



Meet Les & Chad



by Sharleen Nelson

Marathon Coach Texas is pleased to introduce 2 of its valued staff: Les Evenson, who has more than 15 years of service in the Marathon family, and its newest team member, Chad Dupuis.

Both Les and Chad relocated to Texas from other states to join Marathon Coach Texas. Les, who serves as Marathon Texas' service department manager, was born and raised in Springfield, Oregon and met his wife when he was 12 years old. When Les was offered a position at Marathon Texas in 2002, he had no problem convincing his other half to move. "When I called her to see if she wanted to move to Dallas," said Les, "all she asked was, 'when do we leave?'"

Still, relocating from Oregon to Texas was a big change for Les and his family, but they quickly became acclimated to their new surroundings. "There is so much to do here," said Les. "We live down the street from a Six Flags and a water park; there is great bass fishing, and we are close to two exciting cities." Les also enjoys visiting downtown Dallas, but likes the city of Fort Worth best. "Forth Worth is more 'old-fashioned' and has a Western feel to it. To me it doesn't seem all that different from Oregon—it just has different people."

Les Evenson, Marathon Coach Texas Service Manager

Les' favorite thing about Texas is the weather. "You can call me in the middle of December at 9:00 in the evening, and I will be wearing shorts and sitting on my porch," he said. "Back in Oregon, I would undoubtedly be sitting inside close to a warm fire!"

Chad, who started with Marathon in July 2007 in the sales department, was born and raised in south Louisiana, about 15 miles southeast of Lafayette in New Iberia. He and his fiancée Abby moved from Louisiana three years ago and are planning an April wedding. They love to travel and they take trips to Louisiana to visit family whenever they can. "When we aren't visiting family and friends in Louisiana, we enjoy traveling anywhere for a good weekend getaway," Chad said. "Texas has wonderful campgrounds and lakes nearby where we love to go and ride jet skis and do a little fishing."

Chad is an avid sportsman. "I love the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. Between Dallas and Louisiana, I have a sportsman's paradise all around me." Chad and Abby have enjoyed settling into the cultural life in Dallas. "We love the wonderful dining and the great shopping—the city has so much to offer, and

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we want to experience everything we can,” said Chad.

Collectively, Les and Chad bring years of experience to the Texas facility. Before taking the service managerial position in Texas, Les worked for Marathon’s Coburg facility for 12 years. “When I started at Marathon in 1991 I was a detailer,” said Les. “After detailer I was a janitor, and throughout the years I worked my way up through the company to become a project leader. I moved to the Texas facility in July of 2002 as a service technician, and today I’m the manager of the Texas service department.” Les thinks Marathon is a great company to work for. “I feel like I have the classic story—I started on the floor, and I worked very hard to move up to my current position. You can’t do that at just any company.”

Chad was introduced to the RV industry at an early age. “I was born into the motorhome business,” he said. “Throughout my childhood, my family had several coaches, both Bluebirds and Prevosts, and we were always taking road trips.” Chad’s experience working for other Class “A” RV companies has given him a certain perspective on Marathon. “Everyone knows the name Marathon, and that it is regarded as being the industry’s most elite bus conversion company,” said Chad.

Indeed, his enthusiasm for Marathon coaches has been phenomenal. Chad has already sold several luxury coaches since joining the company. “I’m excited to be selling the finest bus conversion in the business,” said Chad. “There are endless possibilities in a Marathon coach. People can truly customize their home on wheels, and I love giving customers access to all the different options.”

It isn’t just the coaches, however, that has Chad excited about his sales position. He is a people person, and really likes getting to know customers on a personal level. “I enjoy



Chad Dupuis, Marathon Coach Texas Salesman

the process of developing a friendship with my customers, and the Marathon customers have been an absolute pleasure to work with,” Chad said. “I’m honored to join the Marathon Coach Texas family. It’s a great organization to work for and I’m excited to be here.”

Les concurs. “Marathon Coach Texas is family oriented in the best way—they take care of you here. I’ve always liked this company: I like the customers, I like the people I work with every day, and I really like the product.”

And Marathon Coach Texas President Charlie Myers likes having Les and Chad onboard. Said Charlie, “I am extremely pleased to have these two fine men on our team. Each has the personal and professional qualities any business owner could hope for. They have expertise in their respective fields within the industry, exemplified by undying enthusiasm for the challenges and opportunities before them. Their excellent track records add tremendously to the value of our operation. The thing I appreciate most is that they are both men of integrity. I am confident our customers will notice this and experience these qualities in Les and Chad.” •