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***We're Thankful for a Terrific 2011
& Grateful for Gracious Customers!***

In January, owners Phil & Karen Brokenicky will be making their annual excursion to the [Florida RV Supershow](#) in Tampa, FL. Join them January 11th through the 15th for the first look at the 2012 Majestic show model.

If you're planning on being in Florida during these times and want to learn more about building your dream with a New Horizons RV, we'd love to set up a personal appointment with you. Call us at 1-800-235-3140 today to begin making your dream a reality.

Phil & Karen will also be traveling to Texas right after the Florida show to set up residence at Retama Village in Mission, TX for the weekend of January 21-23, 2012. We invite all of you who are in or near the vicinity of Southern Texas during that timeframe to stop by for an exclusive viewing of our new 2012 41' Majestic Show Model.

Then, in March, Phil & Karen will travel once again to Arizona to attend The Good Sam Rally held at the Phoenix Speedway March 22-25, 2012.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: In addition, this winter, as a special treat Phil & Karen will be sending a 42' Majestic to Palm Springs, CA for viewing January 1 through mid-March 2012. This beautiful unit will be on-site at Outdoor Resorts RV Resort & Country Club-Palm Springs. We will also be in attendance for a short stay at the View Point RV & Golf Resort in Mesa, AZ in February. If you're in Southern California or Arizona this winter, don't miss this exclusive opportunity to see first-hand why New Horizons is #1 in America! Call us at 1-800-235-3140 to schedule your personal showing in Palm Springs, CA or Mesa, AZ this winter!

New Horizons Owners Group Rally (NHOG) - October 2011

by Loren Bengtson

We didn't know what to expect at this rally. Although we have been RV'ing for many years, we have never been to a rally of any kind, let alone one as specific as New Horizons owners. I expected that we would meet some nice people (we did), and attend a few workshops (we did that too), but mostly I thought I'd be spending quite a bit of my time reading. Wrong! We were way too busy with the workshops, dinners, and social hours each day to spend time reading.



This was a small rally, I'm told, with just eighteen trailers, but we had a wide variety of them to see and discuss. The oldest rig was a 1996 fifth-wheel and the newest was our 2012 Majestic travel trailer. Except for towing it home from New Horizons, this was our first trip with the new trailer. There were only two rigs that had the new, full-body paint, but there were generally more similarities among the trailers than differences. We all compared features and discussed how things have evolved in RVs over the last few years.

I'm told that the New Horizons rally usually brings about fifty units. Some folks surmised that the reason for the smaller turnout this time was because this was the first NHOG rally east of the Mississippi. In spite of that we had several attendees from the West Coast. In fact, attendees came from all over the U.S., with some from New England, others from the Midwest, and several full-timers who are home wherever they unhitch.



The workshops kept the days full, covering a variety of subjects. I thought that the most interesting one was the “Gadgets” presentation, hosted by Carolyn Pelzek. Anyone present was invited to “show and tell” about some item that he or she has found particularly useful to the RV lifestyle. There were lots of good ideas presented that I hadn’t thought of, particularly the practice of carrying a spray bottle of bleach solution to use on the water hook-up before you attach your hose. You never know what someone did with that faucet just before you pulled into the space.

Dinner was provided as part of the package every night except for Thursday, which was a day off for socializing in a less formal atmosphere. Each evening we had something new, catered by a local restaurant. The best meal, however, was the pot luck on Friday, the last day of the rally. Everyone brought something delicious, and there was way too much food for me to sample all the good stuff.



While I learned a lot from the workshops, the thing that impressed me at this rally was the New Horizons owners themselves. My wife recognized very early that fully one third of the owners were engineers. I hit it off with these guys right away. Other attendees included a professional news photographer, a minister, a fireman, a nurse, an EMT, and several who are computer experts. The depth and breadth of knowledge was impressive. No matter what question you had, you could probably find someone at this rally to answer it, and the conversations were fascinating.

If you want more specific information, including photos, see the rally masters’ blog, here: <http://sfw57.blogspot.com/2011/10/nhog-rally-2011-bushnell-florida.html>



Will I attend the next one? That depends. NHOG holds its rallies about every eighteen months, so the next one could conflict with a dog show that we attend every year. If there’s no conflict, though, and if it’s not too far away, we’ll be there. In fact, we had such a good time that we’re on the committee for the 2013 rally. See ya there.

Making a Difference in a Highly Connected World

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Previous articles (January, February, March 2011) discussed communications technology useful to an RVer. You might want to refer back to those articles for some general background and terminology. You can find them on the New Horizons website here <http://www.horizonsrv.com/resources/newsletters>.

New Horizons is the only manufacturer I am aware of that offers a comprehensive set of communications packages as factory-installed options. Having "best of breed" technology for staying connected to the Internet and cellular systems, while enjoying your RV, is critical to most people in today's high-tech world. Having it installed at the factory means correct installation, easier routing of wires and availability of power where and when you need it. It also ensures that all components work well together.

There are two packages that, when combined, cover all your communications needs: The Data Communications Center and the Maximum Signal Cell Phone Booster. The first package is the Data Communications Center. The Data Communications Center provides a complete pre-installed package for Internet access in your New Horizons RV, much like you would have in a residential environment. Because the mobile environment is very dynamic, the package permits you to connect to the Internet in a number of different ways: through a cellular USB aircard, through an RV park or public WiFi hotspot, or through DSL/cable if you are parked where these are available.

These various connection types are managed by the [WiFiRanger](#) intelligent mobile router which is the heart of the Overall Communications Center. Inside the RV you have your personal wireless LAN - just like in a house. This allows all of your wireless devices to connect to "your" wireless network. Your laptop computers, wireless/wired printer, iPad, iPod Touch, Android tablet or Smartphone connect to your network which is then connected to the Internet through one of the available connection types supported by the WiFiRanger. A key benefit of having your own local network is that your devices can be configured one time to connect to the network, and then share your wireless (or wired) printer and network storage. Devices do not have to be re-configured to connect to new networks as you move locations.

The WifiRanger (WFR) is a wireless router. Like home routers, it provides for a local network for your use with both wired and wireless capabilities. What distinguishes it from conventional home routers is its ability to keep you connected to the Internet in a mobile environment, as well as a fixed environment like a house. It does this through the use of cellular aircards and through its ability to connect to and repeat public WiFi networks.

From an RVer's perspective one of the most important aspects of the Communications Center is the ability to capture and repeat RV park WiFi signals as a part of the local RV network. The ability of the WFRBoost Mobile component to do this from a great distance solves many of the connection issues encountered in RV parks that have a WiFi network.

What comes with the Communications Center option?

The Data Communications Center option includes the WiFiRanger Pro with WFRBoost Mobile capability, a low-profile cellular antenna for better aircard connections, AC and DC power connections, and internal Ethernet wiring. This package provides "best in class" Internet access capabilities for your New Horizons RV. With the use of a cellular aircard (not included) you can even access the Internet from your tow vehicle while driving.

This system is located in the closet above the monitor panels. The WiFiRanger router and its power connections are located there. In addition, DC and AC power outlets are provided for customer-installed equipment like network storage, cellular amplifiers or other components.

The WFRBoost Mobile radio and antenna is located on the roof of the RV and is responsible for connecting to WiFi networks. Because it has a powerful separate radio and antenna located high on the roof it can connect to networks that would otherwise be impossible to connect to with your laptop alone. The WFRBoost component is connected directly to the WiFiRanger router via Ethernet cable which also supplies power to it.

The included cellular antenna is designed to increase your cellular aircard signal and is also located on the roof of the RV. The antenna cable is routed through the roof and is located near the router for connection to your cellular aircard.

The package includes one Ethernet line from the router to the entertainment center. Additional lines can be specified - typically these would be run to the outside utility hookup center and the bedroom TV area.

All of the supplied communications components run on DC power, so the communications capabilities are always available - even while driving or boondocking where AC power would not be present.

The WiFiRanger router can connect to the Internet via:

- 3G cellular modem
- 4G cellular modem (Verizon LTE or Sprint WiMax)
- WiFi (called WiFi for WAN)
- Satellite
- DSL
- Cable modem

A cellular aircard and a WiFi connection via the WFRBoost can be run simultaneously. Also, it is possible to specify the active connection path to the Internet and manage the connections if the primary connection fails. This failover capability will help ensure that a connection is maintained no matter what the circumstances.

All the necessary components are preinstalled and configured for you. All you have to do is add a compatible cellular aircard and you are ready to go. All your data needs can be handled by this particular option.

What about enhancing voice communications via cellular? In the next issue, we will discuss New Horizons' optional package-the Maximum Signal Cell Phone Booster to handle that aspect of communications on the road.

Meet Ron Frank - Videographer Extraordinaire & Mastermind Behind the



New Horizons Video Series

by Marty Wellington

Shooting began a couple of weeks ago for the New Horizons series of videos to be posted on an exclusive New Horizons YouTube Channel and then ultimately linked to our website and Facebook pages.

The videos will focus on such topics as customer service, company history, craftsmanship, luxury and convenience, and safety as well as the delivery process. All promise to educate and inform the public to what makes New Horizons truly unique. Videos will also be available on DVD.

We feel very lucky to have secured the services of Ron Frank who spent more than 30 years with Kansas State University in a variety of positions related to the communications field. He has worked in television and radio production as well as in the extension service at K-State. His experience is vast and varied and he has jumped right in to capturing every detail of the New Horizons production process. Ron will also be narrating our videos so listen for his very distinctive voice once film hits the Internet superhighway.

We have many more surprises in store . . . so before I give them all away . . .



RECIPES OF THE MONTH— Breakfast Delights for Savory & Sweet Palates!
(from www.bettycrocker.com)

Candied Ginger Pumpkin Pancakes

Wake up sleepy heads with warm spicy pumpkin pancakes! Pass the warm syrup please.

2 cups Original Bisquick mix
2 tps pumpkin pie spice (or 1 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp nutmeg, 1/2 tsp ginger)
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
1 cup canned pumpkin
2 eggs
1/4 cup toasted pecan halves, finely chopped
1 Tbls finely chopped crystallized ginger
Pecan halves, if desired

Butter, if desired
Maple-flavored syrup, if desired
Sweetened whipped cream, if desired

In large bowl, stir Bisquick mix, pumpkin pie spice, buttermilk, pumpkin and eggs with whisk or fork until blended. Stir in chopped pecans and ginger.

Brush nonstick griddle or nonstick skillet with vegetable oil; heat griddle to 350 degrees or heat skillet over medium heat.

For each pancake, pour 1/4 cup of batter onto hot griddle. Cook until edges are dry. Turn; cook other sides until golden brown. Serve topped with remaining ingredients.

Potato Pancakes

2 eggs beaten
3 green onions, chopped
2 lb frozen shredded has brown potatoes, thawed, or shredded fresh potatoes
2 Tbls all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp baking powder
Dash salt
Dash pepper
Olive oil for frying
Sour cream for topping

In large bowl, stir together thoroughly eggs, green onion, potatoes, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper.

Heat 10-inch cast-iron skillet or large griddle over medium-high heat. Coat bottom of skillet with 1 Tbls olive oil.

Scoop heaping tablespoonfuls potato mixture into skillet; use pancake turner to flatten into pancake shape. Cook for about 3 minutes on each side until deep golden brown and crispy. Make sure skillet is fully coated with oil before each batch. Serve warm with sour cream.

Makes 3 servings (about 9 pancakes).

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US--Facebook (give us the “thumbs up” as you hit the “Like” button); join the New Horizons Owners Group Forum (NHOG) at <http://www.irv2.com/forums/f269>; or stop by next time you're in Central Kansas. We'd love to see you!

As always, we hope to see you down the road.

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