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PRESIDENT'S

Wow, where has the year gone? It seems like we just left the Fairgrounds in Goshen, IN. Suddenly, many of you are already headed for the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque or even getting ready to move to winter headquarters in

Florida, Texas, or Arizona. After some needed slide mechanism repairs, Jane and I are headed towards a few of the newer national park sites in the East, and then to Texas for my 50th college reunion. Oh my, have we really gotten to be that old?! After Thanksgiving we will depart for winter quarters in Mesa, AZ, to an RV resort where you just cannot run out of things to do. Any of you who are in Arizona over the winter months should drop us an email or give us a call.

If you recall from the MS and the previous newsletter under Manufacturer Relations – REV Recreation Group, we established a procedure for our new coach owners to better assure their satisfaction with REV regarding warranty issues. Recently, I received an email from one of our MS First-Timers with just that sort of problem. He detailed his experience, explaining a problem with a reclining chair in his coach. He gave dates, who he had spoken with and what REV had and had not done. He was careful to leave out the emotions, while voicing his dissatisfaction. I immediately forwarded his email to our contact in REV customer service. Our member was contacted the very next day. They explained how and when they would remedy the problem. Although, he is not 100% happy with the manner that they will go about

fixing the complaint (after some significant inconvenience), he is assured that the problem will be taken care of.

He wrote me a thank-you email stating: “Again, I do appreciate your efforts on this. I know that running between owners and REV is not what you signed up for.” As I thought about this situation, I realized that this is exactly what I signed up for. The Ramblin’ Pushers mission is “to provide information to our members to help them safely and properly operate and maintain their REV diesel motor homes and enhance their ownership experiences.” I will certainly admit that helping our members deal with warranty issues is way beyond “providing information.” But a small extension to our mission statement just seems like the right thing to do.

I also recalled how we took on this warranty task during set-up for the 2018 Maintenance Session. It came about because at that time I received an email from a First-Timer (forwarded by his First-Timer Guide) with a warranty issue that kept him from getting any hot water. I elected to deal with the REV Vice-President of Customer Satisfaction on behalf of that participant. As I discussed the problem with my REV contact, he instantly recognized the issue and its fix. I suspected that this and other problems might be common to many new coach owners, especially those with Fleetwood Pace Arrows and Holiday Rambler Navigators and Navigator XEs. I spent some computer time sorting our MS registration information by coach year and model. Much to my surprise we had 47 coaches still under warranty. It just seemed right that our club should provide this service to act on behalf of our members to “enhance their ownership experience.” To date we have only had a few requests for help. However, we have also given our new coach owners the tools to correctly deal with these warranty issues by themselves whenever possible.

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RAMBLIN' PUSHERS NEWSLETTER

Mission

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To provide information to our members and associates to help them safely and properly operate and maintain their REV diesel motor homes and enhance their ownership experiences.

Purpose

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The purpose of this *Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter* is to inform members of recalls; new products; information about REV, the manufacturer of our motor homes; information concerning the next Maintenance Session; and methods other members have used to diagnose problems and maintain their motor homes.

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This *Newsletter* does not claim to present the best way to make repairs, but shares methods and approaches other members have found to work for them. Members are encouraged to use various sources of information such as owners manuals, brand specific technical assistance, REV Repair Centers, and other supplier information along with web/phone support to diagnose and correct problems experienced in their motor homes.

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For over 36 years I have taught leadership skills to youth and adults. In today's world of leadership, we refer to "Servant Leadership." It is the job of the leader to assure the personal success of each member of the group, as well as the success of the group itself. In very modern leadership terms we also talk about an organization having a "Why." The Ramblin' Pushers "Why" is our mission statement. While I appreciate our members recognizing our help to them – this is our *why*, and yes, this is exactly what I signed up for. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and our entire club.

May all of your travels be safe and problem free. Jane and I wish you the best of health, happiness, and peace in the coming year.

I would be remiss to not mention that our continuing relationship with REV Recreation Group made the warranty satisfaction issue a

solvable problem. I stopped in Decatur, Indiana, a couple of weeks ago and heard a strong message of support. As I suspected, the technicians, parts truck, and financial support of our event are unlikely to return. It is a simple matter of economics. In the past, our event would sell as many as 10,12, or even more coaches. Today only a few customers are buying coaches at events like ours, so the company cannot afford to make the financial investment it did in the past. However, REV does want to reestablish a strong relationship with us. They are likely to continue the parts delivery support that we received last year, and we expect to see the return of the executive panel in some format.

Jim Grossman

Ramblin' Pushers President

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The title block photo for this issue is Rosey & Bill Bourne's 2003 Monaco Camelot. This striking photo was taken in November, 2017 at Catalina State Park in Oro Valley, Arizona.

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2018 Ramblin' Pushers Annual Dues

During the 2018 Mid-Year Meeting, the Board approved an increase in annual dues to \$20 and eliminated the \$5 initiation fee. These changes will be in effect for 2019 and beyond. Dues of \$20 may be paid for the 2019 year and/or future years at any time. If you would like to pay dues in advance, please make your check payable to **Ramblin' Pushers**. Include your HRRVC number on the check.

If you have already paid dues in advance for 2019 and any year beyond, that increase will take effect after your paid-through date.

Please mail your check to:

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Cover Photo Submissions

Now that winter is approaching, please look through your picture files for photos that show your coach in an uncluttered camp setting and send them to ramblinpushersnewsed@gmail.com.

All brands of coaches owned by Ramblin' Pushers members are welcome in the title block. Please identify the coach make, model, and year, the owners' names, and the location and date of the photo.

IN THIS ISSUE

The current Newsletter presents a summary of the status for the planning of MS 2019 and other items of interest and relevance. Jim Grossman starts us off with a discussion of the way the Ramblin' Pushers were able to assist a number of new coach owners who were in need of warranty service. Jim was able to work with his contacts at REV to find a way to expedite parts shipments for local service providers to use in making the necessary repairs and please and new REV coach owners and our MS participants. This is a good example of what we do best: finding innovative ways to solve members' problems quickly and easily.

Ray Blush reminds us that our membership requirements were changed, i.e., expanded, in the 2018 MS. Old friends who no longer own REV brands are welcome to reactivate their membership and join us at the MS. This year we'll see old familiar faces from years past. It will be great to have them back among us.

As always, the success of the MS depends on the volunteers without whom we could not plan and present this annual event. Several of the departments are issuing invitations for volunteers to help provide the services that make the difference between an OK event and a superior one. The Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session is well thought of by almost all of our participants. That is largely the result of the quality of the people who do the work of the MS, sometimes on public display and other times behind the scenes. See the articles from the leaders of the Building & Grounds, Administrative Activities, and Educational Program. Please respond to their requests by contacting Jane Grossman, our volunteer coordinator, or the leaders themselves. The team leaders are reminded to keep Jane up to date on the volunteers you have helping in your area.

One portion of the educational program that was a resounding success last year was the Lifestyle and Crafts program. We made this program a priority and it is our goal to continue

it and continue to expand it in the future. If you enjoyed the Lifestyle and Crafts activities we had last year, then volunteer and let's start building the team for 2019. We need someone to serve as the contact person for instructors to schedule classes in special projects and techniques. We intend to provide classes offered by outside vendors and Ramblin' Pushers members. We will once again provide a "fun room" where individual work on crafts projects can be done. To do that we will need volunteers to staff the room when it is open. Please contact Jane Grossman or Roger Smalley to volunteer.

Bob McCann offers a vivid example of how easy it is to get in trouble when safety precautions are ignored in favor of expediency. Read his article and learn from his experience. Let's remember it the next time we are tempted to take a shortcut while working on our coaches, or anything else for that matter.

Jane Grossman will serve as the Nominating Committee Chairperson for the 2019 election. If you would like to be considered for an office or a seat as a director, please submit a summary of your qualifications to Jane before 31 December 2018. The full set of requirements for board membership is presented in Jane's article on page 8.

Finally, our very best source of new MS Registrants is our members. Invitation packets were distributed at the closing dinner last year. As you enjoy your personal travels, we urge you to speak with other coach owners and invite them to join us at the MS. The packet contains an introduction to the Ramblin' Pushers, a pocket schedule of events from last year, and a registration form for 2019. Most of the people we meet in campgrounds are friendly and easy to talk with. An invitation from someone who has had the MS experience does much to make the invitation meaningful. If you need more packets, contact our Membership Chairperson, Glenna Alexander.

FROM THE MS COORDINATOR

2019 MS – Here We Come!

My, oh my. How the time has flown by! We are well into the planning for our 2019 MS. We are taking into full consideration all of the comments from last year's attendees and, of course, our more than 200 volunteers who have suggestions as to how we can improve even the smallest things at our next Maintenance Session. Many of us will meet in late January to formalize our plans for 2019.

We strive to make our event memorable year after year and are proud of the way all of our volunteers work so diligently not only during the MS, but also during the months preceding our gathering. Our goal is to make it not only educational, but also to provide excellent maintenance opportunities at reasonable rates through the service technicians so that all of us can safely and properly operate and maintain our motor homes. As we say in our mission statement, achieving our goals enhances our ownership experience!

As a reminder, we unanimously changed the membership requirements for those who used to be

a part of us, but purchased another brand motor home. They now are welcomed back with warm hearts regardless of the brand of Class A or Super C diesel in which they now enjoy the RV lifestyle. And I am so happy to report to you that several have already registered to rejoin us!

Our registrations are running ahead of last year and we all look forward to seeing each other again. If you haven't registered yet, please visit our website at www.ramblinpushers.org where you will find our registration form or use the one on page 16 of this Newsletter.

We sincerely hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable winter, and we are looking forward to gathering once again in Goshen, Indiana.

Ray Blush

2019 MS Coordinator
Vice-President, Ramblin' Pushers

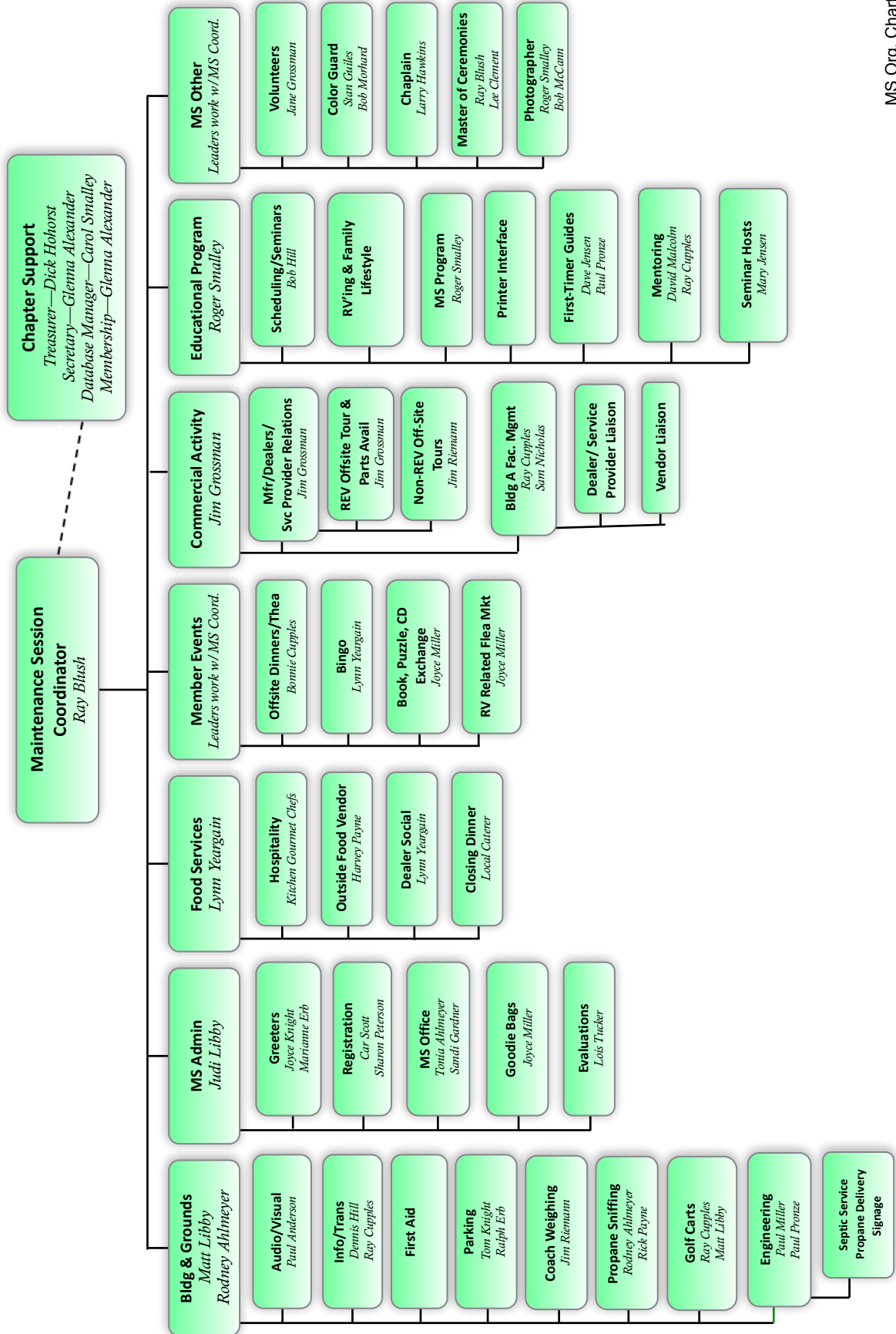
New Policy for Newsletter Distribution

As reported in the previous issue, the cost of printing and mailing copies of the Newsletter to individual members has become prohibitive. Therefore, if you have an email address you will be notified by email when the current issue of the Newsletter is available for download from the Ramblin' Pushers website.

The online Newsletter offers interactive content like live links to email addresses and websites in articles and all of the photos are presented in color. It is truly a better viewing experience.

The board understands that there may be members who specifically need or desire to continue to receive the print edition. **Those persons should contact the Database Manager, Carol Smalley by email at carolgsmalley@gmail.com or by telephone at 618-537-9999 to continue receiving the print edition.**

2019 MS Organization



MS Org. Chart
Revised 10/21/2018

VOLUNTEERS

At our first MS in 2008, Jim and I volunteered to be mentors. Since then, we have headed the mentors, Jim has lined up and scheduled all the seminars, led the educational program team and became an officer and is now president. After I shared mentoring responsibilities with him, I sat on the Board of Directors for two years, headed the Greetings team, and have headed the Volunteers. It has all been great fun, and I have gotten to know many of our attendees. It was easy for us to get involved. We just had to step up and say that we were willing to help.

As I hope you all know by now, our event is run totally by volunteers. No one receives any sort of compensation, perks, or reimbursement for mileage or travel expenses. In fact, this is prohibited in our Bylaws. Why would anyone pay to work?! Because volunteering is FUN and it makes each volunteer feel good about helping others while being part of a successful program.

All that being said, we need each and every person who is able to volunteer in some area. We love

when someone steps forward to take a leadership position, but even they need a crew of workers. Please write **#1**, **#2**, or **both** in the area of your preference on the registration form. If you have already sent your registration in and have done that, thank you. If you have sent your registration in and have not signed up, please send me an email or call me to volunteer. For anyone in need of a suggestion of positions that need filling, there are a few areas where we can always use more help: First Timer Guides, Info/Trans drivers, Mentors, and Seminar Hosts. Each of these groups will have a training session, so don't be afraid to volunteer.

We also need leaders in some areas like Audio/ Visual and Lifestyle and Crafts. It is easy, fun, and a great way to become a part of the group. We really do need your help. It takes well over 200 of us to put on the MS!

Jane Grossman

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Happy Autumn Days to everyone. For those of us in Florida, it's still in the 80s and 90s and we sure could use a little cooler weather. But some of us are "hot" to get started on the work for the 2019 Maintenance Session in May. We are looking forward to getting our volunteer lists and contacting all of you who have signed up. Hopefully, our lists are long and we have plenty of help and new volunteers to meet.

The areas that provide administrative services are:

MS Office. The office opens shortly before the MS begins to complete such tasks as assembling the registration packets, setting up the office space, and unpacking office equipment and supplies in storage since last year. The office is open daily during the Maintenance Session. The office staff work in shifts where everyone works 3-4 hours. We don't want anyone to miss a seminar they want to attend, so we adjust our schedules to accommodate individual needs.

Goodie Bags. Members of the administrative team gather before the office opens to fill bags with useful information and other items. This job can be done in a short time, usually 1 to 2 hours of work, all done before registration opens.

Registration. The office is staffed by the treasurer, database manager, membership chairperson, a

group of volunteers who welcome attendees and give them their registration packets and Goodie Bags.

Evaluations. These volunteers meet for a short time on the morning of departure to record and tabulate the MS evaluations collected at the closing dinner.

Greeters. The greeters meet each MS coach in the parking lot and begin the process of getting them parked. The greeters are the first people participants encounter when they arrive. It is much easier to present a happy face when the weather is mild, but our greeters are always up the challenge. They smile as they make everyone feel welcome, record their arrival and present some important documents. Greeters work a few hours at a time over the course of 3 or 4 days.

Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. I will be talking to you all soon after the winter meeting of the Board and MS Committee in January.

Judi Libby

Administrative Activities Chair

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Hello, Everybody:

Hope you all had a great summer traveling in your motorhome. Hopefully, you didn't have any issues along the way. But if you did have problems, or would like to learn more about maintaining and operating your coach, come to the 2019 Maintenance Session. We still have full hook-up sites available, so send in your registration today!

The Maintenance Session is built and run by volunteers. Our goal is to have every attendee who is able to help somewhere. We have teams that work just before the start, during, and after the closing of the MS. Everyone can find a spot somewhere.

When you do volunteer, you meet new friends and have the satisfaction that you helped this MS to be a success.

I need help in all areas of Building and Grounds. Audio-visual, Info-trans, First Aid, Parking, Coach Weighing, Propane Sniffing and Engineering. I have great leaders in each department who can train you in whichever area you choose. Mark it on your registration form or contact Matt Libby at applejack1022@yahoo.com or Jane Grossman at jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net.

Looking forward to working with everyone.

Matt Libby

Building & Grounds Coordinator

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Educational Program team is spinning up for the 2019 Maintenance Session. Bob Hill will weave the tapestry of vendor presentations, OEM and service provider discussions, craft instruction, club business sessions, roundtable discussions, and administrative notices that make the Maintenance Session work smoothly.

Dave Jensen is organizing the First Timers and Guides in an effort to ensure that all first time attendees have a useful and enjoyable experience. Mary Jensen is working to make sure that the seminar presenters have everything they need for their sessions and keep things moving on schedule.

These two tasks can make the difference between a smooth and professional event and a confusing, disappointing one. The Guides are the ambassadors of the MS. They are the people who can answer questions and make the First Timers feel welcome. We need as many Guide volunteers as we can get—ideally as many Guides as First Timers. Too many First Timers per Guide is burdensome for the Guides. Most of the introductory work of the Guides can be done via email or telephone before the MS begins. Once the First Timers are parked and orientated in the fairground, the Guide needs only to check on the First Timers and help resolve problems that might arise.

Similarly, the duties of the Seminar Host take very little time outside of actually attending the seminar. Our goal is to have a host for each seminar presented, but they are most needed for seminars presented by vendors, service providers, and OEM representatives. The Host is the best source of information concerning technical or other problems that might interfere with the session. The host duties will be explained by Mary in an orientation session just prior to the MS.

Two years ago, too many of our attendees were disappointed with our program of non-technical RV Lifestyle sessions and Craft classes. Much of their disappointment came from the fact that several of the presenters, some who had multiple sessions planned, canceled with short notice. Last year we expanded that program by providing a dedicated space for instruction and a place for crafters and other interested persons to spread out

and work on individual projects. The program was received with great enthusiasm and we intend to continue that effort in 2019.

It is unfortunate that Sandy Lindhout, the person who arranged for outside presenters to provide instruction, designed the "Fun Room," and organized the whole effort is no longer able to participate in the MS. Therefore, we need a number of volunteers to continue the work that Sandy began last year. It is our desire that every person who attends the MS enjoys the experience. We understand that not everyone finds diesel engines and electrical distribution fascinating. Some of us enjoy making useful and decorative items for our coaches and homes.

As previously mentioned, this area is presently in need of a leader. The task is not difficult, and is made much easier by having a number of people to assist. The job of the leader will be much easier if there are other volunteers available to lend a hand. If you want a program of non-technical, creative content, then please volunteer to help make that program a success. If all of the crafters volunteer to help, then no one is overworked. Won't you please volunteer early and help make the MS great fun for everyone?

We take pride in the fact that our MS offers a rich program of technical seminars, but that variety can overwhelm an attendee, especially a First Timer. For that reason we are considering trying to help new attendees allocate their time wisely by organizing the seminars into groups that best serve the needs of new motorhome owners in their first year and increase the level of detail and complexity of the subject matter in following years.

The Educational Program team is dedicated to serving our participants well. Join the fun and grow with us.

Roger Smalley

Educational Program Coordinator

FIRST TIMER GUIDES

Volunteering to be a First Timer Guide can be very rewarding for both you and your First Timers. Remember when you showed up at Goshen for the first time and had only a vague notion of what to expect? First Timer Guides are the people who help first time attendees arrive with a good understanding of the process and ready to have a successful first MS. The Guides help First Timers by making initial contact early in the process—shortly after their registration is received. The Guides serve as a primary source of information about what the MS is, how to set reasonable maintenance goals, and how to contact the vendors and service providers available on site.

Our program asks the Guide to make early contact via phone and e-mail with the First Timer to explain what happens at the session, i.e., food, coach services, and seminars, along with other activities and places to visit in the area. The Guide should be on hand to meet their First Timers shortly after they arrive and get settled. The Guides

**The First-Timer Guides
are the ambassadors
of the MS.**

should accompany their First Timers to the FT reception on Thursday evening, and escort, if able, their First Timers to the Friday morning hospitality and the opening ceremony. Also, check on them throughout the week to help resolve any difficulties and questions they might have.

If you have attended an MS before, enjoy meeting new people, and welcoming them to the MS, we want you to serve as a Guide. Last year's First Timers are especially invited to serve as Guides.

If you would like to participate as a Guide for the 2019 MS, please contact me at kazoodgj@gmail.com. We were all a First Timer once and ours was a wonderful experience, so let's make 2019 rewarding and fun for our next group of First Timers. It looks like 2019 is shaping up to be another successful Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session.

David Jensen

First Timer Guides Team Leader

SEMINAR HOSTS

Here's an offer you don't want to miss—the chance to be a member of the Seminar Host Team! Seminar Hosts briefly introduce the presenter, remind the audience to silence phones, distribute and collect a few evaluation forms and at the end of the seminar thank the speaker and remind folks to turn phones back on.

BUT WAIT—THERE'S MORE!

A brief orientation meeting to review procedures and sign-up for seminars you'd like to host will be held prior to the opening of the MS. The date will be determined at the Mid-Year meeting.

There are no shipping or handling fees needed to contact Jane Grossman, Volunteer Coordinator, at jane.grossman@sbcglobal.net, or me, Mary, at kazoomary@gmail.com to volunteer as a Seminar Host.

HURRY—DON'T DELAY! You don't want to miss this amazing and fun opportunity!

Mary Jensen

Seminar Host Team Leader

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Each year at the MS, we elect four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), and two directors.

The Ramblin' Pushers Bylaws define the eligibility requirements for our officers and directors. According to the Bylaws, members who seek to serve as officers or directors must meet the following eligibility requirements.

Nominees for the Ramblin' Pushers Board as Directors must have been members for at least two years, are members in good standing of HRRVC, and have attended at least one Maintenance Session.

Nominees for Secretary and Treasurer must have been members of the chapter for at least three years, are members in good standing of HRRVC, and have attended at least two Maintenance Sessions.

Nominees for Vice-President and President must be members in good standing of HRRVC and meet at least three of the following requirements:

- a) Been a member of the Ramblin' Pushers Board for one year;
- b) Been a Maintenance Session Coordinator;
- c) Been a Maintenance Session Co-Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator for two years;
- d) Held a Standing Committee Chair position for two years;
- e) Attended three Maintenance Sessions and served one year as a MS Committee Leader;

- f) Attended four Maintenance Sessions and served three years on a MS committee.

Exceptions to all nominee requirements must be approved by at least six members of the Board.

During the meeting, additional candidates for each office may be nominated from the floor provided that:

1. Each floor nominee is present at the meeting, and;
2. Meets the qualifications for the office, and;
3. Is in good standing with HRRVC and Ramblin' Pushers membership rules and dues.

The printed ballot distributed during the election will have space available for write-in candidates.

Persons who wish to serve on the Ramblin' Pushers Board should present their qualifications for the office they seek to Jane Grossman, Nominating Committee chairperson by the deadline of December 31, 2018.

Jane Grossman
2019 Nominating Committee Chair

COACH MAINTENANCE—SAFETY FIRST

Like many of you I am a great fan and an avid reader of the Ramblin' Pushers Yahoo Group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ramblin_pushers). When facing any new maintenance challenge I have found the group helpful and responsive. Their combined experience, wisdom and occasional humor lighten the load and usually provide solutions. In this edition I've decided to break with my normal approach and concentrate on personal safety during our maintenance efforts. I have chosen to do this because I recently suffered some serious injuries while washing my coach. I knew better, but tried to save a little time and effort. It isn't worth it!



My Accident

Our home is in the middle of an oak forest. Our motorhome, parked beside the house, needs to be washed several times during the summer as it becomes covered in debris from the oaks. Typically, I start with a hose, bucket and brush on the roof. Heights don't bother me. During our builds with Habitat for Humanity you would usually find me doing roof and rafters work. I have a Little Giant heavy duty stepladder. These ladders are extremely stable and dependable when used correctly. I have always used the ladder for lifting my tools and

materials onto the roof. I use the installed ladder at the rear of motorhome for ascending and descending but carrying materials while using that ladder is dangerous. With assistance the materials can be pulled up with a rope but I am normally working alone.

August 1st we were getting ready to join our club for a rally and my wife was out running an errand. I decided I would try to get the roof done while she was out. I got the stepladder setup and lifted the hose, bucket and brush onto the roof. I hadn't yet gotten the extension for the installed ladder out of the belly so I decided to just crawl onto the roof from the stepladder. It was easy and saved me all of five minutes. I scrubbed down the roof and got it hosed off. I dropped the hose and the brush to the ground and attempted to get back onto the stepladder. I knew better. We all do. There aren't any handholds unless your ladder is 3 to 4 feet higher than the roof. It isn't the right way to use a stepladder. I remember starting to slip off the ladder. On the ground I got myself up and into the house. I sat down in my recliner but found that so painful I decided to lie on the floor. When Jean Ann got home I was still on the floor. I was so stiff I couldn't get myself up to reach my phone. She called an ambulance. I had seven broken ribs, two fractured vertebrae, contusions on my lung and a leg muscle, and a bump on my head. It cost me three days in the hospital and a lengthy recovery. I joke there is a new rule at our house - no ladders unless Jean Ann is home - but the real lesson is more serious.

Safety First

Reviewing the conversations of the Yahoo Group I was struck by the fact that I couldn't find a single reference to an accident during maintenance operations. I know that isn't because there haven't been accidents. Many of us have been injured (some minor, others seriously) while working on our coaches. We just don't talk about the injuries or the causes. What I did find in the conversations, thankfully, were a few cautions. I will be covering those in this article.

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Accidents happen. A slippery surface, a distraction, many things can cause an accident and the results can vary from barked knuckles to life threatening. Recently a friend was working on some wood cabinets with a drill press. He slipped and drilled a deep hole in his finger. Perhaps gloves might have limited the damage but, in my opinion, sometimes the precautions cause more problems than they are worth. For that reason I am focusing this article on those maintenance efforts where accidents can be life threatening or result in serious injury. I don't want to pretend this list is complete. I have spent considerable time on the government's OSHA website reviewing statistics and videos but there isn't a good source listing all potential accidents. Here is my list:

Fall Protection: Falls are the leading cause of death and injury in the construction industry in spite of rigid requirements and controls. Liabilities have driven most employers to require harness and safety lines or railings for roof work. Neither of these are practical for working on the roofs of our motorhomes. So what do you do? Stay off the roof when it is wet or slippery. Use extreme caution when climbing ladders. Keep both hands on the ladder at all times. Kneel or sit when working near the edge. Pay someone else to do it if the conditions are not right.

Electrical: OWNERS MANUAL WARNING: Before working on the electrical system disconnect from shore power and turn off the Inverter/Charger. Disconnect the negative 12 volt DC battery cables at the batteries. Remove rings, metal watchbands and other metal jewelry before working around batteries and connectors. Use caution when working with metal tools. If a tool contacts a battery terminal or metal connected to it, a short circuit could occur causing personal injury, explosion or fire. CAUTION: When checking or servicing the engine compartment, the rear start switch should be placed in the REAR or OFF position to prevent accidental starting of the engine from the cockpit area. WARNING: Disable the Auto Gen Start feature before servicing the generator.

Vehicle Movement: I always set the brake when stopped. Doesn't everyone? But, is that enough? How much force does it take to release the brake. Could your pet's weight release it? How about someone falling on it? When parked I give myself a little insurance by slipping a clothespin under the brake knob. Even so, brakes can fail. Do you carry wheel chocks in the belly? Wheels should be chocked to prevent movement any time you are working under or around the coach.

Suspension (Height) Control: Never bet your life or limb on the suspension system. Do not crawl under the motorhome without blocking the frame to prevent it from dropping. If you are using jacks or jack stands ensure they are rated for the weight of your coach.

OWNERS MANUAL CAUTION: Never use the leveling jacks to elevate any wheel position off the ground.

Fire Safety: OWNERS MANUAL WARNING: Always ventilate the battery compartment prior to any work or service to the batteries. Gas emitted by the batteries can explode.... Have a fire extinguisher readily available. Mishaps from engine, generator or electrical work could spark a fire.

Acid: OWNERS MANUAL WARNING: Sulfuric acid in the batteries can cause severe injury or death.... Always wear splash-proof safety goggles when working around the battery.

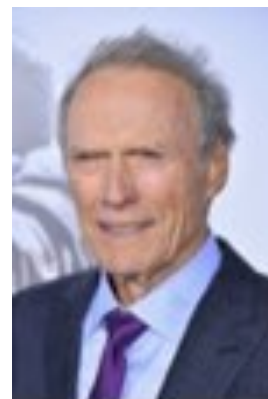
Hydraulics: OWNERS MANUAL CAUTION: Keep all people clear of the motorhome during leveling system operations. Never expose hands or other parts of the body near hydraulic leaks. Hydraulic lines are under high pressure. Oil leaks may cut and penetrate the skin causing serious injury.

These are my 'take-aways': Safety First!

What was it Harry Callahan said? "A man's got to know his limitations."

We all need to start by recognizing we've aged. We are not as nimble, strong or as flexible as we once were. Some of these jobs can be accomplished much more safely by paying someone else to do them.

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Plan your activities. Get all the tools and safety equipment together first. Anticipate what can happen. Work with someone or at least let someone know what you intend to do.

Take the time to do things right. I have some experience with technical publications. The standards followed in preparing and publishing cautions and warnings for manuals are thorough and redundant. How many times have your eyes passed over those cautions without dwelling on the

truths behind them. Most of us who have worked around heavy equipment consider the cautions common sense. Do yourself a favor. Spend a few minutes and review some of those cautions. The Operator's Guide for my engine, a Detroit Diesel, has a caution summary in the front of the book - 9 pages. Yes, they are all common sense but how many times have you cut corners? Shortcuts may save a few minutes but risky actions will catch up to you.

Bob McCann

Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter
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Full Hook-Up Sites Still Available

We have now registered nearly 140 coaches for the 2019 Maintenance Session. There are still plenty of FHU sites in South Parking and the Race Track. Register soon to avoid parking in the Railroad Track sites. Use the Registration Form on page 16 of this Newsletter or download the form from our website ramblinpushers.org.

YOU'RE INVITED if you own a Holiday Rambler, American Coach, Beaver, Fleetwood, Monaco, Renegade or Safari Diesel Coach

Ramblin' Pushers 2019 Maintenance Session

You will leave better educated about Use,
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May 3 – May 8, 2019

Arrival Day May 2

Facilities

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- 7 nights parking starting 5/2/2019
- 30 & 50 Amp sites
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Planned Activities

Opening Session for MS - Friday, May 3 - 9:15 a.m.

- Limited activities 5/1 and 5/2
- 6 Days of Seminars by Vendors, Suppliers, Club Members and REV Group.
- RV Lifestyle and Family Sessions
- Roundtable Discussions
- Service Technicians available
- Coach Displays, Vendors, & Suppliers
- Socials, Daily Morning Hospitality, and Closing Dinner

Visit our WEBSITE www.ramblinpushers.org
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Return this Form with Check or Money
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You should receive a confirmation email
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registration. In April 2019 pre-arrival
packets will be distributed via email to
registered attendees.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations will only be accepted PRIOR
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PARKING

Your parking area will be based on the
date your registration is postmarked.

Register EARLY!

To park together, you MUST register
together AND arrive together.

Arrival Day parking (5/2) is included.
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Please **DO NOT** arrive before May 1 (Early
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Vehicle ID # (17 digit VIN)

Names #1 _____ #2 _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ #1 Cell _____ #2 Cell _____

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Coach Make _____ Model _____ Yr. _____ Length _____ Engine Mfr. _____

Registration Fees: (Payable to Ramblin' Pushers)

Volunteer! Indicate #1 or #2 or **BOTH** if you could help: **(No check marks!)**

Coach with 2 persons \$280 _____

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Coach with 1 person \$230 _____

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Extra Person in Coach, add \$70 _____

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Non-Ramblin Pushers Member, add \$20 _____

Tours Table _____ Book Exchange _____ Office _____

Early Parking Day – May 1, add \$25 _____

Registration _____ Goody Bag Prep _____ Greeters _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (US \$ only) _____

Evaluations _____ First-Timer Guides _____ As Needed _____

Check if applicable:

Handicapped _____
(Limit of 19 parking spaces)

**ATTACH COPY OF CURRENT
HANDICAPPED PERMIT TO THIS
REGISTRATION.**

Are you a **First Timer**? _____

If so, how did you hear about the MS?

Club Member _____ Who? _____

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For Office Use ID No _____

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Sponsor memberships are renewed annually, and include a donation to the Ramblin' Pushers organization. In addition, some sponsor members support our annual Maintenance Session by providing a display in the dealer or vendor area.

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THE LAST WORD

This article might better be titled, "My Last Word." The time has come for me to step away from the editorial duties of the Newsletter. Beginning with the next issue, Volume 29 Number 1, Bob McCann will take the editor's desk of the *Ramblin' Pushers Newsletter*. Bob is an experienced and accomplished editor who has served in this capacity for two other chapters. His work has been recognized for excellence more than once. For the last year, Bob has provided interesting Coach Maintenance articles that many of our readers have found useful. I will continue to assist Bob with the email distribution of the Newsletter and anything else he needs for the foreseeable future.

I have truly enjoyed producing this Newsletter for the past three years. I hope you have enjoyed reading it. Working with the Newsletter has allowed me to become acquainted with the leadership team of the Ramblin' Pushers and many of our regular MS attendees.

Even though I am stepping away from my work as editor of the Newsletter, I intend to continue in an active role in the Ramblin' Pushers and the Maintenance Session. The Ramblin' Pushers organization provides a service that most of our participants value and enjoy. We help our members and non-member attendees keep their motorhomes in good repair and deal with problems we all encounter in our personal travels. It is a fact of motor coach ownership that things don't always work as expected when needed. Owners who have a basic understanding of how the internal systems of their coaches work are much better able to correct common problems, or at least describe them to a technical professional. That is a service that is worth providing, and one that attracts eligible

diesel pusher owners to the Ramblin' Pushers Maintenance Session.

In a time when club membership is generally on the decline, due largely to differences in generational preferences, our organization has been able to survive and grow modestly. I attribute that success to the attractiveness of the Maintenance Session.

The MS experience that we enjoy today is the product of a need that was recognized by a group of Holiday Rambler diesel motorhome owners when the Ramblin' Pushers chapter was chartered in 1990. Since that time, their annual maintenance session began as a gathering of folks who enjoyed rolling up their sleeves and doing oil changes and other service work for their own and each others' coaches. Today the maintenance session consists of educational sessions and professionally provided service work. But the original spirit of the event lives on in the fact that the whole MS is planned and executed by people who are willing to give their time and talent to the Ramblin' Pushers organization and the MS. And they do that without compensation of any kind. I am constantly impressed by the accomplishments of these dedicated volunteers.

In recent years the Ramblin' Pushers board has found innovative ways to keep MS attendance at a level sufficient to attract the support of a diverse set of vendors and service providers. One of those innovations was to invite owners of coaches produced by REV or brands owned by REV as non-member attendees.

Without those “other brands,” our attendance in 2018 would have been less by almost half. Those non-member attendees have also taken an active role as volunteers serving food at hospitality sessions, working in MS committees, and presenting seminars. Without them the MS would not have the selection of dealers and vendors available in Building A, or the enticing variety of items on the hospitality line at breakfast, or a full agenda of useful and informative seminars and activities.

If you have attended more than one or two Maintenance Sessions in recent years and are not currently involved as a volunteer, it is time to join the crowd. If your career before retirement was in positions of leadership, then you should take your place in the leadership of the Ramblin' Pushers as an MS committee leader or a board member. If you are already an active volunteer, then consider joining the leadership team in your area. These jobs are not difficult, but they are essential to the success of the organization and the MS. Just as in that previous career, there are plenty of experienced leaders available to point you in the right direction and help

you along the way. Best of all, serving as a volunteer introduces you to others who care about their coaches and the MS. Their enthusiasm will rub off on you. Guaranteed!

Serving the Ramblin' Pushers as the editor and publisher of the Newsletter has been a great pleasure. My predecessor, Betsy Brock, served this group with distinction for ten years. That is an impressive record and one that is likely to stand for a long time. I hope I have been able to preserve the quality of the publication as it has become a tool for marketing the Ramblin' Pushers and the MS. I am confident that my friend and colleague, Bob McCann will continue to make the Newsletter ever more interesting and informative. I am looking forward to serving the Newsletter as a contributor and proofreader.

Once again, please join me in welcoming Bob to the team. I can't wait to receive Vol. 29, No. 1 next March.

Roger Smalley
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