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#### **President's Corner**

Pat Bauer - President ECOA

RV brands and models evolve over time. That's why the big RV Showcases like the Tampa Supershow, Hershey RV Show, and the two big FMCA events provide a showcase for consumers. We get to do a walk-thru, get to touch and feel, and most importantly, see ourselves living the RV lifestyle in a new model. So too, the RV Industry evolves as evidenced by recent mergers and acquisitions in some of the various brands and suppliers.

This past January, we were finally able to see a new iteration of an Entegra Cornerstone built for the first time on a new chassis. As you're aware, for many years, Entegra has contracted exclusively with Spartan RV Chassis, a division of The Shyft Group, as their chassis of choice. But this past January, we were able to see a brand-new Cornerstone built on a Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation's—SL Chassis. As I walked through the new Cornerstone, I saw subtle differences in the driver's cockpit. Their steering wheel set-up they use comes from their Daimler Truck North America division as does the display. The Pilot & Copilot seats were quite comfortable as well. Otherwise, it was all Cornerstone! You'll be able to read a bit about it in this issue of Rollin' Along.

It's always great to see innovations in our RVs, once again demonstrating Entegra Coach's willingness to listen to their customer's requests and bring improvements to market. In the 11 years Medarda and I have been in an Entegra Coach, we have seen many such improvements. I'm sure their willingness to listen to their customers and meet our expressed needs is one of the reasons they are leaders in the Class A market.

So hats off to Entegra for bringing us a new OPTION. Yes, they are still building Cornerstones on the Spartan K3 chassis. But now you have the option of the FCCC–SL chassis as well. Hopefully, you'll be able to see and perhaps test drive the 2025 Cornerstone in both iterations, at a dealer near you!

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#### The Tampa Supershow Experience

Pat Bauer - President ECOA

Every January, the Florida RV Trade Association hosts the Tampa RV Supershow at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa. It is perhaps, the premier retail RV shopping event in the nation, and ECOA has had a presence there for the last 10 years, hosting a Camping event for our members. It is one of your best opportunities to discover your next coach, find great locations to visit, customize your RV and optimize it for lifestyle and convenience, and even upgrade your safety and operation plans. Over these 10 years we've had a low of 6 coaches to a high of 107 Entegra Coaches in attendance.



This past January, we were presented a number of challenges by structural changes to the event. The Fairgrounds and FRVTA re-platted their campground area, increasing the length of their campsites to accommodate 45' motor homes, with the negative effect of reducing the number of sites available to campers. In addition, they established an online booking system that literally sold out their campsites in 3 hours, severely limiting the opportunity for our members to obtain a campsite if they were just a little late in filling out their online camping request. Needless to say, there were a lot of club members who were unable to obtain a site camp with us, and most of them had to drive in for a day, which limited their ability to benefit from comprehensive nature of the supershow experience.

They've said they will revisit their plat map after this year's show with the wetness of the grounds and the traffic patterns for exiting the venue. Many of our ECOA attendees had to delay departure due to having to back out on the asphalt rather than risk driving forward across impossibly wet fields. We do not expect to see the State Fairgrounds to build more asphalt parking, and they said up-front that driving across the wetness was "at-your-own-risk," so I expect to see additional reductions in the number of campsites available for the 2025 Supershow.



Additionally, the Fairgrounds hired a new electrical contractor, who was once again unprepared for completing their electrical service installation on the day we arrived. Many attendees were challenged to quickly learn how to operate their auto gen start function, having never tested that system and

having little understanding of how to adjust the system operating parameters for a successful experience without pedestal supplied electrical power. Everyone pitched in and scrambled to help each other out...so a SHOUT OUT to the Entegra Family. Power was supplied by noon the next day, and things ran pretty smoothly until the big generator they leased to supply power to the campsites ran out of fuel! The good news is that almost everyone had followed the advise to continue to operate with their Auto Gen Start engaged and active. A lot of coach generators were heard firing up about 6:00AM!

If attending the Tampa Supershow is on your bucket list, please plan to be ULTRA TIMELY in completing your registration in the first half-hour of the opening of reservations, and definitely learn and make a practice of using your Auto Gen Start.

Let's set a record for next year's Supershow!

Happy RVing!



#### From The Editor's Desk

Ed Prins – eprins@icloud.com

As I pen this note, I am filled with a mix of emotions. It marks the end of my tenure as the editor of the Entegra Coach Owners Association newsletter, a role that I have cherished and enjoyed immensely. The reason for this departure is a significant shift in our lifestyle. We have





decided to transition from full-timing in our coach to owning a home again, a decision driven by our desire to spend more time with our children and grandchildren. This doesn't mean we're leaving the road entirely, but it does signify a pause in our coach ownership days. It has been an honor and a pleasure to present the newsletter to you, sharing stories, tips, and experiences from all of our journeys. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve this community and for the friendships we've formed along the way. While this chapter is closing, I look forward to the adventures that lie ahead and hope to cross paths with many of you down the road. Please Contact Pat Bauer -President president@entegraowners.com. if you have an interest in becoming the next editor of Rolling Along

#### **ECOA SEEKS EDITOR**

With great thanks and appreciation to our retiring Editor, Edmond L. Prins, for his expertise, guidance and service, ECOA is hereby announcing a Search for a New Editor for our quarterly newsletter, Rollin' Along. This is an opportunity to share your expertise and give back to your club as a volunteer.

#### Qualifications Required:

- Command of English
- Word processing skills
- Computerized page layout experience
- Editing for clarity
- Creativity in design

Feel free to review past issues of our award-winning newsletter on our website at https://entegraowners.com/news to get a feel for format and content.

Please submit an emailed letter of interest by Friday, March 8, 2024 as appropriate to: Patrick Bauer ECOA President president@entegraowners.com



#### Rally Ho' - Upcoming Events

Please check the club website for upcoming rallies. You will need to login and register for the rally of your choosing. Waitlists will be available if the rally is at capacity. Once you register you will be sent an electronic invoice. This invoice needs to be paid within two weeks or your spot will not be held. This change allows others to register to attend.

#### **ECOA Tentative Rally Schedule for 2024**

- FMCA Spring Rally, Tucson, AZ March 19-23, 2024
- The Big Easy Rally, New Orleans LA April 15-19, 2024
- Hearthside Grove Erie on the Lake, OH May 6-10, 2024
- Entegra Homecoming, Goshen, IN May 14-17, 2024
- FMCA Family Reunion, Redmond, OR August 13-17, 2024
- Summerfest Rally, Talona Ridge, Ellijay, GA September 23-27, 2024
- ➤ Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Rally October 9-13. 2024



### \*\*\*News Flash Freightliner and Entegra Coach Unveil SL-powered 2025 Cornerstone\*\*\*

**GAFFNEY, SC, January 8, 2024**—Two leading names in the luxury Class A diesel market are teaming up on an impressive new product for the 2025 model year.

Leaders from Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. (FCCC) and Entegra Coach were on hand at the AIM "It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere" rally in Florida to officially unveil the 2025 Cornerstone built on FCCC's innovative SL chassis. The 2025 Cornerstone will bring an impressive number of standard features to the Cornerstone, strengthening its position as the quietest riding, best handling coach on the market.





Powered by a Cummins 605HP engine including 1,950 lb.ft. of torque and towing capacity of up to 20,000 lbs., the SL offers several FCCC innovations, including::

- RoadWatch suite of safety features like Roll Stability, Traction Control, Collision Mitigation and Adaptive Cruise Control
- Entegra Safe View dash featuring Optiview, providing a streamlined, modern design with incorporating FCCC's exclusive 15-inch digital dash and a 15-inch center console
- DriveTech ergonomic steering wheel and columnmounted controls, which eliminates the need to reach for every command and is the only driving system in the industry that places transmission controls at your fingertips
- UltraSteer precision-tuned tag axle that reduces curb-tocurb turning radius by up to 17 percent
- An independent front suspension for sharper turning and better handling, as well as V-Ride rear suspension for increased luxury amenity and cargo capacity while greatly reducing body roll
- An industry-leading 5-year, 100,000-mile warranty backed by the most comprehensive service network around

"Our team could not be more thrilled to expand our partnership with Entegra and Jayco through the introduction of the 2025 Cornerstone on an SL chassis," said Jeremy Buckmeier, RV Product Manager for FCCC. "The SL provides the Cornerstone the ride and handling, stability and overall experience luxury RVers expect and deserve."

Inside, the 2025 Cornerstone will once again offer timeless features and residential touches across every detail. This includes premium leather Crown Compass furniture throughout, as well as heated, cooled and massaging driver and passenger seats and Firefly multiplex system with 10 in. VegaTouch touchscreen for complete integration of coach controls.

The 2025 SL-powered Cornerstone is the latest addition to the partnership between Jayco, Entegra Coach and FCCC, which includes a growing family of Super C products built on FCCC's S2RV platform.

"As the only company to see triple-digit retail sales numbers in rolling 12 months through October, we want to further our success by offering the SL chassis from FCCC and its many features as an exciting new option for luxury RVers," said Pat Carroll, Director of Product Development for Entegra Coach. "Being the single largest volume producer of Super C products on the FCCC S2RV chassis is testament to our great relationship with FCCC. Combining that with retail customers asking for rear-engine models on FCCC chassis inspired us to develop this version of the Cornerstone. We are looking forward to increasing our market share in the 'X' engine category, and with this new chassis offering — backed by the unparalleled service experience and Daimler heritage of FCCC — there is no doubt that we will."

The 2025 Cornerstone is expected to be ready for orders early this year. For more information on the SL chassis, as well as the full FCCC product lineup and its array of features, benefits and innovations, visit fcccrv.com.

#### About Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (FCCC)

Freightliner Custom Chassis Corp. (FCCC) is a leading manufacturer of diesel chassis for the motorhome industry. FCCC supports its industry-leading chassis with a comprehensive suite of services, including 24/7 factory direct support, a nationwide service network with more than 400 dealers in the U.S. and Canada, and an official customer-support mobile app. FCCC also manufactures chassis for the work truck, walk-in van, school bus and shuttle bus markets. Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation is a subsidiary of Daimler Truck North America LLC, a Daimler company. For more information, visit fcccrv.com or call 1-800-FTL-HELP.

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## **Luxury in Motion: The Entegra and Spartan RV Chassis Partnership**

As we journey together through the realms of luxury and innovation, the partnership between Entegra Coach and Spartan RV Chassis stands as a testament to our collective pursuit of excellence.

This collaboration has sculpted a travel experience that is unparalleled, blending the pinnacle of engineering mastery with the essence of luxury travel. Our commitment over the past decade has consistently redefined what it means to travel in style, ensuring each





journey is not only smooth and comfortable but also imbued with superior performance.

The backbone of this exceptional travel experience is the Spartan RV Chassis. Renowned for its thick frame, it provides stability, durability, and peace of mind, setting the foundation for every adventure.

Understanding the importance of maintenance, we emphasize the need for regular engine and system checks, tire maintenance for safety and performance, and diligent brake system care. These practices ensure your Class A diesel chassis remains in prime condition, ready to take on new roads with confidence.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to you, the Entegra owners, for placing your trust in Spartan RV Chassis. Your faith in us fuels our dedication to providing a travel experience that is unmatched in luxury and engineering sophistication. As we look forward to the roads ahead, our partnership continues to strive for excellence, ensuring every mile is a testament to the highest standards of RV chassis engineering and luxury coach design.



#### **Technical Hints and Tips**

Ken Wurtenberger, VP ECOA

Maybe This Is Happening To You.....

Having purchased our new 2023 Anthem in November 2022, we are still learning about all the new enhancements and features Entegra has added since our previous 2020 Anthem.

One enhancement, the push button ignition introduced in the Model Year 2020, has actually become a little problematic. I personally like the change from the key start to the more contemporary, modern look, but consistent functionality is much more important. That consistency has been the issue. Every time I pushed the ignition button there was some anxious moments as to whether the key fob would be recognized by the chassis computer and actually start the coach.

My experience may have been similar to others. One time the fob was recognized and all went well, but on the next attempted start I would receive the dreaded flashing green lights indicating the fob wasn't connecting to the computer. Calls to Spartan customer support resulted in various possible solutions:

- check the fob battery and replace.
- hold the fob right next to the ignition switch while pressing the button.
- hold the fob right next to the Tri-Mark control box while attempting to press the ignition button (which usually required an extra hand).
- turning off the chassis battery breakers to reboot the chassis computer.
- replacement of the Tri-Mark control box.

Fortunately, when I experienced starting issues the fob connectivity was typically resolved by replacing the battery or moving the fob to various locations which eventually was recognized by the computer.

During one such instance, I discovered the real source of the issue. When communicating with Spartan to help troubleshoot, I typically, but not always, placed my phone on speaker and set it on the wireless charging pad. Therein lies the problem. Spartan has moved the ignition receiver antenna from under the dash near the push button to the left side of the driver's seat console, close to the new wireless charging pad.

Turns out, when a phone is charging on the wireless pad, the phone's wireless charging signal is interfering with the signal transmitted between the fob and the ignition antenna. Once the phone was removed from the wireless charger, the fob can successfully communicate with the ignition push button and all is good. No more flashing green lights!

As a side note, since the antenna is now under the driver's left console, placing the fob on the console increases the ability for the fob to communicate with the antenna.

With my newly found knowledge, my anxiety level has disappeared when it comes to starting the coach....maybe this will help yours as well.



#### **Preparation For Extended Travel**

Medarda Bauer, Secretary ECOA

We decided that our big summer sojourn will begin in April and end about October 1st.. For Pat & I,





PREPARATION means looking through the nooks and crannies of the coach for unneeded items and clearing closets of those items no longer required. Since we have several weeks I decided to look and clean one RV space each week and not stress myself out. The basement area is his domain and I will leave that area alone.

**Useful cleaning tools to have on hand**. These are ones I use but stores have a variety of similar products. Put in bucket for easy moving.

- microfiber cloths
- Swiffer duster or floor cleaner
- EndDust product for dusting
- · Resolve carpet cleaner
- · glass and window cleaner
- 2 inch paint brush for crevices
- Furniture polish for wood
- sweeper with attachments
- Hand steamer and floor steamer (not needed but nice to have)

#### Tasks for all areas

- Pull out window screen to wash.
- Clean each interior side of the window.
- Clean any mirrors and glass on picture frames.
- Check carpet area for stains, clean with carpet cleaner if needed.
- Check tile area and steam or Swiffer.
- Check for cobwebs.
- Wipe down wallpapered areas.
- Wipe down cabinet handles.
- Change air vent filters.

#### **Bedroom Area**

- Check drawers, cabinets, and closets; review if all items will be needed for the new travel year. Does anything need cleaning or mending? A good rule of thumb if something has not been worn in the past year decide if it is really needed. If your drawers seem crowded explore Pinterest for new ways to fold clothes. Make a list of any items needing replacement.
- Check the bed linens. Take pillows and fluff in the dryer or let them sit outside in the sunshine for the day. Take off mattress pad and run through gentle cycle. Spray mattress with Febreeze or similar product and let air out for a day.

 Make sure the drain on the washing machine has been drained and cleaned. The machine also has a tub cleaning cycle should be used at least once a year. Check the dryer vent making sure all lint has been removed. The manufacture books will describe how to do these things if you are unsure.

#### Bathroom

- Clean shower walls and interior door glass. While I use my steamer and Mr. Clean sponge there are other similar cleaning products. Clean crevices with stiff brush. If needed use a 75/25 water to white vinegar product to keep water spots from forming on your clean surface after showering.
- Check medicine cabinets for unneeded medications for disposal. Make a list of items that should be replenished.
- Clean around commode as needed
- Clean countertop with a good cleaner to remove any hairspray, water spots or marks

#### **Living Area**

- Vacuum any seating surfaces use crevice tool if needed. Wipe down with mild soap solution.
- Look up, if there is an ornate ceiling design decide on the best way to dust and clean.
- Look at each cabinet deciding if everything is needed, should be replaced, or discarded.
- Are there duplicated items?

#### Kitchen

As you open cabinets do an honest assessment:

- Do I need 12 plastic glasses or plates or serving bowls? You know what I am referring to!
- Are 7 cans of soup needed or will a store be nearby.
- When is the last time I used this pan or item is always a good question to ask.
- Open the microwave and wipe down with water.
   For baked on material use 1cup water and 1 cup white vinegar in microwave safe bowl and heat for 5 minutes; remove bowl and wipe again. To freshen use 1 cup water, 1 tbls vinegar, 1 tbls lemon juice heat for 5 minutes.
- Open the dishwasher remove all racks. Check the drain filter under the bottom rack for any debris, cleaning if needed; the filter should be rinsed thoroughly. Wipe down the side with a mild soap solution replace racks when done.





- The refrigerator should be checked for items you
  wish to save or discard. Empty a shelf or drawer
  one at a time and wipe shelf with mild soap
  solution. If you use baking soda as a freshener
  replace box. You might consider the fridge shelf
  liners from Amazon that help pick up spills and can
  be washed.
- Again, any counter tops in this area should be briskly scrubbed to keep shinny and new looking.

#### Pilot and Co-Pilot area

- Check under both chairs for dust bunnies.
- Clean cup holders
- Wipe down the consoles with mild soap solution
- Use appropriate cleaner on both chairs
- Use paint brush to clean crevices on "toll window".
- Check behind shades for spider webs
- Use sweeper brush to clean screen on screen door and clean grate on bottom of screen door.

The above are just things I do throughout the year.

Hopefully there is an idea you could use as you prepare for your next season in the RV Lifestyle.



#### **Membership Corner**

Sandy Pas - Vice President ECOA Membership

Greetings from the membership corner in 2024! Reflecting on the past year, 2023 brought us memorable experiences as we explored the eastern region of the United States alongside ECOA. It was a time of vibrant fall foliage, enchanting boat rides for whale watching in Boston Harbor, and the joy of spending quality moments with both old and new friends. From the captivating views of Massachusetts, spanning the Cape to Martha's Vineyard, to savoring the delectable seafood, including lobster, New England clam chowder, and steamers, this region offered a rich tapestry of history and scenery that could easily fill a month or more.

In the latter part of 2023, our journey culminated in a grand finale with The Keys of Florida, centered around the new RV resort, Sun Outdoor Islamorada. Exploring this part of the Keys, we visited attractions like Theater of the Sea and meandered down to Key West, capturing the coastal ambiance, exploring stores, diverse restaurants,

and even posing with a colossal lobster. Activities ranged from enjoying parks with furry companions to discovering the historic fossil park on bike rides amidst the numerous national parks in the vicinity.

The ECOA rally at Sun Outdoor Islamorada, though a smaller gathering, proved to be a fantastic time. The festivities commenced with a welcome dinner featuring an island-themed food truck, allowing attendees to indulge in a two-hour feast or bring some culinary delights back to their coaches. The island vibe continued throughout the event, with participants dressing the part, relishing the food, and soaking in breathtaking views. Notably, we celebrated Pat Bauer's birthday and ushered in the New Year with our ECOA family and the resort.

As we embark on 2024, don't forget to renew your membership for \$20 for the calendar year. Failing to renew means missing out on exciting upcoming club events. We welcome input from our members on potential event locations for ECOA and encourage volunteering as a rally master or helper. Reach out to us at membership@entegraowners.com. Utilizing our Wild Apricot for Members app ensures you stay connected while on the go, enabling you to find fellow members, register for events, and update your profile.

We eagerly anticipate forging new friendships and reconnecting with familiar faces at our upcoming events. Until then, safe travels from your membership corner!



#### On the Road Still

Terry Walker, ECOA National Director

When last I put pen to paper (more appropriately fingers to keyboard) I left with the hope that we'd pick up our new Entegra in November 2022 at NIRVC in Nashville (see October 2022 Rollin Along for backstory). Well, that transpired, and we got to spend about 10 days around Thanksgiving moving "stuff" from 2018 Anthem 44F in to our 2023 Anthem 44D. Just in case, you should know that Cracker Barrel has a very good well priced Thanksgiving Dinner, but you will need to wait in line!

Once leaving NIRVC we began an odyssey that would take us to 20 States and 1 Canadian Province while putting 13,000 miles on LIEU's odometer. Our travels took us from Tampa, FL to Puyallup, WA and numerous places and attractions along that route. Goals for 2023 included





- staying longer in one place, check off bucket list items, visit with friends, neighbors and family and visit historical, cultural and other important/interesting sites along the way!

Never having been to the Tampa Super Show we decided to check that off the Bucket List while combining with a two month long stay in Tampa, Ocala, and St Augustine. Who would have guessed ahead of time that we'd wind up dry camping at the Super Show when promised electricity was never delivered. However, on the brighter side we were able to meet Tom & Tammy Kerr (the buyers of our 2018 44 F) and reunite with former IL neighbors, 2013 Alaska Tour friends, and old Army buddies from 1970. Oh, son Brett and I also attended the Reliaquest Bowl in Tampa only to watch our beloved Illini once again demonstrate their inability to win on a big stage.

#### Along The Way, we attended:

FMCA (Family Motor Coach Association) rallies in



Perry, GA and Gillette, WY- where I, as National Director, represented ECOA at the annual Governing Board meeting and accepted a Certificate of Recognition for 10 years as a Chapter.

- ECOA rallies in Tampa, FL; Savannah, GA; Cochrane, Alberta, Canada; & Spearfish, SD.
- NIRVC (National Indoor Recreational Vehicle Center

   our motorhome dealer) annual Customer

   Appreciation Rally in Hot Springs, AR.
- Cajun RV Rally in New Iberia, LA 4 days of Cajun food and music.
- Monaco America Rally in Fredericksburg, TX our first diesel pusher was a Monaco Cayman coach.
- Grandchildren HS graduations in May in Broomfield, CO and in June in Puyallup, WA
- Entegra University and AIR in October in Middlebury, IN
- Spartan Academy and annual service in October in Charlotte, MI

 ECOA rally in Quartzsite, AZ in January
 2024 – another bucket list item!



 High School Reunion

(Becky and I met in freshman home room) and medical visits in September and October

During our travels we were privileged to be able to:

 Visit an Elephant sanctuary in FL – I even rode one of the pachyderms!



- Attend a Horse show at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL and visit a Clydesdale breeding farm.
- Visit Marjorie
   Kinnan Rawlings farm
   (now a historic state
   park) where she wrote

her classic The Yearling.

- Visit the Fountain of Youth and take both the city and ghosts and graveyards tours in St Augustine, FL.
- Visit the Blue Bell Ice Cream factory in TX.
- Visit Ft Hood, Belton Lake, Stillhouse Reservoir, and the Goodnight Ranch where we spent the last 18 months of my military service in 1970-1971.
- Visit Ayres Arch Park and the Train & Pioneer Museum in Douglas, WY.
- Visit Mt Rainier National Park in WA.
- Attend the Calgary Stampede, visit a wolf dog

sanctuary, visit
Banff, drive the
Icefields
Parkway, and
ride the off-road
busses onto the
face of a glacier
in Alberta,
Canada.



 Spend the better part of 3 weeks with our dear ECOA friends Wayne and Eidella Bauman touring western MT visiting the major cities as well as the abandoned mines and ghost towns.





 Take a Boat ride through the Gates of the Mountains on the Missouri River outside of Helena, MT – retracing part of the Lewis & Clark Voyage of Discovery.

By the end of October, before temperatures dropped too low and the snow began to fly, we packed up in IL and headed out to our winter home at Buckhorn Lake Resort in Kerrville, TX where we resided until January 14, 2024 (satisfying the desire to stay longer in a fixed location), Continued when we headed out for our first 2024 road trip to Quartzsite, AZ. Another lesson learned – it got cold in TX (14 degrees the day we left) and they don't believe in winter blend diesel fuel that far south so guess who gelled up on the road – fortunately we made it (7 mph up the last hill) to a Loves where we stocked up on anti-gel and were able to get back on the road!

We dealt with a couple of other mechanical issues with LIEU, mostly minor but one major item but nothing that could not be handled with the assistance of the manufacturer and our road service company. One of the tenets of full timing is that things are going to go wrong so learn to deal with it!

We have begun the process of trying to find a semipermanent home base where could establish winter residency — with residential quarters and RV on site storage -if you have any suggestions on this matter please contact me. Do not intend to end extensive travels but just have a place to rest up in the colder months!

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#### Fifty-First Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Wayne Baumann - Alt National Director, ECOA

What a beautiful event, the 51st Albuquerque balloon



Fiesta at the route 66 casino and RV resort was.

The balloon fiesta had a record high almost 1,000,000 estimated guests attending the event. There were a total number of 546 hot air balloons with 107 of

those registered as special shapes

with a total of 16 countries represented.

We had 25 coaches attending the event and we greatly appreciated the buses transporting us to the hospitality tent at the balloon field for each of the events.

The Route 66 casino catered us wonderful dinners.



While at the balloon field, we were able to walk among and visit with the balloon pilots and their crewlso we saw the "box effect" of the travels of the

hot air balloons across the length of the field, up and back. Enjoyed the beautiful night glow of the special shapes.

Saturday we were able to view the spectacular full annular eclipse with the ring of fire. Many got great pictures.

Many thanks to Allene Gross. and Route 66 staff in their help to make this such a fun, successful rally. This is surely a

must for everyone.



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#### Have something to share?

Do you have a story, important information or maybe a recipe you would like to see printed in our next issue?

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