

Presidents Corner

Well summer has come and gone and fall color is gracing us with its beauty. Our fall rally in Traverse City Michigan was attended by 48 coaches at the Traverse Bay RV Resort. As usual great food, great location, and a good time was had by all. A lot of people discovered the charm of northern Michigan, where everything is North of Ordinary.

In a couple of weeks, we will be heading to Asheville, North Carolina, for the sold out Cruisin' the Mountains Rally. Our host and RallyMaster, Randy Farrell, has put together a terrific program with classic cars, great food and the wonderful museum at Biltmore Estate. Randy volunteered to do his first rally and is experiencing Trial by Fire. He has learned however that all he needs to do is ask for help and it shall be given. Everyone is looking forward to a terrific time and hopefully Asheville will be in full bloom. After Asheville of course, everyone must make a choice: chase 80°, or store your coach. For our part, we head home near Tampa Florida until the Supershow in January, with 96 coaches registered so far!

By the way, Gary Jones will host the Quartzsite Gathering again in 2019, and Pat & Medarda will do our first Sarasota Rally, so stay tuned!

Speaking of volunteers, over the last three months, we have been working with Don Enns from Winnipeg, Manitoba for our first-ever Canadian Rally. Don has done a great job marketing our club to Canadian officials, and we will be offering a Rally immediately following the FMCA Rally in Minot, ND, a five-night, six-day excursion to our neighbors to the north. Winnipeg is calling so

Links of Interest

- ❖ ECOA Web Page <http://www.entegraowners.com/>
- ❖ ECOA Apparel <https://ecoa.logosoftwear.com/>
- ❖ Entegra Coach <https://www.entegracoach.com/>
- ❖ Spartan Chassis <http://www.spartanmotors.com/rv-range/>
- ❖ FMCA <https://www.fmca.com/>
- ❖ IRV2 <http://www.irv2.com/forums/f278/>

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check your passports, and watch for the announcement for rally registration. At this time, contracts have yet to be signed, so we will all have to hang fire until we get final approvals. As usual sites will be limited.

Medarda and I are in the throes of planning 2020 Rallies and Events. We are currently looking at campgrounds and locations. As always, we look for suggestions from our members for great places to hold a rally. Perhaps you know of a great location that can handle big rigs in style? If so, drop us a note. It is never too late! By the way how about volunteering to host a small rally?

Just give us a call and we will be more than happy to help you set one up. Jerry Carr is doing a small one in June in central Oregon; The Spruce Goose Rally!

Before I go, I would like to invite everyone to visit our newly revised website at www.entegraowners.com. KUDOS to Jeff Hamilton, our new Webmaster, for his expertise in updating the look and feel of the website. We hope it is easier to read and navigate and hope you find it more user-friendly. We think it is a more modern look! Thanks, Jeff!

While we are tossing out KUDOS, a huge THANK YOU to Dana Sawyer for his production of this newsletter! Rollin' Along is the Official Publication of the Entegra Coach Owners Association. Dana, we could not do this without your devotion and expertise! Thanks!

Until we meet again, safe travels and good times with family and friends over the holidays.

Upcoming Rallies and Events

- ECOA Cruisin' the Mountains Rally, Oct 29 - Nov 2, Bear Creek RV Park, Asheville, NC
- Tampa Supershow, Entegra Owners Gathering, Jan 16 – Jan 20, Tampa FL
- Quartzsite Gathering 2019, Jan 19 – Jan 27, Quartzsite, AZ
- Sarasota Fairgrounds, Feb 24 – Feb 28, Sarasota, FL
- Stone Mountain Campground, Mar 08 – Mar 12, Stone Mountain, GA
- FMCA 99th International Convention and Expo, Mar 13 – Mar 16, Perry, GA
- Cherry Hills Rally, May 02 – May 06, Washington, DC
- Entegra Academy and Homecoming, May 13 – May 16, Elkhart, IN
- Spruce Goose Rally, Jun 01 – Jun 05, Albany, OR
- FMCA 100th International Convention and Expo, Aug 14 – Aug 17, Minot ND
- Canadian Connection Rally, Aug 16 -Aug 21, Winnipeg, Canada
- Summerfest '19 – Normandy Farms Rally, Sep 16 – Sep 20, Foxboro, MA
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, Oct 09 – Oct 13, Albuquerque, NM
- Amana Colonies, Oct 17 – Oct 21, Amana IA

Details available on ECOA, Entegra, or FMCA websites,

WANTED "Good Man"



**Must be able to
cook, clean, sew,
and navigate.**

**Must have own RV.
Please send picture of RV.**



Destinations

AIR CAPITAL RV PARK WICHITA, KANSAS



Tic Tac Toe, three in a row, Entegra wins. It was random chance that placed three Entegras (left to right; Emblem, Anthem, and Aspire) side by side.

Air Capital RV Park is on the south side of Wichita at the intersection of I-35 and I-135. With wide concrete roads and pads the 30 pull thru sites easily accommodate a 65-foot combination making this a nice overnight or multi day park. They even have a handicap pull thru. Sites include a grass strip and when disconnecting there is a separate vehicle parking spot. The park also has restrooms, laundry, and a storm shelter (you are in Kansas), extensive cable channels, and WIFI for your stay. Trash pickup is curbside if you set it out in the morning by 10 am.

Although the park is located within an urban area, and close to the highway, traffic noise is minimal and the grass area is narrow but enough for a couple of chairs and wine.

Less than half a mile away is a large grocery store with gas pumps and many fast food chain stores are even closer. About a 15-minute drive away is a Super Walmart. For the tourist there are several museums to appeal to a variety of tastes, a country zoo and for those feeling lucky there is even a casino. Also, nearby is the Coleman Factory Outlet & Museum.

AMERICAN RV RESORT ALBUQUERQUE NM



Two of four Entegra coaches present in late August

American RV is located on the west side of Albuquerque, New Mexico at exit 149 of I-40. The resort is convenient to a Loves at the same exit and Pilot at exit 153. At American you will find both back-in and pull-thru sites that easily accommodate 45-foot coaches and tow vehicle/trailer. You do get an escort to your site. Sites are nicely laid out for entry and exit, FHU 30/50 Amp and cable TV utilities are well located for hookup, and WIFI is available throughout the park.

The park is gated and fenced for security and offers a continental breakfast for short term guests. Other amenities include restrooms, showers, laundry, pool, and hot tub. There is a small store/gift shop. A word of warning for those thinking Balloon Festival; make reservations up to a year in advance and expect to pay a premium.

For those staying a few days there are many local attractions including the Historic Old Town, Sandia Peak Tramway, Aquarium and Botanical Park, Zoo, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Petroglyph National Monument, Unser Racing Museum, Balloon Rides, and Museum of Nuclear Science & History.

Should the need arise, Camping World is just across the highway, and there are a few mobile RV Repair as well as wash and detailing services available in the area.



OASIS RV RESORT AMARILLO, TEXAS



Billed as Amarillo's newest, largest, and finest, the park has 192 sites most that are pull-thrus. We often lament that parks are designed by someone that has never driven an RV before, but this park is laid out very well with wide one-way streets and angled sites for easy parking of a 45-foot coach and toad or trailer.

Located on the west side of Amarillo at exit 60 on I-40, this park is just off the interstate but take care on the access road to miss all the pot holes in front of the fuel stop. Once there you will find FHU 50/30 A, cable, and WI-FI at each site. Access to private restrooms and showers, exercise room, pool and adult only Spa are also available. For those traveling with kids there is a game room.

When in Amarillo, the Big Texan Steak Ranch and Brewery (famous for its free 72 oz steak) is almost a must. The food is good, even if the place is a bit of a tourist trap, and besides if you go you can say "been the done that". You can catch a limo from the resort to and from the Big Texan, just ask for details at the office. Another bit of Americana just a short drive from the resort are the Cadillac Ranch cars. One bit of trivia is that this is not the original location but is a couple of miles west of that. Both these can be done during a one-night stay.

TWIN FOUNTAINS RV PARK OKLAHOMA CITY, OK



A nice park, convenient to highways and local attractions. Located on the eastern side of Oklahoma City take exit 129 off I-44. By taking this exit you will make a left-hand turn into the park through the narrow entrance gate. If you let your navigation system exit you off I-35 it will be the tighter right-hand turn. The park website has excellent directions.



Although as of 08/2018 there is a new section still under construction, roads are paved and each site has a concrete pad for parking. Sites offer FHU 50/30A, cable TV, and the park has good WIFI.

This park offers an extensive list of on-site services including laundry, showers, store, bar and grill, and many more. For longer stays you can take advantage of the fitness center, salon, miniature golf, pet grooming and free limo to attractions within 3 miles. You may even get a welcome bag with small bottled water, coupon for free fries at the grill and directions to the storm shelter should the weather turn bad.

GREAT ONE-NIGHT STOPS BY MEDARDA BAUER ECOA SECRETARY

As we travel in our coaches it is sometimes difficult to find a good one-night stop that accommodates our varying needs such as size, location, and being well kept. Throughout our travels this year we have stayed in these parks finding them most accommodating to our needs and offer them as suggestions to keep in mind as you travel. You can always check rvparkreview.com for other suggestions. It is recommended you call ahead for availability.

American RV Park right outside of west Albuquerque New Mexico off Interstate 40. Well paved roads with combination of back in and pull through sites. They offer breakfast in the morning and the front desk personnel are very helpful.

Distant Drums RV Park located in Camp Verde Arizona off Interstate 17. The roads are paved and most sites are cement with a few gravel sites. A Casino is located nearby and provides bus service to the Casino's restaurants. If you wish to stay a few days you can visit Sedona or Jerome.

Eagles Landing RV Park in Holt Florida east of Pensacola off Interstate 10. This is a very clean smaller park with some permanent residents but each site is a large well-spaced pull through. They only accept cash or check payments.

Fort Amarillo RV Resort in Amarillo Texas off Business Interstate 40. This park has paved roads with gravel sites. While they do have some permanent residents, they have large for pull throughs at the front of the park for one-night stays; very easy to get in and out. There is a general store on the premises showcasing gourmet foods, gifts, and RV needs.

Lake City Campground in Lake City Florida located off east Interstate 10. A smaller, well-kept park with large 90-foot pull throughs at the front. Very clean with helpful owners.

Whittington Woods Campground located off Interstate 57 in Whittington Illinois. Gravel roads and sites in a well-maintained park. If you get there early enough the owners provide you with several fresh eggs laid by the on-site chickens.

While this list is not extensive I invite you to share some parks you have found that would be great for a one-night stop.

BALLOON FIESTA 2018 BY PAT BAUER ECOA PRESIDENT



Talking Tech

PAINT CODES AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

Do you know your paint codes or where to find them? Yes, you can always call Entegra and they can look them up based on your coach serial number. However, there is an easier and quicker solution.

There is a label on the inside of the cabinet door above and to the left of the driver's seat. The door that houses the inverter circuit breaker panels. The painters placed the label there. You should also have received touch up paint in small samples. Along with the samples is a copy of the label containing the paint codes.



NOT ALL FILTERS ARE CREATED EQUAL BY DANA SAWYER

First let me say I am not a drinking water filtration expert, I just wanted to understand what filters needed to be replaced when, and what I should buy. The experts' guidance is always "FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATION".

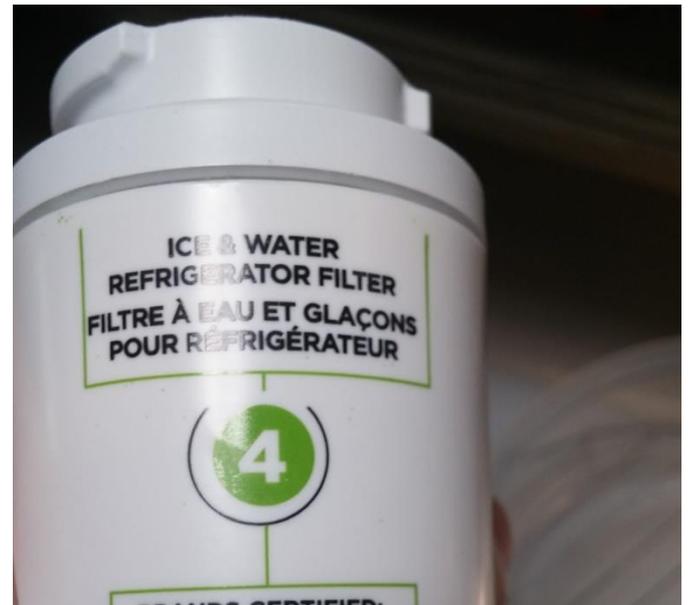
In our 2018 42DEQ Aspire there are three drinking water filters (one in the refrigerator, one in line with the feed to the refrigerator, and a whole house filter) and we also use an additional whole house filter outside. Starting at the refrigerator, our Whirlpool model came with an EveryDrop™ EDR4RXD1 Ice & Water Refrigerator Filter 4, tested against

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NSF/ANSI 42, 53 & 401, 35 – 120 psi, and .78 gpm flow rate. This filter has a 6-month replacement recommendation.

The Whirlpool paper user manual indicates that a UKF8001 filter should be used as a replacement but if you go to the Whirlpool website, you are re-directed to EveryDrop™

<https://everydropwater.com> for water filters. With a bit of searching you find that EDR4RXD1 now replaces UKF8001. From a dealer or the EveryDrop™ website this will cost nearly \$50.00 in quantities of one.



We found at www.discountfilters.com a ClearChoice CLCH101, non-original equipment filter, UKF8001 replacement, available for about \$24.00 in quantities of one. However, it does not provide filtering of contaminants with a health effect. Similar filters are available elsewhere.

On Amazon www.amazon.com if you search for EDR4RXD1 there are compatible filters (including the EveryDrop™) ranging from 11-50 dollars for one. We did find a Maytag UKF8001 PUR FILTER for Refrigerator and Ice Water filter, tested against NSF 42, 53 and 401, 33 – 120 psi, and .78 gpm flow rate. This is the discontinued product and costs about \$33.00 in quantities of one, however it may not be available for long.

When you replace your refrigerator water filter, make sure you understand the filtering capabilities of the one you purchase.

- ❖ **NSF/ANSI 42**
Filters are certified to reduce aesthetic impurities such as chlorine and taste/odor. These can be point-of-use (under the sink, water pitcher, etc.) or point-of-entry (whole house) treatment systems.
- ❖ **NSF/ANSI 53**
Filters are certified to reduce a contaminant with a health effect. Health effects are set in this standard as regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Health Canada. Both standards 42 and 53 cover adsorption/filtration which is a process that occurs when liquid, gas or dissolved/suspended matter adheres to the surface of, or in the pores of, an adsorbent media. Carbon filters are an example of this type of product.
- ❖ **NSF/ANSI 401**
Treatment systems for emerging contaminants include both point-of-use and point-of-entry systems that have been verified to reduce one or more of 15 emerging contaminants from drinking water. These emerging contaminants can be pharmaceuticals or chemicals not yet regulated by the EPA or Health Canada

Moving toward the water source is an inline bullet style FLOW-PUR www.flowpur.com Model FP10GKT water filter cartridge located in the wet bay. Like the refrigerator filter, this one reduces several the NSF/ANSI 42, 53, and 401 contaminants. From the web site, cost is \$19.50 in

quantities of one plus up to \$11.50 shipping. On Amazon the cost was \$27.39 and surprisingly, we found them available at the Camping World store for \$29.99 with Good Sam membership discount. This filter also has a 6-month replacement recommendation.



Make sure to get the model that fits your coach because there are several different models each with different connectors.

Finally, the third filter in our coach is a FLOW-PUR www.flowpur.com #8 whole coach water filter system with a #8 cartridge also located in the wet bay. This filter is a carbon block cartridge to reduce chlorine taste and odor and to reduce rust and sediment particles. From the FLOW-PUR web site an Enhanced Flow Rate, Long Life of 6000 Gallon 5-micron solid extruded carbon block cartridge can be purchased 2 for \$20.99. This cartridge is for the budget minded and it is a bit fragile. Amazon and most hardware stores carry carbon block filters with a 3-month replacement recommendation at two for approximately \$12.00. You may also consider the higher quality WaterPur CCI-10-Ca at \$29.99 each.



When replacing this filter consider your need for a higher flow rate and the amount of water you use.



Having experienced poor water quality in the past, we also use a whole house or bullet sediment filter outside the coach. We prefer the clear canister with a 5-micron sediment filter but for overnight stops the simple bullet filter is quicker and easier. By adding the clear canister and filter we can see if replacement is required earlier than the manufacturers recommendation.

How often you replace your water filters must be based on how you use your coach, how much water you use, the quality of the water source, and the manufacturers recommendation. For us as full-timers replacement every 6 months seems a good investment in preventive maintenance and health.

Here is a tip when replacing your filters. Starting closest to the water source, replace the filters one at a time and run water through each filter to flush out the loose particles before replacing the next one in line. By doing this the loose particles go into the old filter you are going to replace instead of the new one.

What Is Your Favorite Tech Gadget or fix/modification?

We want to hear your stories about your favorite tech experience. Write a short story about your favorite tech gadget or fix/modification. Submit your stories and photos to dana.sawyer350@gmail.com.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE RV...



STAYS AT THE RV

UNTIL YOUR FRIENDS POST IT ON YOUTUBE



What's New in Coaches

CABIN AIR FILTER BY PAT BAUER ECOA PRESIDENT

Through all editions of Entegra Coaches including the 2018 Model Year, they have never offered a cabin air filter for the Dash Air. Entegra's solution was to ask you use the RECIRCULATE setting on your dash to keep from pulling outside pollutants into the coach. It is funny how they (Entegra) monitor Facebook and what we are all saying about their brand.



As soon as that thread was posted, Pat Carroll (head of design and engineering for Entegra) sent a post to me that for the small price of a new 2019 Entegra, you too could get a handy little cabin filter for your dash air. Or, you could place an order for this part: Jayco part number 0310438 and add one to your rig. You could also contact Evans TEMPCON for part

number RV213881. Of course, you'd have to install it yourself or pay someone to do it for you, but there you have it...get a spiffy cabin filter for your rig!



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Please send picture of RV.**



Member Profiles

DRIVING RULES BY LOUIS PASCUCCI

Being several years from retirement, I need to get to my destination and home in the shortest time possible so I can enjoy time at the destination rather than “on the road”. Spearfish, SD was almost 1800 miles from home. I got home 35 hours after I left Spearfish (Fuel, Food, and Rest – all done in that period). When I retire, I will make new rules.



PAT AND MEDARDA BAUER BY PAT BAUER ECOA PRESIDENT AND MEDARDA BAUER ECOA SECRETARY



We met at a job interview and fell in love over a slice of Coconut Creme Pie, and while that is a story for another time, these two Hoosiers discovered RVing late in their careers and the rest as they say is history. Retiring from teaching in 2013, we purchased our 4th and last coach, an Entegra Aspire 42DEQ, and so the adventure began.

As owners of another RV brand we experienced the benefits of belonging to an owner’s club. Knowing the value of this experience we wanted to share with Entegra owners. We sought permission from Entegra and the club began at the first Summerfest five years ago with just 30 coaches.

We currently reside in Sun City Center Florida for the winter months but spend quality time in our Coach at our lot at the Traverse Bay RV Resort when not involved with ECOA rallies. At our summer home we find time to indulge in our wide-ranging hobbies. These hobbies vary from golf, to cooking, to cards. As we often say to each other, is not it grand we can have a life like this! Yes, Pat still sings, but the quartet required his presence, so that has stopped for now as we travel.

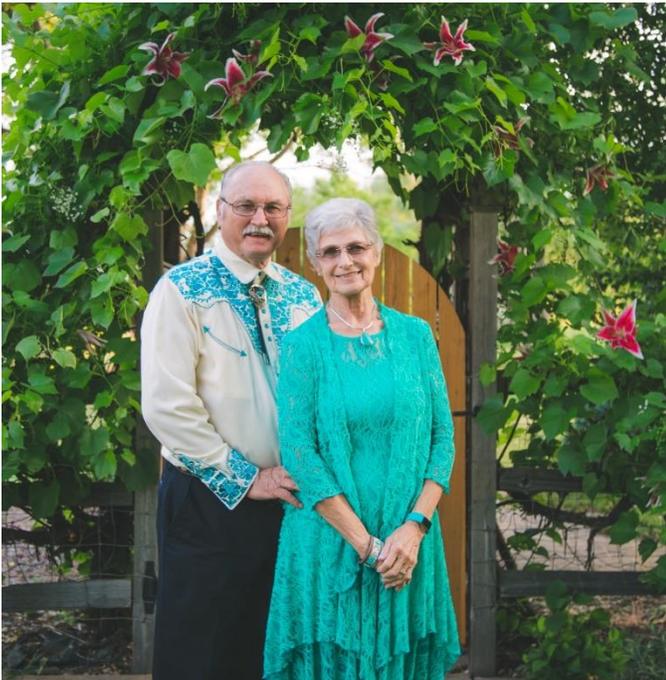
Our fur kids, Yorkies Tess and Tighe, are our best traveling companions. They love the open road delighting in the new smells encountered at each stop. In fact, it was Tess who chose our first Entegra. We were looking at new coaches and she laid down in the center, not budging till the offer for purchase was made. She was also involved in the selection of our 5th and last coach (notice a trend?) a 2017 42 DEQ Anthem by taking immediate ownership of the co-pilot seat!

Last but not least, we have a daughter who still calls the coach “our trailer” no matter how many times we correct her. Her husband, a retired Marine, is slowly warming to the idea of our living a traveling lifestyle. The two grandchildren, one a graduate of Texas A & M and the other a graduate of Texas Tech, are busy with their adult life and seeking employment in the adult world.



In our “spare” time, we do an awful lot of rally planning, communicating with members, and dealing with the day to day details of running such a large RV club, but we are not alone in that! We have a committed and talented crew of volunteer club officers to help us. You can learn more about them here in Rollin’ Along.

WAYNE & EIDELLA BAUMANN
BY EIDELLA BAUMANN



We were both born and raised in the Wishek, North Dakota area. After college, in September 1961 we married and in 1962 we moved to Sheridan, Wyoming where our camping adventures began. Free time was spent fishing the streams and rivers in the area and before long we were invited to fish and camp with friends in the Big Horn mountains. Amazing and what fun, even the dog could not wait to go.

As most young families, we started by camping in a tent for a few years. Our sons grew and we

upgraded to cab over pickup campers and continued fishing, camping and traveling to area parks and lakes. Trips revolved around our jobs, Wayne working in the auto industry and Eidella an RN at Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

In 1993 we purchased a 30’ Airstream Land Yacht motorhome and discovered we loved motorhoming. Since we were still employed, we used weekends and vacations for 2 trips to Canada and Alaska, and other trips with family and friends. Desiring more room, we bought a 1999 Country Coach Allure with a slide. Again, we made a couple of trips to Canada & Alaska. Wayne and our friend Charley could not get enough salmon fishing.

Upon retirement in 1998 we could not wait to get on the road and use the motorhome. Admiring other snowbirds, we decided to spend a winter in Pharr, Texas with friends. We loved seeing and experiencing sights, events, and rallies in other states, meeting new friends and enjoying the weather. Because we were enjoying traveling so much we bought a 2009 Beaver Contessa. In 2013 we saw the Entegras and had to have a 2014 Anthem, our current coach.

We cannot imagine our life without the many friends we have met and made through our travels and all the wonderful experiences that RVing allows. The first 16 years of our winter travels, we did not spend more than a couple weeks, occasionally a month at one location because there were too many other sights and events we wanted to see and experience including our time in Puerto Penasco, Mexico for 3 months with friends. The last 2 winters we have been at Fiesta Grande Resort, Casa Grande, Arizona and will return this fall.

JEFF & BECKY HAMILTON
BY JEFF HAMILTON ECOA WEBMASTER

Three years ago, we decided that we wanted to get a jumpstart on the good life so we begin looking at motorhomes. We wanted to see more of the country and my wife Becky does not particularly like flying.

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Add to that the fact that we have five dogs and most hotels do not want to have anything to do with us!

We are both self-employed, semi-retired and can work in a mobile environment so this type of travel is right up our alley. We have one son in college and the other one is a junior in high school so we are almost empty nesters.

After looking at all the big motorhome brands we decided that the Entegra coach was a perfect fit for us. We purchased our 2015 Aspire 44B in May 2017 and have since put nearly 20,000 miles on our rig and have been through 20 states plus NE Canada.

We currently take relatively short trips but once both kids are on their own we will plan on spending months at a time in our coach. We recently did a six-week test run traveling New England and into Canada plus Entegra University and Entegra Homecoming 2018. We enjoyed the people, the places and the fun of it all.

We absolutely love the RV lifestyle and all the new friends we have met along the way. In our travels the people we have met appear to be cut from a different cloth and live life on their terms. Everyone is friendly, ready to help a fellow camper and have wonderful stories of their travels.

While at the spring Entegra University event this year I was approached by Pat Bauer and asked if I would like to handle the club duties of webmaster.

Since I had a skill set in this area I thought it would be a great way to become more familiar with this fine association and contribute.

We look forward to meeting many more of y'all at future ECOA rallies and RV parks around the country!

LINDA & LEE HANSON
BY LINDA HANSON ECOA VICE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that Lee and I will celebrate 40 years of marriage in a few months. We still feel like teenagers awaiting a new adventure each day. Lee works as Director for Alliant Energy. Now he oversees projects such as building gas-fired power plants, wind farms, solar fields, etc. He loves what he does and it shows in the results; and has won numerous awards from the completed projects.

Myself, I do try to travel with Lee; otherwise keep busy with projects around the house. I have a small scrapbook business with Kiwi Lane Design



templates. I am busy with the membership and duties as a VP of the ECOA. Both our son and daughter are married and have blessed us with 5 beautiful grandchildren between them ages 11 years to 9 months. Our little blessing and mobility service dog to me, Bella, is 9 years old and goes with us just about everywhere. We both enjoy cooking and entertaining for family and friends. We both love country and old rock and roll music (I



should say any type of music really). Well here is a little tidbit you may not know; Lee and I used to be in a band together when we first met. He plays guitar and I sing, play keyboards, drums, guitar, mandolin, dulcimer, anything with keys or strings...lol. In 1992 I was Christian Country recording artist under contract and was one of the charter members of the CCMA "a Christian Country Music Association" out of Nashville, TN. I have recorded 7 albums and had 5 national/international radio releases. I am also a registered writer with BMI. I have been blessed to know and been able to sing along side of great people such as Billy Walker, Gary Allen, Jody Miller, The Perrys, Jeff & Sheri Easter, Leroy Van Dyke, Billy Joe Royal to name a few, and I am also a puppeteer and ventriloquist.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa is our home, but we do love to travel and go as often as we can. We bought our first motorhome, a used 2000 Sportscoach in 2010. We upgraded to a new 2014 Entegra Aspire; which we still have today. We have been a part of the ECOA almost from the beginning of its conception. We love its members and have made lifelong friends. We look forward to many more happy miles and where ever the road may take us.

TERRY & BECKY WALKER
BY TERRY WALKER NATIONAL DIRECTOR



In the last issue of Rollin' Along I shared with you the progression of our Motor Homing Disease but thought you might be interested in the people that have that disease. Becky and I met in high school freshman home room (yes, we were high school sweethearts). We got married a year before we both graduated from the University of Illinois, my degree in accounting, Becky's in education. She would later go on to earn her Masters degree in Reading Education from Illinois State University.

I began my career as a public accountant with Price Waterhouse, with a 21 month leave to serve in the US Army after being called up in the last draft before institution of the lottery system. I subsequently worked as Controller of 3 separate closely held corporations before retiring at the end of 2014. There are those that believe I could not keep a job; while I prefer to think I just took advantage of progressively better positions.

Becky taught Junior High School language arts before retiring in 2008, with a stint while our kids were younger as a Realtor and, of course using her degree, to teach the real estate education licensing class for several years. We were our church's high school youth advisors for ten years and Becky hosted summer educational trips for some of her schools' students to such places as Disney World and Yellowstone. For some reason, she only let me go on one trip as a co-chaperone.

We celebrated our 50th Anniversary this past July 13, check the calendar, it was a Friday, with a group of our Motor Homing friends in Sturgis, SD (thankfully it was before the Motorcycle Rally). Our Family celebration will be a week in the Florida Keys in November with our 2 sons, their wives and our 5 grandchildren. This will I believe even top our 25th Anniversary "cruise", a 6-day whitewater raft trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in ID.

You may by now get the picture that we are not very staid but enjoy participating in different adventures. Becky even talked me into a 7-day Caribbean



Cruise (on a real cruise ship this time) which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Our principal joy is traveling in our Entegras (we are on our 3rd). We have been caravanning in Alaska and down the west coast with Fantasy Tours, we attend multiple rallies with several chapters/clubs each year. While many of you were with ECOA at Traverse Bay, we were 60 miles away in Petoskey at the 5th annual reunion rally for our Alaskan tour group. Fortunately, there are many opportunities to enjoy the life, unfortunately there are times that events conflict and choices must be made.

As I write this from our Coach at a KOA in southern MI we have spent 110 days on the road this year and added over 12,000 miles to the odometer. Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Sedona and Tucson are on the agenda for the rest of the year. We try to live by the plaque on the wall which states: "Shall We Go, You And I, While We Can?"

Recipes

SLOW COOKER FAJITAS

BY LINDA HANSON ECOA VICE PRESIDENT

FALL...The most beautiful time of year in my opinion. I am in awe at God's beauty every day here in the Midwest. I love the 4 seasons, yes...even the snow. The pastel colors of trees in the Spring give way to shades of green in Summer. And now, I look at the green turn to yellow, orange and red. How can a person not smile for just a moment? Some of you have probably driven hundreds of miles to see the changing of the leaves or to your favorite mountain side stream to take that perfect photograph. Whatever you do this Fall, stop, take a breath and enjoy this moment where you are. This year has had so much activity and for one minute or two, let it all be still, look around, this is FALL!!!

I must thank my beautiful daughter, Amanda for the recipe this month. She is a wonderful cook and

when I asked her for a recipe for Fall, she said she had the perfect one. When I saw it, I had to agree, it is beautiful. It tastes good too. Enjoy and Happy Traveling.

SLOW COOKER FAJITAS

- ❖ 2-2-1/2 lbs. chicken breast (or beef) thawed, boneless, cut into strips
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- ❖ 3 large bell peppers (red, green, yellow) cut into strips
- ❖ 2 large onions, cut into strips
- ❖ 2 (14-1/2 oz.) can diced tomatoes, drained
- ❖ 2 tsp. ground cumin
- ❖ 2 tsp. chili powder
- ❖ 1-3/4 tsp. salt
- ❖ 1 tsp. onion powder
- ❖ 1/2 tsp. garlic powder, or 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ❖ 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- ❖ 2 Tbsp. butter or coconut oil

Put meat in slow cooker. Add peppers, onions and tomatoes; add all the seasonings and butter or coconut oil, stir gently to combine. Cook on low heat all day or on high heat for 5 to 6 hours. This will produce a lot of juice so you will need to use a slotted spoon when serving. Serve with sour cream, cheese, lettuce, guacamole, wraps, rice, etc.





Regional Activities

SUMMER RALLY BY WAYNE BAUMANN ALT NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The summer went by fast and we are in the fall season. It sure feels like winter is going to be early. We have already had snow in the mountains on August 28. Eidella & I spent the first week in July in Wishek, North Dakota visiting family and the home places I was raised on. We then left for Sturgis RV Park, Sturgis, SD. The next day we attended the All Inclusive Motorhome Club (AIM) rally lasting 4 days. Great rally lots of food and site seeing. Thanks Tom and Lynn for a great time. July 18th we all moved to the Summer 18 FMCA Family reunion Gillette, WY. It was a great rally with great night shows. Terry walker and I attend the governing board meeting, and it was the shortest governing board meeting that I have ever attended. We had about 75 Entegra coaches attending, met some new members, and met old friends. The last rally we had was Summerfest 18 at Spearfish, SD. Thanks Pat & Medarda for a great rally, food, and meeting.

After all the rallies we went back to Gillette, WY to have our coach aligned by a man that has done alignment for 27 years on buses and big trucks. This is the third time to have my coach aligned. The first alignment I had done at the factory and it was never was right. The next year I had it aligned at Spartan and the tires never ever wore right nor drove right so when I got it aligned in Gillette it sure drove a lot better. I will be buying some new front tires to replace the ones that wore out in 43000 miles.

When we arrived home, I caught a summer cold and fought it for three weeks but am finally feel better now. While home, I visit a tour bus every day, greet them, and talk to them about Buffalo Bill history. I also talk about the Dakota Territory Native American history and will be doing this until the end of September. We will be leaving in October

for the Las Vegas Oceans Eighteen Gala and then go to Tucson, AZ for the AIM Rally For the Stars regional rally and do some sightseeing along the way. Finally, we will be spending the winter in Casa Grande, AZ.

SUMMER TRAVELS BY TOM CROWLEY ECOA VP



Lynn and I have had a very busy summer putting on and attending several rallies. We enjoyed seeing and renewing acquaintances with our many ECOA friends.

On another note, we all understand that out coaches have a long overhang in the rear. Lynn and I had just finished hooking up our Toad and were checking lights, when a class C motorhome drove by. We were all the way over on the right-hand side of three lanes, the class C was in the middle lane and was turning to the left. To make the turn he pulled in front of us and as he began the turn he moved left and clipped our drivers side mirror knocking it off. The mirror, being attached by wires swung down and put 4 chips in the Diamondshield. I was able to reattach the mirror using aluminum strips, which worked well. The point of the story is be aware of the distance between your rear tires and the end of the coach when making a corner. There is no need to swing to the right to make a left-hand turn. NIRVC will complete the repairs today and we will be heading to Las Vegas for the AIM Gala.

Polishing your windshield. We sometimes forget to clean our windshields of bugs. Later you try to clean the windshield with a glass cleaner and the bugs still do not want to come off. What to do? Polish your windshield with 0000 steel wool. Just use the 0000 steel wool dry and gently polish the windshield, the bugs just fly right off. The windshield is good as new. Please do not use the steel wool on anything other than the windshield. It will scratch the protective coating and/or your paint.

Have safe travels.

Membership

DUES NOTICE COMING SOON

Please be reminded that we only send out club dues notices at the end of the calendar year, and they are due in January. It is still a bargain at just \$20.00. Remember, if you bought your coach after August 31, your free membership from Entegra will roll over to the next year. Those who purchased prior to September will be billed for renewal. With a volunteer organization we just have not got the manpower to manage dues on a monthly basis.

Do not forget that to maintain your membership in ECOA, you must maintain your FMCA membership. We have an article below about member benefits.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP BY PAT BAUER ECOA PRESIDENT

Today, life got real. One of our members was hospitalized, may have an extended recovery, and the press of time is felt as winter is coming in northern Michigan. The Resort will close on October 31st and the wife does not drive the coach.

Several of us were talking about the situation, and someone raised the question concerning the FMCAssist program, which led to a discussion of the BENEFITS that come with membership in the Entegra Coach Owners Association and FMCA. Member benefits are easily overlooked, especially with the press of trying to learn all the systems on a new coach. So, let us talk a little about benefits, and just what you might get with your memberships.

FMCAssist is an insurance program that comes with your FMCA membership at no additional cost to you. If you live more than 100 miles from the hospital, your benefits will return your coach, your spouse, your pets, your tow vehicle, and you back to your home port, no matter the circumstance of your transportation. Need an ambulance, air ambulance, 24-hour medical supervision during transport, all those options are possible at no out-of-pocket to you with FMCAssist.

Have you seen the tire replacement program? I'm sure you understand about coach tires, but did you know the program works for all of your personal cars as well? Tow vehicle, and all of your personal cars can receive discounted tires with your FMCA membership.

FMCA Tech Connect+ offers an Internet hotspot program through Sprint, as well as cell and WIFI boosters and satellite TV. There is a whole host of benefits and discounts available. Visit the FMCA Member Benefits webpage at:
<https://site.fmca.com/fmca-membership-benefits>

As far as ECOA benefits, you get this great newsletter geared specifically to our members, great rallies and gatherings to meet new friends and make some lasting friendships, visit inviting locations around the country, and learn a little about your coach, all accomplished by a team of VOLUNTEERS committed to keeping you informed. Besides, what more could you get for the low price of just \$20.00 US.

From the Editors Desk

**FROM THE EDITOR
BY DANA SAWYER**

Congratulations and Thank You. If you made it this far, I hope you found information that was useful for your RV journey. I also hope you will become a contributor.

I know that not everyone has had the opportunity to meet the group that volunteers to support the organization and make each ECOA Rally a success. Therefore, this issue included a special section with profiles of ECOA officers and the new Webmaster. YOU can weigh in on articles or sections you might like to see developed for future issues.

Over the five months of summer Linda and I have been privileged to meet with many Entegra and Travel Supreme owners at campgrounds and events throughout the 21 different states we travelled. If you are in the Phoenix / Mesa area over the winter send us an email and perhaps we can meet for coffee, wine, or just conversation about our beautiful coaches.

Please become a contributor and help improve this newsletter. Your articles about special campgrounds, resorts, trips, or coach improvements and upgrades can help fellow Entegra coach owners.

It may not be the easy way.....



But it's the RV way