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The June rally was held at the Hickories Campground in Owego, New York. The weekend started out well with 6 coaches showing up on Thursday and the remainder arriving during the day Friday. In total we spent the weekend with 16 coaches, 31 people, 17 dogs and 2 cats. We had a happy hour to renew old friendships and strike up some new ones. Then we got down to the important stuff, where did we plan to go for dinner? Many ended up at the Blue Dolphin.

The weather turned out to be beautiful. We did have a little rain early Saturday morning, but all that accomplished was to put us all back to sleep. We had an early breakfast of coffee, juice, bagels, and donuts, then some went into Owego to the Strawberry Festival. All who attended seemed to have a good time. Some stayed in camp to get ready for dinner later that day. Bart spent most of the day attending to the Chili. Others spent the day sitting in the shade, relaxing and talking.

Dinner turned out to be a rousing success. Everyone seemed to enjoy eating the Chili even if it was 85 degrees in the shade. We held a short meeting to discuss a few issues, and then went on to giving out the door prizes. We held a 50/50 raffle and came up with \$37.00 for the club. We then had our dessert and adjourned to the campfire.

Sunday turned out to be another beautiful day. We again had our breakfast of coffee, juice, bagels, and donuts. We had some food left that we raffled off, which added another \$8.75 to the kitty. Some of the guys attempted to help Carol find out what was causing her battery problem. Apparently the problem was resolved as she drove away under her own power.

There were a few of us left when we were treated to an impromptu hill climb by the "Sheriff." He just had to prove that his Saturn could make the climb.

We would like to thank everyone who came, everyone who helped out when really needed, and especially Bart for making the Chili.

All in all everyone seemed to have a good time.

Kay and Bill Leach Hosts. Bart and Elaine Barton Co-hosts.

RALLY SCHEDULE 2006

Date	Place	Hosts
14-16, 2006	Erie Canal Village Rome, NY	Sandy and Paul Hallagan
1st 4-6, 2006	Finger Lakes Casino Farmington, NY	Elaine and Bart Barton
	Guests-1000 Island Voyagers	
1st 1-4, 2006	Gatineau Balloon Festival	Stan and Pierrette Williams
	Guests of - 1000 Is Voyagers	613-829-0226



Welcome to the Erie Canal
Village...
A Step Into History

President Reports

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Bart Barton

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We had a great time at the Hickories in Owego thanks to Kay and Bill Leach. Elaine and I helped out where we could but Kay and Bill were the masterminds of the venture and created a great rally. They also arranged for sunshine for the three days as well. The strawberry festival was really something. We will probably be back in a couple of years so keep tuned if you missed this one.

Bill, Paul and I want to thank those Centrals who

Smitka and Char and Rich Burrell will each take one next year. Thank you folks!

Next month we are at Erie Canal Village in Rome and in August we are at the Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack in Farmington with the 1000 Island Voyagers as invited guests. Check out Bob Shaw's terrific website, www.newyorkcentrals.com, for more details and links to the rally attractions.

Elaine and I hope we see you at one or more of

have stepped up to volunteer as rally hosts next year. Esther and Jerry Rogers, Rich and Georgi
our rallies this year.
Bart

Membership Chairperson sez:

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Sharon Coldren

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First thing--we want to welcome back to New York Centrals--Gordon and Donnie Nugent. Hope to see them at a rally down the road!

Second thing--at the risk of sounding like a broken record, I would like to remind you that TIME IS RUNNING OUT to pay this year's dues if you have not already done so. We certainly do not want to drop anyone from our membership for lack of payment of dues!

Thanks to all who have already paid. We appreciate it.

You can send checks to me at: Sharon Coldren, 110 Chestnut St., N. Syracuse, N.Y. 13212. If in doubt about whether you owe or not-check the front of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sharon Coldren

Secretary Reports

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Elaine Barton

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It was so nice to see everyone at the rally. There were (I think) 16 coaches in all. We all got to see and talk with everyone. The Strawberry Festival was very nice, but it was very hot!!!!!!!

We are going to try something new. The minutes of the last two meetings are going to be published on the website every month. The minutes will be on the Members Only page of the website. Hopefully, this will keep everyone up to date on what is happening within the group.

Hope to see you all at the next rally in Rome. I know Sandy and Paul have worked very hard to put this rally together. It sounds like a lot of fun!

It was so hot Hickories Park; to keep the meeting short we waived the reading of the secretary's minutes from May and agreed to put them in the newsletter and on the web site.

Elaine

May Minutes

Reading of the minutes of the May 2006 meeting were waived with the understanding they would be published in the newsletter and posted on the website. Here they are:

May 20, 2006 Cherry Grove Campground

Meeting was called to order by President Bart Barton at 9:30 A.M. The president then led us in the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for the departed members and the troops in Iraq.

Secretary's report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$807.71
Took in: \$541.00
Spent: \$244.17
Balance left \$1,104.54

1st VP: Thanked everyone for coming, next month's rally to be Owego for the Strawberry Festival where there will be only a few electric sites.

Some ideas that are being looked into are: Sampson State Park

Jim's Marina
Renaissance Fair
Glens Falls
Madrid
Boonville

We need hosts and co-hosts for next year.

Papers were handed out to sign up for the next rally in Owego

2nd VP: July rally will be at the Erie Canal Village. It will be dry camping with Sat. lunch and Sunday breakfast. There will be a train or boat ride on Friday PM and there are fireworks in Rome that weekend. There is a casino up the road and a lot of other things to do around there. We need to be out by noon on Sunday; if anyone wants to stay longer Paul has room at his home.

National Director: the biggest thing is the change that will be voted on at the national rally in Charlotte this Aug. The changes would eliminate the Alt. Director, limit the Natl. Director to a term of 6 years and club elections would be for 2 years instead of 1. Dick wanted to know how we wanted him to vote. Esther made a motion that Dick vote NO to the by-law changes. Motion was seconded and carried.

Membership Chairman is now Sharon Coldren.

Website: please send in anything you want in the newsletter. We can go to 10 pages without costing more postage. Pictures can now be put on the website and any member can have their e-mail through newyorkcentrals.com. The newsletter has an e-mail address, newsletter@newyorkcentrals.com. Rally info will go onto the website as soon as Bob receives it and deadline for newsletter is the week before the end of the month so the newsletter can be mailed on the 1st or 2nd of the next month.

Bart read the letter that Jan received from the girl's mother where we sent the material. She was very grateful for the material and the club's efforts.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Esther stated that area rallies are being very sparsely attended. Work continues on the NJ rally for next July and asked if the NYC still wanted to do the seminars. Motion was made by Esther that we would do the seminars. Motion was seconded and carried.

Esther is also compiling a list of everyone's cell phone number so people can get together in Florida.

Bart asked if we wanted to do a 50/50 raffle at the rallies this year and put the money away to use next year for our 30th Anniversary. Dick Heifferon made a motion that we do this, motion was seconded and carried.

Jim Mancini made a motion to adjourn, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Elaine

Alt. National Director

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Jean Canfield

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Just wanted you to know that the Alternate National Director is alive and well. Jim and I enjoyed the Strawberry Festival rally in Owego.

We plan to attend the FMCA Convention in Charlotte, NC in August. The Governing Board meeting should be an interesting one. Among the proposals to be considered are eliminating the Alternate National Director position, putting term limits on National Directors and using mail-in ballots rather than a Governing Board meeting in the future.

I hope to see you all at the July rally at Erie Canal Village in Rome.

Jean

Member's Area

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



Discover Gas Card



Some of you may not be aware that a Discover Card can be designated a "Gas" card and you are then eligible for a 5% cash rebate on all gas and diesel purchases up to \$1500 per year. From \$1500 to \$3000 the rebate is 3% and after \$3000 it is 1%. I've been using mine for over a year now and have over \$150 built up in cash rebates.

If you are paying \$3.00 per gallon for fuel, with the 5% rebate your actual cost is \$2.85 per gallon. Not a bad deal. You do need to pay the balance in full each month though, or the interest rates will eat up your rebate.

If you already have a Discover card, just call 1-800-D-I-S-C-O-V-E-R and ask to have it designated a "Gas" card. If you don't have a card, call the same number to apply.

Bart

A Great Security Tip!

Sometimes we overlook the really simple things in life that can be a life saver...!!

When someone is trying to get into your house, or if you hear a noise outside your house, keep your car keys next to your bed on the night stand, and just press the panic alarm on your car.



It will go off from most everywhere inside your house, and keep honking until your battery runs down, or until you reset it with the button on the key chain.

This should frighten any intruders away!! OR at least scare the bejabbers out of them....and give you time to call 911!

Jan Pugsley



The 30th anniversary of the NY Centrals is coming fast. As a celebration of that occasion, we are going to do a directory with color pictures of our members. We also want to include a recipe from each family and that will make this a keepsake that will be used for years to come.

It will be given as the favor at the anniversary banquet and will be available for purchase by those who cannot attend that particular campout or who want an extra copy. Esther Rogers will be compiling the booklet and Bob Shaw will be printing it (as of this writing).

We will need your picture and your recipe as soon as you can, but not later than October 15 as the job will be a large one and we want it ready for distribution in May 2007.

Please send your picture and recipe to Esther at 1512 State Route 264, Phoenix, NY 13135 or by email (if you can scan your picture in) to grogers2@twcny.rr.com . If you have questions call Esther at 315-593-7369. Bob can take a digital picture at any rally if you don't have a picture you want to use.

Esther



Recipe Corner

Members are encouraged to submit their favorite recipe
Recipe@NewYorkCentrals.com

**Mock Banana Cream Pie
By Bart Barton**

This easy to prepare dessert is best made up a day ahead of time and refrigerated. Line the bottom of a 9" by 13" pan with 'Nilla Wafers placing them as close together as possible. Carefully spoon/spread two cans vanilla pudding over the cookies so as not to move them. Then place sliced bananas over the pudding, again placing them as close together as possible. Then spoon/spread the other two cans of vanilla pudding over the bananas. Top with some more 'Nilla Wafers spread out over the top so it looks nice.

- 1 box 'Nilla Wafers
- 4 – 15 ounce cans vanilla pudding*
- 3 – 4 bananas

* Not all grocery stores carry canned pudding any more because of the popularity of "snack packs". Thank You brand is what I usually get. You can use the snack packs as well; just by the equivalent of 60 ounces.



Keep the recipes coming

I will see that they also get to Esther for her book.

BART'S "TEXAS" CHILI

MILD CHILI

- 2 lbs. meat (hamburg or finely cubed stew meat; (you can also use half meat and half sausage)
- 1 28oz can diced tomatoes
- 1 15oz can tomato sauce
- 2 15oz cans red kidney beans
- 2-3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup honey
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 2 Tbsp parsley flakes
- 2 tsp oregano
- 1/8 tsp black pepper
- 1 level Tbsp chili powder
- 1 6 oz can tomato paste

Brown meat in large Dutch oven. I like meatier chili so I usually use closer to 2 1/2 to 3 lbs meat. Add tomatoes, sauce, and beans. Then add the rest of the ingredients and simmer for at least three hours, stirring frequently to keep from sticking.

Red Hot Texas Chili

For Red Hot Texas Chili, in addition to the above add the following:

- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1 more Tbsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp Cayenne red pepper
- 2 - 3 Jalapeno peppers
- 1 Habanera pepper

Peppers to use

- Jalapeno - relatively mild
- Serrano - medium hot
- Habanera (Scotch bonnets) - very hot

For my hot chili at the rally, I added 3 Jalapeno and 2 Serrano peppers. I did not add Cumin or Cayenne pepper. By reducing the Cayenne, extra chili powder, and number or type of peppers you can adjust the degree of heat in the chili. Also, feel free to add more brown sugar and/or honey. The sweetness helps mitigate the burn.

Send your newsworthy articles to:



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August 4 – 6, 2006
Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack
5857 Route 96
Farmington NY 14425

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

Hosts: Elaine and Bart Barton
Invited Guests - 1000 Island Voyagers
Limited to 60 coaches

Directions: Just 70 miles west of Syracuse, NY. From I-90, the NYS Thruway, take Exit 44 about 1.3 miles south to NY Route 96 (2nd traffic light). Turn left on Route 96 to the next traffic light, .3 miles. Turn right onto Beaver Creek Road and the entrance to the Casino will be to your left .3 miles. Please do not use the main entrance to the casino.

NOTE: There is no water or dump station on the grounds. Please come in with full water and empty holding tanks. The truck stop at Exit 41 (mile marker 320) has a nice dump station and fresh water fill up.

We think this rally is a real bargain, only \$48.00 US per coach (two people). Children 16 and under can camp for free but will have to pay for Saturday's meals. This price includes 2 or 3 nights dry camping (no extra charge for Thursday night), Saturday morning breakfast for two, Saturday night prime rib dinner for two, and Sunday morning coffee and donuts. This will be dry camping on flat level ground at the Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack in Farmington, NY.

Area attractions include Phelps Sauerkraut Festival (20 minutes), Finger Lakes wineries (30 minutes), Sonnenberg Gardens and Granger Homestead (15 minutes), Ivy Thimble Quilt Store (10 minutes) Canandaigua Lake and Roseland Water Park (25 minutes) Eastview Mall (15 minutes), Waterloo Outlet Mall (40 minutes), Ontario Antique Mall (5 minutes), Five Season's Gift Shop (5 minutes) and many other shops and boutiques in Canandaigua and Victor (15 minutes). Of course the "slot machines" and horse racing are right on site.

For more information, check our website at www.newyorkcentrals.com or email bartonta@rochester.rr.com. If you email, please put NY Centrals August Rally in the subject line or it may get deleted as spam.

Registration Form

Pilot: _____ **Copilot** _____ **FMCA #** _____

Guest(s): _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State/Province: _____ **Zip/Postal Code** _____ **Phone:** _____

Please enclose rally fee of \$24.00 US per person.

New York Centrals Mail to: Elaine Barton, 4342 Shortsville Rd, Shortsville NY 14548-9766

1000 Island Voyagers Mail to: Norm Buist 685 County Rd 2, Lansdowne, ON K0E 1L0

Questions?

email bartonta@rochester.rr.com or call 585-289-4792. After August 2nd, call 585-200-0184
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 (315) 337-3999

<http://www.ErieCanalVillage.net>



HOST: Paul and Sandy Hallagan (315) 762-5698

Check in time: 12:00 PM* on Friday July 14th

Check out time 12:00 PM* on Sunday July 16th

Cost of Rally is \$65.00 per couple

This will be dry camping, dump station and water will be available.

- 1) This will include admission to the Erie Canal Village
 - A) Boat ride
 - B) B. Train ride
- 2) Friday night get together snacks available bring your own drink
- 3) Saturday morning Donuts, juice, and coffee
- 4) Saturday lunch at Bennett's Tavern
- 5) Saturday night get together for meeting at the Sykes Pavilion.
- 6) Sunday breakfast at Bennett's Tavern

* Any one who wishes to come early or stay late are welcome to stay on our property. We can accommodate several rigs.

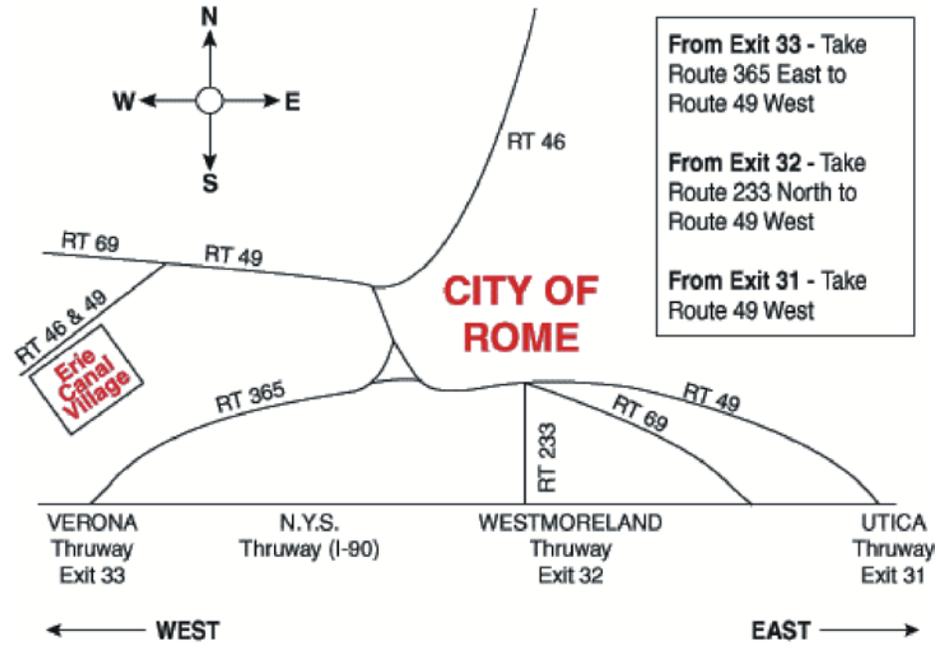
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Mail to: Sandy Hallagan, PO Box 72, Verona Beach, NY 13162

PILOT: _____ COPILOT: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ FMCA NUMBER: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____





A sneak peek at the 2007 models.

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