

MCII International Rally Columbus, Ohio – The Birthplace of Converted Coaches

Friday, July 24, 2009 through Monday, July 27, 2009

Your Hosts:

Larry and Nancy Plachno / National Bus Trader & Bus
Tours Magazine
Mike Middaugh / Coach Quarters
Pat Ziska / Motor Coach Industries
Experience Columbus, Franklin Park Conservatory, Ohio
Historical Society, Camelot Cellars and Columbus Zoo

Friday, July 24

6:00 p.m. – Welcome Reception. We will have a standard and imported beers but feel free to bring your own.

Saturday, July 25

8:00 a.m. – Coffee and doughnuts

9:00 a.m. – Depart on coach(es) provided by Coach Quarters

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – **Franklin Park Conservatory** (Chihuly Reimagined) – Set within the 88 acres of Franklin Park, the Conservatory houses 400 species of plants from a variety of global climate zones and features the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House where more than 45 species of palms are represented among more than 120 individual specimens. See thousands of colorful glassworks by Dale Chihuly at Franklin Park Conservatory, the only botanical garden in the world with a permanent Chihuly collection. These works drew a record number of visitors to the conservatory when they were first shown from October 2003 to July 2004. In addition, several new Chihuly works will be on display.

12:00 noon-2:30 p.m. – **Ohio Historical Society and Ohio Village** – Dickens of a Mystery and Buffet Lunch – Did you ever wonder what happened to Scrooge after his Christmas morning reformation? You are in store for a grand surprise in



this production of *Dickens of a Mystery*. As you partake in a holiday lunch buffet, complete with Mrs. Cratchet's famous plum pudding, you will interact with characters from "A Christmas Carol" and then be asked to help solve the mystery. Keep your wits about you because you don't know who will be next.



3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. – **Camelot Cellars** – Taste varieties of wine, served with cheese and crackers, and learn wine trivia. Use your knowledge to stir up a batch of wine, starting at the fermentation process. As a gift, take home a Camelot Cellars wine glass.

Return to Cross Creek Campground. Evening free to dine around, social time with friends, or just relaxing from a busy day.



Sunday, July 26

Morning free for church

11:00 a.m. – Coffee and Doughnuts

11:00 a.m. – MCII Business Meeting

After the business meeting we will have a presentation and will be provided information on the MCI converted coach product line.

1:00 p.m. – Cookout at the campground sponsored by Motor Coach Industries. Buffet includes herb baked boneless chicken breast, old fashion pot roast with carrots and onions, frontier potato salad, colonial green beans, fresh fruit salad, rolls and butter. Desert will be a selection of pies and lemonade will be available.



The remainder of Sunday is left open for social time.

Monday, July 27

- 8:00 a.m. – Coffee and Doughnuts
 - 9:00 a.m. – Depart on coach(es) provided by Coach Quarters
 - 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. – While a tour of the **Farber Speciality Vehicle/Custom Coach** facility may not be possible, we will try to have Farber or Custom Coach conversions available for inspection.
 - 11:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – **Creative Mobile Interiors** – Inspection of the new Creative Mobile Interiors facility followed by a CMI-sponsored lunch.
 - 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – **Columbus Zoo** – We will round off the day with a few hours at the highly-regarded Columbus Zoo. Enjoy the interesting animals and/or get something to eat at the zoo.
- Return to Cross Creek Campground and official end of the Rally.



Campground:

Activities will be centered around the Cross Creek Camping Resort in Delaware, Ohio. From the north: Take exit 131 on I-71, west 3 miles on US-36/SR-37 to Lackey Old State Road, turn south 3.2 miles to campground (right turn). From the south: Take exit 121 on I-71, west on SR-750 1.6 mile to Old State Road, turn north 5.7 miles to campground (left turn).

Please make your own reservations with the campground. Rates for 50-amp, water, and sewer are \$36 for weekdays and \$40 on weekends. We were offered a 10% Good Sam discount. For reservations phone: (740) 549-2267.

Shopping:

Polaris Fashion Place is Central Ohio’s largest mall and features several upscale clothing stores. Leave I-71 at exit 121 and turn west. The entrances to the mall will be located a short distance west of I-71.

Registrations:

The registration fee for this rally is \$70.00 per person which does not include campground fees but does include transportation on Saturday and Monday as well as all of the attractions listed. Space may be limited for certain events so we reserve the right to limit registrations if necessary. Please fill out and return the form below to: Bus Bash, Inc., 9698 W. Judson Road, Polo, Illinois 61064. For questions and information, contact Larry Plachno at (815) 946-2341 or lplachno@busmag.com.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Model of Coach _____

E-Mail _____

Check or money order for \$70 for each person made out to Bus Bash, Inc. enclosed.

Charge my: Visa Master Card American Express

Number Attending _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Please make reservations well in advance so that we have sufficient tickets and food.

