web site, build/sell the complete wiper assemblies for RV manufacturers. Their web site has a generic picture of RV's and they're Monaco's.  
Adam, '10 Neptune

You were absolutely right about the "nice lady" at Diesel Equip...and of course the number is right. She knew exactly what I needed and put it in the mail to me on the same day I called.  
Ken

## Freightliner Contact Info

Freightliner 800-FTL-HELP  
(800-385-4357)

[www.freightlinerchassis.com](http://www.freightlinerchassis.com)

Freightliner Owner's Club

<http://freightlinerchassis.com/Owner-Information-Information/free-owners-club/menu-id-99.html>

Facebook: RV Road Trippers

Twitter: @DriveFCCC 11

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I believe what happens is that the minerals on the seal cause the seal to drag across the slide as it opens/closes thereby causing the symptoms you described. BTW there is no groove in this type of seal so do not try to clean it out with a tool. The seal simply is on top of the slide.

Rich

## Sofa Removal

I have a '05 Ambassador 38PDQ with two sofas. I am thinking about removing the one behind the driver's seat. The motor home is in storage right now so I'm unable to do any measuring. Does anyone know if it's possible to get it out the door? I know I will have to remove the passenger seat to do it. Are there any other problems to do this?  
Russell, '05 Ambassador

We had this done this past spring on our '07 Ambassador 38. If your set up is the same as mine, and it is a fold out type couch you should have no problem at all.  
Joe, '07 Ambassador

Once you unbolt the sofa from the slide, you can take it apart (into three segments), and it will go out the door without removing anything. I renovated mine with two recliners and a desk in place of a sofa. We don't invite people over for the night.  
Wayne, '07 Scepter

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Wayne, '07 Scepter

We opened our sofa, then tied a rope around it to keep it flat so it would not open as we moved the sofa.  
LD

## ICC / LED Marker Lights Not Working

The five LED marker lights across the back top of our coach do not come on. The front and side markers all work properly. The fuse and relay in the rear compartment fuse box seem OK. It seems like there is probably a fault in the wiring that feeds (or grounds) those lights. Does anyone have any idea about how the wires are run to those lights? I had the air filter changed recently, I am wondering the wires pass by the air filter (on left rear corner), and could have been disturbed. Any ideas on this problem gratefully received.  
John, '08 Neptune

Not sure on your unit but do know those wires are run inside the rear cap on mine. Sounds like you may be on the right track looking in and around the intake air filter area.  
Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

## How to Clean Windshield Curtains?

My original windshield curtains are very dirty How can I clean them?  
Betsy

We discovered a product that you can get at Lowes or maybe Wally World. It is called FOLEX. Comes in a plain white bottle with a sprayer. We have used it on curtains, carpet, tablecloths, my shirts and a host of other things. It just works great if you just follow directions. I have been known to be a klutz with a coffee cup also. The wife keeps in a covered cup nowadays..  
Rob & Karen

Should one decide to replace their front privacy curtains, let me offer an alternative. Our old coach had privacy curtains that opened in the middle and would slide on a track to be tied back on each side behind the driver's and passenger's side window. They worked well and when closed, helped with the heat gain/loss from the big front windshield.

Our current coach uses a single front shade that goes across the entire windshield. It is in addition to the individual motorized sun shades that are used while driving. This big single shade is disabled when it ignition is on. The big shade is a honeycomb design and is wide enough to almost touch the side walls. When it is lowered, the air space in the honeycomb is somewhat trapped and offers extremely good insulation, dramatically more effective than what the curtain offered.

I think you can get a manual version of this honeycomb shade cut to length at most home big box stores like Home Depot. You might want to still use a portion of your curtains for the side windows or you could even replace those with cut to length honeycomb shades also. Our coach uses honeycomb shades for the side passenger and driver's shades also, giving additional insulation.

Washing what you have is easy and affordable, but should you consider replacing the curtains, you might want to explore this option.  
Les

I took my curtains from my coach to the cleaners and they would not touch them because there was not a tag on them. I believe they are the original curtains. I called Monaco Oregon three hours ago and have not heard back from them. Does anyone have any suggestions? I am tempted to throw them in the washing machine.  
Joe

Use Woolite. Hang them up on a line to dry. Fluff in the dryer on "AIR" to chase the wrinkles out.  
Paul

We sprayed the curtains first with Shout and Oxi Clean laundry stain remover and the next day washed them in the washer with Oxi Clean powder on regular cycle, twice. They came out OK, most of the stains were removed. We then air dried them in the dryer, ( no heat). Did not need to press them, the pleats were good.  
Dan

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***Have you mailed in your  
2014 Maintenance Session Application?***

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## Short Queen VS Regular Queen Mattresses

I have an '06 Neptune and am wondering if anyone has tried to replace the mattress with a regular length 80 inch queen size bed instead of the 75 inch short queen. Being 6'2" the feet are hanging off the end. If I put a tape measure against the wall under the headboard, it is 79 ¼ inch to the end of the bed deck. With the short queen there is 4 ½ inches at the end of the bed when I slide the mattress back against the wall. With the slide in there is about an inch between the bed deck and the cabinets. Looks like a regular queen would fit in but with no play room.

The only concern I am seeing is possibly the slide would have to be out before the bed deck would be able to be raised. Anyone seeing an issue I am not?  
Paul, '06 Neptune

The full size queen in our '03 just barely touches the drawers with both slides in. Some of the drawers are not accessible unless at least one slide is deployed. Under bed is not accessible unless one slide deployed. Access to rear closet requires slide deployment or crawl over bed. With small slide out - can access closet, but have to walk on "step" below drawers.

With foot of mattress hanging over, tucking top sheet does not work very well since not really long enough - at least not Queen size sheet. With deep/thick mattress you have a greater opportunity to hit head on overhead cabinets. Some may find sitting in bed to read or watch TV restrictive, unless you have a taller ceiling over your bed.  
Gerald

Our '05 Imperial has the same situation with a regular, queen mattress that is deep. There is no problem with the slides closing only accessing the bedroom with the slides in. However, for traveling it is no problem. We usually just open the bed slide when traveling. Just open one or both slides when you need to access something.  
Ben, '05 Imperial

## Block Heater

I'm trying to figure out where the power cord is located to plug in my block heater. Or do one use a male to male power cord? I've looked everywhere around the back of engine for a male cord. No luck. Any ideas?  
Mark, '02 Ambassador

I don't know about your rig but mine has a cord that comes into the rear bay where my power cord is. It plugs into the outlet there.  
Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-Moderator

After several hours plugged in, should I see a significant temp change on the dashboard gauge?  
Mark, '02 Ambassador

Not necessarily, the block heater will never bring your engine up to running temp. It may not show on the gauge at all. Try to touch the block somewhere to see if it is room temp. I think most heaters will come up to about 100 degrees max. The engine should feel neither hot nor cold in cold outside temp conditions. My opinion, you do not need the heater unless you plan to start the engine in freezing temps. No need to leave it on while parked for prolonged periods.  
Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

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## Circuit Breakers & Intellitec Smart EMS

I recently purchased a '07 Ambassador 40SKT. The electric service is 30 amp in this state park in RI, but is very old and subject to going and coming at various times. One of those times, when the power came back the Intellitec Smart EMS panel read 50 amps..which is of course not correct. I called Intellitec Tech Support. After a long discussion about what to do to attempt reset, then doing it, and not having it resolve the situation, I decided to have them ship me a new circuit board for the circuit breaker box. Shortly after that the panel began reading the 30 amp service. For days now, the power has gone on & off, and the panel sometimes reads the 30 amp service, and sometimes the 50 amp service light is lit. So we have made every effort to minimize use of things that would draw more than 24 amps total. In my effort to minimize my amperage draw, I shut down circuit breakers for the washer/dryer (we don't have one), the rear AC, its cool enough at night that we don't need it, and the block heater.

It is the block heater which I am most interested. Is there any reason to keep the block heater on in any circumstances other than winter travel when the temperatures are in the 40s and below? I could find no information about the block heater in the manual, so I was curious about other experiences and information.  
Ken, '07 Ambassador

You have to be careful turning off some of the breakers in the main 120 volt distribution box in the bedroom. The Intellitec EMS needs to see 120 volt AC from both legs to operate correctly. Monaco connect the supplies to different 120 volt circuits in the distribution panel on the output of the circuit breakers. If you turn off a breaker that has the 120 volt feed to the EMS on the EMS will think it has lost power on that leg of the 120 volts. It needs to see 230-240 volts between Leg 1 and Leg 2 of the incoming power.

There is no need to turn off a circuit breaker on a unused circuit. It isn't drawing any power if nothing is on it. It is unusual for the EMS remote to show 50 amp service on a 30 amp service.

Have you installed a Progressive Industries surge protector energy management device? If not I would highly recommend you do so. It will make sure the power coming in is within the proper voltage range and protect against bad connections at the power pole.

Larry, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

You might want to leave the breakers on and simply unplug the block heater. Most do that.  
Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

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In Endeavors and below, the block heater is in the electric compartment where the cord is stored. Look for an unplugged cord. To operate the block heater, plug this cord into the outlet. This works better than using the circuit breaker in the distribution panel because on some units the Intellitec needs to see power to that breaker. Imperials and above have a dash switch. Before 1998, some Endeavors had a switch in the bedroom.

Larry, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

## REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION

### Dim Headlights

At idle with lights on, I only had 10.5 volts at the headlight socket. Dim rear lights suggest possible other problems such as low voltage (alternator/battery issues) or poor ground. The Daniel Stern Lighting website has some good info regarding how to get more voltage to the headlights

(<http://www.danielsternlighting.com/tech/tech.html>).

Some of us have installed HID conversion kits that have their own solution to better voltage at the headlight. Fred, '00 Endeavor

### Fuse Locations

In the front compartment on the driver's side is a fuse cabinet. Some models have a diagram for the fuses on the inside of the cover reached by removing three wing nuts on the larger cover. Then, you should see the layout. Many of the fuses are also in the owner's manual.

If your fuse diagram is missing, perhaps someone who has a similar coach would take a photo of the diagram and send it to you.

The slide control relays are probably in the battery compartment mounted on the back wall in a plastic box about 12 inches square. It is a printed circuit board with about 5 relays on it. Might be in a protective compartment. Might be in a compartment housing the inverter and Aqua-Hot behind the storage compartments.

### Electrical Problem

If your power awnings, power key fob, power sun visors, and power step cover don't work, what should you do?

- 1) Check to see if your chassis batteries are charged. Those items work off the chassis batteries. On some Monaco coaches, they did not put in a charging circuit for the chassis batteries. Use them too much and the items deplete the chassis battery.
- 2) To check the battery voltage: Use a 12 V circuit tester and a digital volt ohm meter or VOM. Check the voltage by putting the VOM across the terminals. If it is below 11 volts, the chassis batteries are not being charged.
- 3) Get a BIRD (Bi-directional relay) to charge the batteries when not traveling.
- 4) If you have a black plastic box in the compartment below the driver's window that says Intellitec BIRD, then you do have a charging device, but check the voltages. The Trombetta interconnect relay in the battery compartment might need to be replaced.

### Side Light Marker Replacements

If there is no number on the broken lens, try looking at any truck stop, chrome shop or auto parts store for similar marker lights in both incandescent and LED configurations. Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

### Paint Checking

#### '00 to '05 On Dark Colors

Checking in dark colored paint is very common in coaches built in 2000 to 2005. However, this is not a paint problem.

The problem is in the fiberglass / gelcoat underneath the fiberglass. It was made with small air "bubbles" in it and these bubbles expand and contract with the temp changes especially heat. The expansion and contraction "stretches" the paint and will eventually split. The wall material was made by Owens Corning.

It is much worse on the darker accent colors. Light colors were much less affected.

For a while, Monaco was doing warranty repairs (with some \$ assistance from Owens Corning) which meant grinding off all the fiberglass and rebuilding the sidewalls. A very lengthy process, and very expensive for Monaco. That stopped years ago.

There is not a simple repaint process that will cure the problem, although perhaps someone has heard of one.

The problem was not just Monaco, but all manufacturers using Owens Corning wall materials in the 2000 to 2005 time frame.

### Thin Lite Lens

I have 2 18" fluorescent lights and 1 12" fluorescent light under a kitchen cabinet. I believe they are Thin Lites, but am not sure. What I am looking for is the plastic lens cover. They are older and quite fragile with one breaking. Anyone know where I can purchase just the lens covers?

Tony

Here is a great place to get all of your Thin-Lite needs.

<http://www.solar-electric.com/thinlitelenses.html>

Richard

### Holiday Rambler RV Contact Information

Useful contacts for information regarding your motorhome.

HR Tech Support	800.450.6336
HR RV – Indiana	800.650.7337
Cummins Customer Service	800.343.7357
Allison Customer Assistance	800.252.5283

## REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION

### Under Sink Water Filter

I was crawling around under the kitchen sink and I saw what looks like a base for some sort of water filtration. Did HR "pre-plumb" this from the factory in my '02 Endeavor? Does anyone know what I would need to do to use this? I realize there are likely better (but more costly) solutions out there but DW would like some sort of filtration and I am a cheap skate!

Brian, '02 Endeavor

My '98 HR END had a cartridge type filter installed. The filter could be removed and replaced with a "plastic disc" that still allowed for flow of water. If the thing you found looks similar to one of these, you probably have an Everpure head and all you need is a new cartridge.

<http://www.efilters.ca/residential/drinking-systemheads.html>

Gerald

Your filter can be purchased at Lowe's, Camping World, etc. Check around as prices vary. It will give you good tasting drinking water wherever you are.

### Replacement Headlights

I have a '97 Endeavour LE. Headlamps are dim - as are tail lights. Lenses are clean and not fogged over. Amperage to lamps are tested at solid 12 amps. I'm guessing bulbs or head lamps are simply just old. Any suggestions on where I can buy replacement head lamps? Preferably LED's? Thanks in advance.

Mike, '97 Endeavor

There is a number etched in the lens. Take that number and Google it. It will tell you what auto the lights are the same as. From there you can find a source for a replacement or possibly LED substitute.

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-moderator

### Awning Out of Track

What is the best way to reinsert about 4 inches of fabric that has slipped out of the awning track?

Wendell, '03 Imperial

A nylon insert holds the fabric in the track. If it is coming out it probably has cracked and part of it possibly is gone. Instructions on the eGroup site (*see p. below*) in the files section for the Omega style awning describe how to install and uninstall awnings.

[https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ramblin\\_pushers/files/Carefree%20of%20Colorado/](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ramblin_pushers/files/Carefree%20of%20Colorado/)

Bob, '08 Ambassador, Co-Moderator

OR, check the stitching on the loop the nylon insert is in. The stitching may come apart due to rotting thread. If so, the fabric will need to be resealed or replaced.

Ron

### Radio Terms

DIN means Deutsches Institut for Normung, a German Standards Institution. This refers to sizes of radios. 1 DIN would fit a Navigator.

Other sizes are 2 DIN and 3 DIN.

### Purchased a Pre-Owned Coach?

Register your new pre-owned coach with Holiday Rambler to help notify HR you are the new owner and help the techs keep up with recalls and repairs.

Link ---<http://www.holidayrambler.com/holidayrambler/preownedregistration.html>

### Headed for Indiana? Do You Know?

A few states will not allow RVs to fuel at truck pumps since the stations do not have the software to add the tax RVs need to pay. Exceptions are Pilot and Flying J which do have the software. So, now you can fuel at truck pumps in Indiana if you have a **Pilot / Flying J card**. Be sure you have their latest card.

### How to Access eGroup Files

Need to find old Ramblin' Pusher eGroup Messages or Uploaded Files?

[www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ramblin\\_pushers](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ramblin_pushers)

You can search for old messages or uploaded files and photos. You will need to log into Yahoo Groups.





### **Momentary Switch – Water Pump**

I am looking to replace the switch next to the sink for the water pump in my '93 HR Imperial. I understand it is a momentary switch. But, I can not find this type of switch that works like mine. I wish I could put a pic of it on here..It is like the circuit panel that's in the bathroom but smaller because it just has 1 function. Can anyone help. At first the only thing wrong with it was the key pad like cover was cracked. (which I think is common because the bathroom one is as well) It still worked that way but now it is just staying on and won't shut off unless you hold the little button down. Hence I am assuming the switch is just plain bad now. Need to replace but have no idea where I would find a switch like it. If not what can I replace it with?

Susan, '93 Imperial

Hope this helps

[http://www.rvstoredirect.com/light-switches-c-48\\_623.html](http://www.rvstoredirect.com/light-switches-c-48_623.html)

LD, '01 END '05 EXEC

### **TIP - Blown Turn Signal Fuses**

This is a statement of findings rather than a question. I was wondering why I was continuing to blow the left turn signal fuse in the rear 12 v dc panel on our '08 Endeavor 40. I set out to trouble shoot the toad wiring, then the wiring cable between the coach and the toad. No problems on the toad wiring after stripping it all out and inspecting it closely for nicks or breaks. When I disassembled the large plug at the coach end of the lights cable, I first found the white ground wire had come off its screw down terminal and had moved over and was resting against the terminal for the yellow turn signal terminal. Aaahhh, 12 volts going to ground that will surely blow a fuse.

Getting the ground back to its home terminal I check all other screws to find all of them too loose and tightened them all back down. Checking the other end of the cable while I was at it, a six terminal round toad connector, I found most of them also too loose and one of the hold down screws to another turn signal wire had completely come out of the terminal and was bouncing around inside the round casing.

So, next time you have a few minutes I suggest you take out your coach to toad lighting cable and open up each end and inspect the terminal screws for tightness. A small dollop of dielectric ointment on all the connection contact points to aid in the proper connections is also recommended.

Barry, '08 Endeavor

### **Stinky Sink**

DW is complaining of sewer or septic doers coming from under the kitchen slide sink cabinet. I know that Monaco used vacuum breaker valves for the sinks. I looked in our parts list and could not find any reference for vacuum breakers.

Can anyone tell me where to look for these valves on my 04 SIG Castle IV and where I can find replacement valves.

I like our coach but, DW said yesterday "We ought to sell the damn thing if it's going to continue to stink." So I need to fix it quick.  
Chet

Look under the sink for the drain pipe. Follow it up behind the sink bowl. The breaker is up high close to the under side of the counter top. It will have a rubber flapper valve on the top. Hard to see. You can unscrew the breaker assembly off the pipe.  
Chuck

Thanks for the info. I found them and will be making a trip to the Lowes next week to get three new vents.  
Chet

### **ICC / LED Marker Lights Not Working**

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John, '08 Neptune

Not sure on your unit but do know those wires are run inside the rear cap on mine. Sounds like you may be on the right track looking in and around the intake air filter area.  
Ed, '05 Endeavor, Co-Moderator

### **INDIANA SERVICE CENTER**

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**Fleetwood Factory Service Center**  
**Decatur, IN**  
**800-322-8216**  
select option 1 and then option #2  
**Labor rate = \$99 per hour.**

### **OREGON SERVICE CENTER**

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**Coburg, OR**  
**Appointments: 877-466-6226**  
**M to F, 7:30 am to 4:00 p.m.**

## Leaky Sink Drain – '03 Ambassador

The drain under our vanity sink has a small leak. Haven't been able to find the source but it appears to be at or near the elbow right above the floor. Before I go too far in trying to dismantle and repair, can you tell me how the drain pipes are assembled? Mine appear to be glued at the fittings and joints. Do any of you have experience/ advice on how to get this pipe loose and apart so I can replace the leaky piece? Of course, there is very little room to work so I want to avoid creating a bigger problem. Mason, '03 Ambassador

A quick and dirty solution is to go to Home Depot where they sell a rubber self stick stretchy tape which you can wrap around a drainpipe as this is not a pressurized system. This will basically seal the leak quite effectively and you may never have to address the problem again or replace the fitting and re-glue. Joel

Thank you for the quick and spot-on response. After closer inspection I determined that the leak was about 12 inches above the elbow in the schedule 40 drain pipe. It was easy to cut and remove the drain pipe, so I did so, cut out the hole and put it back together with an 81 cent Lowes coupling. No more leak. By cutting it I also could see that a fine factory man had drilled 2 holes thru the wall, one that found the drain pipe. Don't know why it took this long to break completely thru the pipe wall and start leaking. Wasn't nearly as bad as I expected though. Thanks again for your response. This forum is great. Mason, '03 Ambassador

## LPG Generator Won't Turnover

My LPG generator will not start. It clicks but won't turn over. Unkown

- 1) Check battery connection on the starter solenoid;
- 2) First culprit is the battery being insufficient, but if battery is powerful enough, and battery connection is good, then it's the solenoid not being able to pop in to engage the flywheel, OR...
- 3) OR, the generator is stuck (e.g., piston rings frozen against cylinder walls, so battery will never be powerful enough to turn it.

I would recommend the following:

- 1) Check battery connection to the solenoid;
- 2) If possible, remove generator spark plugs and squirt WD40 or to her break-free, spray lubricant down the plug holes (there is a product called "Fogger" at WalMart that I have used in the past. Let it sit for about 30 minutes to work on the rings; if possible, put a wrench on generator crankshaft and turn the crank to ensure the pistons rotate freely.
- 3) Give it a try.
- 4) If necessary, hook charging cable up directly to the gen starter, and try jump starting it using your car's battery power. IN FACT, MAYBE TRY THIS FIRST.

## No Power to Video Selector Box

Thanks to everyone for your help. You all helped point me in the right direction so I will share what I found in case anyone else runs into this bizarre problem. I checked the fuse, it was good. Unplugged the 12V plug from the back of the box, and I had full power there. But when I plugged it into the box, there was no power to the box. I took the box apart. Had continuity to both sides of the plug to the circuit board independently but no continuity between them. Bad board?

No. I started tracing through the board and noticed the small led bulb looked like it had been previously repaired. Checked continuity through the bulb. No throughput. So, basically the bulb is inline to the switch. It appears the bulb burned out which disrupted the switch circuit. Sounds pretty bizarre but I jumpered both sides of the bulb together and WAALAA continuity to the switch. So, I need to get a new bulb soldered onto the board. By the looks of things this is not the first time this has been replaced. So the good news is it is not a wiring problem but in fact a component problem. Thanks again. This group is always so helpful. Dexter, '03 Imperial

## Fireplace Not Working

My electric fireplace stopped working. I checked the breaker in the bedroom...ok. Turned it off for five minutes as recommended in the owners manual...didn't reset. I had been using it for heat one evening when it quit.

Terry, '08 Endeavor SKQ

If your circuit breaker wont reset, it is either a bad circuit breaker or there is a good short in the wiring. I would check the outlet that the fireplace plugs into first.

Larry, '05 Endeavor

Betsy Brock, Aransas Pass, TX



Brown Pelican, Aransas Pass, TX

# RAMBLIN' PUSHERS CHAPTER 419

## RAMBLIN PUSHERS CHAPTER 419

### Financial Summary

12/31/2013



#### BANK ACCOUNTS

Deposits: First State Bank-Middlebury	\$ 77,961
Deposits: Fifth Third Bank. Elkhart	\$ 14,642
Total Deposits	\$ 92,603
Less Operating Reserve	\$ (5,000)
Less Dues Reserve	\$ (1,650)
Less MS 2014 registrations	\$ (43,595)
Add MS 2014 Expenses Prepaid	\$ 2,672
Net Funds Available	\$ 45,030

No Liabilities

#### OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSES -YTD

INCOME: Dues, Sales	\$ 10,345
EXPENSES	\$ (11,989)

**NET OP. INCOME AND EXPENSE \$ (1,644)**

#### 2013 MAINTANANCE SESSION

INCOME	
Donations	\$ 15,000
Coach Weighing	\$ 1,870
Registrations (net)	\$ 79,833
Sponsore & Vendors	\$ 6,262
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 456
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 103,421</b>

EXPENSES	
Adminstration & Supplies	\$ (4,808)
Equipment Purchases	\$ (4,322)
Fairgrounds, Equipment & Services	\$ (54,246)
Hospitality	\$ (16,979)
Programs, printing, signs	\$ (1,716)
Refunds	\$ (10,142)
Vendor Costs	\$ (1,220)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (93,432)</b>

**NET MS 2013 INCOME AND EXPI 9,989**

#### 2014 MAINTENANCE SESSION TO DATE

Registration - Members	\$ 43,595
Expenses to date	\$ (2,672)

Transactions posted on "Cash" basis.

Bank accounts reconciled through 12/31/2013

A full report will be submitted to the Board

If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer at Chap419.Treasurer@Yahoo.com

**Paul Englund, Treasurer**

## Shipshewana's 2014 MayFest

**Friday, May 2 & Saturday, May 3**

Are You Ready for Spring? It's Right Around the corner, and so is our MayFest celebration!

Shipshewana MayFest kicks off Friday, May 2, with entertainment and food at the main tent all day at the Elementary School and local musical talent in the main tent.

Saturday morning kicks off with a benefit pancake and sausage breakfast and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

After the parade, there will be buggy races, puppet shows, art awards, a garden tractor pull, and more.

AND, of course the Amish Acres play this year is "Little Shop of Horrors."

Betsy Brock, Ventura, CA



**Rainbow at McGrath State Beach,  
Ventura, CA**



# RAMBLIN' PUSHERS MEMBERSHIP / CHANGE FORM



HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

- PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY -



HRRVC National Membership #  (Required for Processing)

**IMPORTANT:** Please Check One ☐ I am applying for new membership in Chapter 419 – Ramblin' Pushers  
☐ I am a current 419 member - *this is updated membership information.* Enter your HRRVC#, name and *only the information that is to be changed.*

Last Name

First Name

Cell Phone Number

Mailing Address:

City:

State/Prov:

Zip+4:

Home Phone Number:

Can. Postal Code

Email:

Spouse/Companion:

Last Name

First Name

Cell Phone Number

Email:

The 419 Quarterly Newsletter is posted on our website for members to read online and/or print. You are encouraged to receive email notification of online availability to minimize Chapter costs. Please check one box: Email Notification ☐ or receive Newsletter via USPS Bulk Mail\* ☐  
 \*Note: Some mail forwarding services do not forward bulk mail unless specified.

HR Coach HR Diesel Model (Circle One)> AMB END IMP NAV NEP SEP TRP VAC

Coach Year Length Engine HP Engine Mfg.

Coach #

VIN#

How were you recruited into Chapter 419? (Please fill in all blanks that apply): 419 Member

Dealer 419 Website Rally/Where

Other

Signature: Date:

**Cost to Join:** An initiation fee of \$20.00 for the first year. Thereafter, the Annual Membership fee is due Jan. 1 of each year. If you are joining after Aug., the next year's Annual Membership Fee (\$15.00) is also due at the time of membership application. All fees/dues are payable in US Funds. Make Check Payable to: **HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers** & include HRRVC No. on your check. Send form & check (if applicable) to:



HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers,  
 413 Walnut Street #5294  
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-3443

Questions? Visit our Chapter Website: [www.ramblinpushers.org](http://www.ramblinpushers.org)  
 or call our Chapter President: 866-208-7411

FMCA Membership Number:

F

Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing...  
 ...Since we all travel...

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Amt Paid

Check/Cash \$

Check# Date

Date Postmarked

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MBR Membership Form 120527

# 2014 MS APPLICATION

HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419

## 2014 Maintenance Session

If you own a Holiday  
Rambler Diesel Motorhome,  
You are invited to attend.

**May 2 – 7, 2014**

Arrival Day May 1<sup>st</sup>

Early Parking April 30<sup>th</sup>

Goshen, Indiana – GPS: N41.8807 W85.8007

### General Information

*You will leave better educated about the Use,  
Care, Safety and Maintenance of your coach*

Location: Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds

17746-D CR 34, Goshen, Indiana 46528

Arrival Day Parking: May 1<sup>st</sup> \$26

Early Parking Day: April 30<sup>th</sup> \$26, fees payable in  
advance below or payable on arrival by cash or check.

### Need more information?

Visit 419 Website [www.ramblinpushers.org](http://www.ramblinpushers.org) or call 866-208-7411

HRRVC assumes no responsibility or liability, nor is any Officer, National Director, or any other person authorized to assume any responsibility or liability for any personal injury or property damage suffered by its members and/or their family or guest in attendance at or on the road to or from this Maintenance Session or other HRRVC event.

Your Parking Area will be  
based on the date your  
registration is postmarked.

**So Register Early...!**  
To park together, you **MUST**  
register together and arrive  
together...

### Handicap Parking

Only 20 handicap parking spaces  
are available and will be assigned  
based on when the registration is  
postmarked.

### - Facilities -

6 nights parking starting 5/2  
30 & 50 amp sites w/water, sewer or  
one free septic truck dump  
Coach Weighing & propane leak  
testing available  
Food vendor on site

### - Planned Activities -

Limited activities 4/30 & 5/1 – MS  
starts with Welcome Meeting at  
9:15 am on Friday 5/2 .. Plan to be  
there!

- 6 Days of Seminars/Sessions by  
Holiday Rambler RV, Vendors,  
Suppliers and 419 members
- Round table discussions
- Holiday Rambler RV Executives
- Service Technicians Available
- Coach Displays, Vendors, &  
Suppliers
- Morning Hospitality, Social &  
Closing Dinner, Ladies Events

Mail registration & check to:  
HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers 419  
413 Walnut St., #5294  
Green Cove Springs, FL  
32043-3443

You should receive an e-mail about 3 weeks after  
mailing your registration confirming receipt.  
Pre-arrival packets will be distributed  
electronically to registered attendees in early  
April 2014.

Cancellations accepted prior to the event, subject  
to an admin. fee of \$10. Call 866-208-7411 to  
cancel.

Cut Here – Return Form Below Along with Check to this address ↑

Names \_\_\_\_\_ HRRVC# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Postmarked \_\_\_\_\_

HR Coach Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Engine Mfg \_\_\_\_\_ Engine HP \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Number  
(six digits)

Coach Engine Number

REGISTRATION FEES: Check payable to HRRVC Ramblin' Pushers

Coach with 2 persons \$195.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Coach with 1 person 155.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Person in Coach, Add 50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-419 Member, Add 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Day Parking – May1st, Add 26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Early Parking Day – April 30<sup>th</sup>, Add 26.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (US Funds Only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check, if applicable:

☐ First Timer  
☐ How many diabetic

☐ Handicapped (Limit 20)\*

\* Attach a copy of  
your current  
handicapped  
parking permit to  
your registration.

Volunteers: Indicate your willingness to help the MS with a "Him", "Her" or "Both" below: (Please no check marks)

First Aid \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Parking \_\_\_\_\_ Seminar Host \_\_\_\_\_ Open House Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluations \_\_\_\_\_

Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Information/Transportation \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ Round Table Moderators \_\_\_\_\_ Greetings \_\_\_\_\_ Mentors \_\_\_\_\_ Tours Table \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Activities \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Weigh/Propane Check \_\_\_\_\_ Audio/Visual \_\_\_\_\_ Book Exchange \_\_\_\_\_ As Needed \_\_\_\_\_

2014 MS Registration Form 130527

## 2014 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee worked diligently to obtain nominations for the Officer and Board of Director positions open for 2014. We proudly present the Slate of Officers below.

At the General Membership Meeting during the 2014 MS in Goshen, IN, members present will vote for officers by written ballot.

Additional nominees may be nominated from the floor for each office providing each nominee is present at the meeting, agrees to be placed on the ballot, meets the qualifications for the office and are in good standing with HRRVC and Chapter 419 membership rules. The printed ballot will have space available for write-in candidates. The offices for which members are being elected are:

- *President,* (1) year term
- *Vice-President,* (1) year term
- *Secretary* (1) year term
- *Treasurer* (1) year term and
- *Two Director Positions* (2) year terms

All following nominees are in good standing with HRRVC, and Chapter 419 memberships and are being placed in nomination for the specified offices.

- *President:* Roger Stickley Oklahoma
- *Vice-President* John Jones Florida
- *Secretary* Harvey Payne Virginia
- *Treasurer* Paul England Oklahoma
- *Director (2)*  
Hugh Skidmore Florida  
Ed Francis North Carolina

For your information, articles on each nominee are on p. 28.

Respectfully Submitted,

*: 2014 Nominating Committee*  
*Sarah Brooks/Dempsey Brooks, Chairperson*  
*Betty Farmer/Bill Farmer*  
*Karen Pensinger/Bob Pensinger*





# RAMBLIN' PUSHERS CHAPTER INFORMATION



## Nominations for 2014 Officers and Board of Directors

### Information on Nominees' Backgrounds

#### **PRESIDENT - Roger Stickley (H/R#106217)**

Roger is the incumbent Chapter President. Served as Vice President. Event Coordinator, 2011, scheduled sessions and vendors, 2011. Retired from the Army and FAA. Roger's wife Dee, is Data Base Manager for our chapter. They have been members of Chapter 419 since 2005.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT - John Jones (H/R#114886)**

John is the incumbent Chapter Vice President. Event Coordinator for the 2014 MS, Volunteer Chairperson, 2013 and many other volunteer positions for the M/S. John is retired Director of Utilities for the City of Griffin Ga. John's wife Paulette is very active in working on the 2014 M/S. She is MS Program and Printer Interface Chairperson. They have been members of Chapter 419 since 2008.

#### **TREASURER - Paul Englund (H/R#109046)**

Paul is the incumbent Chapter Treasurer. He has been very active in co-chair of volunteers and many committees for the Maintenance Session. Paul has a background in business management, and handles all the duties as Treasurer of the Chapter. Paul has been a member of Chapter 419 since 2010.

#### **SECRETARY - Harvey Payne (H/R#82966)**

Harvey has been very active in the many MS positions. He has been in charge of Outdoor Vendor Foods 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, Harvey served as note taker for the Navigator Roundtable for several years. Harvey and his wife Mary have been members of Chapter 419 since 2007.

#### **DIRECTOR(S)**

##### **Ed Francis - (H/R#118020)**

Ed . worked with the Coach Weighing Crew, 2012, 2013. Ed and his wife, Anita, both volunteer at the MS in many areas. They have been members of #419 since 2012.

##### **Hugh Skidmore - (H/R#116246)**

Hugh has been chairperson of the Seminar Host Committee. During his membership with Chapter 419 he has been a volunteer for the Security, Safety and Transportation Committee. Hugh and his wife, Nova, after the 2014 session, will have attended 5 Maintenance Sessions, and have been members of Chapter 419 since 2010.

### ***Paid 2014 Dues?***

*Would you please check your records to ensure you have paid your Chapter 419 Dues of \$12 for 2014?*

*You may send your \$15 check along with a copy of the Membership Application on p. 25. Just fill in the HR# and check "I am a member."*

*Leave the remainder of the form blank. Easy enough?*

*Dale Barstow, Goshen, IN*



***Yum! Ice Cream at the MS***

# RAMBLIN' PUSHERS CHAPTER INFORMATION

POSITION	MEMBER	EMAIL	HOME STATE	HR #
President	Roger Stickley	Chap419.President@gmail.com	OK	106217
Vice-President	John Jones	Chap419.treasurer@yahoo.com	FL	114886
Secretary	Larry Hawkins	hawk marg1@aol.com	FL	101486
Treasurer	Paul Englund	Chap419.Treas@yahoo.com	OK	109046
Director	Bob Bragg	wherez bobndot@yahoo.com	FL	106604
Director	Jane Grossman	jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net	MO	101983
Director	Jerry Davis	davisj9798@yahoo.com	SC	75398
Director	Jim West	jrwest@fuse.net	OH	117173



## Ramblin' Pushers Chapter 419 2013 - 2014 Officers & Board of Directors



### Chapter 419 Officers and Board of Director Members Present at the Mid-Year Meeting

*Jerry Davis*, Director, *John Jones*, V. Pres & MS Coord., *Roger Stickley*, President,  
*Jim West*, Director, *Bob Bragg*, Director *Larry Hawkins*, Secretary  
 Not Present: Paul Englund, Treasurer, Jane Grossman, Director

# 2013 SPONSOR DEALER MEMBERS

Sponsor Service Members provide service for HR Diesel Pushers. These members are Service Centers and would like you to consider them when you have service needs. If you know of an Service Center that would like to become a Sponsor Service Member, please contact Dempsey Brooks, [fdbrooks@bellsouth.net](mailto:fdbrooks@bellsouth.net).



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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Service and repairs      | 4. Disposal stations      |
| 2. Collision repairs        | 5. LP Gas                 |
| 3. Supplies and accessories | 6. Chassis/Engine Service |
|                             | 7. Overnight Parking      |

8. **10% Member discount on store items**
9. RV Storage
10. RV Wash Service

## Alliance Coach, Inc.

4505 Monaco Way  
Wildwood, FL 34785

Web Site: [www.alliancecoach.com](http://www.alliancecoach.com)  
E-mail: [service@alliancecoach.com](mailto:service@alliancecoach.com)  
Contact: 352-330-3800  
Sales: Jeff Dillard 352-330-3800  
Service: Mike Hawkins 352-330-3800  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10  
Models: Vacationer, Ambassador, Endeavor

## Alliance Coach, Inc.

5355 Mill Store Road  
Lake Park, GA 31636

Web Site: [www.alliancecoach.com](http://www.alliancecoach.com)  
E-mail:  
Contact: 352-330-3800  
Sales: Jeff Dillard 352-330-3800  
Service: Keith Frost 352-330-3800  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10  
Models: Vacationer, Ambassador, Endeavor

## Day Bros Auto & RV Sales LLC

3054 S Laurel Road

London, KY 40744

Web Site: [www.daybrosrvsales.com](http://www.daybrosrvsales.com)  
E-mail: [sday29@mcm.com](mailto:sday29@mcm.com)  
Contact: Kenny Day 606-877-1530  
Service: Terry Mitchell 606-877-1530  
Parts: Walter Garrett 606-877-1530  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10  
Models: Ambassador, Endeavor

## Mellott Brothers, Inc

2718 Willow Street Pike  
Willow Street, PA 17584-9505

Web Site: [www.mellottbrothers.com](http://www.mellottbrothers.com)  
E-mail: [sales@mellottbrothers.com](mailto:sales@mellottbrothers.com)  
Contact: Larry Mellott, Jr 800-826-3556  
Sales: Larry Mellott, Jr 800-826-3556  
Service: Tim Neff 717-464-4855  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9  
Models: All HR Diesel Models

## Motor Home Specialist

5411 South Interstate 35 W  
Alvarado, TX 76009

Web Site: [www.mhsrv.com](http://www.mhsrv.com)  
E-mail: [djobanion@m.s.n.com](mailto:djobanion@m.s.n.com)  
Contact: Donny O'Banion 800-335-6054  
Sales: Donny O'Banion 800-335-6054  
Service: Donny O'Banion 800-335-6054  
Services: 1, 3  
Models: Endeavor, Ambassador, Scepter, Imperial, Navigator, Neptune, Vacationer, Augusta, Aluma-Lite A & C

## Paul Evert's RV Country

3633 South Maple  
Fresno, CA 93725

Web Site: [www.rvcountry.com](http://www.rvcountry.com)  
E-mail: [sales@rvcountry.com](mailto:sales@rvcountry.com)  
Contact: Curt Curtis- 559-486-1000  
[curt@rvcountry.com](mailto:curt@rvcountry.com)  
Sales: Julien Castillo 559-486-1000  
Service: Han Dudley 559-486-1000  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
Models: Endeavor, Ambassador, Trip

## Paul Evert's RV Country

90915 Roberts Road  
Coburg, OR 97408

Web Site: [www.rvcountry.com](http://www.rvcountry.com)  
E-mail: [sales@rvcountry.com](mailto:sales@rvcountry.com)  
Contact: Jim Hardy [gentlemanjimhurdy@gmail.com](mailto:gentlemanjimhurdy@gmail.com)  
Sales: Jim Hardy 541-686-6044  
Service: Chad Ross 541-686-6044  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Models: All HR Diesel models

## Paul Evert's RV Country

5111 20th Street E  
Fife, WA 98424

Web Site: [www.rvcountry.com](http://www.rvcountry.com)  
E-mail: [sales@rvcountry.com](mailto:sales@rvcountry.com)  
Contact: Jim Hardy [gentlemanjimhurdy@gmail.com](mailto:gentlemanjimhurdy@gmail.com) 253-926-6000  
Sales: Kevin Knowles 253-926-6000  
Service: Will Powell 253-926-6000  
Services: 1, 3, 6  
Models: All HR Diesel models



## 2013 SPONSOR DEALER MEMBERS

### RV World of Lakeland

940 Crevasse Street  
Lakeland, FL 33809

Web Site: [www.rvworldinc.com](http://www.rvworldinc.com)  
E-mail: [mgerzeny@rvworldinc.com](mailto:mgerzeny@rvworldinc.com)  
Contact: Matt Gerzeny 877-663-7506  
Sales: Pete Ackerman 877-663-7506  
Service: Sean Gavagan 877-663-7506  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, **8**  
Models: Augusta, Vacationer, Ambassador, Endeavor

### The R.V. Shop, Inc.

14340 S. Choctaw Ext.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70819

Web Site: [www.RVShoponline.com](http://www.RVShoponline.com)  
E-mail: [gerald@rvshoponline.com](mailto:gerald@rvshoponline.com)  
Contact: Gerald Vince 225-272-8000  
Sales: Tyson Vince 225-272-8000  
Service: Briggs Vince 225-272-8000  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, **8**, 9, 10  
Models: Ambassador, Endeavor, Scepter, Imperial, Navigator

### Sicard RV

7526 Highway #20  
Smithville, Ontario CANADA LOR2A0

Web Site: [www.sicardrv.com](http://www.sicardrv.com)  
E-mail: [gsicard@sicardrv.com](mailto:gsicard@sicardrv.com), [rsicard@sicardrv.com](mailto:rsicard@sicardrv.com)  
Contact: Gary Sicard 905-957-3344  
Sales: Roger Sicard 905-957-3344  
Service: Terry Sicard 905-957-3344  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, **8**, 10  
Models: All HR diesel models

### Veurinks RV Center

7144 S Division  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Web Site: [www.veurinksrv.com](http://www.veurinksrv.com)  
E-mail: [rvsales@veurinksrv.com](mailto:rvsales@veurinksrv.com)  
Contact: Tim Veurink 616-965-9608  
Sales: Matt Veurink 616-965-9606  
Service: Tom Woods 616-965-9631  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10  
Models: All HR diesel models

Betsy Brock, Goshen, IN



*Enter the Elkhart County 4 H  
Fairgrounds, watch for signs and  
directions for the entry gate  
(might not be Gate 2.)*

*2014 Ambassador*



[www.holidayrambler.com](http://www.holidayrambler.com)

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|                             | 7. Overnight Parking      |  |

## Apalachee RV Center

1364 Duncan Lane  
Auburn, GA 30011

Web Site: [www.myarv.com](http://www.myarv.com)  
E-mail: [dave@myarv.com](mailto:dave@myarv.com)  
Contact: Dave Kobos 770-868-0999  
Service: Tracy Fulkerson 770-868-0999  
Services: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, **8**, 10

## Cummins Crosspoint LLC

3415 W. Coliseum Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Web Site: [www.crosspoint.cummins.com](http://www.crosspoint.cummins.com)  
E-mail: [cd575@cummins.com](mailto:cd575@cummins.com)  
Contact: Carrie Buisman 260-482-3691  
Service: Carrie Buisman 260-482-3691  
Services: 1, **6**, 7, **8**

## Eagle's Pride RV, Inc.

108 C Plantation Drive  
Titusville, FL 32780

Web Site: [www.eaglespride.com](http://www.eaglespride.com) 800-552-3555  
E-mail: [melodyr1@efl.rr.com](mailto:melodyr1@efl.rr.com)  
Contact: Michael Thibeau 321-383-0288  
Sales: Carrie Wilmer 321-383-4495  
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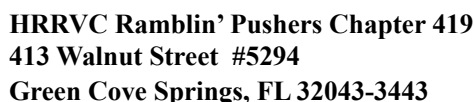
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