

# New York Centrals

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## August Rally Report

We had another great rally at Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack. Between the New York Centrals and the Thousand Island Voyagers we had 23 coaches. The weather was perfect; warm, sunny and breezy. The food was great. We played the "slots", bet on the ponies, visited the sauerkraut festival, and went to the firemen's field days. Some of us just sat around and caught up with old friends.

Jan and Lloyd Pugsley stopped by for the wine and cheese meet and greet on Friday afternoon. And Richard and Rita Snyder came Saturday afternoon to sit and chat and joined us for the prime rib dinner. Richard, I am sorry I didn't get to talk with you more. I got involved with getting everything ready for the dinner and next thing I knew it was over and you were leaving.

The casino gave away a Porsche Boxter Saturday night and Dianne Buist was a semi-finalist in the drawing. Unfortunately, she did not win it. Maybe it was just as well Norm, I don't think you could have towed it four down anyway.

Elaine and I want to thank Kay and Bill Leach and Sandy and Paul Hallagan for all the help they gave us at the rally. Thanks guys.

Bart

OFFICERS	
President	Bart Barton
1st Vice President	Bill Leach
2nd Vice President	Paul Hallagan
Membership	Sharon Coldren
Secretary	Elaine Barton
Treasurer	Sharon Shaw
National Director	Dick Heifferon
Alt Nat'l Director	Jean Canfield
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## Anniversary Book

Don't forget to send your recipes and pictures to me via email at [grogers2@twcny.rr.com](mailto:grogers2@twcny.rr.com) or by snail mail at 1512 State Route 264, Phoenix, NY 13135.

Our deadline is October 15. Don't be left out of this book. I think it will become a real keepsake.

Esther Rogers

The nominating committee will present the following at the September meeting:

President: Bart Barton  
 1st. Vice President: Bill Leach  
 2nd Vice President: Paul Hallagan  
 Secretary: Elaine Barton  
 Treasurer: Sharon Shaw  
 National Director: Richard Heifferon  
 Alt. National Director: Jean Canfield

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at that time.

Don Daly, Nominating Committee Chairman

## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

The NY Centrals get together in Florida will be held on January 16, February 13 and March 13.

We will meet at Plant City at Parkesdale for Strawberries and conversation. 2 PM will be the meeting time. We hope you can join us. Check the directory for cell phone numbers and call Rita Snyder or Esther Rogers if you have questions



## President Reports

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Bart Barton

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I would like to encourage all of you to try to make it to Herkimer next month. Not only is it elections, but it is also our last rally for 2006. It is going to be a long winter, especially for those of us who will be stuck in upstate New York all winter. Let's get together for a final fling before we go our separate ways for the winter. Hope to see you all there.

Also, we are planning an October Dinner Get-together for October 22nd. We will try to get the same restaurant as last year. Watch the website for more details as they become available.

Bart

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I hope everyone enjoyed the campout at the Finger Lakes racetrack, and casino, as much as we did. We had to leave early but if breakfast was any indication, dinner must have been great.

I would like to summarize what we have for next years campouts.

May: Rich and Georgie Smitka will be our hosts.

June: Gerry and Ester Rogers 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New York Centrals

July: N.E.A.R rally at Augusta, New Jersey

August: Waddington, New York with the 1000 Island Voyagers

Sept: Rich and Charlotte Burrell

October: Don and Diane Daily at Lancaster, Pennsylvania

We now have hosts for next year, but we still have to finalize some of the locations. Please keep in touch so that we will be able to keep you up to date on what will be happening next year.

Bill

## Membership Chairperson sez:

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Sharon Coldren

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As of the end of August, sixteen members have been dropped from active membership in the New York Centrals. That leaves us with 84 active members.

Sharon Coldren



## FOR SALE BY OWNER



- ✚ Beige captain's chair for motorhome-\$50
- ✚ Beige barrel chair for motorhome-\$50
- ✚ One pedestal base for one of the chairs
- ✚ Bendix washer/dryer combo-not used in 3 years so, may need work. \$100

Call Dick Coldren at 458-5290

# Alt. National Director

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Jean Canfield

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Dick Hefferon and I attended the Governing Board meeting at FMCA's 76<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Charlotte. NC

Three hundred ninety-five chapters, 79% of the chapters, were represented. The proposals to eliminate the Alternate National Director position and to place a 6-year term limit on the National Director position were voted down overwhelmingly.

Likewise, the proposal to overhaul the Governance of FMCA by adding a Board of Area Representatives between the Governing Board and the Executive Board was resoundingly defeated. A proposal to change the investment position from a 50/50 (treasuries/equities) mix to a 40/60 mix with international exposure was approved.

FMCA is in good financial shape with net assets of \$13.6 million as of Dec. 31, 2005.

Future convention sites are:

Perry, GA	Mar. 19-22, 2007
Redmond, OR	Aug. 13-16, 2007
Pomona, CA	Feb. 25-28, 2008
St. Paul, MN	Jul. 14-17, 2008
Perry, GA	Winter 2009
Louisville, KY	Summer 2009
Albuquerque, NM	Winter 2010
Redmond, OR	Summer 2010

The official coach count for the 76th International Convention at Lowe's Motor Speedway was 4158. That figure included 3105 family coaches, 237 exhibitor live-in coaches, 586 display coaches, and 230 demo units.

Jim and I will not be at the Sept. rally due to a niece's wedding. Hopefully we will see you in October.

Jean



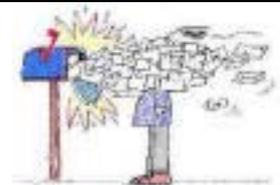
## KOA 10% Discount Coupons

**KOA sent us a bunch of 10% discount coupons which will be available at the August Rally. If you can't make that rally and would like one or more (they are good through December 2006) let me know how many you want and I'll mail them to you. Just email [bartonta@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bartonta@rochester.rr.com) or call 585-289-4792**

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## FROM OUR BY-LAWS

### SECTION 3 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1) All Officers shall be elected at the September meeting.
- 2) The nominating committee shall present the slate of officers at the July meeting and give same to the newsletter editor who will publish the slate in the August newsletter.
- 3) Nominations shall be taken from the floor at the September meeting.

### SECTION 1 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

#### PRESIDENT:

- 1) The elected Chapter President is the leader of the Chapter and presides at Chapter meetings.
- 2) The President is the chairman of the Chapter's Executive Committee.
- 3) The President appoints the members of all Chapter committees, except the Chapter Nominating Committee, and is an ex-officio voting member of all appointive committees.

#### 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

- 1) The Chapter 1st Vice President assists the President and serves as presiding officer in the absence of the President from any duly-called meeting.
- 2) Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of President, or upon inability or refusal to preside, the 1st Vice President performs all the duties of the President. When so acting, the 1st Vice President exercises the authority and is subject to the same limitations as apply to the President.
- 3) Secures all rally sites. All sites considered shall require an initial inquiry and a *confirmation* in writing.
- 4) Acts as Wagon Master and secures Rally Hosts for all rallies.

#### ADDITIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS:

- 1) The Executive Board shall determine the need for additional Vice Presidents for the coming year. This shall be done in a timely manner allowing the Nominating Committee ample time to secure candidates.
- 2) The Chapter Vice President(s) assists the President and 1st Vice President and serve as presiding officer in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President from any duly called meeting.
- 3) Shall perform the duties set forth by the Executive Board.

#### CHAPTER SECRETARY:

##### DUTIES TO FMCA:

- 1) Certain obligations and duties of the Chapter Secretary are required and include the following:
- 2) The Chapter Secretary shall keep accurate and up-to-date records of the chapter membership and forward to the National Office a membership list of names and FMCA numbers of the chapter's members, along with a list of incumbent chapter officers and certification that the chapter held at least two (2) meetings in the Chapter's current fiscal year. These reports are to be sent to the National Office no later than the last week in December in each year.
- 3) The Chapter Secretary shall promptly report, in writing, to the National Office of FMCA, the results of any election or change in status of Chapter officers, National Director and Alternate National Director. The report shall include addresses and telephone numbers of each person so elected.
- 4) Failure to annually forward a membership list and certification of meetings held, shall result in the suspension of the right to vote by the National Director or Alternate National Director.

##### OTHER DUTIES:

- 1) The Chapter Secretary is expected to record in a Chapter Minute Book the proceedings of all meetings of the Chapter's membership, and the Executive Committee.
- 2) The minutes of the chapter meetings shall be read and approved at the next meeting, unless said reading is waived by majority vote.
- 3) Minutes of all chapter meetings are to be kept available in the event a member desires to read them.
- 4) The minutes of the Executive Committee shall be read at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

#### CHAPTER TREASURER

- 1) Receives, safeguards, and holds all Chapter funds in the name of the Chapter and in the capacity as its trustee and fiscal agent.
- 2) Keeps accurate accounts of all Chapter funds and renders reports on same at each business meeting of the Chapter's membership, and as may be required by the Chapter's Executive Board.
- 3) Disburses Chapter funds only for authorized Chapter purposes, and only in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 4) Prepare and distribute a summary (Treasurers Summary) of the current years financial transactions, which shall be presented at the Annual Business meeting.

#### NATIONAL DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR:

- 1) The National Director is elected to serve on the Governing Board of FMCA.
- 2) The Alternate National Director shall serve whenever the National Director is unable to serve.
- 3) Chapter Officers are not precluded from election as the National Director or as the Alternate National Director.
- 4) Members of the same family unit may not serve as National Director and Alternate National Director in this Chapter concurrently. Such members may hold these offices in different chapters. i.e.. One member may serve as National Director in this chapter and another person of the same family unit may be the National Director or Alt National Director of another chapter.
- 5) The term of office of a newly elected National Director or Alternate National Director begins fourteen (14) days after receipt by the National Office of notice of said election, and the term, extends until a successor is duly elected and qualified.
- 6) If a vacancy occurs in the office of National Director, the Alternate National Director shall immediately assume this office, and this shall be promptly reported in writing to the National Office. If the incumbent Alternate Director cannot serve as National Director, the Chapter is to promptly nominate and elect a member to fill the vacancy in the office of National Director and notify the National Office.

### SECTION 2 - TERMS OF OFFICE:

The elected officers of this Chapter shall serve a one-year term of office and be elected annually.

### SECTION 3 - OFFICER LIMITATIONS:

- 1) There shall be no limit to the number of terms an elected officer may serve.
- 2) An individual FMCA member may hold no more than two (2) offices in the same chapter and may not hold a chapter office in more than one chapter.
- 3) Only Full Members, Full Lifetime Members, Life Members, or Honorary Members, who have advanced from one of the aforementioned classes, have the right to hold office in this Chapter.
- 4) No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any Chapter property, except as required by law.

September 15 - 17, 2006

**Herkimer Diamond Mines KOA**

4606 Route 28 North  
Herkimer NY 13350

<http://www.herkimerdiamond.com>

**Hosts: Evelyn and Dave Blovat**

The Herkimer Diamond Mines KOA is a very pretty site to have a rally. West Canada Creek is right behind it so if you want to fish, raft or Kayak it is available. We get 10% off on the Diamond Mines and anything we buy in the store. We also get 10% off on a canal cruise, purchases in 60 shops and restaurants in a place called "Gems along the Mohawk", which is just off the Herkimer Thruway Exit. We are an hour from Cooperstown, Fly Creek Cider Mill, and many other places of interest.

**Friday Night**

Attitude adjustment hour. We will have wine and snacks. Bring some snacks if you like a little extra or something different.

Dinner on your own, however, the Crystal Chandelier across the street offers 10% off on all meals, including a \$7.99 fish dinner. As usual, prices are subject to change, but this is the price I received a month ago. There are a lot of good restaurants in the Herkimer area from Diners to pizza to fine dining.

**Saturday Morning**

Coffee, Doughnuts and outstanding Jelly Buns. They will be fresh as my cousin owns the bakery in Little Falls and you will find none better. I have made arrangements to pick them up early Sat Morning.

**Saturday Night**

More attitude adjustment as needed. Ham Dinner provided by Host. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Sunday Morning**

Pancake Breakfast provided by the park, but will be paid for by your rally fee. Manager says it included pancakes, bacon or sausage, juice and coffee.

Check out time is 12:00 noon, but they are flexible on this.

**Please make your reservations directly with the KOA Tel: 315.891.7355 or 800.562.0897 or [hdmkoa@herkimerdiamond.com](mailto:hdmkoa@herkimerdiamond.com)**

Call the camp ground and identify yourself as from the NY Centrals to make reservations so we will all be together. I learned that their normal fee is \$39.00 but the last manager quoted me \$32.00 plus 10% off for KOA members and they will honor this. If you don't have a KOA card [click here](#).

The rally fee is **\$10.00** per person. Please send the rally fee to David and Evelyn Blovat, 5995 Hamilton Road, N. Syracuse, N.Y. 13212. 315-452-1430 or [dblovat1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dblovat1@twcny.rr.com)

Send Rally fee and reservation to Evelyn Blovat, 5995 Hamilton Road, N. Syracuse, NY, 13212.

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

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

Questions???? Call Blovat's at 315-452-1437 or email [dblovat1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dblovat1@twcny.rr.com)



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