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July Rally

Elaine and I hosted the June rally at the Elks' Club in Fulton. We had 20 coaches plus a dozen or so past members who no longer have a motor home but who came for the afternoon and/or the dinner. We were so pleased to see you folks and renew old friendships. The Elks put on a great buffet dinner as well as a strawberry shortcake social and a Father's Day breakfast. We had great weather, great happy hours and played a rousing game of "Team Pictionary". Thanks to all who attended and to all who pitched in and helped make the rally a success. A special thank you to Lee and Martha for your generous contribution to the lemonade fund. Speaking of lemonade, we went through almost eight gallons of regular "Lemonade" and two gallons of "gin-free lemonade". Thanks again.

Elaine and Bart

Northeast Area Rally Will Honor Life Members and Veterans

Everyone is invited to share the moonlight July 21 to 24 when the Northeast Area gathers at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction, Vermont, for the 19th annual Northeast Area Rally.

NEAR 2011 is dedicated to the late George Snyder Sr., L1852. All Northeast Area Life members will be honored as well. Military veterans also will receive special recognition.



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Rally
Pictures



Click on pad to read
June meeting minutes



President Reports

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Paul Hallagan

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Hi everyone.

Here we are at the end of another great rally. A great big thanks to our hosts Elaine, Bart, & Barb.

Some of the new business is the nominating committee has been set up, Harry & Cheryl Zakorchevnoy & Barb Dingle. One of the orders of business that they have to do will be to get us a new Treasurer. Sharon has done a great job and has indicated her desire to retiree from this position.

Another item is we need a new coffee pot which has been ordered.

During our meeting it was brought up that some of our Canadian friends are having problems with money transfers across the border. If you are having this difficulty you must sign up for the rally as usual but, payment will not be due until you arrive. Please notify the rally host if your plans change.

The next notice will be for the August rally. This rally will be held at Sung Harbor Marina & Resort, Sylvan Beach, NY. It will be a dry camp rally. A dump site will be available. We can arrive Thursday Aug 18 at 1pm & stay till Monday afternoon. The rally fee will be \$67.

Paul

1st Vice President Reports

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The June rally at the Fulton Elks was a fun time for all. Elaine and Bart organized a fantastic weekend. The weather was good, the food was better and the friendship was the best. I would also like to thank the Elks Club for being such gracious hosts to our club again and providing us with superb service and courteousness. This was my second rally there and they have both been great.

The canned food collection was quite successful with about 25-30 items collected and given to the Elks Club to distribute to a local food giveaway program. Thanks to all of you who were able to contribute.

It was really nice to see some of members who have given up their RV's. They were able to join us for either a happy hour or for the Saturday night dinner. I hope this becomes a tradition and more non-active members come by to rallies to visit with old friends.

Charlotte and I will be joining a group of Centrals going to Canada and Stan Williams' rally. Stan has been diagnosed with a very serious illness. I hope our presence brings some cheer to Stan and Pierrette. We will then be heading to Vermont and the NEAR rally in Essex Junction. Charlotte has a couple of seminars (crafts) she is presenting and I will be assisting with the hosting of seminars.

In conclusion, I want to ask all of you to remember Stan Williams in your thoughts and prayers as he is going through this difficult time. Also remember Pierrette and Stan's sister and brother-in-law, Dianne and Bill Armstrong.

Rich

2nd Vice President Reports

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Summer has finally arrived and our rallies are in full swing. Unfortunately I attended the June Rally in Fulton without our coach, which is a first. Our refrigerator went bad and it was at the dealer being repaired. We enjoyed Saturday with crafts, strawberry shortcake and dinner. I was told if I were 50 years younger, I would also have enjoyed the live band and music. My ears are almost back to normal!

We are looking for rally locations and hosts for next year. I must say that it is not difficult and really a lot of fun to host or co-host a rally. It's not good to ask the same few people to host each year. Why not try and if you would like help, ask. Talk with any of the chapter officers and they will be willing to help you.

July is a busy month with rallies at Essex Junction, VT (NEAR) and Ottawa, Canada, with the Thousand Islanders.

Make this a safe and fun summer and we look forward to seeing more of you at our upcoming rallies.

Dan McCoy

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 wonderful time at the Elk's Club in Fulton for our June rally. As always, the Bartons did a great hosting job. We had some terrific food and a delicious strawberry shortcake social. We had marathon sessions of Phase Ten, and as usual a newbie, Joyce Buccina won. Our crafts are also going very well. We made Christmas ornaments as taught by Rita Snyder and a decoupage plaque taught by myself. Several women commented that they would like to make both again!

We are looking forward to the upcoming rallies in Ottawa, Vermont and Wisconsin. It seems our entire summer is filled with rallies!

I am starting to work more on the October rally in Lancaster. We will be staying as at the White Oak Campground in Strasburg, Pa. The rally will be a week long, October 4 – 11, but you can come for part of the week if you would like. I have made reservations for 15 at the campground; you do not need to reserve your site individually. Please let me know at rburrell@twcny.rr.com if you are planning on attending. I have to give them final numbers by the September rally time, so please let me know before then if possible. If there are activities you would like to have me plan, please let me know.

Charlotte

From the National Director

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Paul has asked me to coordinate our chapter's attendees and volunteers at NEAR in Essex Junction, VT this year from July 21st through 24th. The volunteers will be going in on July 19th. So far I have the following coaches as planning to attend: Barton, Belmont, Burrell, Dammers, Gordon, Griffin (maybe), Hood, McCoy and Zakorchevnoy. If you want to attend and your name is not on the list, please email me at bartonta@gmail.com.

Paul also asked me to coordinate our chapter's attendees at the FMCA International Convention in Madison, WI August 10 – 13, 2011. We will be volunteering at the convention as seminar hosts. I have four coaches as planning to attend: Barton, Burrell, Flight and Gordon. We are planning on going in on August 8th. If you want to attend and your name is not on the list, please email me at bartonta@gmail.com if you think you may want to join us.

Elaine and I are planning to hit the Passport America rally in Elkhart, IN on the way back from Madison. It looks like a good one and will be a change of pace from FMCA as there will be all kinds of RV's there, not just motorhomes. They will have an Amish Cookout, entertainment, games, seminars, vendors and dealers. Elkhart is the "RV Capitol", the world's largest concentration of RV manufacturing and support industries. And you'll be in the heart of it all. It's also Amish Country, including the nationally-recognized Heritage Trail and the Quilt Garden Tour. There are also Manufacturing Tours, RV/MH Museum, the Shipshewana flea market, and nearby Casinos. For more information and/or to register online, see: <https://www.passportamerica.com/rally>. Please email me at bartonta@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Elaine and I hope to see you there.

I will email all the volunteers at both NEAR and National with updated details as we finalize them.

On a personal note, our hearts go out to Stan and Pierrette Williams. We are sorry we will not be at the Ottawa Rally but you both are in our prayers.

Bart

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Just a reminder that your dues are due for 2011. If you are unsure of your status please check the Newsletter label or the red check if you receive the Newsletter by email. The dues are \$10.00. Make your check out to New York Centrals and send it to Sharon Shaw 205 Northridge Drive Central Square New York 13036. We don't want anyone to miss out on all our news and events so make sure your dues are up to date.

Thank you.
Sharon

FYI

Bart recently asked these questions to Paul DuBoise (National Vice President Northeast Area):

Some of our members would like to have NEAR in other locations. They are tired of it “always” being in Essex Junction.

We know about the multi-year contract and issues with out of state dealers but they believe more dealers from the host state might come especially if they knew there would be less competition and they didn't have so far to travel. Fryeburg, Maine is one location that was suggested as well as the NYS Fairgrounds and the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in NY. Some of our members are just plain sick of the same old – same old at Essex and want to travel to some new venues. Three or four of our “regular” near attendees are not going this year.

Another concern we heard was about the high cost of golf cart rentals. Some of our members who had attended NEAR in years past must rent a golf cart because of mobility issues. They said the cost of renting a golf cart (which they believed was significantly more than the cost of the rally) was prohibitive.

Paul Dubois answers: I can understand your members concerns but what seems to be a simple answer to the situation is complex. Our Executive Board has in the past considered other sites; in fact our previous contract had a provision where we could go to another site for one year and extend our contract with the Champlain Valley Expo for an additional year. The Board searched for such a site but was unable to find a suitable one. There are only 5 states in the entire country that are green states, by that I mean states that have favorable regulations that permit rallies or convention. Since I have been an AVP we have looked into finding a location that would be suitable but have not been able to find one. Fryeburg has two problems, the major one is inadequate electric and suitable buildings, Brunswick Maine is not interested in hosting a rally or convention as they are unwilling to commit due to the fact that they are trying to attract developers. The Big E in Mass. is out because of the high price to rent and the fact that we have to use union help and the cost is prohibitive.

The fairgrounds such as Herkimer are not possible because of the lack of enough electric and buildings and especially because in July or August you would need AC to attract the vendors and family coaches. The NYS Fairground is very cost prohibitive. I have talked to them and they are not willing to bend. In fact I have been trying for 3 years to get a bill passed that would make NY friendly to a convention or rally. I had Senator Farley ready to introduce the bill until Andy Heck from Alpin Haus opposed it and Farley would not introduce it.

Since 2008 when the economy failed it has been a fight nationwide to get RV dealers to come to any rally or convention regardless of where it was held as motor home sales are way down. In order to buy a motor home you have to have a FCIC score of at least 750 and a very heavy down payment and they are allowing 80% of wholesale for tradins. They cannot get Aplin Haus to come to a show 50 miles from their dealership. When a dealer considers what it costs them to deliver a coach to a show and the hours they have to pay labor and hotel costs and rally fees and probably not sell enough coaches to break even, they will not come. If we were able to let them sell towables , they would come in a minute because they are selling 8-1 over motor homes.

When I became AVP we were charging dealers \$200 per coach to display, we have dropped to \$100 per coach to help. We have dropped our prices for vendors also and do not charge them a rally fee but only pass on the parking fee charged by the facility but this has not helped much. We sent out over 800 invitation letters and contracts to vendors and visited the Florida RV show, Brooksville, Perry convention, the Springfield RV show, the Vermont RV show, the Vermont home show and the Syracuse show and many phone calls trying to obtain vendors and I believe we have around 40 booths. Fuel seems to be the problem

I wish that we could drop the prices on the golf carts but we only charge what they cost us when we rent them. We pay \$250 for 2 and 4 seaters and \$300 for 6 seaters. National at Redmond charged \$700 for a golf cart for 4 days. I have solicited golf cart suppliers all over and that is the cheapest because of transportation costs. The only dealer that is cheaper is one that we found in Essex this year that has 2 seaters with no lights. These would be of very limited use as people want lights so they can use them to go to evening entertainment.

I hope that I have answered your members concerns and we are always open for ideas to improve our rally



Welcome New Members

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Member's Area

We welcome member's contributions. It is your newsletter.
We will publish as space permits



Roger Preston from Henderson, NY died, at the age of 89, in Florida on March 20, 2011. Preston and his wife Grace (F59419) were founding members of the New York Centrals and the TIV. There will be a memorial service for Roger at the Henderson Harbor Fire Department on July 17th at 1:00 PM.

From Ginny Mancini

It has been awhile since we have attended the FMCA rallies. Since moving to Florida and getting settled in, there has been much to do. Got on the website today and wanted to have our email address changed to Verizon if possible. Trying to get away from MSN. Fran and I are doing fine. We are in Wolcott, NY for 2 months - attending our 2 granddaughter's graduations and our 50th anniversary. Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend any rallies in June and July and we will be heading back to FL the first part of August. Perhaps next year we can attend if we travel up here during July and August instead. Say hi to all for us. We know the Comins and Vrabel's from our Weekend Wanderers GS group.

Take care and appreciate the email address change: gregcasa@verizon.net

Greg & Fran Casalenuovo

Hi Char:

Stan has asked us to let you know about his health problems. He has been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver and he has been placed on the palliative care list.

He is still planning to proceed with the Ottawa Rally with help from Pierrette, Bill and myself. I passed this note on to Stan for his approval and he asked me to add the following quote from Stan:

"I have friends I would dearly love to see; I will not be making too many rallies. Should you not be able to make the July Rally, my door will be open, when you're in the area. People who have shared this lifestyle with me are very precious.

Dianne & Bill Armstrong

For Sale:

- **7 Ft. Folding Ladder** -- \$75.00 Folds to 3 1/2" X 4 1/2" X 87"
Ron Lapham 315-699-3189 or 315-416-2425
- **2004 Mountain Aire motorhome** 25,500 miles, color green, cherry cabinets, many upgrades
For more details click on: [2004 Mountain Air Details](#) or call:
Bob Shaw: (315) 676-3412 Bob@TheShawsOnline.us
- **Smart Tire RV active tire pressure monitor** 8+4 wheel for RV and towed vehicle. \$1635.00 new.
Will sell for \$460.00.

Dennis & Joyce Buccina Home (315) 343-4344 Cell (315) 481-2951

2011 Rally Schedule

Date	Place	Hosts
July 15-17	TIV Algonquin College Campus Ottawa, Canada	Stan & Pierrette Williams STAN@ROGERS.COM (613) 829-0226
July 21-24	NEAR Rally Essex Junction, VT	Rich & Char Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com (607) 753-8758
August 10-13	FMCA International Rally Madison, Wisconsin	Bart & Elaine Barton bartonta@rochester.rr.com (585)-289-4792
August 19-21	Sylvan Beach	Paul & Sandy Hallagan (315) 762-5698 11highwayman@gmail.com Dennis & Joyce Buccina (315) 343-4344 dbuccina@twcny.rr.com
September 16-18	Owen Orchards Elbridge, NY	Dan & Sue McCoy COLMAC@twcny.rr.com (315) 689-9397
October 4-11	White Oaks Campground Strasburgh, PA	Rich & Char Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com (607) 753-8758
October 2011	Dinner Meeting TBA	



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 – Alice Foy | 10 – Robert Flight | 15 – Greg Casalenuovo; Jack McGill |
| 2 – Robin Whipple | 16 – David Wolk | |
| 3 – Mike Whipple | 18 – David Reed | |
| 8 – Sue McCoy | 22 – Pierrette Williams | |
| 9 – Linda Reed | 28 – Phillip Griffin | |



Just a Reminder

From our bylaws

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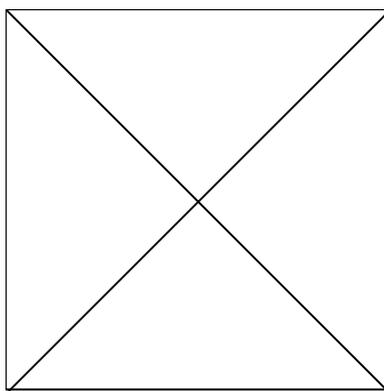
SECTION 2 - GENERATORS:

A generator "pipe up" extending above the roofline of your coach is required at HOBO style camping if your generator exhaust pipe exits toward a neighboring coach.

SECTION 3 - NAME TAGS:

All members are required to obtain and wear at all New York Central rallies, so as to be-readable, a name identification badge including the letter prefix, (i.e.: F,L,A), FMCA membership number, and suffix, (i.e.: D,S) if applicable.

Updated membership badge prices and the address to send to are on the website on the 'Members Only' page and click on the "order NYC badge" button in the left hand margin. Or ([click here](#)) If you do not have internet access see Charlotte Burrell at any Rally.



*Make
Friends*



*Be a
Rally Host*

Are You a Good Neighbor?

FMCA and some of the most respected RV consumer clubs have joined together to support your right to park on private businesses' parking lots overnight under the following code of conduct. The code pertains to establishments that permit "dry camping" on their lots. Dry camping means camping without the use of external hookups for electricity, water supply or waste disposal.

Industry-Sanctioned Code of Conduct (RVers' Good Neighbor Policy)

1. Stay one night only!
2. Obtain permission from a qualified individual.
3. Obey posted regulations.
4. No awnings, chairs, or barbecue grills outside your RV.
5. Do not use hydraulic jacks on soft surfaces (including asphalt).
6. Always leave an area cleaner than you found it.
7. Purchase gas, food, or supplies as a form of thank you, when feasible.
8. Be safe! Always be aware of your surroundings and leave if you feel unsafe.

If your plans include touring the area, staying for more than one night, or necessitate conduct not within the code, please relocate to a local campground. It's the right thing to do!

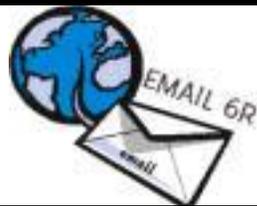
Most of the complaints lodged regarding RV parking on business parking lots have to do with aesthetics and perceived abuse of the privilege. There are a variety of competing interests that were balanced to arrive at this industry-sanctioned code of conduct. As you can see, this Code of Conduct is nothing more than an RVers' "Good Neighbor" policy.

Not following the code has serious consequences and is detrimental to the rights of all RVers. Already, some municipalities have passed ordinances to prohibit parking on private business property overnight.

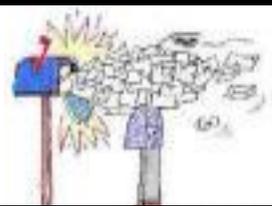
Please do not take offense to this letter; it is only provided as a reminder that RVers must be perceived as good neighbors, or there will be more pressure to institute state, county, and local ordinances to prohibit parking on private business property

From the FMCA Website

Send your newsworthy
articles to:



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September 2011 Rally
New York Centrals - - FMCA
Owen Orchard
Route 5 - - Weedsport NY
September 16th – 18th 2011

Directions: From Auburn – Route 5 toward Syracuse. Orchard is on RIGHT 2 1/2 miles past 84 Lumber & Railroad Tracks.

From Syracuse – Route 695 to Route 5 toward Auburn, pass through Elbridge and past Rolling Wheels Raceway. Orchard is on LEFT, approx. 1/2 mile past the racetrack.

Hosts: Dan & Sue McCoy - - COLMAC@twcny.rr.com
Cell: 315-569-3713 Home: 315-689-9397

THURSDAY

(Early arrivals - - After 3:00 PM – On our own, apple picking should be good)

FRIDAY

(For those who wish a group guided tour at *William Seward House* (NYS Governor & Secretary of State to President Abraham Lincoln) in Auburn starting at 2:00 PM (Cost \$7.00) *Please advise the Host when making your reservations if you plan to attend the tour.*

Social Hour --3:30
Dinner on your own following the social hour
Campfire & Games

SATURDAY

Breakfast - Coffee – Apple Cider Donuts - - 8:30
Apple Orchard Tour by tractor and wagon - - 9:00

(Following orchard tour the group will car pool to Auburn for lunch (On your own) and to *Bass Pro Store* for “Live Fish Feeding” at noon. Following the fish feeding we will car pool to the “*Ward O’Hara Agricultural and Country Living Museum*” for a guided tour)

Social Hour - - 3:30
Chicken BBQ - - 5:30
(Bring your favorite Desert to share)
Chapter Business Meeting @ approx 6:30
Campfire & Games

SUNDAY

Breakfast - Coffee – Apple Cider Donuts - - 8:30

(Enjoy the orchard and Jordan Fall Festival, i.e. Large Car shown, greased pole climb, live music and crafts

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Please mail to: Daniel McCoy, 5931 Fikes Road, Memphis NY 131 12

Cost: \$10.00 per adult to cover coffee, donuts, and wine

FMCA # _____ Pilot _____ Co Pilot _____

Address: _____

Adults: _____ X \$18.00 = _____ Amount enclosed

July Rally

The Capital Experience



July 15 - 16 - 17, 2011

WHERE: Algonquin College West Campus, Ottawa, Ontario

HOW TO GET THERE: 1385 Woodroffe Ave. Follow the FMCA signs.

COSTS:	Pre-Registered	After 07/01/11	
Camping:	\$30.00	\$30.00	1 Rig + Toad
Rally:	\$40.00	\$50.00	2 Persons
		\$20.00	Extra Person

EARLY BIRDS:	Rally & Parking Committees:	Noon - July 14
	Members & Attendees:	Noon - July 15

Prior the 15th, please call Host & park at Rideau Carlton Racetrack

TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

FRIDAY:	4:00 PM	Meet & Greet
	6:00 PM	Potluck
	7:30 PM	Ice Cream Social - Door Prizes
SATURDAY	: 8:00 AM	Donuts & Fruit Juices - Share Ur Pot
	1:00 PM	Crafts
	6:00 PM	Potluck Recognition Dinner
SUNDAY:	8:00 AM	Donuts & Fruit Juices - Share Ur Pot
	9:30 AM	General Membership Meeting

OTHER ACTIVITIES TBA ONSITE

Register Early to Avoid Disappointment

Limited Space - 40 rigs only - Book Early

RALLY MASTER & HOSTS: Pierrette & Stan Williams
Email: VPCanada@fmca.ca
Phone: 613 829-0226

CO-HOSTS: Bill & Diane Armstrong
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Phone: 613 258-2281

REGISTER ONLINE ([CLICK HERE](#))

Refunds: All refunds are subject to a \$5 administrative fee. Cancellations received 11 business days or more prior to the event shall be refunded in full. Cancellations received 10 business days up to the day before the event will be refunded less a prorated portion of unrecoverable costs assessed by the Rally Hosts/Committee. Cancellations received on or after the event date are non-refundable.

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Central Square, NY 13036



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