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Nancy Breeding, Editor

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** The newsletter this month will be an abbreviated version. Most of my rally notes are in a notebook in our Chinook, which is currently in Indiana getting a new look. Add that to the shoulder surgery of a month ago that prevents me from typing for very long at a time. As in most things in these crazy times, I hope the June newsletter will reflect better times. Take care, stay safe and wash your hands!  
Nancy Breeding, Editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

2020 is well underway and we had a blast at our Winter Rally at Live Oak Landing RV Resort. The rally, hosted by Nita Wilkinson, assisted by Lorie Burks was great fun! From "pot" cooking to "pot planting" we learned a lot. Thank you both and all who stepped up to assist.

Consider hosting an upcoming rally! It is very much appreciated by your fellow members! Grab a fellow club member and have some fun with it. You'll have plenty of helping hands. Contact Rally VP Mark McCluski if interested.

Unfortunately we have cancelled our Spring Rally, but fear not, it has been re-scheduled for April 2021. Social Distancing may be a new phrase for us but we pray it keeps everyone healthy.

Looking forward to seeing you in Michigan for our summer rally.

Happy Trails, Eileen



## WINTER RALLY WRAP-UP

Pots, pots, and more pots! From the potted pot luck dinner to the instant pot cooking lessons to the seed planting in the cute colorful hanging starter pots, we had a great time at the winter rally at Live Oak Landing in Florida. Thanks to **Nita Wilkinson** for her creative entertainment ideas, including a visit from Nita's favorite Master Gardener to teach us how to start herb seeds properly. As always, thanks to the cooking crews who took care of breakfast and meal cleanup, and to everyone who brought their many types of pots with creative recipes for dinner, and even some vintage attire! And a thank you to **Tom Jackson** for an informative tech session, with good info on tire replacements for the Michelin tires that are no longer made.

With the cancellation of the April rally, we hope to see everyone in June at Poncho's Pond, if life returns to anything near normal!





### UPCOMING RALLIES by Mark McCluski

Ahoj there, Chinookers! The rallies of 2020 are all but upon us, and they look varied and awesome! If you haven't been to a rally before do come out and give at least one a try: the camaraderie and eats are not to be missed. And oh yes, you'll learn a whole load of stuff about your RV.

**CANCELLED**

 **April 27-30, 2020**  
**Spring Lake RV Resort**  
**Crossville, TN**

Site has been re-booked for 2021, watch for more info.



**June 8-11, 2020**  
**Poncho's Pond**  
**5335 W. Wallace Lane**  
**Ludington, MI 49431**  
**888-308-6602 - Erica**

The park is situated on 37 grassy acres. Located in the center of the park is a beautiful 3 acre fully stocked

pond. With an indoor pool and hot tub, paddle boats, video game room, basketball courts, horse shoe pits, shuffle board courts, volleyball net and fitness center, Poncho Pond surely has something for everyone. Explore and visit beautiful Ludington on Lake Michigan or catch the SS Badger Car Ferry to Manitowac, Wisconsin (yes, you can take your Chinook on the Ferry).

**Deadline to reserve a spot 5/1/2020**  
**HOST: Jim Rohrborn and Lisa Lutzeier**

*Indoor pool? Hot tub? Basketball courts? I am so "totally" there! (Okay, not for basketball: that was a lie). The club is going back to Michigan, and who could be a better host for the occasion than Jim and Lisa? You just know there will be good times (plus campfires, plus cake). The campground sounds truly awesome, but take note: **CASH OR CHECK ONLY: Poncho's Pond does not take credit cards.***



**October 12-15, 2020**  
**Misty Mountain Camp Resort**  
56 Misty Mountain Road

Greenwood, VA

**For reservations call 888-647-8900 ask for Karen**

Misty Mountain Camp Resort offers a delightful, relaxing vacation at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains near historic Charlottesville, Virginia. Their website says *Explore nature trails, splash in our pool, sit by the creek, fish in our pond, climb our hills, shoot hoops and spike the volleyball or pitch horseshoes, take a hayride, enjoy live music and dances, shop at the General Store, shoot pool and play video games, relax in solitude or join with new friends - the choice is yours and it's all at Misty Mountain Camp Resort!*

**Deadline to reserve a spot: 1/1/2020**

**Host: CCC Board**

*The 2020 Annual Rally heads to the mountains of Virginia. Lots to see and do in the area, and a nice little craft brewery just up the road! **But take note of that deadline to reserve and move fast!***

**HELP WANTED:** 2021 RALLY SITES are in the works. Do you know of a campground that would be just \*great\* for a rally? Let me know! You have no obligation to host unless you'd care to: I can look around for someone to do the job. We just want to have more excellent choices of where to hang out together. So don't keep it to yourself! Share! Contact Mark McCluski at [mmcluskii@mac.com](mailto:mmcluskii@mac.com).

And hey, maybe you just have an idea of an *area* where it would be fun to go. Hershey PA for the fall RV show? Maine because, well, Maine!? These are just a couple of ideas that tickle \*my\* fancy for 2021. Haven't identified campgrounds yet, but I will (especially if people help me). I'm open to any and all suggestions.

**RALLY HOSTS NEEDED:** I promise you, this job is getting easier, and it never really was that tough. If I can do it you can too. There is \*so\* much help and support. It's particularly valuable when someone lives close to where we're camping, but I hosted Vermont from New Jersey once and hey, that one was pretty good. Please give hosting a thought. Applications currently being accepted for Crossville TN in April 2020.  
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### ANY SUGGESTIONS?



At the rallies, we hope to have some time for discussions of club business and ideas, but since not everyone attends the rallies (if you haven't attended, we hope to see you soon!) we want to make sure you are sharing your ideas, opinions, comments, issues and kudos with us! Please make sure to send along your thoughts and ideas to [ccc.eileen@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.eileen@gmail.com). The club is only as good as the members that contribute! Thanks for all you do!

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### NOTES FROM THE FALL RALLY TECH TALK

As my notes from the tech talk are not available, having been left in the Chinook which is in Indiana right now, I will just mention that there are a few members who have found acceptable replacement tires for the Michelin tires that Chinook owners have used for years that are no longer in production. So if you need info, check the Facebook group or the Chinook RV forum online for member's experiences. And don't forget to check your CO and propane monitors for end of life replacement dates!

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### ARTICLES AND EXPERIENCES TO SHARE

Here's an interesting educational article explaining how battery storage works from the RV Travel electrical expert.

<https://www.rvtravel.com/rv-electricity-just-ask-mike-battery-banks-deposits-withdrawals/>

**EXPERIENCES:** by Nancy Breeding

A number of people have been asking about fixing the peeling clearcoat on the aging Chinooks. After reading through many of the posts on the various web forums about ways to scrape and sand, whether to put decal stripes, wraps etc. we decided to follow some of the other members and take our 1997 Chinook Concourse to Mike's Custom Painting in Indiana. The teal striped pattern of our Chinook made the peeling, bubbling and cracking much more noticeable than some of the lighter colors. I had actually scraped off most of one of the stripes, but to repaint and recoat it was just more than we could handle, as the damage was quickly spreading. I thought I would



share some details about the process.

Charlie called sometime last year, and was given a March 16, 2020 drop off date. The base rate for the rig was \$6500. Ours was the teal striped pattern, but we decided to go with something else. I drew out what we wanted, and they sent back a professional rendering. (Wait for the big reveal, it's still in the shop).



When I broke my shoulder and the Covid 19 thing started, we called about rescheduling, but it would have been months more to wait, so we decided to go for it, three weeks out of shoulder surgery. We headed out on Friday, March 13, before the pandemic had started the shut downs. Instructions said we had to have the rig winterized and dumped, so we packed jugs of water for flushing and washing. The first night we boondocked at the Cracker Barrel in Charleston WV, a quiet spot, and it wasn't too cold. The second we found an open KOA, so we could get a shower and keep warm. It snowed and sleeted in Ohio on the way there. The third night I found the only open campground anywhere near Bremen IN, where Mike's is located. It was at Potato Creek State Park, and there was one open loop, and showerhouse and water were closed. However there was an open dump station on the horse camp loop, so we were able to dump the next morning. We stopped in Mishawaka to pick up a rental car (that's another story, never use Hertz or Expedia!) and drove the Chinook to Mike's. There they surveyed the condition of the rig, noted any areas that needed fixing, asked about some additional painting (the roof is an additional \$500), and we went over the design and picked out colors. The total at this point, unless they find other issues, is \$7075, cash or check only. The price has gone up since the first club rig was done, and varies with condition and extra repairs. It will take about a month or so to complete. We emptied our belongings for the ride back in the rental car and headed out just in time for all the restaurants in Ohio to be under a take-out only order. One overnight stop in Charleston at a pet-friendly hotel, and we were home the day after that. If this sounds like a lot of money and trouble, let me just say that we had taken it to two places in the NC area. One never got back to us with a price (didn't want the job), the other said \$10,000, and a third by phone said anywhere from \$8-15000. Is it a pain to get it there, and go back and pick it up? Yep, but looking at the ones that Mike's has already done, we think it will be worth the bother. Looking forward to seeing the result!



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### as of February 29, 2020, we have:

79 Coaches and 8 Associate members.

New members since the last newsletter are:

Naomi & Jan "Mac" McPeck CCC# 458

Dennis Howard CCC# 459

Sue "Ni Ni" & Steve "Putt Putt" Barrup CCC# 460

Cindy & Julius "Jukie" Leary CCC# 461

Also Rose & Phillip Bone, CCC# 353, have re-joined the club.

In February the annual update was sent with active links to documents in the Club folder.

If you did not receive the e-mail, or need another copy, please let me know at [membershipvp@gmail.com](mailto:membershipvp@gmail.com).

I have the Chinook Advertising and race video DVD. They have been handed out in the past in DVD format. It seems that new laptops no longer have optical drives installed. If you want a copy of what I have, contact me to arrange a USB drive transfer at the next rally. It needs to have 2 GB free space, so size is not critical.  
Gerry Rutter

## CUSTOMIZE YOUR CHINOOK KITCHEN

If any member does not have a Chinook embroidered kitchen towel, Cricket will be happy to make you one. If you mail her a post card with your return address and the color you would like "Chinook" placed on the kitchen towel she will make and send back to you. All towels are for the kitchen ring and are white. Mike also has DVDs that he can send to the rally hosts, or bring if they are attending a rally. Let them know: Cynthia Jones and Mike Sloop, PO Box 550, Mayo, SC 29368

## ORDER YOUR CHINOOK LOGO ITEMS

**ORDER NOW!** Last call for clothing orders! Email Pat at [bosleybarn@yahoo.com](mailto:bosleybarn@yahoo.com) if you want to order anything before our next rally.



Polo and T-shirts available in Men & Ladies sizes  
Sweats and Vest are "unisex"



ITEMS AVAILABLE BY ORDER ONLY  
Please contact Pat Bosley  
bosleybarn@yahoo.com  
to place an order



Zip Front Hooded Sweatshirt not shown but now available!

Pique polo shirt with collar – Mens (BG7500) or Ladies (BG6500); Colors available Royal, White  
T-shirts – Mens (GL200) – Royal, White, Ash Grey; Ladies (GL200L) – Royal, White  
Crew Neck Pullover Sweatshirts (GL120) – Royal, White or Ash Grey (Unisex sizing)  
Zip Front Hooded Sweatshirt (GL186) – Royal, White, Ash Grey (Unisex sizing)  
Fleece Vest (M985)– Royal – (Unisex sizing)  
Ball Caps (KC8210S)– Royal – adjustable  
Tote Bag (UC8861) – Royal

Our items are ordered through [www.stitchamerica.com](http://www.stitchamerica.com). To see details about a certain item, enter the item number in the search field. We can purchase any item they carry, but have only two color options for our logo, Royal on light color items, White on dark color

items. Any change in size of logo would require an additional set-up fee. Below are the prices as of November 2019 and are always subject to slight increases. Sizes over XL, such as 2XL are charged \$2 additional per size increase.

- Polos – \$16.50
- T-shirts – \$9.25
- Crew Neck Sweatshirt – \$16.10
- Hooded, Zip Front Sweatshirt – \$24.75
- Fleece Vest – \$23.40
- Ball Cap – \$10.40

Order clothing by emailing **Pat Bosley** at [bosleybarn@yahoo.com](mailto:bosleybarn@yahoo.com) subject: Chinook Order  
Include: name and address, item number and size, preference for pickup at next rally or mailed for P.O. cost.  
Payment may be cash/check with delivery at the rally.

### CHINOOK EASY EATS-HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE COOKBOOK?

The cookbook is located under files on the Facebook site. If you have a recipe you want added email it to [sba@bellsouth.net](mailto:sba@bellsouth.net) with Chinook Camping Club Cookbook in the subject line and I will add it.  
Thanks!

Sally Arnold



### SUNSHINE and SADNESS UPDATES

Keep Terry and Joerg Bergelt in Canada in your prayers for good health.  
Your Chinook family cares about all of its members. Please let Pat Bosley know if any one of our members is in the hospital so a card can be sent! Contact **Pat Bosley** via Facebook or email [bosleybarn@yahoo.com](mailto:bosleybarn@yahoo.com).

### CHINOOK CLUB COMMUNICATION

Many resources are available for Chinookers. Here are some to make sure you follow!

- Chinook Facebook groups:**  
Chinook Camping Club (closed members only group, request membership) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChinookCampingClub/>  
**Web site:** Chinook Camping Club <http://chinookrvclub.com/chinookeastclub.html>
- Chinook Forums:** these are a gold mine for those who work on their own rigs. The members on here can answer about any question you have.  
Chinook RV Owners Yahoo group **THIS GROUP HAD TO MOVE OFF OF THE YAHOO FORUM, WHICH IS BEING DISCONTINUED. CONTACT DAVE SHEHANE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO JOIN. [dave@shehane.net](mailto:dave@shehane.net)**  
Chinook Forum <http://www.chinookrvforum.com/>

- Photos from rallies:** See the new information at the bottom of the newsletter.
- Parts suppliers list:** [http://chinookrvclub.com/images/Parts\\_and\\_Service\\_Listings\\_Update\\_Feb\\_2017.pdf](http://chinookrvclub.com/images/Parts_and_Service_Listings_Update_Feb_2017.pdf)
- Travel Blog Spot:** set up by Sally Arnold to share information on campgrounds <http://chinooktravel.blogspot.com/>
- Google drive for Chinook Club:** contains many information documents and instructions. Contact Gerry Rutter for access.

**RESOURCE: CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**  
Includes the link to the parts listing, and additional online resources.

Do you have resources you consult for trips, maintenance and repair, general RV fun? Let us know! Send it to editor at [cnbreeding52@gmail.com](mailto:cnbreeding52@gmail.com)





### WINTER RALLY PHOTOS

**Gerry Rutter** has kindly undertaken the task of moving the photos to the Chinook Club's Google Drive. Eileen and others have posted photos from the rallies to the site.

Instructions for access:

go to this link:

<https://bit.ly/chinookdocs>

The index with the links is CHINOOK RALLY PHOTOS.

Open the file and hover over the link. A short link opens, click on it.

If you want to save a photo, right click and choose save photo.

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