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## September Rally Report

If you weren't there you missed another good one. We had 16 coaches plus a visiting coach from San Diego, Mick and Brenda who just happened to be staying at Hejamada and joined our rally. We also had day visits from "Leadfoot" Ron Lapham (when you see him ask him how fast he was driving in a 5 mph zone), Lee Kimler, and Fran Heifferon and her daughter Nancy. We also had some of our recently new members join us as well as brand new members Bob and Vera Flight (they signed up Saturday morning). And food! WOW! We could have fed two rallies just on the leftovers! And of course, we had plenty of wine and "lemonade." Speaking of "lemonade," I want to thank Charlotte Burrell, Stan Williams, and Christina Charney for their donations of gin for the cause; thanks much folks.

We had a little rain Thursday and yours truly made some ruts in the grass/mud until I couldn't move forward. I finally just left it where it sat, jacked the rear wheels up off the ground, put some boards under them and leveled it up. I managed to build a "plank road" in front of my rear tires and drove out Sunday morning without any problem. Poor Bob and Ann had to borrow boards to get level and ended up with their rear wheels about a foot above the ground. Because we were on the side of a hill, many coaches had front or rear wheels floating on air.

Friday night's auction was wild. We almost had a catfight between a couple of our distaff members over bids for candles and wine. The candles went for \$1,400 and the last bottle of wine went for \$3,900! There were a number of the park's seasonal campers in the rec hall at the time and one woman came over to ask how we could be "responsible" motor home owners and bid that much for some decorative candles. I'm not sure she believed the explanation that we were just using play money and bidding on donated items.

The ladies played Phase 10 in the evenings and well into the night too, and the men sat around the campfire and lied to each other about their extensive knowledge of world history, politics, and coach operation and repair. Of course we were all too polite to challenge anybody's statements, no matter how outrageous they were.

Elaine and I would certainly be remiss if we didn't thank Rosanne and Steve, our co-hosts. Roseann handled all the registrations and checks, Steve parked most all the coaches and took care of the financial end of tallying up our costs and paying the bills. We think they are now fully trained and capable to be full-fledged rally hosts next year! Thank you Roseann and Steve!

We are now looking forward to Gettysburg and hope to see many of you there. If not, please come to the October dinner meeting.

*Elaine and Bart*

## President Reports

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Paul Hallagan

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Hi everyone

Here we are almost at the end of the camping season, and me at the first report as your new President.

To start with I would like to thank each and every one who had confidence in me to be your next President . I hope I can fill this job and do as good as our past Presidents (Bill Leach etc.). I know it may be a rough road to go down, but with the support of all our members I think we will make it to the end of the road together.

I would also like to take this time to congratulate all of our officers who were elected. Richard Burrell Vice President , Dan McCoy 2nd Vice President , Charlotte Burrell Secretary , Sharon Shaw Treasurer , Bart Barton National Dir. and Alt National Dir. Steve Essler ,. Bob Shaw was appointed News Letter editor (Thank you Bob for such a great job on our News Letter) Sharon Shaw was appointed Membership chairman. Thanks again to the election committee, and everyone in the New York Centrals

Your President  
Paul Hallagan

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As usual, a good time was had by all at the September rally. It was nice to have such a big turn out, and fun to see the happy hour circle so large! The rally schedule for next year is set:

May - Cherry Grove Campground in Wolcott, NY hosted by Eugene and Joanne Comins and David and Joan Thompson (May 20-22)

June - Finger Lakes Casino hosted by Bart and Elaine Barton (June 17-19)

July - NEAR rally Essex Junction, VT (July 21-24)

August - FMCA International rally in Madison, Wisconsin (August 10-13)

Sylvan Beach hosted by Paul and Sandy Hallagan and Dennis and Joyce Buccina (August 19-21)

September - Owens's orchard hosted by Dan and Sue McCoy (September 16-18)

Bart is heading up volunteers for Wisconsin, so we will be volunteers. At this point, we have 5 coaches planning on attending.

I would like to thank the members for electing me 1st Vice President. I hope to be of assistance to Paul during his presidency, as we head into the next rally season. Congratulations to Dan McCoy on his election as 2nd Vice President, and to Steve Essler on his election as Alternate National Director.

Rich

## In Memoriam

It is with great regret that I must advise you of the passing of George Snyder L1852. George has been a member of FMCA since 1967. George and Pat were (founding) members of the Susquanago and Mohawk Roamers ([and New York Centrals](#)) Chapters In the Northeast Area.

He will be missed by his many friends.

Paul DuBois  
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Both before and after being elected as your new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, I have been asking what duties were involved. I suspected I would be shaking hands and kissing babies, but here I am writing a monthly Blog. I must first thank you for your support and trust, but I must also set a few records straight. Bart Barton has been referring to me as the "New Kid On The Block", but let me assure you, I'm old enough to have been Bart's baby sitter years ago, but thank God I was not. If I had been, he would have turned out much better.

Those of us, who attended the September Rally, had a very enjoyable weekend and many are looking forward to Gettysburg PA in October. Our end of the season Dinner Meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> in Weedsport and we hope most of you will attend. Please RSVP to me before Oct 18<sup>th</sup> (See Enclosure to this newsletter).

It was reported that we currently have only 61 families in our chapter, although we have recruited a good number of new members, I would encourage all of you to "talk up" our group and FMCA and encourage new members. We all pass that Class A or Class C RV in our neighborhood, why not stop and talk to them about joining. We do have things in common, even if we don't know their names.

Those of you who will be using those "RV Buggies" this fall and winter, I wish you safe travel and a safe return.

Dan

## Secretary Reports

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**Know anybody that is in sickness or distress? In need of our aid or sympathy?**

Call or [email](#) me

We had a great time at the September rally at Hejamada Campground. What a great job Steve and Roseann and Bart and Elaine did to make a very enjoyable time. I especially liked seeing a bottle of wine auctioned off for \$23,000 and a candle set for \$6,000!! You should have seen the "regulars" at the campground when they thought we were bidding with real money! As the season comes to an end, I realize how much I look forward to our monthly get togethers, and how much I miss them in the winter.

Rich's surgery was scheduled for October 7, but since I'm going to Gettysburg (and really didn't want to miss that), they rescheduled it for October 21.

This has been a sad month for the New York Centrals. I sent cards to Lee Kimler and to Thelma Kimler when their brother/husband passed away. I sent cards to Lloyd Pugsley who was hospitalized and to Jean Canfield who is ill. I also sent a card to Pat Snyder when her husband, and one of our founding members, George Snyder passed away.

Thank you (I think) for re-electing me secretary. I look forward to seeing all of you at the October dinner meeting.

Char

## In Appreciation

Lee & Martha Kimler want to thank the New York Centrals for thinking of them in their time of loss. Your prayers and sympathy are greatly appreciated.

Lee & Martha

## For Sale

**NEW Brake Buddy Vantage Select** Wireless Diagnostic Remote allows you to choose between Full and Proportional braking and adjust the sensitivity settings "on-the-fly" from the coach. Call Andy Mancini (315) 451-5699

## From the National Director

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Thank you for your trust in me to be the National Director for the New York Centrals. This is my first report as National Director. Here are some excerpts from Charlie's latest newsletter; the full newsletter is available on our website. FMCA is recruiting about 750 new members each month but we are losing slightly more than 750 per month. The mail forwarding service has been reduced from \$10.00 per month to \$8.00. The Executive Director search has been narrowed down to three candidates. Due to the economic downturn, the International Convention in Pomona, CA for 2012 has been cancelled.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Bill Leach for his three years of service as President of our chapter. Bill, "Ya dun good!" Thank you. I would also like to congratulate Paul Hallagan on his election as President, Rich Burrell on his election as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and the new guy on the block, Dan McCoy on his election as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Congrats to the other new guy on the block, Steve Essler on his election as Alternate National Director. And although we seem to take their service for granted, congratulations also to Charlotte Burrell and Sharon Shaw for their reelection to Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

I know it may seem early but please think about going to the FMCA International Convention in Madison, WI August 10 – 13, 2011. It is about 800 miles from center Syracuse but these International Conventions do not get much closer than that. Paul has asked me to coordinate our chapter's attendees and see about volunteering at the convention. Please email me at [bartonta@gmail.com](mailto:bartonta@gmail.com) if you think you may want to join us.

*Bart*



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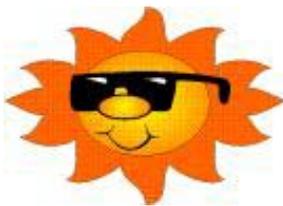
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Attention Snowbirds

It is time again for the sharing of the dates for the Parksdale (Plant City, FL) strawberries. The dates are **January 20**, **February 24** and **March 24**. We hope you can make one or all of them. If you need directions or have questions, call the Rogers at 315-591-0256 (our cell). It is always fun to see who visits that day.

Esther

## 2010 Rally Schedule

| <u>Date</u>              | <u>Place</u>  | <u>Hosts</u>  |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| October 7-11             | <a href="#">Round Top Campground*</a><br>Gettysburg, PA | <a href="#">Paul &amp; Sandy Hallagan</a><br>315-762-5698<br><a href="mailto:11highwayman@gmail.com">11highwayman@gmail.com</a> |
| October 24 <sup>th</sup> | <a href="#">Old Erie Restaurant</a><br>Weedsport, NY    | Dan & Sue McCoy<br>(315) 689-9397<br><a href="mailto:COLMAC@twcny.rr.com">COLMAC@twcny.rr.com</a>                               |

# New York Centrals

Family Motor Coach Association

## Dinner Meeting – Sunday October 24, 2010

This year's Dinner Meeting will be at the "[Old Erie Restaurant](#)" 8924 N. Seneca St., Weedsport NY

The restaurant is open all day, but we will start at 4:00 PM with a cash bar, followed at 5:00 PM in a private dining room with dinner.

Dinner this year will be "Old Fashioned Family Style Dinner" including the following:

Homemade bread and butter    Fresh Garden Salad  
Mashed potatoes    Homemade stuffing    Vegetables  
Beef and Turkey gravy  
Roast top round beef    roast turkey    Vanilla ice cream  
Choice of coffee, tea or iced tea

The price this year is \$18.00 per individual, which includes Tax and Gratuity.

Please **RSVP to Dan McCoy at 5931 Fikes Road, Memphis NY 13112, with the number to attend, NOT LATER THAN October 18, 2010.** Money can be sent with RSVP or will be collected at the door.

**Directions:** The Old Erie Restaurant is located in Weedsport NY, Exit 40 on the NYS Thruway. N. Seneca Street is the "Main Street" in Weedsport. Come off the NYS Thy, turn right South on route 34, into Weedsport. Go straight through traffic light onto N. Seneca St. Old Erie is on left side across from Bank. Parking on South Side and Seneca Street.

Hope to see you all at Old Erie



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