



# PROUD MOMENTS

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Les Lagerquist, President



Les and Lana Lagerquist

Well, the Prouds "DID" Disney. Approximately one hundred of us invaded Mickey Mouse land known as the Fort Wilderness Resort and Campground. For the very few of you who have not been to the Walt Disney World RV facility, it is a massive campground in terms of sites and size. The individual sites are generally large in a heavily wooded setting. We returnees were pleasantly surprised by the ease of access in parking. The traditional image about Fort Wilderness was the "tightness" of the loops and sites. By means of our pre-rally insistence, the Disney people did do an exemplary job of opening up the access and thus the safety of our parking. This even resulted in satellite TV acquisition for almost everyone.

Our four-day rally began as usual with a sizable number arriving one to four days early in order to enjoy some visits to the various Disney venues. We had encouraged members to bring the grandkids and a good number did just that. Opening night commenced with the customary converters social hour followed by an upscale, barbeque style feast.



George Lanegraff, our exceptional and relentless rally master, set the tone right away. He had all of us in the Red, White, and Blue spirit, banging with drumsticks [not chicken] to the cadence of the Orlando Drum and Bugle Corps direction. George will have more detail on our fun in his comments.

We had another great group of first timers show up for the rally. Nineteen couples joined us in the fun and Betsy Reese coordinated their assimilation into the activities of the week. Many favorable comments were expressed to several of us on the good time had by all.



Coming this summer is our rally at Tiger Run in Breckenridge, Colorado. The dates are August 5-8. We have had a lot of early interest and our sites will be limited, so please sign up as soon as possible. A few have expressed a worry over the altitude and, while each needs to make a personal decision, we will be trying to pair the activities. Some will be more oxygen challenging with others being more sedate. The weather should be good and the fellowship wonderful for our "Rocky Mountain Rally".

Please remember to reserve the dates for the Prevost Prouds Rally in Quebec, July 7-11, 2008.

*Safe travels and see you in Breckenridge,*

**Les**



## *Message From Prevost Car, Inc.*

by Gaetan Bolduc • President & CEO, Prevost Car, Inc.

It was a real pleasure to see you all in Florida. This was a fantastic week, again!

Coming from the northern part of North America, it was a real delight to spend a few days under the sun during wintertime. In addition, this time, I did not have to call home to tell Marlène how nice the people and places were - she was with me! She was happy to see her old friends and make new ones, and there were many of them this year.

Were the Prouds' volunteers ready to handle the crowd? You bet! Let me give you an insight about this great team. At one point during registration on the first day, I was standing with Marlène looking at all the exciting, fun-filled events we could register to do. Believe it or not, one lady (I will not reveal her name) jumped from nowhere and started to explain to us all the events. She also highly suggested that I attend the "tech-talk" that Prevost was putting together. She obviously was not aware of the connection I have with Prevost but, to say the least, I was very flattered that she offered me such an activity!



Unfortunately, I missed

the quiz at the "tech-talk" but, to be honest, I usually do not

do well on technical questions, especially when my tech-talk team is taking

care of the corrections! I wish I had them to help me out during my drum lessons. Fortunately,

I am better at listening than at drumming, so always feel free to come say hello and have a chat, or get in contact with me at any time. It is always a pleasure for me to stay in touch.

Thanks to the great team of volunteers who made this rally run so nicely. I hope to see you all soon, maybe in Québec next year? Have a great time traveling until then and keep the smiles on.

## *Drive Safely!*

Gaétan Bolduc, Eng.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

# Calendar Of Events

Visit the Prouds' website at [www.PrevoStProuds.com](http://www.PrevoStProuds.com)  
for more information on these events.

## 2007 DATES

- August 5-8 Prouds Summer Rally, Tiger Run RV Resort, Breckenridge, Colorado  
 August 13-16 FMCA Summer Convention, Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR  
 Sept. 29- Oct 11 Polar Bear Tour, Churchill, Manitoba, Canada

## 2007 EVENTS

## 2008 DATES

- February Prouds Winter Rally, Dates & Location to be determined  
 February 25-28 FMCA Winter Convention, Los Angeles Fairplex, Pomona, California  
 July 7-11 Prouds Summer Rally, Quebec City, Canada  
 July 14-17 FMCA Summer Convention, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

## 2008 EVENTS

# New Members

**We extend a Big Welcome to the following fifty-one new members of our Proud family of Prevost coach owners.**

|                                  |                           |                                       |                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Allen, Tommy & Gaynell.....      | Lafayette, LA             | Melon, Gaston & Susan.....            | Springdale, AR        |
| Anderson, Michael & Donna.....   | Alexandria, VA            | Middaugh, Mike & Fran.....            | Columbus, OH          |
| Bennett, David & Janet.....      | Salisbury, MD             | Mixon, William & Barbara.....         | Yemassee, SC          |
| Bjorklund, Harold & Esther.....  | Castle Rock, CO           | Muller, Karl & Janet.....             | Williamsburg, VA      |
| Booth, Art & Kathryn.....        | Richland, MO              | Nelson, Larry & Sue.....              | Lighthouse Pt, FL     |
| Brockman, Edward & Sandra.....   | Key West, FL              | Obolsky, Mike.....                    | Dania Beach, FL       |
| Buha, Robert.....                | Portage, IN               | Peleberg, Pete & Ginny.....           | Decatur, TX           |
| Buttriss, Bert & Carolyn.....    | Lake Wales, FL            | Renner, David & Elaine.....           | Orrville, OH          |
| Daley, John.....                 | Rancho Santa Fe, CA       | Sanford, Charles & Linda Elliott..... | Greenwood Village, CO |
| Davidson, Frank & Judith.....    | El Monte, CA              | Schielka, Edward.....                 | Valrico, FL           |
| Deinhard, Gary & Lise.....       | Santa Barbara, CA         | Schommer, Alan & Victoria.....        | Vero Beach, FL        |
| Desilva, Richard & Wendy.....    | Mahwah, NJ                | Sharpe, Frank & Betty.....            | St. Augustine, FL     |
| Glasrud, Ted & Lynne.....        | Stuart, FL                | Siemon, John & Tammy.....             | Las Vegas, NV         |
| Gubar, Robert & Kathleen.....    | Apex, NC                  | Smith, Laurie & Tonie.....            | Sumter, SC            |
| Hall, Chris & Judy.....          | Hampton, VA               | Sorbel, Randall & Lynne.....          | Yorba Linda, CA       |
| Henning, Doug & Choi Barton..... | West Vancouver, BC        | Stacy, Rick & Diane.....              | Southlake, TX         |
| Irvin, Steve & Cindy.....        | Coburg, OR                | Strahan, Don & Lee.....               | Irving, TX            |
| Kopp, William & Eileen.....      | Naples, FL                | Thomson, Brian & Samantha.....        | Frisco, TX            |
| Lane, Steve & Ginger.....        | White Sulphur Springs, WV | Vaughn, Sammy & Diane.....            | Daytona Beach, FL     |
| Loehr, Richard & Mary Lou.....   | Ft Lauderdale, FL         | West, Griffin & Elsa F.....           | Emery, SD             |
| Luttrell, George & Paula.....    | Soddy Daisy, TN           | Wivinis, Jerry & Sherry.....          | Canton, SD            |
| Mackey, Lee & Peggy.....         | Alva, OK                  | Woods, Steven & Annette.....          | Stuart, FL            |
| Matranga, Bob & Elaine.....      | Anaheim Hills, CA         | Worlock, Jerry & Lois.....            | The Villages, FL      |
| McCracken, Robin & Victoria..... | Stuart, FL                | Yawn, Johnie & Vicki.....             | Duarte, CA            |
| McFall, Russell & Anna.....      | Lancaster, PA             | Yost, Gene & Sara.....                | Mt. Morris, PA        |
| Meadows, David & Diane.....      | Panama City, FL           |                                       |                       |



# SUMMARY OF BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

By Elaine Yates,  
Secretary

## At the business meeting on March 15, 2007, the Prevost Prouds:

- Introduced the converters in attendance at the rally.
- Received the treasurer's report from Wendall Mathis.
- Heard the Sunshine and First Timers reports by Betsy Reese.
- Listened to the FMCA report by Bob Small.
- Were reminded of the Prouds summer rally in Breckenridge.
- Elected the nominating committee consisting of Larry Jones, Tan Fletcher, and Roy Johnson.
- Recognized Louie Bob Davis for his consistent and dedicated work as club photographer.



Respectfully submitted,

*Elaine Yates,*

Secretary

Don't end up missing out on the  
Proud's trip to see the Polar Bears!  
For more info go to [www.PrevostProuds.com](http://www.PrevostProuds.com) or call 866 888-6896.



# Welcome to Breckenridge!

## Prouds '07 Colorado Rally - August 5-8, 2007

Every summer people come to Breckenridge, Colorado to “play, relax, renew, rest, romance, and recreate”. Well, if you’re up to it, let’s do the same! Let’s have fun this summer in a bit of Rocky Mountain paradise. It’s beautiful with a myriad of interesting things to “see and do”. Tiger Run RV Resort is our premier destination venue, located 75 miles west of Denver and a stone’s throw away from the attractive Victorian town of Breckenridge.

Here’s a glimpse of the kinds of things we could find ourselves experiencing this August:

**Rocky Mt. Dance Party** – Don your western wear, dancing shoes, and with your partner in hand, follow the sound of the legendary Highway 101 country band – a band of considerable acclaim with hits like “Who’s Lonely Now”. It’s dinner, dancing, and fun!

**Presidents Dinner** – A special evening that’s extra special with outstanding entertainment. The Nacho Men rock audiences with a high energy, interactive rock and roll show guaranteed fabulous for dancers and dance-watchers alike!

**Off the Beaten Path Treks** – Let’s seek out the historical “places, and happenings” that made this area so “naturally fascinating” – by JEEP, by ATV, by RAIL! Are you ready?

**Off the Beaten Path Tours** – By bike, by bus, by foot . . . let’s search out the “legend, lore, people, and unique places” in this beautiful region!

**Ladies Taste of Breckenridge** – Ladies, let’s “do the town” and experience the exceptional for dining, activities, and the like.

**Out-of-Door Sports** – What’s your pleasure? Rafting is big in this region; so is horseback riding, and don’t forget mountain biking.

**Motorcycle/Jeep Mountain Ride** – Got a motorcycle or jeep? Bring it! Let us know you and your motorcycle or jeep are coming to the rally and we’ll set up rides for both through this beautiful Colorado country.



**Golfers** – You’ll play at a great course.

Whether you enjoy shopping amongst Breckenridge’s 60 boutiques, taking a carriage ride through the town’s historic district, enjoying a morning hot air balloon ride with breathtaking vistas, or simply hanging out with friends, this ultimate rally offers everyone lots of fun.

For updated Colorado '07 rally highlights check the Prouds Web site at [www.prevostprouds.com](http://www.prevostprouds.com). If you’re ready, sign up today, since space is limited to 100 coaches. For rally registration information contact Rick Kent, the Prouds Treasurer/Membership Coordinator, at [rkent@cswnet.com](mailto:rkent@cswnet.com) or Barbara Kent at [pprouds@cswnet.com](mailto:pprouds@cswnet.com) or call 501-268-1335; or George Lanegraff, Rallymaster, at 425-922-0714 (Cell/Seattle, WA).

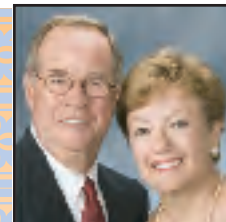


Prevost Presents...

# Southern Charms

...at Henderson Village

by Ralph Young



Prevost Car has established a tradition of lavishly hosting Prevost owners and converters at each FMCA International Convention. Somehow, Prevost manages to find just the right locale. Locales have included the historically significant Maine Maritime Museum for the Brunswick, Maine rally, elegant downtown Charlotte last summer, and the country sophistication of Henderson Village, just ten miles south of the Perry rally, this past March.

Henderson Village is a collection of nineteenth century homes and cottages located at what was once a thriving stagecoach intersection and home to a number of wealthy planters in the rural south. The village recreates the ambience of a farmstead from a bygone era. The century-old dwellings are superbly preserved and greet guests with sweeping verandas and white columns that recall the beauty and romance of the Old South. The grounds include landscaped gardens and manicured lawns that were particularly conducive to socializing with friends, old and new.



As usual, Prevost Car provided transportation from the Perry convention via luxury Prevost Coaches. The guests arrived to find this year's locale nestled on eighteen bucolic acres and surrounded by over eight thousand acres of game lands available for the hunting of quail, dove, deer and even Russian boar. Scattered around the grounds were various hunting inspired displays such as a mule drawn quail hunting wagon, complete with dog kennels; mounted game animals; a reflecting pool with duck decoys; and a dog handler with a pup and his proud mother.

The weather could not have been better for an evening outside. The local flowers were already in bloom and there was local music on the grounds provided by a guitarist and Sue Tomlin, a vocalist, who accompanied herself on the fiddle. The music was very pleasant and appropriate to the locale.

There were, of course, hors d'oeuvres and ample drink. It seemed that everywhere you turned a pleasant young person would inquire: "Won't ya'll try some fried green tomatoes, or mini crab cakes, or pulled pork Wellington." The music, the food, the drink, along with the wonderful surroundings, truly made for a superb social hour.



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About dark, everyone was ushered into a large tent for a seated dinner beginning with salad of garden greens with black currants and blue cheese crumbles. We were welcomed by Mr. Claude Picard, Vice-President of Prevost Car. The various converters were recognized along with the Prevost staff.

At dinner, we were treated to an enlarged ensemble of musicians known as the Back Porch Symphony, who joined the fiddle with guitar, bass and banjo. There was no guest dancing, but one of the band members performed a jig or two to the delight of all.

Dinner was in the style of “new Southern cuisine”, using local, traditional ingredients in non-traditional ways. Two of the offerings perfectly illustrate this emerging school of cooking. Both the pork tenderloin stuffed with collards, tasso, pecans and finished with a Bourbon reduction and the beef medallions and moonshine demi were delicious. We even had the most traditional of Southern vegetables, black-eyed peas, but served in the new style, as a fritter.



Henderson Village lies in the heart of the Georgia peach country and at each Perry rally we are treated to orchards abloom with bright pink peach blossoms. It is always a treat to travel I-75 during this season and enjoy the spectacle of the peach and cherry blossoms that are so abundant. Similarly, great pecan groves line the area roads. True to the mandate of using local ingredients, the deserts included miniature peach cobblers a la crème and pecan petites along with a “world famous chocolate ganache.”

As has become the custom, there was a drawing for a grand prize, this time a framed watercolor of one of the Henderson buildings, won by Doug & Ileen Lindner. In keeping with the theme of our surroundings, guests at each table had to determine which diner had “bagged the most game” over his or her lifetime, in order to bag the very attractive table centerpiece.

The dinner was adjourned and the lucky winners struggled to carry their new arrangement to the buses for their return to Perry. Another great Prevost evening!



# PROUDS DO DISNEY

●●●●●●●● *By George Canegruff*

It is the farewell evening and Florida skies are transitioning from sunny to dim. The display coaches shine stupendously in the sunset, and “Crock-a-dial Rock” fills the air for those that are dancing-in-the-street. Southwest food delights are



unique and tasty, especially the Frito Pie. People, with libations in hand, are smiling, cajoling and exchanging good times in preparation for the morning departure from Disney’s Ft. Wilderness Resort. It is a “street party” and this evening, much like that of the past three days in Disney World, has been fun.



Three days hence, the rally’s first day, some 200 club members parked at Disney’s campground under the watchful eye of Wendell Mathis and his “Peter Pan” parking crew. Sixteen unbelievably attractive display

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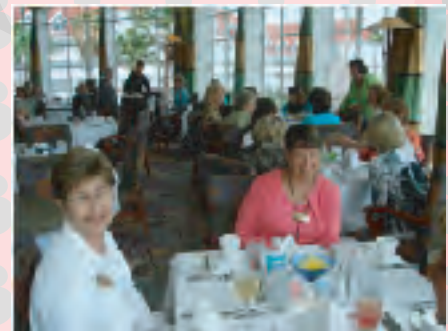




coaches were parked together in one loop with identifying large colored balloons, traditional regalia/hoopla in preparation for the late afternoon converters' social. However, before this, the converters hosted a lunch cantina featuring "Chicago Hot Dogs" and Greek Gyro's - a big hit, especially when repeated two days later. First-timers (19 families) gathered under the Florida pines for an afternoon open-air welcome orientation by Betsy Reese, club officers, and Prevost Car representatives. The golfers met a short time later with Gil Grubbs to review plans for Friday's golf play.

At 4 o'clock, the converters' social was underway and, by 5:30pm, the buses provided by Prevost Car were shuttling riders to the campground's pavilion and dinner. Under "magical skies", Disney characters Minnie and Mickey appeared, greeted everyone, and posed for photo moments. Thereafter the musical sound level increased. Twenty members of Orlando's drum and bugle corps paraded into the Pavilion, distributed drumsticks to 50 of us, and entertained with an interactive "drum lesson". Les Lagerquist and Gaetan Bolduc, the Prouds President and Prevost Car President respectively, demonstrated a bit of talent as our snare drum "leaders." As the drumbeat faded, Carolyn Konigseder, the club-converter liaison, introduced the converter representatives, thanked everyone for attending the Disney rally, and encouraged everyone to have a good time. Music continued with a small cadre, mostly

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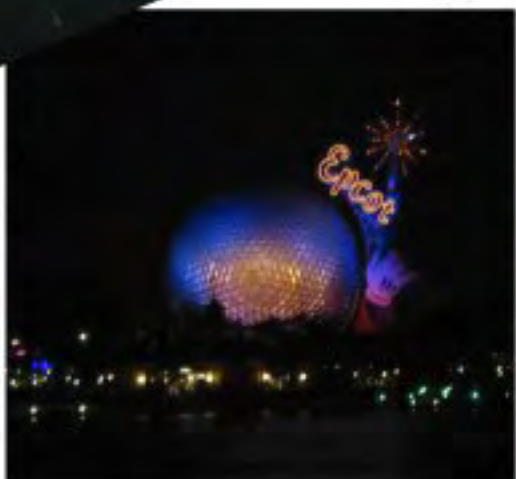
Cajun boosters, dancing to “Labamba”, “A Whole Lot of Shaking Going On”, “Boogie Shoes”, and others.

The rally’s second day began with a dozen folks taking an early morning walk, while others headed to the campground’s Trails End Restaurant for breakfast. At noon, the ladies arrived at the Grand Floridian Resort and the nicely appointed upper floor Citricos Restaurant for lunch, while the men’s TechTALK luncheon, led by PrevoSt Car tech wizard Robert Buckwalter, was held in the campground’s Pioneer Hall. *(Note: Robert altered this class by having teams answer service-related questions that resulted in the winning team notching a \$250 gift certificate for the PrevoSt Car Boutique.)*



short walk away, where “Colonial Mickey and Minnie” greeted us prior to having dinner. Les Lagerquist, the club’s president, extended a warm welcome to everyone, and Steve Zeigler, PrevoSt Car’s National Director of the Bus Shell Division, announced the winning “no-name” TechTALK team. Birthday salutations were given to NJ Williams, Etta Lail, and Linda Thompson. The dinner surroundings were very comfortable and certainly special (as was the “spoon balancing-on-the-nose” performances of two grandchildren – 10-year-old Cassidy Davis, Tim and Linda Thompson’s granddaughter, and Meredith Arthur, Elaine and Morris Yates’s almost 7 year old granddaughter - both were a delight). By half-past-eight, our group casually departed the Rotunda for a return to Isola Patio and dessert and the evening’s grand finale - Epcot’s fireworks fantasia-- Illuminations! This 12-minute show of brilliance . . . lights, colors, and sound, was a great capping of a very special evening.

By 2:30pm, most everyone was back and preparing for the President’s Dinner at Epcot Center. The evening was delightfully comfortable and arriving via Epcot’s “backstage entrance” was, for most, a new experience. Our pre-dinner private social at Italy’s Isola Patio provided a great vista overlooking the water and was a unique experience. Guides soon escorted everyone to the American Rotunda Pavilion, a very



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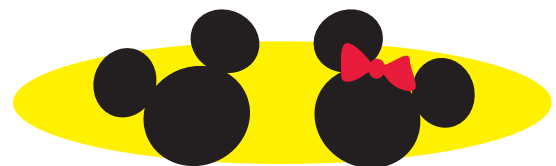
The following morning, the rally's third day, brought bunches of fun, a club business meeting, and "loud and captivating" entertainment . . . wrapped in MGM Studio magic! Busloads headed to the "backlot entrance" of MGM Studios. We arrived before the park opened, were greeted by Stunt Car drivers and their autos (the "red car" being the hero and the "black car" the villain) and were escorted to the Studio Café for breakfast. Soon thereafter, the Prouds' business meeting took center stage with the usual officialdom, and then it was show time. However, just before we entered the stadium we watched the Power Rangers – posing, photos, and posturing! Entering the stadium we were given an exclusive and private "preview" of the upcoming show – it was "something else" to watch the high-speed driving and coordination skill of the stunt car drivers. "Lights, Motor, Action Stunt Show" featured an assortment of "stunts" with cars and motorcycles, over land and over water, speeding under and over props . . . it was great fun to watch. By 1 o'clock everyone had returned to the campground and was at the display coach area tasting those delicious "Chicago Hot Dogs" and Greek Gyros. The rest of the day and evening were free.



Friday, the rally's last day, found a group of early morning walkers, breakfast consumers headed for the Trails End café, golfers on their way to Disney's premier Magnolia Golf Course, and over two dozen grandparents and grandchildren experiencing a character breakfast at the Grand Floridian Resort with Cinderella, Tigger, Pooh Bear, and the Mad Hatter. The "Disney Story Bus Tour", with guides who pointed out tidbits of Disney history, was offered in the morning and afternoon, and was well attended. The moisture ended mid-day and the Florida sunshine immediately warmed things up in preparation for the evening's farewell "street party." At 5pm the music was playing, colored beads were being distributed, libations were being disbursed, and sumptuous southwestern food stations were ready to go! For two

hours it was a good time. The food was definitely a "hit", "dancing in the street" was a lot of fun, and the outdoor setting with friends was magical.

*A good time was enjoyed by all!*



# Disney World Fun-Time First-Timers

The first-timers meeting was well attended with close to 100% of the nineteen couples there. In keeping with the “Magical” location of the Prouds rally, special pins were used. The ladies were given "Minnie Mouse" and the men received "Mickey Mouse". These pins identified the newcomers so Prouds members could meet and greet them.



This was a great group of first timers who joined in the Disney festivities. They were encouraged to sign up for the next rally and we hope to see them there.

Special thanks to Susan and Eric Ball for their help.

*Betsy Reese*

## First Timers at the Disney Rally

Steve & Georgann Biscoe.....Hastings, MN  
 Frank & Judy Davidson.....El Monte, CA  
 Skip & Marilyn Evans.....Castle Rock, CO  
 Frank & Helen Fowler.....Cumming, GA  
 Bob & Kathy Gubar.....Apex, NC  
 Steve & B.J. Hansen.....Stuart, FL  
 Steve & Ginger Lane.....Jupiter, FL  
 Billy & Barbara Mixon.....Yemassee, SC  
 Bob & Norma Moss.....Carlisle, PA  
 Larry & Sue Nelson.....Lighthouse Pt., FL

James Omdoll & Linda Johnson.....Palmyra, WI  
 John & Judi Osteen.....Vero Beach, FL  
 David & Elaine Renner.....Orrville, OH  
 Scott & Peggy Saltus.....South Grafton, MA  
 Bill & Lynda Snyder.....Polk City, FL  
 Alan & Linda Strand.....Stroudsburg, PA  
 George & Naomi Tolley.....Stuart, FL  
 James & Joy White.....Yuma, FL  
 Jerry & Sherry Wivinis.....Canton, SD



# TRAVEL SAFE, TRAVEL SMART

We often get questions on the newer tires that we use on the H3 and XL2 motor home shells. The tire, Michelin 365/70R22.5, was developed for the motor home market and the increasing weight that the shells carry. We are the only ones that use the tires and that is why they are sometimes hard to locate when out on the road. We do carry them at all our service facilities because even large Michelin truck tire dealers would not see enough sales to keep them in stock. So we have them and can sell and ship them to your location when you are having on-the-road difficulties. This is our arrangement with Michelin so as not to create a problem with their dealer network.

You will note that we use the tires on the front and tag axles. We need them on the front axle to give us a good, safe ride at the axle weight of the front axle. They are certainly over-kill on the tag axle, which is only rated at 14,000 pounds. We do this so that if you have a front tire problem you can put a tag tire and wheel on the front and be able to move slowly down the road to a safer place.



People ask us whether they can be installed on earlier model motor homes. Yes, they can, with some exceptions. They should fit on any XL2 or H3 motor home from year 2000 onward. You will need to change the tire and the wheel. The wheel for this tire is a 10.5 inch rim and it is hub mounted. This means that the centering of the wheel on the hub is done by the ring on the hub where the wheel rests. It is not stud-mounted as we have done for years. Because the wheels are hub mounted, you also need to change all the studs on each wheel to the correct studs for the new wheels. Therefore, you need two tires, two wheels (Alcoa 10.5x 22.5) and twenty studs and nuts to do the job.

We have asked that when the tires and wheels are installed that the steering be turned to full left and full right to verify that it will not hit any of the structure or suspension. If it did, you would need to adjust the mechanical stops on the axle to prevent the parts from touching.

Now, what is the correct air pressure for the tires? The only way to know is to have the vehicle weighed by axle and consult the Michelin truck chart for the correct tire pressure for that weight.

As I mentioned above, you do not need the larger tires on the tag axle because the present 315/80R22.5 tires are fine for the 14,000 lb rating. You can choose to change them also for the availability of spares, but there is the cost to be taken into account.



**By Bill Jensen**  
**Service Manager,**  
**VIP Bus Shell**  
**Division**

On pre-2000 vehicles, there should be no problem with the H3 series as the front wheel wells are tall and large. But with the XL1 there is not as much space as in the newer XL2 and you might rub on the substructure. For the XL1 only, a trial installation will tell you if the larger tires will work.

Now you know the reasons for the new tires and the reasons why they might be right for you. Stay safe in your travels this summer!

# THE SUNSHINE REPORT

by Connie Kossen, Sunshine Lady

## **Deaths:**

We lost Linda Banthrall in late 2006, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

## **Illness:**

Arline Elkins had a second knee replaced, way back in June 2006, but I did not hear about it until November!

Beverly Cheek was ill in September 2006.

Bob Barnard has had other heart problems and recently has had to stop driving. Remember him and Joyce.

Betty Renner had a heart attack in January 2007 but is recovering nicely.

Charlie Robertson had gall bladder surgery in January 2007. He is now walking every day and feeling "pretty good".

Shelton Ruffin has had heart by-pass surgery. The doctor says he should feel better than he ever has!

John Strickland, aka "Strick", had a nasty fall in February – off a snowboard I understand! No one is surprised! He broke his ankle in more places than the doctor has ever seen. He was off his foot completely for four weeks, but is doing well – and so is Kay with her patient!

Tom Kossen was hospitalized in February with pneumonia, and since has had knee surgery. He is recovering nicely.

## **Others:**

Bob and Delores Horn lost their 49-year-old daughter to cancer in late 2006. During this same time, Bob was in the hospital with heart problems.

Sherry Robertson lost her mom in late 2006.

Sharon Jones, former Prouds member, had extensive back surgery.

Carol and Ed Nusekabel lost their daughter to cancer in February. She left a husband and three children, ages 5, 7, and 9.

Please, keep in touch if you know about illnesses or other problems within our Prevost Prouds family. Send it to [ckossen@kossenequipment.com](mailto:ckossen@kossenequipment.com).

## **CHEERS FOR OUR DISNEY 2007 COMMERCIAL MEMBERS**

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Country Coach, Inc.  
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Marathon Coach, Inc.  
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Parliament Coach Corp.  
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Clearwater, FL 33762  
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# National Director's Corner

by Jack Schneiker, FMCA National Director

FMCA's 77th International Convention, dubbed "Georgia Jubilee", took place March 19-22, 2007 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. It drew 4,830 registered coaches, including 3,820 family coaches and 1,010 commercial coaches. FMCA currently has 490 active chapters.

I have received a number of inquiries about convention locations in Georgia, other than the fairgrounds in Perry. Most locations in Georgia do not have adequate facilities or parking areas to host an FMCA convention. At the National Level, every effort is being made to find locations that can accommodate not only our conventions, but also the chapters in our nine regional areas and our International Area.

Back in 1978, I was told, "Forget the International Area, Jack, you will be lucky to get five chapters for this type of area". Well, today we have 95 chapters in the International Area, and that includes the Prevost Prouds!

Our Executive Director, Don Eversmann, joined our FMCA staff in 1998. I am pleased to report that he, with the support of his wife, is doing a first-class job for our association. He is a good listener and has fully accepted the total responsibility required of his position in handling the day-to-day business of FMCA.

I have often stated that we need your help in getting new members, not only for the Prevost Prouds, but also for our general membership in FMCA. For some additional ideas, take a few minutes and read the "Executive Director's Commentary" on page 12 of the March 2007 issue of our Family Motor Coaching magazine. Call Membership Services at 800-543-3622 for a Recruitment Tool Kit and application brochures.

LOOK AHEAD! Register now for the Prevost Prouds summer rally in Breckenridge and the FMCA convention in Redmond. Visit our website - [www.PrevostProuds.com](http://www.PrevostProuds.com) - or call Rick Kent for information and registration forms.



## FUTURE FMCA CONVENTION SITES

- August 13-16, 2007 • Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond, OR
- February 25-28, 2008 • Los Angeles Fairplex, Pomona, CA
- July 14-17, 2008 • Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
- Winter, 2009 • Perry, Georgia
- Summer, 2009 • Louisville, Kentucky

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