



# New York Centrals

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## May Rally Report

Our first rally of the season was held at Cherry Grove in Wolcott with 17 coaches attending. Six coaches came on Thursday and the remaining coaches arrived all day Friday. The weather left a lot to be desired, but that did not ruin our good time. It just meant that most of our socializing was done in our respective motorhomes or up in the dry, fairly warm building that the campground made available to us.

On Friday evening many of us had dinner at the local Elks Club in Wolcott and enjoyed their varied menu (not just fish!). Then back to the campground for snacks and chit chat up in the building. Saturday morning found us having doughnuts and coffee followed by the chapter meeting. Back up for snacks in the afternoon followed by the pot luck supper complete with Hoffman hotdogs cooked by Jerry and Dick.

Everyone seemed to have a good time in spite of the weather and that made it all worthwhile. It is always fun at the first rally to catch up after the winter and find out how and where everyone spent their time since we last saw each other.

Thanks to everyone who helped us out with rally chores.

Submitted by rally hosts and co-hosts---Jerry and Joyce Byron and Dick and Sharon Coldren

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## RALLY SCHEDULE 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
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 1 - 4, 2006	Gatineau Hot Air Balloon Festival  <u>NEW</u> Guests of - 1000 Island Voyagers	Stan and Pierrette Williams 613-829-0226
Sept 15-17, 2006	TBA Lake Placid, NY	Evelyn and Dave Blovat
October	Dinner Meeting	TBA



**26th  
Annual  
Strawberry  
Festival**  
Saturday, June 17, 2006  
Historic Village of  
Owego, New York

## President Reports

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Bart Barton

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Thank you Joyce, Sharon, Jerry and Dick for getting the 2006 rally season off to a great start. In spite of a cold weekend with some showers, it was warm and sunny in the clubhouse where we had two great happy hours, delicious donuts with coffee, a super pot luck supper with hot dogs and sauerkraut (the only way to eat hot dogs) and a great breakfast provided by the campground staff. We had a good time renewing friendships with folks we hadn't seen since last fall. Stories and tall tales were exchanged, some were probably even true. And we left looking forward to the rest of the rallies this year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Bob Shaw for the terrific job he has done on the newsletter and the new website. If you haven't logged on recently, please go to [www.newyorkcentrals.com](http://www.newyorkcentrals.com). It is a treasure trove of information about the New York Centrals, our rallies, our favorite recipes and much more. Bob has some great ideas about future improvements for both the newsletter and the new website. Look for some of his ideas elsewhere in this newsletter.

Finally, I want to urge you to try and make as many rallies as you can this year. Yes, I know gas and diesel are expensive. But they are a lot cheaper than they will be next year and even the year after that. We are trying to keep costs down. We are doing more dry camping because it is cheaper than paying campground fees. We are planning rallies in all corners of our geographical area so at least one should be real close to where you live.

And when you compare the hours of fun and good times, the great food, and the friendships we have built over the years, New York Centrals rallies are a great value.

Fuel to get to rally and back:	\$80.00
Campground and rally fees:	\$65.00
Good fun and fellowship:	Priceless!!

Besides, what are you going to do with that motor home in your yard, turn it into the world's most expensive paperweight? Come to one or more of our rallies this year and rekindle the fun and joy of the New York Centrals.

Bart

## Membership Chairperson sez:

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Sharon Coldren

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George & Tina Saba have purchased another motorhome and have rejoined the Centrals. Welcome Sabas; we look forward to seeing you at future rallies.

Thanks to everyone who have paid their dues. If you have not, please check the date on the front of your newsletter to see if you are due. You may send your check, made out to New York Centrals, to me at 110 Chestnut St., N. Syracuse, N.Y. 13212. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sharon Coldren

## Secretary Reports

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Elaine Barton

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It was SO good to see everyone again! Even with the bad weather, we managed well and I think everyone had a good time. Thanks again to the Byrons and the Coldrens for a very nice rally. The next rally in Owego for the Strawberry Festival sounds like a good time too. You won't even have to drive into town to go!!!!!!!

Just a reminder that if you know of a member who is ill, has had surgery or has lost a family member, please let me know so I can send a card to them. Thank you.

Hope we see you in June.

Elaine

# From Our Members

**Subject:** Fwd: Operation Homefront Quilts - Fabric Received

Dear Jan, (Pugsley)

In response to your letter received today, I am confirming the receipt of a large box of fabric including embroidered appliques on November 8, 2005 shipped via FedEx. Thank you and your group for their generosity. So far, we have sent over 1,500 quilts to 1,204 families of our fallen heroes. We have several hundred quilts at the moment that we will be sewing the soldiers' labels on and sending in the next couple of months.

Jessica is going to college full time and working part time so she does the quilting and I do everything else. I have been sick twice since the beginning of the year and last month I had pneumonia so I am just getting back my strength. I hope to be a lot more productive this coming month.

You may view a sample of the quilts that have been sent along with some comments from the families at:

<http://westpascoquilters.org/ohfq.htm>

Thank you again for desiring to honor our fallen heroes and their families.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Joanne M. Porter  
(Jessica's mom & secretary)

## **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.

**FREE !!!!!!!**

Gordon Nugent (3'5) 458-5201

## **Webmaster**

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Bob Shaw

## **Newsletter**

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At the request of some of our members we have added a "cell phone" column to our membership list.

The thought behind it is that many of us winter in Florida and Arizona and sometimes it would be nice to have a get together. Most of us don't know how to contact other Centrals when they are away from home for extended periods.

Providing your cell phone number is strictly voluntary. Please e-mail or call me if you wish to participate. Members are reminded to use discretion when calling another's cell phone. We don't want to waste someone's minutes with idle chatter.

**Remember, access to our Membership List is password protected so this information is not available to the general public.**

The 'Bring a Dish to Pass' dinner at the Wolcott rally proved that everyone has at least one outstanding recipe.

Everything was SOooooooooo good. With this newsletter we have revived the '**Recipe Corner**.'

Please submit your favorite culinary delights or the ingredients of Grandma's special apple pie. With you help this could be a great column that members would look forward to every month. I will only publish recipes submitted by you; our readers.

E-mail: [Recipes@NewYorkCentrals.com](mailto:Recipes@NewYorkCentrals.com) or Snail mail: Recipes, 5739 Sunset Terrace, Cicero, NY 13039

*Bob*

Would you like a prestigious e-mail address like [xxxxx@NewYorkCentrals.com](mailto:xxxxx@NewYorkCentrals.com) ? xxxx can be any unique combinations of letters and numbers. If so contact the Webmaster. There is no charge for this service.



## Recipe Corner

Members are encouraged to submit their favorite recipe  
[Recipe@NewYorkCentrals.com](mailto:Recipe@NewYorkCentrals.com)

### Spinach, Fruit and Blue Cheese Salad

(I tripled the recipe for the rally)

#### Ingredients:

6 cups fresh baby spinach  
 2 pints strawberries  
 1 cup mandarin oranges, drained but reserve  
 2 Tablespoons juice  
 1/2 cup blue cheese, crumbled  
 1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted  
 1/2 cup currant jelly  
 3 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar

For the dressing, heat the jelly in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat and stir in the vinegar and orange juice.

In a large bowl combine the spinach, strawberries, oranges and blue cheese. Drizzle with dressing and toss to coat. Sprinkle with pine nuts. Serve immediately.

Charlotte Burrell

### Italian Pasta Salad

By Bart Barton

This is an easy to prepare salad that can be partially made up ahead of time. I cook the pasta at home and store it in a zip lock bag. Add four or five vegetables, cheese and your favorite salad dressing at the rally. For the May 2006 Rally I used the following:

1-pound Penne Pasta  
 1 onion diced  
 1 orange bell pepper diced  
 1 stalk of broccoli flowerets cut up small  
 1 can small black pearl olives washed & drained, cut in half  
 1 package grape tomatoes sliced in half or thirds  
 1 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese  
 1 bottle Wegmans Italian Parmesan Dressing

Two or three hours before serving, mix all the cut vegetables together in a large salad bowl. Add the pasta and toss well to mix the vegetables through. Add the cheese and toss again. Finally, add the salad dressing and toss again. Let it marinate in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

You can substitute/add sliced mushrooms, frozen peas, carrots (shredded or sliced thin), cauliflower, chick peas or just about any vegetable you like. Most any form of pasta can be used as well as any Italian dressing.

## New E-mail Addresses

To make it easier to communicate with your officers we have established the following e-mail addresses. As the officers change the e-mail addresses will remain the same.

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## THOUSAND ISLAND VOYAGERS OTTAWA RALLY

### Gatineau Hot Air Balloon Festival

<http://www.montgolfieresgatineau.com/>

Sept 1- 4, 2006

Stan and Pierrette Williams will be the rally masters  
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The Gatineau Hot Air Balloon Festival at Gatineau QC which is right across the river from Ottawa, Canada's capital. This is the most important balloon festival in Canada and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in the world. The event is governed by the FAA. The balloons come from Canada, USA, Europe .and Africa.

This rally is very different from our regular chapter rallies as the meals will be available from over 60 vendors on site. There will be over 300 shows, busker competitions magic shows and a full midway for the younger generation.

The festival will allow us to have a tent on site so that we can have our usual meetings, morning coffee, donuts, and fruit for both Saturday and Sunday and to socialize during the three days

There is an RV area that can hold over 1000 RV's dry camping, water is available on site as well as 10 dump stations.

The balloons will launch every morning at 6.30 am and at 5.30 pm weather permitting .balloon rides can be purchased but with the large crowds you should make arrangements for balloon rides early .

on Saturday the winner of the international fireworks competition will put on a show.

Cost in Canadian funds

Rally fee \$30.

2 nites camping @ \$15. Total \$ 30.

Site bracelet which must be purchased and will give you access to all shows plus tram service within the site plus the Gatineau metro bus service .this service can also take you to the **Casino du Lac-Leamy** and to downtown Ottawa. Cost of this pass is \$ 25. Per person for the entire rally.

Or if you stay longer for the length of the festival.

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The festival has 1000 RV spots and the only way that they will place us all together is to registration by July 1<sup>st</sup> 06.

So everyone interested in attending would have to send in their registration to myself so that i can pay and register everyone by July 1/06

There can be late registrations but you would not likely be near the rally.

The festival has tried to set up staging areas for entrance but have been unavailable .there are two large Walmart stores and i will make arrangements for overnight stays so a number can go in as a group

It has also been suggested that some chapters like Allo Quebec and NY centrals, Fingerlakers and Bounders Club may like to join our rally.

It has been suggested that tours could be set up as many people likely have not visited ottawa ,canada capital.

I have a box of 2005 programs to give you an idea of the scope and magnitude of this festival.

Please register early

This is my first rally and I have a lot of planning to do>

Stan and Pierrette Williams

F211381 Member of 1000 Island Voyageurs Fingerlakers and NY Centrals





## HICKORIES PARK CAMPGROUND

259 Hickories Park Road, Owego N.Y.

(607) 687-1199

June 16, 17, 18, 2006

### DIRECTIONS

From Elmira heading east on Rt 17/86 take exit 65, turn right at the first light, turn right at the second light and go straight over the river bridge and bear left on 17C West, you will come to another light. At light go straight thru, the Holiday Inn Express will be on your right and McDonalds on the left, this will be Hickory Park road.

From Binghamton heading west on rt 17/86 take exit 65 turn right at the light go straight over the river bridge and bear left on 17C West, you will come to another light. At light go straight thru, the Holiday Inn Express will be on your right and McDonalds on the left, this will be Hickory Park road.

**Hosts: Bill and Kay Leach Co Hosts: Bart and Elaine Barton**

There are 8 sites with electric and water first come \$19.00/night. The rest is dry camping at \$14.00/night

Make reservations with Hosts Thursday arrival is OK for those who wish to do so

### Schedule:

Friday: Dinner is on your own

Saturday: Breakfast - Donuts, Juice, and Coffee

Supper: Chili, Italian Bread, Tossed Salad, Dessert – bring your table setting and drink

Sunday: Breakfast - Donuts, Juice, and Coffee

### Rally Fee and Camping Fee:

\$10.00 per person (16 and under free). Send Rally fee and reservation to Kay Leach, 11914 River Road, Corning, NY 14830

F# \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Co Pilot \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.# \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of nights camping \_\_\_\_\_ X Camping fee = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

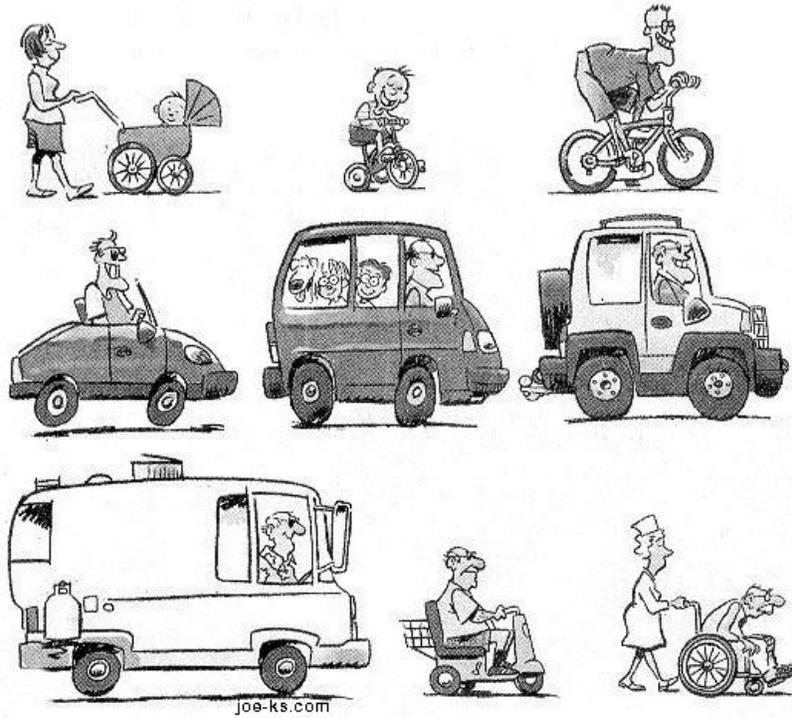
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THIS IS THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL WEEKEND

**Questions???? Call Leach's (607) 562-3059**



# The Wheels of Life



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