

# New York Centrals

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## Help Needed in 2008

Several of the officers will not be running for re-election, newsletter editor will be away for 3 months and, as always, we need rally hosts for next year.

**The New York Centrals is an all volunteer organization. It only works if you do.**

Bart

# We are 30!!

## and celebrate We did!!

FMCA's 14<sup>th</sup> annual National Convention was held in Syracuse in 1977. It was during that convention our New York Centrals Chapter was founded. The following was published in the July 16, 1977 edition of the Syracuse Post Standard.

## Ask Yourself this....

"What kind of a chapter would my chapter be,  
If all the members were just like me.  
You can thoughtfully ask yourself that question,  
If not, perhaps it's a swell suggestion.  
You can sit by the fireside, smoking your pipe.  
Find fault with the officers, censure and gripe.  
Or you can be one who is always on call.  
Both ready and willing to carry the ball.  
To your fellow members you soon will be known,  
As true loyal worker, or else as a drone.  
You can pass on new members, or you can refuse,  
To take any part beyond paying your dues.  
You can stand on the sidelines, or jump in and play,  
Attend every campout or just stay away.  
You can visit his home when a member is ill,  
Or leave all the calling to JOE or BILL.  
Whatever your talents, some job you can do,  
So say to yourself as the past you review.  
What kind of chapter would my chapter be,  
If all the members were just like me."

Andrew L. Mancini L13891  
President of New York Centrals

Andy was the New York Central's First and Third President and remains very active in the chapter today – ed.

**Note:** Anyone, who didn't attend the June Anniversary Rally, and wishes to receive a copy of the Membership Photo & Recipe Booklet, can do so by sending a check for \$8.00 to Bob Shaw 5739 Sunset Terrace, Cicero, NY 13039. Make the check out to the New York Centrals. Price includes shipping. Orders will be accepted until July 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be a one time only printing and can not be repeated. – ed.

## May Rally Report

The May rally was held May 18 - 20 at Cortland Country Music Park in Cortland. We had 7 coaches arrive on Thursday and an additional 15 arrive on Friday for the total of 22 coaches. We had 3 couples come to the rally and join during the rally - the Millers, the Hoods, and the Browns. Welcome! It is good to see new members joining. We also had the Feys attending their first rally and the Sabas back after a time away.

Friday afternoon we had a cocktail party which was attended by all, followed by dinner on your own. That evening there was entertainment in the Opry Barn and a campfire for those who wished to attend.

Saturday morning we had a dish to pass breakfast - everything was delicious. Our business meeting followed. That afternoon several of the ladies got together to make green (what else?) and angel earrings. Saturday evening the Country Music staff put on a delicious chicken bar-B-que followed by entertainment in the Opry Barn.

Sunday morning we were treated to a breakfast put on by the Country Music staff.

I gave door prizes of Medical "stuff" the drug companies and made green and white twirlies as a favor for everyone. Rich and I really enjoyed hosting our first rally! Saturday our awning was caught by a gust of wind and blew over the roof of the camper. Within 2 minutes we had 10 men at our camper helping us get it back rolled up.

We want to give a sincere "Thank You" to all who helped us.

Rich & Charlotte

## June Rally Report

The 30th anniversary rally is officially history. The consensus seemed to be that it was a good one. It sure was as far as we, as hosts, see it.

The parking crew arrived on Wednesday evening and began got settled. Coaches came in starting early Thursday morning. Along with our first 16 coaches came school busses with 175 4th graders. We were asked if we had some volunteers and 5 of us "girls" worked from 10 till 2 with the kids. It was fun, but we all agreed we missed sitting with our books and each of us wondered how we ever worked all day without a break! Thursday night some of the group went to an Irish Pub. They even chatted with the mayor. The hosts missed all that...they slept.

Friday am all that were there enjoyed a pancake and sausage breakfast. Ken did the cooking and all decided the cakes were terrific. Friday evening started the promised eat-a-thon. We had 3 kinds of sandwiches, many kinds of salads (thanks to the chapter members who donated them) and chased all that down with banana splits. We could not have done it without all of the helpers. Esther had a signup list and promptly lost the darn thing, but it went off without at hitch anyhow. Frenchy entertained us with his accordions that night while we fed the Camillus mosquitoes.

Saturday morning started with a huge breakfast. Delicious food and we did not even have to leave the pavilion. The meeting was held that morning as well. At lunch time, anyone who wanted them was able to make sandwiches from the left-overs from Friday night. At 3, Sharon Shaw and her friends set up the wine and snacks and we ate (again) and chatted until time to go down for the banquet. The food was great and everyone was excited to see what Esther's cousin had done with the cake decoration. It looked just like our badge. Be sure to check out the pictures of it if you were not at the party.

It was wonderful to see the former members who visited us for the banquet. Fran Heifferon was there with two of her daughters, Rosemary Wood joined us and so did

Earl and Dot Longley (they have sold their coach). We had a terrific meal at the banquet and afterwards we honored the Presidents that were present. They were Bart Barton, Richard Snyder, Chuck Machell, Nancy Rifken, and Andy Mancini (he is our First President). Also honored were the Charter members who were present. They were Pat Snyder, Nancy Rifken and Andy and Ginny Mancini. How wonderful to have Charter Members there at the 30th celebration. Everyone enjoyed the pictures that Paul Dammers and his granddaughter did for us. Paul donated all of them to our Chapter and we thank him a lot for the time and work that went into them. The picture CD and the Recipe Book were favors for the rally and were very well received. Esther typed the books and edited the pictures, but Bob changed it into a very professional looking document. How lucky we are to have people willing to spend time to do things like that.

We were honored to have as guests for the weekend both the current Area Vice President, Bill Conway and his wife Pat and the newly elected one, Sam Allen and his wife Pat. Lots of our members got a chance to get to know them. A few of the members gathered in the pavilion to feed the mosquitoes again on Saturday evening. This time Frenchy brought his guitar. If you missed our rendition of "Friends in Low Places" you were lucky!

Sunday morning we had another big breakfast and all the men got a chocolate bar for Father's Day. We wonder how many people needed lunch on Sunday.

It is impossible for us as hosts to thank everyone who helped out so we are not going to mention names other than the few already there in this write-up, but we know that we could not possibly have done the rally without the help of all of our friends. It is the friends that we have made that make FMCA so meaningful for Jerry and I. Thanks so much to all of you.

Esther Rogers

## President Reports

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Bart Barton

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# WOW!!!

There is no other way to describe it. If you weren't there, you should have been. Esther and Jerry put together the rally of the century to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a chapter in the FMCA.

The food was superb; the weather great; and the fellowship was fantastic. There aren't enough superlatives in my limited vocabulary to do justice to what Esther and Jerry put together for us so I will just say thanks for an awesome weekend.

I also want to thank our Webmaster and Newsletter Editor Bob Shaw and Esther Rogers for the work they did putting together the directory and recipe book for us. Having spent a fair amount of time swearing at my computer and watching the hourglass as I try to create a simple document, I know they spent many, many hours setting up and formatting those pictures and recipes so we would have a booklet to treasure for many years to come.

And finally, thanks go to Paul Dammers for the picture CD we all got. Paul worked many hours to create that CD before he called tech support (his granddaughter) to put the finishing touches on it. Thanks Paul for sharing some great memories.

Bart

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Reports

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Bill Leach

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I sincerely believe that you could not say enough about the rally that celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was easily one of the best that we have been to in a long time. Esther and Jerry did a beautiful job. Even the weather cooperated and gave us a beautiful weekend.

As you have read in Paul's reports, we are in the process of setting up rallies for next year. We do have some very good prospects, but are still looking for rally sites, and hosts. If you have a good location somewhere in your area, give one of us a call, or drop us a note and tell us about it.

If you are a first time rally host, do not worry about it, there are always old timers around that will help out.

I hope to see many of you at the NEAR rally in July.

Until next time.

Bill Leach 1<sup>st</sup> VP

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Reports

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Paul Hallagan

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Hi every one,

Just got home from the June rally. EXCELLENT RALLY!! Many thanks to Esther & Jerry and the many others that helped. Also I have a special thanks to Tom Hancock who took a group of us on a trip to the local train station, and part of Onondaga county.

We have a few rallies in mind for '08 but I still need help for 2008 & 2009. Get your ideas and thoughts to me.

Hope to see everyone at the next rallies.

Paul

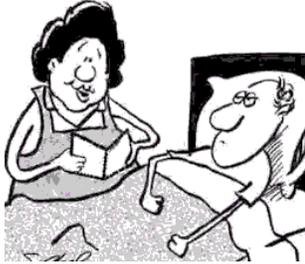
# Secretary Reports

585-289-4792

Elaine Barton

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**Know anybody that is in sickness or distress? In need of our aid or sympathy?**



**Call or email Elaine Barton**

The minutes of the June meeting appear on our website [www.NewYorkCentrals.com](http://www.NewYorkCentrals.com) Look in the Members Only section. – ed.

A great big THANK YOU goes to Esther and Jerry for all their work making our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally on of the best rallies I have attended!!!!!!! They did such a great job! Everyone had a very nice, relaxing weekend.

Thanks to the members that have let me know of members who are ill so I can send them a Get Well wish from the club.

I hope to see some of you at the NEAR Rally in New Jersey. I think it will be a small but nice rally. Augusta is just across the border into New Jersey and is in very pretty country.

The Waddington Rally is coming up in August and that rally is a great one to go to. We had a lot of fun 2 years ago when we were there. Coles Creek campground is only 4-5 miles away if you want somewhere to go before or after the rally. The locks on the St. Lawrence are near Waddington also for anyone who has never been to them.

See you all again soon. It was great to see everyone again.

Elaine

## Membership Chairperson sez:

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Sharon Coldren

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Hi folks,

Just a friendly reminder to Check Your Labels on the newsletter this month to see if you might owe dues for 2007 to 2008. Please mail your check for \$10.00 made out to New York Centrals to: Sharon Coldren 1106 Cloister Court Liverpool, N.Y. 13090.

Thanking you in advance,  
Sharon

## From the National Director

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Jean Canfield

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I'm sorry Jim and I missed the anniversary celebration in Camillus. Heard it was great. I haven't received much from FMCA although I'm getting a few letters from candidates campaigning for national offices. Sam Allen was elected Northeast Area Vice President and will be taking office at the annual NEA meeting in New Jersey. Jim and I will be attending the NEAR in Augusta, New Jersey in July and look forward to seeing you all there.

Jean



## 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



Dear Friends,

I am writing today to express my appreciation for a rarely discussed Family Motor Coach benefit, Medex Assistance. In February, while wintering in Florida, my husband of 60 years unexpectedly passed away. Due to this unexpected loss, I was faced with many uncertainties, not the least of which was the expense associated with my immediate return home and the cost of returning my husband and our motor home to our home.

I recalled having read something about a FMCA benefit through Medex that, under these circumstances, would pay something toward the return of the motor home to our home. Medex was put on the long list of telephone calls that would need to be made.

Medex was a pleasant surprise from our initial contact. The Medex representative was very empathetic to our situation, explaining that benefits are provided for my transportation back home as well as transportation of the motor home. The Medex representative even offered to coordinate some of those arrangements. The Medex representative further explained that benefits were also available for the repatriation expense for my husband, The telephone call that was expected to afford a very nominal payment actually brought us several thousand dollars in much needed benefits, along with outstanding customer service, at a difficult time.

Thank you Medex,

Frances I. Heifferon  
New York Centrals Chapter F160250

### By-laws Amendments

Last fall I appointed Chuck Machell as Chair of a temporary By-laws Committee to review our by-laws in three specific areas, and to issue a report at the June meeting this year. In this newsletter and on our web site you will see Chuck's proposed amendments to our by-laws. Thank you Chuck for all your time and effort.

The first was regarding a quorum for conducting business. Our definition was not in compliance with FMCA and we needed to fix that. Also, we wanted to reduce the number of coaches we needed to make a quorum. Last September, we were worried we would not have a quorum, 15 coaches, for our annual election. At the last minute a 15<sup>th</sup> coach showed up so we were OK. But, with the cost of fuel constantly rising, and with more of our members heading south and west earlier, participation at all rallies has been declining. We believe twelve coaches is a more realistic goal for a quorum.

The second area Chuck addressed was just to clear up the language about the election and term of office for our officers. Under the old language, a term ended September 30<sup>th</sup> and elections had to be held at the September meeting. Had we not had that 15<sup>th</sup> coach show up last September, all current officers would have ended their terms, and no elections could have occurred for a full year leaving the chapter with no officers. Chuck's suggested amendment simply says officers shall serve for one year or until duly replaced, and the election shall occur in September or as soon thereafter as practicable. Now, if we don't have a quorum in September, we can hold an election at the October dinner meeting for example. These changes, by the way, were suggested by FMCA.

And finally, we needed to make the language regarding the official roster fit with reality. For several years our membership chair, first Jan Pugsley and now Sharon Coldren, has been registering new members, and sending the information to the secretary as new members join. The secretary has tried valiantly to keep up with these changes, but invariably once or twice a year she would need to review the entire roster with the membership chair's roster to ensure accuracy. This change of wording simply legitimizes what has been the practice for several years. The membership chair is the best person to know who is and who isn't a member. It just makes sense for her to keep the roster.

Our by-laws require at least 30 days notice of any proposed amendments before any action or vote can be taken to amend them. The proposed amendments will be published in the newsletters and on our website. I am planning on holding a short business meeting at the August rally in Waddington Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, specifically to address these amendments. If we do not have a quorum at that rally, the amendments will be addressed at the September rally in Boonville on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> before election of officers for 2008.

Bart

Still space available for the October Rally. Call Don Daly to reserve a campsite.

This is a special outing: **Lots of Fun!! Lots to Do!!** Check website: [www.NewYorkCentrals.com](http://www.NewYorkCentrals.com)

# Proposed Changes to the By Laws

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Chuck Machell

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## SECTION 3 – CHAPTER MEETING:

D) QUORUM: A quorum for the *transaction* of business at any duly called Chapter meeting is twenty-five (25 %) of the Chapter family unit membership or (delete *fifteen*) (insert- **twelve**) (delete 15) (insert **12**) (insert **Chapter**) family unit (change members to-**memberships**), whichever is less.

End of line will now read:(or twelve (12) Chapter family unit memberships.) *FMCA National defines Chapter family unit membership as one (1) coach with two (2) adults.*

## SECTION 3 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A) All Officers shall be elected (delete *at the September meeting*) (insert **for the term of one (1) year or until a successor is elected.**)

B) This paragraph deals with the nominating committee duties and should be moved to SECTION 2 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE DUTIES: and will become paragraph E)

B) *NEW* All elections, except to fill vacancies, shall be at the Annual meeting in September or as soon thereafter as practical.

C) Nominations shall be taken from the floor at (delete *the September meeting*) (insert **any election.**)

The Chapter Bylaws committee recommends that a statement be added in

SECTION 1 – COMMITTEES: A) – 3) Membership - (insert **forward to the Secretary an up to date list of all current members with their FMCA numbers due December 1<sup>st</sup>, so the Secretary can forward the same to FMCA National by December 31st dead line.**)



## FOR SALE BY OWNER



**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: [WWW.NEWYORKCENTRALS.COM](http://WWW.NEWYORKCENTRALS.COM) AND CLICK ON 'FOR SALE' SIGN**

Two **Michelin LT235/85r16/XPS** tires on 10 hole "Ford" rims for sale, \$200.00.

**Dempco Tow Dolly** with surge brakes and wheels that steer. I want \$1400.00 but will consider a reasonable offer. I just purchased a new folding one. (more info on website)

Dave Blovat  
315-452-1437  
[dblovat1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dblovat1@twcny.rr.com)

**5 inch bolt down pedestal** for Motor Home swivel chair with attachment for a seat belt. \$10.00

Tom Hancock  
315-427-1905  
[LMHancock@att.net](mailto:LMHancock@att.net)

**50" Love Seat**, Beige leather. Comes apart for easy transportation. Like new. \$200.00 obo. (picture on website)

Dick Wheeler  
315-446-8924

It's Rally Time !!		
Date	Place	Hosts
July 11-14, 2007	<b><u>N.E.A.R.</u></b> Northeast Area Rally - Augusta, NJ	Bart & Elaine Barton <a href="mailto:bartona@rochester.rr.com">bartona@rochester.rr.com</a> 585-289-4792
August 3-5, 2007	<b><u>Waddington Days</u></b> w/ 1000 Island Voyagers Waddington, NY	Bill & Kay Leach <a href="mailto:Bill0212@aol.com">Bill0212@aol.com</a> 607-738-1623
Sept 21-23, 2007	The Brown Barn Boonville, NY	Bart & Elaine Barton <a href="mailto:bartona@rochester.rr.com">bartona@rochester.rr.com</a> 585-289-4792
<b>Oct 11-14, 2007*</b> Date Change	Lancaster, PA <a href="http://www.NewYorkCentrals.com">www.NewYorkCentrals.com</a> for more details	Don & Dianne Daly <a href="mailto:don@gtmrecovery.com">don@gtmrecovery.com</a> 315-458-5128

\*\* October is Lancaster's busiest month. Don has reserved 18 campsites and will fill them on a 1<sup>st</sup> call basis. Call Don to reserve your spot as soon as possible. Sites are going fast. If more than 18 coaches sign up he will try to make more reservations. An official sign-up sheet will appear in the August newsletter. –ed.



It is not too late to register for the NEAR rally in New Jersey.  
 Register at [www.FMCA.com](http://www.FMCA.com) then call Bart.

This years theme:

# Pirates of the St. Lawrence

August 3 -5 2007

Joint Rally with the Thousand Island Voyagers

## RALLY HOSTS

Bill & Kay Leach  
 11914 River Road  
 Corning, NY 14830  
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[Bill0212@aol.com](mailto:Bill0212@aol.com)

John & Alice Foy  
 PO Box 584  
 Waddington NY 13694  
 315-388-4258

## INCLUDED

<p><b><u>All Camping Fees</u></b>          (This is a dry camping weekend, however, there a limited amount of 15a electric for coaches that need it for medical reasons)  <b><u>Thursday:</u></b>    Early arrivals (after noon please)</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday:</u></b>          8 am            Coffee &amp; Doughnuts          9 am            Crafts and more - Main Street - all day          11:30 am      Chicken Barbeque - Fire Hall          6 pm            Parade          8 pm            Snacks at the River and Fireworks</p>
<p><b><u>Friday:</u></b>          Day            On your own          3 - 4 am       Get together          5 pm            Corn Roast          7 pm            Opening Ceremony</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday:</u></b>          8am            Coffee &amp; Doughnuts          Meeting to follow</p>

## COST

\$55.00 includes coach & two people  
 Extra Person(s) \$20.00 each  
 Thursday arrival – (after noon) no extra charge



Send your rally fee to:

**John Foy  
 PO Box 584  
 Waddington, NY 13694**

**by: July 27, 2007**

# \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Co-pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

F Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.# \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Coach Length \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**This rally comes early in the month so register NOW!!**

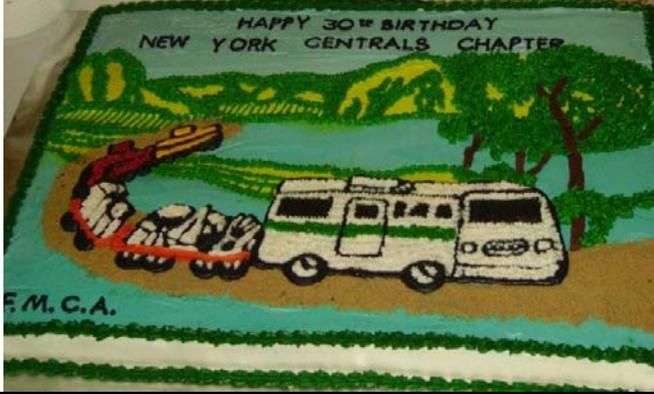




L-R Past Presidents - Richard Snyder, Chuck Machell, Nancy Rifken, Andy Mancini, Bart Barton (below) Our Cake



L-R Charter Members – Andy & Ginny Mancini, Nancy Rifken, Pat Snyder (below) Bart receives Certificate & Check from Bill Conway



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