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Reserve these dates:

May Rally 19th 20th & 21st 2006

Jerry and Joyce Byron Hosts say:

We are looking forward to seeing you

at



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Dick & Sharon Coldren co-hosts say:

Catch up on the Winter experiences

Renew old friendships

Be with your friends

(Details inside)



Past President sez:

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Jan Pugsley

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Our farewell:

It is hard for me to write this note to all of you. We have had the best times with the NYC Chapter. We joined in 1995/96 and have enjoyed every year with you folks. We made some of the best friends ever.

As many of you know Lloyd had a lot of surgery in 2004 on both legs and has not come back from all the surgery. I have also had a lot of surgery and again in Oct. 2005 on my shoulder. I could drive the motorhome but that is not all there is to taking care of everything such as maintenance, etc. I guess you have to know when it's time to hang it up. I wouldn't want something to happen on the road while traveling here and there. We sure will miss the traveling and our friends. It was a pleasure serving in the Vice President position and President and as your membership chairperson. It was all fun.

We wish all of you the very best and travel safe, have fun, we love all of you.

Sincerely,

Jan & Lloyd Pugsley

All of us will miss the Pugsleys and what they both have done for the New York Centrals. We wish them the best of luck. They will always be welcome at a NYC rally. – ed.

President Reports

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Bart Barton

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Greetings Centrals!!

As I write this, we are so glad Winter is almost over. Being stuck at home is not my idea of how to spend the Winter. In a couple of years we hope to be able to join those of you who head south and west.

Anyway, by the time you read this the snow should be gone and the flowers up and maybe even the grass will need mowing. Elaine and I are eager to get another rally season going and see all of you again.

There is some sad news to report. Jan and Lloyd Pugsley have decided to hang up the keys and sell their RV. I want to thank both of them for all they have done for the chapter over the years. Elaine and I are especially thankful because they took us under their wing when we didn't even know how to spell RV and taught us about this wonderful lifestyle and FMCA and the NY Centrals. We will be forever grateful and will really miss them at future rallies.

The good news is Sharon Coldren has agreed to take over the duties of Membership Chairperson and I have appointed her to that position. Please help make that job easier for her as she learns it by paying our dues promptly when they are due this May. Thanks for your cooperation.

30th Anniversary of the New York Centrals

I know the 2006 rally season has not yet begun and it may seem too early to be thinking about 2007 already, but the chapter will be celebrating our 30th anniversary next year. I'd like you all to be thinking of how we can celebrate that anniversary at either the May or June 2007 rally. Please bring your ideas to this May's rally and present them for consideration.

To start the ball rolling, here is a thought I've been kicking around. How about a dedicated 50/50 raffle at each of this year's rallies? We could set the proceeds aside to be used exclusively to supplement the normal rally fee next year to do something special. What we would do I don't know but I'm sure some of you will come up with some great ideas.

So give it some thought and share your thoughts with the rest of us at the May rally. If you can't make it to the May rally, please email any thoughts, ideas or suggestions you may have to me at bartonta@rochester.rr.com.

As always, thanks for your help.

Bart

Membership Chairperson sez:

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Sharon Coldren

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GOT A MINUTE?

If you do have a minute, please turn back to the address on this newsletter and check, to see if it says 2006 after your name. If it does--that means that your annual dues are due in May. That would be \$10.00 for the year. If the date is anything after 2006--it means you are paid ahead and you can ignore this message! "Any member whose dues remain unpaid after June 1st and until August 1st, shall be considered delinquent (not in good standing). After August 1st, membership in the chapter is cancelled." I am quoting from the by-laws--did you guess that?

New membership fee and reinstatement fee is \$15.00 (which includes one years dues @ \$10.00). If you are coming to the May rally, you can give me your check for dues then. If not, please mail the check to me at: Sharon Coldren, 110 Chestnut St., North Syracuse, N.Y. 13212. I am taking over the Membership duties from the very capable hands of Jan Pugsley. I only hope I can do as good a job as she has done for so many years. Make the check payable to New York Centrals. I thank you in advance for your cooperation

Sharon Coldren
Membership Chairman

«F_Name_M» «and» «F_Name_F» «L_Name» - Your Dues are paid - Thank you

Secretary Reports

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Elaine Barton

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Hi Everyone, It is that time of year again when we all start to think of getting our coaches ready for another season of camping. It has been a long winter, one not filled with snow but cold and with plenty of wind and more wind. I hope Spring and Summer find calmer weather as I hate to be riding in the coach is the wind!!!!!!! Bart will tell you that I end up white knuckled.

Thank you Sharon Coldren for taking over the membership job. I know you will do a top -notch job with it!!!!!!!

I also want to say a BIG Thank-you to Jan and Lloyd for all they did for us over the years!!!!!!! They took Bart and I under their wings at the first rally we attended and showed us how our coach worked and how FMCA could make our RV days better. We stayed with the Centrals as you are a great bunch of people.

I think that we should have a very good time at our rallies this year, I know a lot of planning has gone into them. I am looking forward to seeing you all again. Until next month, have safe travels.

Elaine

Alt National Director

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Not much news to report. Jim and I are working our way north. By the time you read this, we should be home. We attended the Southeast Area Rally in Brooksville where we saw some of our members. We also attended two of the NY Centrals get-togethers in Plant City. There has been little news at the National FMCA level. We heard that our Area Vice President Bill Conway was ill. I look forward to seeing everyone at our May rally.

Jean

From Our Members

Hi,

We are enjoying Fla., even with a couple of mishaps, Mar broke her left leg in Oct., will be in a cast at least another three weeks, I broke a bone in my right hand, will be in a support for three weeks. Hope all this craziness is over.

Have a good holiday.

Chuck & Mar Machell

RALLY SCHEDULE 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
May 19–21, 2006	Cherry Grove Wolcott, NY	Joyce and Jerry Byron
June 16–18, 2006	Hickories Park Owego, NY	Kay & Bill Leach
July 14-16, 2006	Erie Canal Village Rome, NY	Sandy and Paul Hallagan
August 4–6, 2006	Finger Lakes Casino Farmington, NY Invited Guests - 1000 Island Voyagers	Elaine and Bart Barton
Sept 15–17, 2006	TBA Lake Placid, NY	Evelyn and Dave Blovat
October	Dinner Meeting	TBA

Welcome New Members

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FOR SALE BY OWNER

2004 Dolphin LX motorhome with 8500 miles. Selling due to health reasons. Loaded call 585-924-9248 for all the facts and price

Jan and Lloyd Pugsley

RV Cover Fits 32 ft Class. Used only once

(2) two **Fold up Bikes** 20" wheels. Single speed. Like new condition

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<p>After being plagued with a multitude of troubles for more than a year now, I am happy to report that the website www.NewYorkCentrals.com is up and running again. We can now reliably publish the Newsletter and pictures to the site making for much less frustration for me and a better web page for our members.</p> <p>Much has been done to update outdated links and tables. If we have overlooked please contact me.</p>	<p>May is here again and the first newsletter of the season is printed and distributed. Again, this year we are using some color in our production. Cost is the limiting factor.</p> <p>I encourage input and constructive criticism from all. Every effort will be made to include any articles that are of interest to our members.</p>

E-Z PASS FOR MOTOR HOMES EXPLAINED

I spent a half-hour at the E-Z Pass Service Center in Liverpool today and talked with a knowledgeable helpful fellow named Jody. Jody explained the three options for using E-Z Pass with a motor home towing a car. He said two are approved by the State and one isn't, although it works but costs more.

The first option is the old method approved by the State. Register your E-Z Pass for your motor home and you will be charged the passenger car rate. When you tow your car, remove your E-Z Pass from the car and go through a staffed lane (not E-Z Pass only) and they will adjust your charge to reflect the reduced towed car fee.

The second option, which is not approved but many of us use it, is to leave the E-Z Pass in the towed car and drive through the E-Z Pass only lane. Then you are charged the two full passenger car rates, one for the motor home and one for the towed car.

The third option, which is new and approved, is to register your E-Z Pass to your motor home with a towed car attached. Remove the E-Z Pass from the car window and put it in the foil bag so it will not read. Then when you go through the E-Z Pass only lane, you are charged one full passenger car rate for the motor home and a reduced rate for the towed vehicle. This is similar to the way 18 Wheelers register.

However, like a semi without a trailer, if you drive the motor home without the towed car attached, you need to go through a staffed lane for an adjustment. If you go through the E-Z Pass only lane, you will still be charged for the towed car.

If you have questions, don't call the 800 number for E-Z Pass as I first did. After negotiating an endless number of button pushes you will finally be asked to push a button that puts you on hold. After 20 minutes or so, you will be connected to someone in Staten Island who doesn't know and doesn't care. After a few questions, he or she will put you on hold for another 20 minutes to start the process all over again.

Instead, call the Liverpool center at 315-461-0000. True, you may have to pay for the call but you will reach knowledgeable people who will answer your questions.

Bart

June Rally - Hickories Park - June 16-18, 2006



26th Annual Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 17, 2006
Historic Village of
Owego, New York

Hosts:

Bill and Kay Leach
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Activities and sign up information will be posted on www.NewYorkCentrals.com as soon as it is available and will appear in the June newsletter.

WE ALWAYS HAVE A GOOD TIME AT HICKORIES PARK!!



Family Motor Coach Association, Inc.

December 22, 2005

****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****

Family Motor Coach Association is pleased to announce the dates for FMCA International Conventions to be held in 2007 and 2008.

2007	FMCA's 77th International Convention:	March 19-22,
	Perry, Georgia	
2007	FMCA's 78th International Convention:	August 13-16,
	Redmond, Oregon	
2008	FMCA's 79th International Convention:	February 25-
28, 2008	Pomona, California	
2008	FMCA's 80th International Convention:	July 14-17,
	St. Paul, Minnesota	

FMCA's 77th International Convention in **Perry, Georgia**, will be the fifth convention at this wonderful facility. Following the opening of a new exhibit hall for FMCA's 73rd International Convention in 2005, the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter is making improvements to the parking areas that should be in place by the convention in 2007, developing asphalt roadways and better drainage.

FMCA's 78th International Convention will make a return visit to the **Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center** in **Redmond, Oregon**. The convention location was moved from Gillette, Wyoming, to Redmond, Oregon, for 2007 due to construction delays at the Cam-Plex, as well as sales issues in the state of Wyoming. The Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center is also making improvements to their facility by adding WiFi capability and an additional structure that may be used for events.

FMCA's 79th International Convention will be held at the **Fairplex** in **Pomona, California**. The dates for this event have been moved to late February due to the early dates for Easter. FMCA's first convention at Fairplex, in 1993, was held at the end of February with over 3000 families present.

FMCA's 80th International Convention will take place on the grounds of the **Minnesota State Fair**. The last FMCA international convention held at this facility was in 1980. Renovations to many of Minnesota State Fairground's facilities have taken place within the past few years, providing some outstanding exhibit and seminar space. Como Park--home to the last free zoo in the United States, a conservatory gardens, Japanese Gardens, Cafesjian's Carousel, waterfalls, amusement rides, a picnic area, and even an 18-hole golf course--is located across the street from the fairgrounds.

Family Motor Coach Association is an international organization for people who own and enjoy the recreational use of motorized, self-contained recreation vehicles known as motorhomes. The organization's national office is located in Cincinnati, Ohio, and can be reached toll-free by calling 1-800-543-3622. FMCA is the foremost association dedicated to the promotion of the motorhome lifestyle.

We look forward to seeing you at future FMCA International Conventions!

Pat & Bill Conway

Ed Note: Bill has asked any feedback be sent to him at bconway@fmca.com .

Cherry Grove Campground

12669 Ridge Road
Wolcott, NY
(315) 594-8320

May 19, 20, 21 2006

www.cherrygrovecampground.com

Directions:

- From Route 104 to Ridge Road intersection traffic light - go 300 yards West on Ridge Road
- Using Rt. 14 or Rt. 414 go east on Rt. 104 to first traffic light, turn left at light on Ridge Road.
- Using Rt. 81 North, to Rt.290 West, to 370 West, turn left on Rt. 104 (West) to second traffic light, turn right on Ridge Road.

Hosts: Jerry and Joyce Byron

Co-Hosts: Dick and Sharon Coldren

- **Call the campground directly to reserve your site.** (\$25.50 - \$29.50 less 10% NYC discount per night. Early arrivals same discount.)
- **Campground Map is on the website www.NewYorkCentrals.com**
- **Arrival after 12:00 noon, stop and register at the office.**

Schedule:

Friday: Optional Fish Fry Supper at the Elk's Lodge (not included in the Rally fee)
 Saturday: Breakfast - Donuts, Juice, and Coffee
 Lunch: on your own
 Supper: Bring a dish to pass - Hot Dogs and Rolls will be provided
 Sunday: Breakfast will be provided by the campground (included in the Rally fee)

Rally Fee:

\$10.00 per person (16 and under free). Send the Rally fee to Joyce Byron, 217 Church St., North Syracuse NY 13212



F# _____ Pilot _____ Co-Pilot _____

Address _____ Tel.# _____

Number of people _____ X \$10.00 = Total Enclosed \$ _____

Will you be going to the fish fry? _____ Yes _____ No

Questions???? Call Byron's (315) 458-3601 or Coldren's (315) 458- 3290



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New York Centrals
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Cicero, NY 13039



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