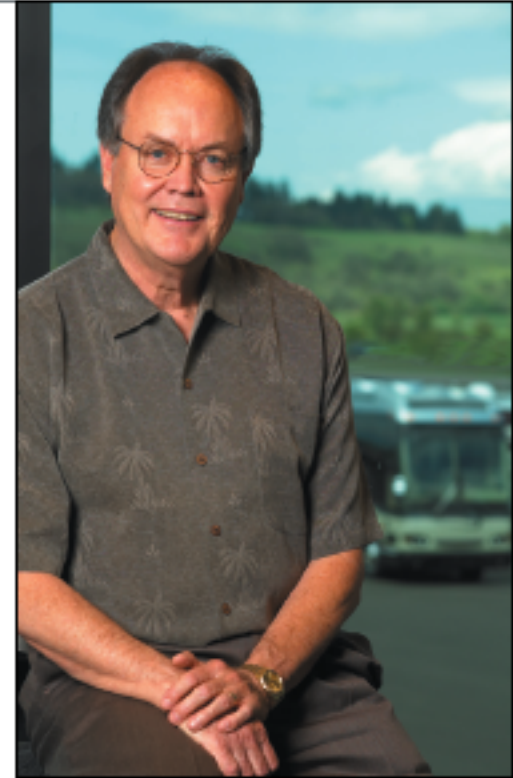


# A Note from Charlie

Charlie Myers



I send warm greetings to you as we enter the spring of a new year, and I hope you enjoy reading this initial publication of *The Maratime* for 2006.

Although the content of the magazine is put together with the help of several of Marathon's employees, I want to recognize and thank the three primary contributors, Mary Barton, Deb Johnson, and Beth Stegall, for the exceptional work they accomplish each quarter in producing *The Maratime*. These three dedicate themselves to provide us with a magazine that we truly look forward to receiving. Their end product is not only visually attractive, it is also informative, interesting, and a valuable resource for upcoming club events. Many of our readers provide information that we use in the magazine. We also receive helpful suggestions, and even an occasional article or two, which we are pleased to publish because we know you enjoy reading them. Again, many thanks to the employees who work on *The Maratime*, and to you, our readers, for the unconditional help you provide.

By now many of you are aware of my new role at Marathon, which officially began in January of this year. I am so grateful for the opportunity that Bob Schoellhorn gave me these past 12 years to be part of the Marathon family, and especially now to be able to continue as vice

chairman of Marathon's board of directors. Congratulations to Steve Schoellhorn, who has assumed the reins of the company as president and chief operating officer. Steve has dedicated himself to the work at Marathon for nearly 14 years. He has unquestionably earned the admiration and respect of our employee group. I'm truly excited to be able to continue in support of Steve's leadership.

As of this writing, Toni and I are headed to Palm Springs for two weeks. Shortly after that, we'll be in Las Vegas and then Pomona, California for the March FMCA convention. These trips will provide me a wonderful opportunity to use and evaluate Marathon's product. Being a full-time user of a bus with a vested interest in the company gives me incentive to help Marathon continually improve its product offerings.

Although I now hold a new position, my focus will continue to be that of meeting or exceeding your expectations, whether it involves Marathon's conversion product, service, or general customer relationships. I look forward to spending more quality "visiting time" with everyone at their bus, as we all are able to enjoy this wonderful lifestyle.

Please notice in this issue's Rally Schedule that Marathon Coach Club leadership and club volunteers are providing a va-

riety of excellent travel opportunities this year. These events will be superb, and I hope you will be able to participate. If you do attend, Toni and I look forward to spending time with you. Until next issue, I extend a hope for God's blessing for safe travels.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Myers".

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