

Message from the President

Bill Nurcombe



I want to begin this letter by wishing everyone a very happy new year. Over the holidays, my wife Carol spent days and days decorating our home in Calgary. On Christmas day, our house was filled to capacity with all our family and several friends, a total of 30 people.

When we left Calgary on December 29 bound for Indio, we encountered countless miles of icy and snow-covered roads. When we arrived in Indio on New Year's Eve, we were plenty tired, but happy to once again be back at our California winter home.

I hope most of you were able to escape the wrath of the terrible flu that was going around in December and January. Now, with the grass turning green and the flowers beginning to bloom, we are able to get a better perspective on things, specifically, how fortunate we are to have our health. Last year we lost several in our member-

ship to tragic accidents and illness. These people have been, and will continue to be, sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Because we recently completed the collection of dues for 2006, I want to share with you our membership number: At the time of this writing, Marathon Coach Club is comprised of 540 coach owners. Congratulations to those of you who renewed your membership! To take full advantage of all that the club offers, please look at the Rally Schedule in this issue and sign up to attend an event this year. For me and my wife, attending rallies is the number one "perk" of being a member of this prestigious organization. It truly is.

Our club has wonderful diversity, both geographically and personally. Our members come from throughout the United States and Canada. They have diverse interests, professions, and backgrounds, such as: aviation, medicine, transportation, finance, manufacturing, marketing, tourism, agriculture, education, and construction. As a result of such diversity, each member has a unique and personal story. If you're willing to help the rally committee fulfill its 2007/2008 theme, "Places we have never been before," will you please share your interests, experiences, and ideas as they relate to a future rally destination with Rally Committee Chair

Marvin Gray? I know he would appreciate your input.

Before closing, I want to mention a great group of guys that do a bang-up job for Marathon owners—the Marathon technicians. Whether at a service center in Oregon, Texas, or Florida, at a rally, or when we're traveling, we know we can count on them for help. The techs not only greet us with a smile, they are also enthusiastic, knowledgeable, understanding, and patient. They always have answers to our questions, whether our questions are intelligent or not. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, we are able to contact a Marathon technician. We know that's great customer service, and we wouldn't trade it for the world.

Carol and I hope you have a wonderful spring, wherever your travels take you. Drive safe, take care, and we hope to see you at the club's next rally, which takes place in June. Just say, "Pikes Peak or Bust!"

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nurcombe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Nurcombe
President
Marathon Coach Club