



# PROUD MOMENTS

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## The President's Message

by Ken Urban, President

This summer in Quebec, I had the honor of being elected President of the Prevost Prouds. I have some very large shoes to fill, as our past Presidents have been very caring and involved individuals. As President, I will do my best to ensure the long-standing tradition of fun and fellowship that this club has enjoyed throughout the years.

I would like to recognize our other officers: Bob Small - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Skip Evans - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Rick Kent - Treasurer, Elaine Yates - Secretary, and Jack Schneiker - National Director. All their contributions are incredibly important to making this club vital and continuing. We cannot have an active organization without the help of officers and volunteers who contribute to our success. We recognize the members make a very large commitment to attend our rallies and we appreciate all of those who do. During this time of high fuel prices, we will do as much as possible to locate our rallies centrally.



Our next rally is going to be in Rayne, Louisiana. We will enjoy superb hospitality from the people of south Louisiana. We are already scheduling tours and fun things to do during this rally. We hope you will find time to attend this great gathering. It is going to be a lot of fun. I hope we will see most of you in Louisiana.

Again, thank you for your support of our club and thank you to all the people who have spent time and effort to make this club what it has become.

*Ken*



## A Word from the VP

The Quebec Rally was full of fun & interesting things to do - George Lanegraff kept us busy as usual. We did manage to have a business meeting to elect officers. Ken Urban is our new President, replacing Les Lagerquist. I moved up to fill Ken's slot, and Skip Evans was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. The remaining officers will keep their positions.

The Prevost factory tour was very worthwhile. I noticed several areas that have changed since my last tour. One in particular was the empty stalls! Apparently, the economy downturn is affecting everyone.

Toni & I headed for New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island after the rally with five other coaches. We do not get this far east that often & we wanted to take advantage of the situation. The extended trip was very enjoyable. If you have not been there, I recommend that you give it a try. We liked the area & plan to go back & include Nova Scotia.

*Bob Small*

# Message from PrevoSt

## Message from PrevoSt

By Gaetan Bolduc, PrevoSt President and CEO



What a memorable week we had in Quebec!

At PrevoSt, we were delighted to “put out the welcome mat” for a Prouds rally right in our beautiful hometown. While Quebec City was celebrating its 400th anniversary, well over 400 VIP guests made the journey to a full week of special activities.

I know that during your stay, many of you enjoyed historical walking and bus tours of the city, two excellent ways to discover Quebec’s countless charms. A full slate of other daytime activities was offered, including a ladies’ lunch and concurrent PrevoSt tech-talk seminars, which I will address later.

For PrevoSt, a high point of the week was showing the Prouds around our factory. I know that our employees were all very pleased to meet you and appreciated the opportunity to tell you about the design and assembly of our vehicles. Welcoming such a large group on an actual production day was a particular challenge—but the kind we were only too happy to take on!



Our dinners were also exceptional. The Gala at the Chateau Frontenac was surely an evening that many of us will long remember. I enjoyed attending, as did my wife Marlene and daughter Elise. And Andre-Philippe Gagnon—the “man of a thousand voices”—what an entertainer! Andre now makes his home in the United States, but did you know that he was born in Quebec City just a stone’s throw from the convention center where motorhomes parked during the rally?

And speaking of parking... Ken and Patty Urban, along with their wonderful parking crew, did a superb job getting nearly 200 motorhomes—plus trailers—parked onsite. Ken also “took the wheel” as President of the PrevoSt Prouds during the Quebec Rally, and I would like to wish him much success during his term. Rick

and Barbara Kent were a dedicated team, as always, and deserve a hearty thank you for handling the rally registration and treasury duties. It’s a job that requires extensive organizational skills and considerable time, and they both do it remarkably well.

I would also like to thank the Quebec Rally organizing committee, made up of PrevoSt Prouds, converters, and PrevoSt representatives. They all put a great deal of work and effort into planning this special event.

All in all, I can say it’s been a thrilling week that we’ll long remember, a sentiment I sincerely hope you share.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "G. Bolduc". The signature is fluid and cursive.

# New Prevest Vice President



By now many of you have met our new Vice President, Andrew Stuart, who has overall responsibility for the Prevest bus shell business, including motorhome sales.

Andrew has an MBA from the University of Oregon and ideal experience for our business, having led the North American unit of Bentley Motors as CEO from 2004–2007. He is Canadian, but has lived in the U.S. since 1994, and currently makes his home in Portland, Oregon. I wish him a very warm welcome to the Prevest family.

# Right Front Slide-Out

At the Quebec Rally tech-talk in July, one of the topics that generated a great deal of buzz was our introduction of a quad slide shell for the Prevest H3-45 VIP. We developed a new slide-out for the right front position of the H3-45 VIP shell in response to owners who told us they wanted more interior space in their motorhomes.

In fact, you could say that the July rally in Quebec was the coming out party for the right front slide-out in a quad slide shell. While deliveries to converters will not begin until November 2008, anticipation is already growing to see how they will make the most of this new space in their interior designs. It will be interesting to see which configurations become the most popular: will it be a quad slide, or a triple slide with two slides up front? The double slide Prevest motorhome is expected to remain a popular choice among owners, especially those whose vehicles spend more time on the road than they do parked at the same locations for long periods.



The right front slide-out is 12' 8" wide and 24" deep and can be ordered in a three-slide or four-slide configuration. We require two left slides before any slides are added on the right side of the shell. So you can purchase a triple-slide configuration with two front slides or two rear slides, or you can purchase a quad slide configuration.



This adds up to a total of 17 possible slide-out configurations for the Prevest H3-45 VIP motorhome shell. The front left slide is 14' 6" wide. Rear slides are available in two sizes: a 7' 6" wide standard rear slide, which can be in a forward or rear position, and a 10' 10" wide rear superslide. When ordering rear slides, the left and right side must mirror each other in width and position.

Whichever configuration becomes the most popular, the quad slide shell is already capturing the attention of the market and attracting plenty of interest from both Prevest converters and motorhome owners.

# Arizona Fun Rally

By George Lanegraff

It is early April in Arizona and the club's coaches are rendezvousing in Gold Canyon, Arizona, just east of Phoenix. The lure: warm, sunny environs and the fun, friendship, and frivolity that accompanies a Prouds gathering! Canyon Vistas RV Resort was the club's rally destination – a resort with a very accommodating staff, a super complex of buildings, and a great "sports field."

The rally's first day was April Fools Day and a "tiny bit of foolishness" was orchestrated. Liberty Coach's Carolyn Konigseder coordinated a "What Doesn't Belong" game, kicking-off the activities among the attractive new display coaches. This intellectually challenging game encouraged people to go inside each display coach and find items that "just did not belong". (Let your imagination go and you will no doubt come up with some doozies). Later, Susan Ball convened a well-executed first-timers meeting that was jammed with great information, including an introduction of the club's management team.

The welcome continued inside the resort's large, western decorated ballroom with a plentiful family-style dinner. Following dinner Carolyn Konigseder, the club-converter liaison, introduced the converters attending the rally via an entertaining "What's My Line" game. (What some of these Liberty-Marathon-Featherlite guys have done is astounding – from stellar softball coaching to bunking with the famous people of our time.) Soon it was music and more! A popular regional band, Junction 87, was a unanimous hit. This threesome is noted for country western; however, their version of rock'n roll - the Ventures in particular - was fabulous. The evening also saw over a dozen folks playing "card bingo" and Texas Hold'em. It's rumored the Gerson's were winners!

Arizona sun welcomed our second day. After breakfast, club members visited the display coaches and then assembled for the Prevost Prouds club meeting. At 11 o'clock buses departed for Scottsdale and the ladies' luncheon at Neiman Marcus. The ladies enjoyed lunch, some fashion, a bit of jewelry, and a walkabout in the attractive mall. A few ladies journeyed to Old Scottsdale and the boutique stores, while most returned to Canyon Vistas. Meanwhile, the gents convened at noon for lunch, followed by an outstanding Prevost TechTALK session hosted by the infamous Robert Buchwalter.

In late afternoon, the converters hosted a pre-dinner "free evening" social. Music played, libations were distributed along with friendly conversation, and it was soon another beautiful evening to enjoy the surroundings and company of others.

Golf and a motorcycle ride were on the early morning agenda for the rally's third day. The golfers, under the watchful eye of Prevost's Robert Jones, headed to Gold Canyon Golf Resort, and Wayne Mullis, a Phoenix local, steered his bike riders east on Highway 60 . . . away and gone!



At 9:30 am eighty-eight club members joined host Bob Small for a fascinating tour of the General Motors Touring Grounds in Mesa. This hot weather automotive testing facility is a tad under 5000 acres and offers a wide array of interesting sights to see - from a durability course with twists, turns, potholes, gravel, and city traffic to a skid pad and test hill. Bob, a retired GM executive, worked his magic and club members had the opportunity to ride with Jim and Jace, professional drivers, and do a driving demo in a fast, powerful corvette! Purchases at the GM Women's Club Store topped off a great tour!

The afternoon was sunny and warm. Just before 5:30 pm club members were arriving for the President's Dinner at Montesa Hall, a new clubhouse adjacent to Canyon Vistas. Libations were served on the outside patio, overlooking the fire pit and desert landscape, with a pianist playing. Soon everyone was ushered inside to a "50's & 60's Rock & Roll" decorated ballroom for dinner.



Les Lagerquist, the club's president, thanked the volunteers and guests for coming to the rally and introduced the past and current club officers. Robert Jones, golf tourney coordinator, fascinated everyone with tidbits of the astonishing golf play that occurred that day. Soon it was time for "The Chauffeurs" to take center stage and blast away with 90-minutes of rock and roll, providing enjoyable listening and dancing fun.

The rally's last day found no change in the sunny Arizona temperature. However, something happened at 8 am that has never happened before at a Prouds rally – the "Red Team" assembled at the resort's pristine softball field for an early morning practice. Uniforms were distributed by Red Team manager Rick Kent - "Mr. Steady" as he is called. Over a dozen players took the field – John Rose, Patty Urban, Lana Lagerquist, Frank "HomeRunOut" Konigseder, Glenda Gerson, Joneal Harris, Bob Chalk, Rayford Reese, Susan Ball, Toni Small, Bob Clark, Steve "Softball" Irvin, and Dan Brier. The championship game, to be played at 5 o'clock later that day, was 16" Chicago softball - a popular contest of hand/eye coordination in fielding and hitting, called by league umpires, and adhering to a set of official rules. The "Red Team" would be challenged in the 4-inning championship game by the "Blue Team", managed by the notorious Ken Urban.



Starting just after 12 noon, 34 male club members visited a mobile medical screening unit for a free prostate exam. People were pleased that the club had offered this service.

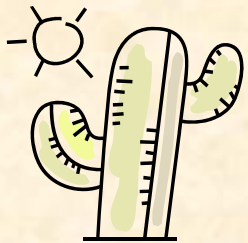
Mid-afternoon was warm and quiet at the resort. At 4 pm Ken Urban rallied his "Blue Team" at the softball field for practice. The Blue Team consisted of Arlene Rose, Barbara Kent, Les Lagerquist, Carolyn Konigseder, Diana Cherry, Barry Gerson, Richard Harris, Barbara Chalk, Shirley Ballard, Skip Evans, Bob Small, Bren Jackson, and Al Wawak. Uniforms, with the converter names spelled out on the back, highlighted the athleticism of team members. They looked good!

Amidst the decorated backstops, a large fan base seated under canopy tenting, a hotdog and pretzel cart, and the music "Take Me Out To The Ballgame", it was soon time for this hotly contested game of 16" softball to get underway. Teams were assembled along the first and third base lines, managers were directed to "play fair" and the Reverend Cherry commenced with a blessing that "no one get hurt."

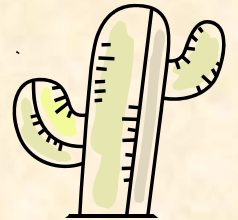


After 45 minutes of intensive play with fabulous play-by-play announcing by Robert "the voice" Buchwalter, the game ended tied, but not before a great many manager-directed shenanigans had taken place from controversial line-ups, to "who's" pitching, to adhering to the "no homeruns" edict. Even the umpires were called into question.

After the game and dinner on the field, team captains applauded their players, as did everyone else. Les Lagerquist thanked volunteers like Wendell Mathis for coordinating the parking, Susan Ball for orienting the first-timers, the registration crew (Barbara Kent, Patty Urban, and Lana Lagerquist), and the Cal-Am Resort staff for their service to the club. It was just before 8 pm. A nice, warm evening had ended the rally with the greatest of "American pas-times" - a fun way to end things.



# New Members



**We extend a Big Welcome to the following new members of our Proud family.**

Arnott, Donald & Earline .....Cape Canaveral, FL  
 Barber, Harold & Brenda .....Franklinton, LA  
 Barrett, Gary & Karen .....Burlington, UT  
 Beaver, Bob & Delorma .....Kennewick, WA  
 Blankenship, Eva Gail & Bruce Reid .Long Key, FL  
 Bunch, Bill & Rita Creel .....Columbia, SC  
 Caruso, Nick & Bonnie .....Boerne, TX  
 Chapman, Thomas .....Charlotte, NC  
 Cochran, Kevin & Kelley .....Auburndale, FL  
 Conaway, Steve & Janet .....Whitehouse, TX  
 Cooper, Larry & Julie .....West Monroe, LA  
 De Niverville, Yves & Lynne Dicaire .....Ottawa, ON  
 Dupuis, Chad & Abby .....Lewisville, TX  
 Dykstra, John .....Holland, MI  
 Etsell, Richard & Nina .....Longboat Key, FL  
 Gannon, John .....Katy, TX  
 Gigstead, Ron & Yvonne .....Mequon, WI  
 Gresham, Don & Judy .....Levelland, TX  
 Hall, Donald & Bonnie .....Niceville, FL  
 Hannaman, Len & Wildeana .....Sandpoint, ID  
 Hansen, Jeffery & Janet .....Anthem, AZ  
 Hansen, Kirk & Tamia .....Big Fork, MT  
 Harriman, David & Adele .....Sandy, UT  
 Hartunian, Ed & Carole .....Jacksonville, FL  
 High, Bob & Jan .....Modesto, CA  
 Hohenforst, Robert & Loretta .....Johnstown, NY  
 Klatt, Ronnie & Cindy .....Austin, TX  
 Legare, Pierre .....Marion, NC

Marshall, Eddie .....Marion, NC  
 McKenna, John & Patricia .....Auburn, WA  
 Miller, Chad & Angel .....Sanford, FL  
 Morse, Thomas & Carol .....Lake Wales, FL  
 Muhlschlegel, Harry & Karen .....Southampton, NJ  
 Munsey, Robert & Cheryl .....Livingston, TX  
 Nathan, Terence & Liliane .....Springfield, OR  
 Nelson, Gary & Alice .....Auburn, WA  
 Nowe, Neal & Deana Whipp .....Venice, FL  
 Podsiedlik, Henry & Grace .....Eugene, OR  
 Reahard, Ralph & Stanley .....Tampa, FL  
 Reed, Samuel & Joyce .....Wormleysburg, PA  
 Risser, Jack .....Dripping Springs, TX  
 Roberge, Bertrand & Rachel .....Quebec, PQ  
 Roy, Gisele .....Ste-Claire, PQ  
 Ruel, Jean Pierre & Ruth .....Quebec, PQ  
 Shorley, Charles & Penny Rose ....Ocean City, MD  
 Short, William & Sharon .....Oxford, KS  
 Thompson, Dan & Catherine .....San Antonio, FL  
 Thrune, Charles & Pat .....Hope, MI  
 Tuls, Sid & Judy .....Visalia, PA  
 Twilley, David & Jean .....Gold Canyon, AZ  
 Van Blarcom, Steve & Judy .....Wallingford, CT  
 Venner, Edward & Catherine .....Clearwater, FL  
 Wilkening, Tom & Julie .....Spokane, WA  
 Williams, Mark & Diana .....Erie, CO  
 Worth, Gary & Monica .....Indian Wells, CA  
 Wright, Ted & Terry .....Kerrville, TX



Once again, we are approaching the migration season for many of our PrevoSt conversion owners. That means that if you have not been actively using your motor home, we need to go over a few items that always need to be checked.

Recently we have had a couple of serious accidents that resulted from what appears to be loss of one of the tires on the front axle. We talk of the need to keep the tires inflated properly and the need for the owner of each vehicle to have their motor home weighed *by axle*. This is the only way that anyone can correctly tell you what you need to put in a tire as the *minimum inflation pressure*. PrevoSt does not have a set tire pressure for any of the tires on any axle. In addition, it is important to remember that the recommended minimum tire pressure is a cold inflation pressure.



As we continue to build shells for the conversion market, we are tasked to be able to increase the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of the entire coach and to increase the weight that can be carried on the front axle. While this may seem to be a simple job, it requires a lot of engineering to be able to increase the axle load while maintaining good structural strength, efficient braking and continued "PrevoSt ride" characteristics that our customers have come to demand. So get your vehicle weighed by axle and then follow the tire manufacturer's chart for proper minimum tire pressure for that weight. Remember that any significant addition or reduction of weight in the luggage bays may require an adjustment in the tire pressure.

An additional item that needs to be checked is whether you have at least one spare set of belts for the engine driven components. It is also good to check if they are the correct belts. We get calls all the time from owners that have lost a belt and found the one in the bay to be incorrect. If you are unsure of the correct belts to have, contact your PrevoSt Parts specialist and have them tell you what you should be carrying, based on what components you have installed on your motor home.

The newer engines require a specific coolant. It changes due to the higher temperatures that the engine must endure. Each change is generally associated with a different color, with a red or fuchsia color being used presently. Any of the newer coolants are compatible with the previous engines. But, here is the possible problem. Only coolants (antifreezes) that are made for *heavy-duty diesel engines* are to be used. This type of coolant can be purchased at most of the engine manufacturer's authorized repair facilities and many truck stops. No type of coolant that is made for cars and sold at an automotive parts store or at the local Wal-Mart are suitable, due to the different metals that are used in cars versus heavy-duty diesel engines. If you have a leak or lose coolant through a bad clamp or split hose and cannot find the correct coolant, you can put clean water in to get you down the road. Corrections to the mixture can be made when the correct coolant is available.

**DO NOT MIX GREEN AND RED COOLANTS!** If your vehicle came with green coolant, you can use the proper green or red coolant. If it came with the red coolant, you must use red. If you mix them, you will precipitate minerals out of the coolant that will plug the radiator in short order.

By following these reminders, you can help yourself travel safely to your destination.

# Business Meeting Minutes

## Summary of Phoenix Meeting in April

The Phoenix business meeting was called to order on April 2, 2008 by President Les Lagerquist. Club officers, former Prouds presidents, Prevost Car representatives, and the converters were introduced.



Treasurer Rick Kent gave the financial report.

The First-Timer Report was given by Susan Ball, the Sunshine Report was given by Toni Small, and Jack Schneiker gave the FMCA report.

Rick Kent reported that 206 coaches were registered for the Quebec Rally. Ken Urban announced that the spring rally would probably be in mid April 2009 in Rayne, Louisiana or northern Florida.

Warner Angelle, C.D. Ballard, and Chriss Crawford were elected to the nominating committee.

Before adjourning, President Les Lagerquist thanked the volunteers working at the rally.

Elaine Yates , Secretary

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## Quebec Business Meeting Minutes in July

The Quebec City 2008 business meeting of the Prevost Prouds was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ken Urban on July 8, 2008 at 2:10 p.m. in the ballroom of Expo Cite.



Officers at the head table were introduced:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Ken Urban  
Bob Small  
Elaine Yates  
Rick Kent

A motion was made by Roy Johnson and seconded by John Jackson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Officer reports were given as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice president and acting President Ken Urban announced that the next Prouds rally would be held in Rayne, LA on March 22 through 24, 2009. Cost for the rally will be \$695 with a \$50 reduction if the fee is paid at this rally. Ken announced that Cajun Prouds members of the Rayne area promised a good time.

Treasurer Rick Kent: As of June 30 cash in bank is \$120,311.64. The club owns a defibrillator that cost \$1,540 and the club has no debt. Income for the current year is \$214,131.95, but \$180,589.54 of that is for the Quebec rally, which will be paid out by the end of this week. The club has expenses of \$10,702.16 so far this year. We are only doing one newsletter this year, since the Quebec rally was so close to the Arizona rally. This will result in less expense for the year than normal. Motion to accept the report was made by Skip Evans and seconded by John Strickland. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None



New Business: The nominating committee report was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ken Urban in the absence of all nominating committee members. Nominations were:

President:	Ken Urban	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Bob Small
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Skip Evans	Secretary:	Elaine Yates
Treasurer:	Rick Kent	FMCA National Director:	Jack Schneider

John Jackson moved that the nominations be closed. Motion was seconded by Tillie Tuls. A motion to accept the slate as presented was made by Larry Jones and seconded by John Jackson. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Romano. Susan Ball seconded. The motion carried.



Respectfully submitted,  
*Elaine Yates*



# Calendar of Events

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

## 2009 DATES

## 2009 EVENTS

January 25	Naples Prevost Dinner - The Club at the Strand - Naples, Florida
March 16-19	FMCA Winter Convention - Georgia National Fairgrounds - Perry, Georgia
<b>March 22-25</b>	<b>Prouds Louisiana Crawfish Rally - Rayne, Louisiana</b>
July 20-23	FMCA Summer Convention - Bowling Green, Ohio

## 2010 DATES

## 2010 EVENTS

Winter	FMCA Winter Convention - Albuquerque, New Mexico
Summer	FMCA Summer Convention - Redmond, Oregon

# Arizona Rally First-Timers

We were pleased to have ten "First-Timer" couples join us at the Arizona rally in Gold Canyon. There were three couples from Florida, four from Arizona, one from Texas and two from Louisiana. We are always happy to see new faces from around the country come to share in our good times.

Several of our more experienced Prevost Prouds members volunteered to serve as hosts for the first-timers, making sure that they met many new people and, in general, had a good time. Thanks to all who helped! We hope to see many new faces at the Quebec rally and we look forward to seeing the Arizona first-timers at many rallies in the future.

*Susan Ball*

## First-Timers at the Arizona Rally

John & Marge Billingslea .....St Augustine, FL  
 Bruce Reid & Gail Blankenship ..... Long Key, FL  
 Tom & Vickie Butler..... Tucson, AZ  
 Cotton Fuller..... Searcy, AR  
 Jeff & Jan Hansen..... Anthem, AZ  
 Bob & Susan Harris..... Riverside, CA  
 Robert & Angie Noland .....Lake Charles, LA  
 Elliott & Diane Smith .....St Augustine, FL  
 David & Jean Twilley.....Gold Canyon, AZ  
 Ted & Terry Wright.....Kerrville, TX



# Quebec Rally First-Timers

The excitement of the Quebec rally really brought out the first-timers. The combination of Quebec City celebrating its four hundred year anniversary, the opportunity to tour the Prevost factory, and the lure of spending five days in one of the most romantic and picturesque cities in North America was just too tempting to resist.

There were 60 first-timers in attendance. The largest group, 15 coaches, came from Florida. There were ten coaches from Canada and seven from Texas. In all, 24 of the 50 states were represented and three of the ten Canadian Provinces. Quite a turn out!

Some of the first-timers graciously volunteered to write a short article about the rally events in which they participated. Be sure to look for their report in this copy of Proud Moments.

Thanks to all of the first-timers for coming to the rally. We hope that many will join the Prouds and come to the next rally in Rayne, Louisiana.

*Susan Ball*



# First-Timers at the Quebec Rally

Katie & Walter Adams	Parkland, FL
Pat & Mike Alonzo	Livingston, TX
Charlene & Danny Babineaux	Vidor, TX
Myra & Dalton Babineaux	Nederland, TX
Donna & Mike Basso	Alta Loma, CA
Michelyne Raymond & Robert Bastien	Ste-Therese Quebec, CN
Hazel & William Black	Edenton, NC
Janie & Gary Brethauer	Palmetto, FL
Shirley & Donald Buehler	Wooster, OH
Sharon & Ron Burton	Colstrip, MT
Nita & Bob Butler	Port Orange, FL
Kathy & Scott Campbell	Lake Orion, MI
Bonnie & Nick Caruso	Boerne, TX
Sherril Bover & Niles Cheney	Buckner, KY
Miriam & C.T. Cromer	Anderson, SC
Pam & Les Davidson	Redlands, CA
Lynne Dicaire & Yves De Niverville	Ottawa, Ontario, CN
Leah & George Desmet	Merrimac, MA
Beverley & Larry Dunville	Hunter River, Prince Edward, CN
Sabine Gagnon & Rejean Fleury	Alma, Quebec, CN
Judy & Don Gresham	Levelland, TX
Carole & Ed Hartunian	Jacksonville, FL
Melissa & Adam Hebert	Scott, LA
Ann & Pat Horn	Spokane, WA
Stephanie & Richard Huvaere	Richmond, MI
Patricia & Richard Jenney	Lake Wales, FL
Janie & Allan Jones	Cleveland, TN
Barbara & Richard Joule	Clearwater, FL
Arlene & John Konecnik	Nokomis, FL
Glynda & George McConaughy	Wellton, AZ
Debby & Jack McDevitt	Gilford, NH
Donna & Ken Moulison	Wells, ME
Cheryl & Robert Munsey	Livingston, TX
Mary & Walter Nelson	Shrewsbury, VT
Alice & Gary Nelson	Auburn, WA
Deana Whipp & Neal Nowe	Sarasota, FL
Carrie Repp & Michael Obolsky	Ft Lauderdale, FL
Beverly & George Patterson	Ann Arbor, MI
Maria & Arthur Pereira	Tomsriver, NJ
Toby & Wayne Press	Naples, FL
Stanley & Bo Reahard	Leland, MI
Ruben Rivas	Aurora, ONT, CN
Lise Gosselin & Jean Marc Roy	St.Georges BC Quebec, CN
Lois & Chuck Rudning	Stuart, FL
Lise Ruberge & Claude Ruel	Quebec, PQ, CN
Brenda & Smitty Schmitz	Joliet, IL
James Sheehy	Waterloo, WI
Barbara & Larry Skelton	Markham, Ontario, CN
Nancy & Walt Staltman	Plano, TX
Dominique Struck & Jean Guy Sylvain	St-Etienne De-Lauzon, CN
Pat & Charles Thrune	Key West, FL
Sandy & Wayne Titus	Sarasota, FL
Harvey Hunt & Bill VanHaeren	Woodstock, ON, CN
Cathy & Ed Venner	Clearwater, FL
Dawn & Rudy Willemsen	Piscataway, NJ
Diana & Mark Williams	Erie, CO
Judy & Robert Winchell	Marietta, GA
Deborah & Denny Wyatt	Apple Valley, CA
Tami & Joe Zehr	Ft. Wayne, IL
Joan & Bert Zetzl	Collingwood, ONT, CN



## Commercial Members at the Arizona Rally



**PREVOST**

## Commercial Members at the Quebec Rally

Prevost Car, Inc.  
35 Gagnon Blvd.  
Sainte-Claire, Canada  
418-883-3391

Parliament Coach  
4455 Ulmerton Rd.  
Clearwater, FL 33762  
888-571-5755

Liberty Coach, Inc.  
1400 Morrow Ave.  
North Chicago, IL 60064  
800-332-9877

Marathon Coach, Inc.  
11623 Corp. Lake Blvd.  
San Antonio, FL 33576  
800-437-8295

Millennium Luxury Coaches  
1600 Bobby Lee Pt.  
Sanford, FL 32771  
407-328-0190

Featherlite Luxury Coaches  
4441 Orange Blvd.  
Sanford, FL 32771  
888-VANTARE



Country Coach, Inc.  
P.O. Box 400  
Junction City, OR 97448  
800-654-0223

Amadas Coach  
1007 Obici Industrial Blvd.  
Suffolk, VA 23434  
757-925-2862



# Birds Eye View of Quebec



Thanks to Dan Burghardt



Motorhomes filled the parking lots around the Expo-Cite and new coaches beckoned attendees to a hub of activities.



Pont de Québec is the longest cantilever bridge span in the world.



Montmorency Falls are 98 feet higher than Niagara.



The landmark Chateau Frontenac hotel.



Parliament building, location of the ladies luncheon.



The sun has set on the Quebec Rally, but the memories are still fresh in our mind. Just under 200 coaches converged on the city, with 60 being First-Timers. Old friends returned to this enchanting city for another look, along with new ones anxious to see the sights. Four hundred years is a lot of history, and everyone was thankful to Prevost for welcoming us to Quebec during these festivities.

The rally offered a nice blend of Quebec City tours (both by bus and helicopter), golfing, coach seminars, motorcycle adventures, elegant new display coaches, friendly employee-led Prevost factory tours, unforgettable meals and amazing entertainment. We congregated at the Expo Cite, which is about three miles from the historical part of town. Prevost tour buses made many trips daily to accommodate the rally attendees. At the beginning of the rally, first-timers volunteered to write about their expectations and experiences. So, enjoy this “wrap-up” from the now seasoned rally participants.

On opening day, 38 Prouds signed up for a walking tour of the old city. Prevost had three guides who quickly divided us into groups and we took off. Our guide, named Giles, plied us with all sorts of information as we walked both the upper and lower parts of the old city. We learned -



- ◆ that Quebec City was built strategically high above the St. Lawrence River at its most narrow point;
- ◆ that the founder, Samuel Champlain, lost all but eight men that first winter due to scurvy and the harshness of the elements, but did not give up the fort;
- ◆ that the city was controlled by both the French and the English at different times in history; and
- ◆ that the Quebec people are fiercely independent and proud of their 400 year history.

Aside from the history, we also learned that the city of 500,000 spends at least 60 million dollars on snow removal each year. Last year they had to add 7 million dollars to the budget because they had the enormous amount of 16 feet of snow. According to our guide, no one here believes in global warming!

The guided bus tour was a good orientation of the city. It was the perfect way to begin exploring. The chauffeured bus, with a guide named “Jacque”, picked us up at the Expo Cite and took us around town, ending at the city center. Jacque was very informative and entertaining. In 1608 Quebec City began as the fortress city of New France. As in most cases, it experienced many struggles. After a walking tour of the lower town, Vieuz Quebec, we were given free time to explore. Then we rode the funicular up to the upper town, Haute-Ville. We truly felt that we were back in time, walking the centuries old, narrow cobbled streets. Amazingly, in spite of its history, it survived and is one of the most interesting places that one can visit.

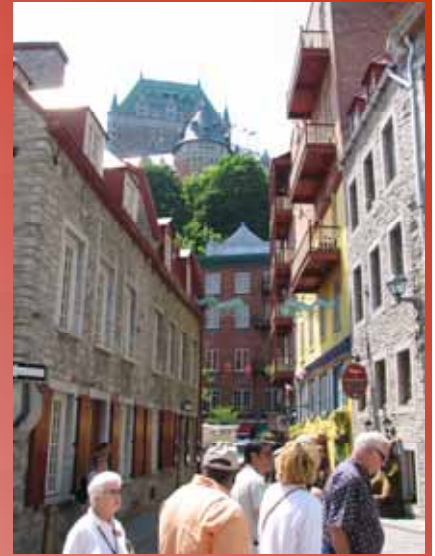


Another Prevost Prouds event was the Lily and the Lion walking tour, which time-traveled back one hundred years to 1908. Our guide, Eugene Etienne Tache (an historical actor), met us next to the Chateau Frontenac, the grand hotel built above the St Lawrence River in 1893. Eugene was the architect who designed the Parliament Building, which was built from 1877 to 1886. The guide has lived in Quebec for some time and shared a lot of history as we walked around the city together.

Quebec officially celebrated its 400<sup>th</sup> birthday in July, and they have been exciting years. The French explorer, Champlain, selected Quebec (meaning “where the river narrows”) as an excellent site for a fort to help protect New France from the British fleets. In spite of the fort, the British conquered the city in the 1720’s, but then



returned the territory to France as part of a treaty negotiated a few years later. The treaty did not really settle the issues, and by the 1750’s the two European powers were still fighting to determine whose flag, the Lily (French) or the Lion (British), would fly over Quebec City. Eugene showed us the city wall constructed by the French to strengthen their defenses. We walked over by the Plains of Abraham where, in 1759, the British again defeated the French. Eugene related the story of the short but fierce battle, and showed us the memorial for the two opposing generals, General Wolfe and General Montrachet, who both died in the battle. At this time, relations between Britain and the upstart Americans to the south were



deteriorating rapidly. To ensure that the French inhabitants of Quebec did not side with the rebellious Americans, the new British rulers wisely allowed the Quebecois to maintain their native language and customs. Indeed, the last time Quebec was attacked (in 1775) was by some of the American rebels, led by a fellow named Benedict Arnold. He was defeated easily and headed back south to make his name.

On July 1, 1867, Quebec became part of the Canadian Confederation and now a new flag flies over Quebec City. Quebec has continued to grow and prosper, and we can hardly imagine what it will be like in another hundred years – July 2108. Maybe someone will have a party!

Quebec City, like so many others, was built on the backs of the poor, the drunks and the “Ladies of the Night”. The “Lust and Drunkenness Tour” told the story of the “Up Town” group (The English) and the “Down Town” group (The Working Class). The living styles were defined by money and power and how it was spent. The Up Town group’s idea of a good time was an evening spent dining, gaming, partying... showing



others how much money you had by your life style. The Down Town group worked hard and lived in harsh conditions. This is the area where beer was cheaper than bread and men used the bars as places to escape the reality of their family’s plight, by getting drunk and complaining to the others. This area served the working class man, the sailor, and the rich who were looking for an evening with the “Ladies of the Night”. Young women found themselves selling their “wears” as a means of supporting themselves or a family. There were 15 brothels in Quebec and 800 bars in the area (which translated to 1 bar for every 70 people,



counting children). Sickness was also a reality in the downtown area. The jail was full of drunks. Alcoholism was very common and the holy sisters were trying to help the “ladies” improve their lives. A lady seen on the street without the proper escort of a man was automatically thought to be soliciting. Prostitution was a large industry in Quebec until it was outlawed in 1913. So you can see the history of Quebec follows many cities of that time period... lust and drunkenness were normal everyday occurrences and there is much interest and entertainment in the colorful stories of its past.

The Motorcycle Ride was short, scenic and slightly wet. Roughly two dozen Prevost Prouds brought their bikes to the front entrance of Expo Cite, ready to depart for a day exploring Quebec City and some of the scenic area in the surrounding countryside. Our local guides were nine members of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, retired motorcycle squad police officers from Quebec. In addition, six active-duty police escorted us with flashing blue lights through the busy Quebec City streets, even stopping traffic at busy intersections to allow our group to stay together on the ride. We had an interesting ride up the hill, through part of the old town and back down to the river. As we followed along the St Lawrence, the weather unfortunately ceased to cooperate and the sprinkles turned to rain. A safe ride took priority over our desire to see the scenery, so we regretfully returned to the Expo Cite. Maybe another day!



Thirty-five golfers signed up for the golf outing. Even though the weather was threatening when we loaded the coach for transport, most of us stalwart souls still hoped for clear skies. Unfortunately, we only got in two holes of play before the skies opened and we were all drenched. The good news was we had drink tickets and the club bar was opened for coffee and Bloody Mary's. The bad news was that there was another front headed our direction, so we once again boarded the bus and headed back to Expo Cite. Even though we were disappointed by the weather, we got to meet and make new friends on the journey.

The birds were singing, the sun was shining and the flowers were in full bloom as the shiny Prevost buses pulled in front of the magnificent Le Parlementaire, the city's political capital in Upper Old Quebec for the Prevost Ladies Luncheon. This historic building, significant to the Province, is where the "upper and lower" political bodies assemble. The dining room was filled with laughter and chatter and the ladies were ready to relax and enjoy a menu of herb roasted white chicken soup with cider sauce and apple nuggets, potatoes parisienne with savory and garden medley and a yummy field berry mousse for dessert.



After lunch, the buses were scheduled to depart in different directions. We had a choice of shopping at Petit Champlain (the Old Town's beautiful boutique shopping area);



Place Laurier (a large upscale shopping center in St. Foy, a short 10-minute drive); or taking some time to visit the elegant and stately Assemblee Nationale and Legislative rooms of Le Parlementaire and then return to the Expo Cite. Regardless of the choice we each made, the afternoon was delightfully enjoyable. We had reunited with old friends and made some new ones. What a great event for the ladies!

We had been told to expect "royal" treatment at the Prevost Prouds rallies. The food and after dinner entertainment were no exception. Everything was delicious and well presented. We were amazed at the efficiency of the service. From breakfast, lunch and dinner, all were exceptionally good. The quality, presentation and number of meals served were better that we could have hoped for. And then there was Andre-Philippe Gagnon, a Canadian comedian and impressionist. His impressionist act is unique, for he specializes in impersonating the singing voices of celebrities, as opposed to his contemporaries who typically do only the speaking voices. He is best known for duplicating "We Are the World". He gained widespread recognition in the states after a 1985 appearance on The Tonight Show and then went on to play a regular act



at *The Venetian* in Las Vegas. We were all mesmerized by his talent and were sorry to see the show end. Our last night we were regaled by Chantal Blanchais, who was accompanied by Prevost's own "flirt" Brian Thomson, Marathon's country talent Fred Green, and Prevost owner, Francine Gallant, who stole the show, singing "C'est si bon".



In 2007 we learned that the 2008 Prevost Rally would be held in Quebec, Canada and would include a tour of the Prevost factory. Having owned and loved our Prevost for 3 years, we were very anxious to see all the “behind the scenes” making of these big, beautiful buses. We enjoyed a scenic drive that took about an hour from the Expo Cite to the factory in Saint-Claire. Our anticipation mounted as we could see the factory in the distance. We were greeted by Gaetan Bolduc, President and CEO, along with his staff and employees tapped into service as tour guides. The tour lasted approximately an hour and we saw all aspects of the construction. We were impressed with the amount of “hands-on” assembly and were left with the feeling that the Prevost buses are “hand-made”. We were surprised at the number of hours spent by these very talented craftsmen to create a shell.



On day four, the afternoon was cool and the cards were HOT! You had a choice of Black Jack, Texas Hold’em or straight poker, and all tables were laughing and enjoying the lazy summer day. This was a great time to try your hand at a new card game. Each dealer had information



cards about their table/game and the players were more than willing to help you lose your money. I decided to try out Texas Hold’em. I was given a card and a large stack of chips to start me off. This table had the card shark “The Millennium Kid” playing at it...

Millennium Coach’s own Adam Figueroa. Not sure if he knew the game or not, but the stack of chips in front of him made you wonder if you were about to “lose your coach”. About 12 hands into the game I was loaned chips to stay in the hand being played. That worked for about 10 more hands, and then I was broke. Next,

I decided to move over to the Black Jack table, which is my favorite. I was just getting a respectable stack of chips when “last hand” was called. Sorry honey, no new coach this year!



And speaking of new coaches . . . ah, do we feel spoiled. How great to have five days to view several top-of-the-line coaches at our leisure! What a blessing to be able to go back again and again to look at the special features each converter has built into their newest and finest motor homes. In addition to the six coaches outside, several of these “palaces on wheels” were grouped inside, around the perimeter of the meeting center where we took our meals. They were staffed by knowledgeable company representatives who were more than willing to visit with us and explain all the latest features at a relaxed, unhurried pace.



Thanks to the ease of accessibility both indoors and out, it was a pleasure to visit and learn about all the thought and care that goes into creating these masterpieces on wheels. Many thanks to the representatives from Amadas Coach, Country Coach, Featherlite Luxury Coaches, Liberty Coach, Marathon

Coach, Millennium Luxury Coaches, and Parliament Coach for making us feel welcome and at home in the lap of luxury.

This was our first Prevost Prouds rally and we could not have been more pleased. The overall experience of tours, show coaches, meals, entertainment, and the camaraderie of the fellow bus owners makes attending future rallies a “must-do” event. “Thank you” to all who were responsible for such a great rally.



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## WELCOME TO THE CITY OF RAYNE LOUISIANA

**Prouds '09 Spring Rally –  
“Louisiana Crawfish Bash!”  
March 22-25, 2009**

Every year, thousands upon thousands of people visit Rayne, Louisiana, the world’s official “Frog Capital” and home to Cajun charm, cuisine and inviting hospitality – exactly what the Prouds are looking for! Join us for 4-days of “Old World élan”, bunches of fun, and an old-fashioned enjoyable good time!

Rural Rayne is a treasure and environs for scats of things to do from finding fabulous shopping “treasures” to golfing and more! Here is a glimpse of the kinds of things we could find ourselves experiencing this coming March.

**“Cajun Jam”** – Put on your duds and ready yourself to dance several of the nights away to the live tunes of Country, Swamp Pop, Zydeco, and more! Jamming starts early and runs until . . . Having a “Cajun Party” is priority!

**Acadia (Cajun) Tours, Treks & Mysteries** – Let’s seek out the “people, places and happenings” both historical and current that makes (and made) this locale infamous in the eyes of scholars, partygoers, and world-travelers. Mesmerizing murals, antiques, friends and frogs frolic in this paradise.

**Up Close & Personal** – Louisiana crawfish is renowned the world over. A crawfish farm is a unique place to visit - learn the inside scoop about these tasty, yummy delicious crustaceans served in countless ways and recipes.

**Creole Cooking** – We are definitely inclined! Watch, sample and savor a skilled artisan prepare delicious plates of this region’s finest food!

**Gumbo Cook-off** – Assemble your buddies, garner your makings, and go to work! Competitive cooking teams vie for bragging rights and championship laurels.

**The Great Louisiana Scavenger Hunt!** – Modeled after the great scavenger hunts of Las Vegas and Quebec City, the Louisiana Scavenger Hunt offers sleuth goers formidable challenges of wit, skill, mastery, and cunning!

**Acadia Golfing** – Beginners and tenured players are afforded a super time on one of the state’s supreme golf courses.

For updates of the Louisiana '09 Rally, check the Prouds website at [www.prevestprouds.com](http://www.prevestprouds.com). For rally registration information contact Rick and Barbara Kent at [pprouds@cswnet.com](mailto:pprouds@cswnet.com) or call 501-268-9539.

# National Director's Corner

By Jack Schneiker, FMCA National Director

FMCA's 79th International Convention, named "**Rush to the Golden State**", took place February 25-28, 2008 at the Fairplex Fairgrounds in Pomona, California. The location in the foothills just east of the Los Angeles basin has paved parking for over 8000 coaches, along with ample facilities.



In addition to a wealth of seminars, exhibits, tours, youth activities, great entertainment and much more, there was ample time to meet with old friends and make many new friends. The coach count came to 3,213, including 2,332 Family Coaches and 881 Commercial Coaches. In addition, there was a steady influx of gate visitors.

Many members ask, "How about a Convention in the bay area of San Francisco?". It might be possible, but we would have to limit the attendance severely.

You will note our Family Motor Coaching magazine has shrunk due to advertising revenue decline. Membership has gone down a bit, also. Membership retention is one of our main problems. Based on statistics, members of chapters are less likely to drop out of FMCA than those who are not members of chapters.

FMCA welcomes your help in recruiting new members. By recruiting 100 members, FMCA will present you and your mate with a Gold Watch ... and you would be able to join our 100 Plus Chapter!

FMCA's 80th International Convention, dubbed "**Navigate to the North Star State**", took place July 14-17, 2008 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St Paul, Minnesota. It drew 3,078 registered coaches, including 2,431 Family Coaches and 647 Commercial Coaches. FMCA currently has about 500 active chapters.



For the Governing Board meeting, the BIG PROBLEM for the day was that a deficit budget was presented. After about five hours of discussion on topics like dues increases, monthly fees, and the possibility of only one national meeting per year, the less experienced members began to listen to the more experienced members and gradually the budget got balanced! Everyone agreed that we need to make a real effort to recruit new members and encourage renewals.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

FMCA's 81st International Convention - March 16-19, 2009  
Georgia National Fairgrounds - Perry Georgia

FMCA's 82nd International Convention - July 20-23, 2009  
Bowling Green State University - Bowling Green, Ohio

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