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



**Call or email
Charlotte
Burrell**

The minutes of the October meeting appear on our website www.NewYorkCentrals.com Look in the Members Only section. – ed.

Lancaster, PA

14 coaches and 32 NY Centrals and their guests converged on Old Millstream campground for a great fall rally of shopping, sightseeing, and shopping. The weather turned from cloudy Thursday to beautiful sunny and cool Fri., Sat, and Sunday. Heat pumps were heard at night and early a.m. but light jackets and sunglasses all day.

Mildred & Doug Arthur (new members and 1st timers), Bartons, Belmont, Burrells, Gingrichs, Hoods, Kimlers, Leachs, Curriers, Dalys, Hallagans, Hancocks, Fran Heifferon~ daughter and son in law, and Shaws attended, and the feedback was all positive.

Some attended the show "My Generation" - music of the 60's and 70's" at the American Music Theatre and enjoyed it even though none of our group was called to the stage to assist. Shopping was another biggie, and from the looks of the bulging trunk lids the local economy got a shot in the arm although Bob Shaw did say he would take a more active role and monitor that particular function if we ever return to the area.

Some of us at the suggestion of Tom Hancock went on a shop tour of the Strasburg RR. facility and enjoyed the tour. The shop is a big operation serving not only their own needs but many commercial and museum clients all over the country with their ability to repair the steam engines.

Sightseeing trips to Reading, the Green Dragon, Bird-in-the-Hand, and Intercourse or simply driving the back roads and stopping at farms to view and/or purchase unique items of the area and the culture filled the days.

Food – I probably don't need to add this part simply because we all are experts in this area, but the farm dinner at the Amish family farm of the Ebersol's was a delight and the highlight of the rally. Bart even put on his one pair of long pants for this occasion, at the "suggestion" of Elaine. The family including the children and grandparents prepared the meal and served it family style. The quality and quantity of the meal was evidenced by total silence (except the sounds of forks and knives hitting plates) once the food hit the tables. The family sang several hymns in German and then English and ended with "Amazing Grace" with many of us joining in.

Thanks to Lee Kimler and Paul Hallagan for the parking help, Doug & Mildred Arthur and Fran Heifferon & family for the fire wood on Fri. & Sat nights and everyone else that attended and made the rally a very enjoyable gathering.

Dianne & Don Daly

President Reports

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Bill Leach

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Well, it has been a long Winter for those of us who had to spend it in the frozen north. We stayed home, not by choice, but we thought it would save some money for our Alaska trip. Believe me; it will not happen again next winter, if we can afford it. With the price of gasoline and diesel we may not even be able to go to the grocery store. Let alone buy anything when we get there.

What do you talk about when you have not had your first campout yet, I guess you talk about the one coming up. We have been getting calls about the upcoming campout at Wilkins R.V. I am very happy to be receiving interest from you folks. We are trying to put together a nice campout. There will be a complete rundown in this

Newsletter. I hope we see a lot of you there.

I understand that the newsletter will not be printed while we are traveling around the country. For that I am very sorry, because I am just getting used to doing this every month. I am also sorry that this is the only campout that we will be able to attend this summer. Just think of it this way, we will have an awful lot to talk about when we get back, and there will be a huge number of pictures to look at. While we are gone, please look in on the web page often. In case you have forgotten, it is www.onward2alaska.com We will see you this fall.

Bill Leach President

1st Vice President Reports

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Hi every one

Summer is coming fast (Ha Ha not in New York) , well camping season anyway.

Look ahead to the schedule and you will find a lot of weekends with the New York Centrals. One of the things that I want everyone to know is the North East Rally is at Essex Junction. We will be in charge of seminars. This is the same duty we had in N J. Everyone seemed to enjoy them (and we did so good) we got seminars again. Hope to see everyone this summer.

Paul Hallagan

From the National Director

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Jim and I just returned from the winter down South. We attended the Southeast Area Rally in Brooksville and two of the New York Centrals get-togethers at Parkesdale Farms in Plant City, FL.

There isn't too much to report on FMCA at the National level. At the current time we plan to attend FMCA's 80th International Convention in St. Paul, MN July 14-17. The Northeast Area rally is scheduled for Essex Junction, VT August 7-10. NEAR officers are working hard to make it a great rally

We hope to see everyone at our May rally. Until then.

Jean

Membership Chairperson sez:

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Sharon Coldren

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Another camping season for the New York Centrals is upon us!!!!!!!

That, of course, means it is time for everyone who has not paid ahead (check the front of this newsletter to make sure) to send your \$10 check made out to New York Centrals to me at:

Sharon Coldren, 1106 Cloister Court, Liverpool, N.Y. 13090

For many years dues have been paid anywhere from May 1st until Aug. 31st. It would be so very helpful if all of us would pay these yearly dues WHEN THEY ARE DUE which is in May. How about it---can we do that this year?

Thanking you in advance
Sharon

[If your address label says "May 08" you owe dues for this year. ed.]



Welcome New Members

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MEMBERS

Member's Area

We welcome member's contributions. It is your newsletter.

We will publish as space permits

Appreciation

Thank you very much for your gift of money but most of all for the wonderful cards, well wishes, and all the prayers. I was firm believer in the power of prayer but am now more than ever. It seems like I just woke up one day and was amazed to find 8 weeks had passed and here I dreamed I was on vacation.

Thank you again very much,
Georgiana Smitka

10/16/07

Lee Kimler called and related his experience while getting ready to leave the campground at our outing in Lancaster, PA.

He was hooking up his Brake Buddy in his Toad. He plugged the power cord of the Brake Buddy into the cigar lighter outlet on the car as usual.

A short occurred and for some reason if there was a safety fuse, it failed which resulted in the shorting out and burning of several wires under the dash of the toad. The wire to the head lights fused with lights on.

When Lee took the car in for repairs, his mechanic said that the Brake Buddy should be wired directly to the battery with a dedicated fused line.

Then if a short should occur the fuse in the line should protect it or if all protection should fail the dedicated line would burn; not the many wires that did.

For more information call:

Lee Kimler
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Follow Us To Alaska

In case you haven't heard, we are going to Alaska in a few short weeks. We have a website: www.onward2alaska.com to chronicle our trip. We plan to upload photos and descriptions a couple of times a week. You can log on and travel along with us. We'd love to hear from you while we are gone. You can email us at bartonta@rochester.rr.com, or click on the "Contact Us" tab on our website.

We are going to miss all those great rallies this summer but hope to see you all in October.

Elaine and Bart

10/02/07

Sorry I took so long to give you the recipe but much has been happening since we left the rally ... I have a job for the winter months in AZ and we have been finalizing all the things necessary to complete our move.

Judy Brown's Hot Dip

Ingredients:

2 8 oz packages of cream cheese
1 package McCormicks dry Chili Mix
1 lb. hamburger meat (90% lean)
1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
1 package shredded Mozzarella cheese
1 package Tostitos Scoops

Spread softened cream cheese in 9x13 pan (or as close to measurements as you can get). Fry meat and drain excess fat if any. Stir chili mix and tomato sauce into meat. Pour mixture over cream cheese. Top mixture with mozzarella cheese.

Bake 350 preheated oven 25-30 minutes or until cheese is golden

Enjoy!
Judy

Greetings!

As Secretary of the Thousand Island Voyageurs, I cordially invite your membership to attend a very important rally to be held June 6-8, 2008 at the Lake Ontario Park Campground in Kingston, Ontario.

The only municipal campground in Kingston, the city closed the facility 3 years ago. However, thanks to the efforts of our rally hosts, the city has granted our chapter an exclusive opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of re-opening the campground.

It is our wish to send a strong message to the city in support of this effort. We extend an invitation to your membership to join us in hope that we may accomplish this worthy goal.

Lake Ontario Park Campground is located on the shores of Lake Ontario, only minutes from its historical downtown, providing water & electric to over 120sites.

For more information and registration details please check our website at www.angelfire.com/ny5/tiv

Thank you for your support.

Gary Grant
Secretary TIV

2008 Rally Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
May 16-18, 2008	Wilkins RV* Bath, NY	Bill & Kay Leach 607-738-1623 Bill0212@aol.com Bart & Elaine Barton 585-289-4792 bartona@rochester.rr.com
June 6-8, 2008	Lake Ontario Park Kingston, Ontario www.angelfire.com/ny5/tiv	Gary Grant - Secretary TVI gr_grant@istar.ca
June 20-22, 2008	Hickories Park* Owego, NY	Cathy & Jerry Van Mater 315-363-7776 cathy@upperdelawarerealty.com Kathleen & Jim Mancini 315-652-8715 jmancini228@yahoo.com
July 18-20, 2008	Marathon Civic Building Marathon, NY	Sally & Fran Stevens snf523@juno.com 607-849-3225 Rich & Charolette Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com 607-753-8758
August 7-10, 2008	Northeast Area Rally Essex Junction, VT	Paul & Sandy Hallag 315-762-5698 1highwayman@myway.com
Sept 19-21, 2008	Streamside Golf & Campground Pulaski, NY	Paul & Sandy Hallagan 315-762-5698 1highwayman@myway.com
October 2008	Dinner Meeting	
October 2008	www.OldMillStreamCampground.com * Lancaster, PA*	Don & Dianne Daly ddaly3@twcny.rr.com 315-458-5128

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Recipe Comments

By popular request Judy Brown submitted her Hot Bean Dip recipe. (see Member's Area) This recipe, and all future recipes published in the newsletter, will be added to the Recipe section in the "Members Only" section of the Website.

As a reminder, the basis of the of Recipe section on the web is the Recipe Book that Esther Rogers did such a great job in gathering for a handout in our 30th anniversary at the Elks club last year.

It is our hope that more of our members will continue to submit their favorite recipes and Esther's efforts will be rewarded in a big expansion in content and become a even more treasured item.

Personal Note

With regret, we have had postpone our trip to Alaska until June of 2009. Many reasons factored into this decision including our acquisition of a (new to us) home. This was not in our plans when we signed up for the Alaska trip. We moved in February. Our old house went on market last week. Due to Charlie's advanced age, an

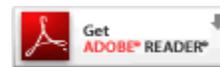
extended trip would have been very difficult on him.

With the housing market as it is and concerns for Charlie it would be wise to reconsider major travel this year.

We wish the Bartons and Leaches a safe and fun trip and will be enthusiastically following their adventures on www.Onward2Alaska.com. A link has been established on our Home Page www.NewYorkCentrals.com in case you forget the address of Bart's webpage.

Since we will be here for this Summer, you can direct all Newsletter & Webpage communication to me and Treasurer type stuff to Sharon. Our new address is:

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We have started to publish the Newsletter, Minutes, and Rally information pages in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). It is a universal way to capture and view information—from any application, on any computer system—and share it with anyone around the world.

Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) was the old way I created the Newsletter. This format had a habit of showing up one way in the print version and differently on different computers. Many times, it took me nearly twice the time to print and publish the newsletter.

PDF files capture the document as it was created and in turn allows all viewers to view the documents as authored. PDF files also print out better on your computer and allow you to print one page, several pages or the whole document.

In addition, Microsoft's Office 2007 (which I now use) is not backwards compatible to older versions. Microsoft does offer free programs you can download to read Word 2007, Excel 2007, and PowerPoint 2007 but that requires three downloads.

If you don't have Adobe Reader on your computer there are several places on the website that you can click on to obtain the free download including the icon above.

We hope you will appreciate this upgrade.

Bob

Host a rally

Make new friends

It's Fun!!



Owego
28th Annual Festival
June 21st, 2008

[\(click on image for additional festival info\)](#)

Hickories Park
Owego, NY
June 20 – 22

Kathleen & Jim Mancini
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Cathy & Jerry Van Mater
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Directions:

Exit 65 on Route 17 Cross 17C onto Hickories Park Rd.
[\(click here for map\)](#)

Cost:

\$19.00 per night payable to Hickories Park
\$10.00 per person payable to Host

Activities:

Friday:
Wine & Cheese Party
Dinner on your own

Saturday:
Strawberry Festival (transportation supplied from park)
Ham dinner (bring dish to pass)

And More!!



\$10.00 per person (16 and under free). Send Rally fee and reservation to Kathleen Mancini, 8463 Henry Clay Blvd, Clay, NY 13041

F# _____ Pilot _____ Co Pilot _____

Address _____ Tel.# _____

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

Questions???? Call the Mancini's (315) 651-8715

First Rally of the 2008 Season

May 15 – 18, 2008

Campout at Wilkins RV



Anyone desiring service on your campers please notify Bill Leach at least a week in advance. Wilkins will have service people available

Hosts: **Bill & Kay Leach** 607-738-1623 Bill0212@aol.com

Co Hosts: **Bart & Elaine Barton** 585-289-4792 bartona@rochester.rr.com

Directions:

Exit route 86 at exit 38. Turn left at red light. Follow signs for approx 2 miles. Turn right into Wilkins R.V.

In case of bad weather, any or all activities will be moved indoors

Thursday May 15

4:00 P.M. Wine and Cheese Party

Friday May 16

8:00 A.M. Coffee and donuts (provided by Wilkins RV)

Afternoon: Seminar by Jacquie Johnson of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Marketing on Invasive Plant Species

4:00 P.M. Wine and Cheese Party

There is an optional fish dinner at the Chat-a-While restaurant.

Saturday May 17

8:00A.M. Dish to pass breakfast. (Please bring place settings)

10:00 A.M. Shop Tours of Wilkins R.V.

Seminars will be on Generator and engine maintenance for class A motor homes.

2:00 P.M. Ice Cream social (Provided by Wilkins)

5:00 P.M. Pizza, Wings and Salads from Pizza Hut (Please bring place settings and your own beverage.)

Sunday May 18

8:00 A.M. Donuts and Coffee (Provided by Wilkins)

9:00 A.M. Chapter meeting

Rally 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 = \$ _____

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



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