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Know anybody sick or in distress that needs our aid or sympathy?



Call or email Charlotte Burrell

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

NOTE: If this month's newsletter looks a little weird, that's because the guy doing it is a little weird. As most of you know, Bob and Sharon Shaw are somewhere in Alaska as this is being written and I got shanghaied into the job for this month. Bob, we all hope you and Sharon are having a great time, but I can't wait for you to get back and retake proper control of this newsletter.

Bart

President Reports

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Sorry I did not get this going sooner. It took a couple of days for me to recover from my weekend. I did not have to drive at all over the weekend, but it still wore me out badly. I would also like to take a moment to thank the people who helped us out over the weekend. You tend to overlook all of the small things that have to be done, until you discover that you cannot do them yourself, so thank you again for helping us with all of the small things that I could not do myself.

Now back to the weekend. Again we had a very good campout. The location was good, the food was great, and the people were terrific. You should have seen the lineup of motorhomes across the parking lot. That was enough to impress even people who are not campers. Esther and Jerry really did a good job with the rally. They also put on a darn good breakfast Saturday morning. As usual we put on our best impression of a group that likes to eat, and we did a darn good job at that too. When we had to find our own meals we managed to find a couple of good restaurants.

When we got back home I had a bunch of mail waiting for me. One of the things I had waiting was a note that did not leave me with a good feeling at all. It was to inform us that George and Tina Saba had sold their motorhome and did not plan on buying another one. That means that we have lost another member of long standing. They will be truly missed.

I had a call a little while ago from Bart that said that if I did not get something sent off to him before noon that he was going to take our first born. He does not know it but I have been waiting for an offer like that for years. I hope this is will do for now.

Happy Trails. Bill Leach

(Editor's Note: Negative on the first born. Don't want him; got one of my own.)

1st Vice President Reports

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Paul Hallagan

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To start out with we have to send lots of THANKS to Esther and Jerry Rogers for the last rally in Fulton. This includes the Elks who gave us wonderful service.

Now to the next order of business. It was decided we needed a July rally. Now the outcome, after a scramble to get a place, we have the answer. We will go to Erie Canal Village, Rome NY. All the details are not finished, but we can go in any time on Friday July 10, and leave any time on Sunday July 12.

They will give us unlimited admission, boat ride, train ride and wagon ride. Also a dump station, water and camping are included. A breakfast and dinner will be included when I get someone to carter them for us (I will find someone). Hope to see everyone in Rome.

Remember we need Hosts for 2010.

Thanks your VP Paul Hallagan

2nd Vice President Reports

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Rich Burrell

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The June rally at the Fulton Elks was another fun time for all. Even though the weather tried to put a damper on the rally, it failed as we were still able to enjoy each other's company thanks to the facilities of the Elks. Thank you Esther and Jerry for a job well done!!

With the July rally planned for Erie Canal Village, this year's schedule is completed. For next year we are still looking for people to host rallies. We need hosts for May and June. If you are interested, either email me (rburrell@twcny.rr.com) or we can talk at the next rally.

Hope to see many of you at the July rally. Until then, stay healthy and enjoy the weather (yes, it will be better!!).

Rich Burrell

Secretary Reports

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What a wonderful rally Esther and Jerry put on! I learned a new card game (Phase 10) and look forward to playing it and other games at the upcoming rallies. As usual, we had wonderful meals and great conversation. Hope to see everyone at the July rally that has been set up by Paul and Sandy at Erie Canal Village.

Charlotte

From the National Director

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We had a great time at the Elks Lodge in Fulton, NY. It was good to see so many old friends and to meet new ones. We left shortly after breakfast on Sunday but we limped back when the drive belt broke and we overheated. Being Sunday we spent quite a bit of time securing needed parts. Ken Smith's son-in-law who is lean and thin assisted with the repair. Many thanks to Ken Smith for doing much of the crawling under the motorhome. Thanks also to the Rogers who stuck around. We finally left for home at 5:30 pm.

I will be representing the Chapter at the Governing Board meeting in Bowling Green, OH. I look forward to hearing from anyone who has feelings about whom the Chapter should be voting for in Bowling Green. Resumes of the candidates are in the May issue of the FMC magazine.

Jim and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Convention. There's still time to register. Dates are July 20-23. Until next time,

Jean

From the Alternate National Director

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Bill Leach asked me to coordinate our volunteers at both the NEAR in Vermont and the FMCA National Convention in Ohio. As it stands now, I have the following folks going to the two rallies:

FMCA National	NEAR
Leach	Leach
Hallagan	Rogers
McCoy	Belmont
Currier	Fey
Burrell	Dammers
Barton	Barton

If your name is not listed and you plan to attend either or both, PLEASE contact me IMMEDIATELY at bartonta@gmail.com or 585.289.4792.

At the **National in Ohio**, we will be volunteers for Security. We will be going in as a group on Saturday, July 18th. We will be required to work two (2) shifts each of four hours or less. We would just be stationed at various venues, such as exhibits or seminars, and be checking to see that folks have the proper credentials. Shifts may be anywhere from 7:00 am to 9:30 pm. As volunteers, we would get preferred parking and a free dinner, I think on Sunday.

At the **NEAR in Vermont**, we will be working as Seminar Hosts. We will be going in on Tuesday, August 11th. As volunteers, we would get preferred parking, and some other freebies or bennies which have not yet been decided.

Again, if your name is not listed above and you plan to attend either or both, PLEASE contact me IMMEDIATELY at bartonta@gmail.com or 585.289.4792. I have located a campground near each rally site where we can meet a day or two before the rally. Thanks.

Bart

Rally Report from Esther and Jerry Rogers

The Centrals rally that we held at the Fulton Elks is behind us now. We were really excited to have 24 coaches registered and to have all 24 actually arrive there. Twelve of them were there on Thursday and boy, did it rain! Most went out to dinner somewhere in town and then a few of us played Phase 10 in the pavilion.

Friday morning was drizzle, but it cleared up and we were able to sit outside Friday evening. Many were out until the band stopped at 10. It was a great band. Sounded just right from where our coaches were parked. We had cocktails at the pavilion and after that, many of the gang went out to eat. After they came back, they took advantage of the 50-50 at the Elks and also the pull-tabs. Saw lots of folks make lots of trips back and forth to that table.

Earlier in the day 21 of us traveled a few miles to Bristol Hill Church and learned about the Underground Railroad and the Fulton area. (You donated \$60 to the church and they really appreciated it, as do I).

Saturday morning we convened for muffins and fruit. The hosts decided that we would be eating lots that day and did not need a huge breakfast. Comments seemed favorable about the idea. (Editor's Note: All the muffins were hand made by Esther. Thank you.)

The afternoon saw everyone in line for strawberry shortcake or those elephant ears with ice cream and strawberries. We Centrals do love to eat!!! The profits from that went to the Cerebral Palsy charity so the Elks were glad that we participated. Full belly and good deed at the same time . . . what's not to like?

Dinner that night was amazing. That plate of spaghetti was HUGE (Sounds like Fucillo!) and the homemade meatballs were big and delicious. Chase that down with cake and ice cream and that spells happy for all of us. Lots of game players that night as well.

Sunday the Elks put on a wonderful breakfast. Even had made-to-order omelets if you wanted them. Seems we always have lots to eat at the rallies. Most were on the road by 11.

The weather was not the greatest, but the facility had lots of gathering space so it was not a problem. Earl and Dot Longley stopped in to visit. It was nice to see them. Jerry and Esther's daughter and husband came for dinner with us Saturday. Doug and Mildred brought her brother with them. He was visiting from Puerto Rico. They left early as her Mom fell at home. I called Sunday night and she is ok. We are glad of that. Stan Williams brought his brother-in-law and wife along. It was nice to meet them too.

A new couple dropped by Friday night. They live in the Fulton area. They came back later in the weekend and brought their money and joined the Chapter. That was great. Their names are Robert and Ann Woods. We look forward to having them join us for a rally. Ken Ackerman was there at his first NY Centrals rally and is also new to our rallies. Jim and Jean had a belt problem and had to return to the Elks. Ken and Cindy's son-in-law Shawn came over and he and Ken were able to fix the problem after we located the parts that they needed. They got home safely, albeit later than they had planned.

Several of the Elks asked me to make the rally an annual event. They were very happy to have us there. I think everyone had a good time that attended. They had me sign us in the book Saturday evening so we could all buy drinks at the bar and enjoy the entire facility. It looked funny. I had to sign it "Esther Rogers, Elks #830, and 49 guests". I would have missed dinner if I had to name them all.

On a personal note, thanks to all of the members present for the surprise birthday cake and flowers. Jerry had been lectured for a week not to mention it, but he slipped up and Sandy Hallagan caught it. It was so nice of you all. Then when I went into the bar to ask something, they sang to me there as well. It was a birthday I won't soon forget.

We enjoyed having you come to our neighborhood.

Esther



Welcome New Members

Robert & Ann Woods
Ken Ackerman (First Rally)

2009 Rally Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
July 10 - 12	Erie Canal Village Rome, NY	Sandy & Paul Hallagan 315-762-5698 11highwayman@gmail.com
July 17 - 19	Sackets Harbor, NY Invited Guests of the Thousand Island Voyagers	Burr & Betsy Stoker 315-480-0456 Scotsdale03@aol.com
August 12 - 15	NORTHEAST AREA RALLY Champlain Valley Exposition Essex Junction, VT	Bill & Kay Leach 607-562-3059 Bill0212@aol.com
Sept 18 - 20	Owens Orchard	Dan & Sue Mcoy
October 2009	Roamers Campground* Lancaster, PA	Don & Dianne Daly ddaly3@twcny.rr.com 315-458-5128
October 2009	Dinner Meeting	TBA

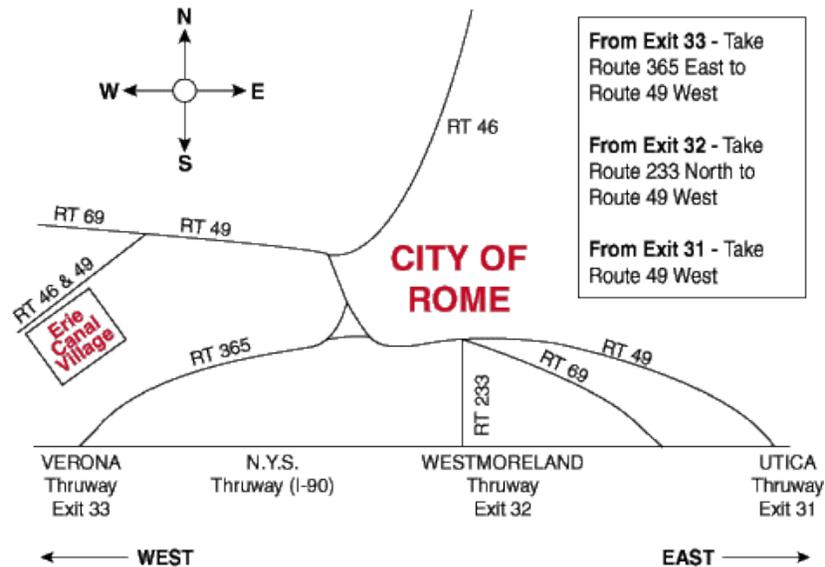
New York Centrals July Rally

July 10 – 12, 2009

Erie Canal Village

<http://www.eriecanalvillage.net/>

5789 Rome New London Road (Routes 46 & 49)
Rome, New York 13440



Hosts: Sandy and Paul Hallagan 315-762-5698 11highwayman@gmail.com

Friday:

4 PM or so: cocktail hour by our coaches (Bring your drink and a small snack to share)
Supper on your own.

Saturday:

Breakfast: Coffee and donuts
Dinner: TBA

Sunday:

Breakfast: TBA

Cost: Rally cost is \$68.00 per couple (\$34.00 per person) – includes unlimited admission to the village all three days plus train, boat and wagon rides.

NOTE. Dry camping, so come with full water and fuel tanks, empty holding tanks and generator stack.

Mail Reservations by July 6 to Sandy Hallagan, PO Box 72, Verona Beach, NY, 13162. If you decide late, please call us at 315-762-5698.

Name _____ Spouse Name _____

Mailing Address _____ FMCA # _____

How many? _____

THOUSAND ISLAND VOYAGEURS JULY RALLY

WEST WASHINGTON STREET

SACKETS HARBOR, NEW YORK

July 17-18-19, 2009

Directions:

- North on Interstate 81 - exit 45: Turn left on Route 3 (Arsenal Street) go approximately 8 miles
- South on Interstate 81 - exit 45: Turn right on Route 3 (Arsenal Street) go approximately 8 miles
- Follow the FMCA signs to West Washington Street in the Village and turn right, go about 4 blocks, rally will be on the left.

COST: \$60.00 for rig with 2 people. Can arrive on Thursday after 1:00 p.m.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday: Arrive after 1:00 p.m.

Friday: 3:00 P.M. Meet and Greet, Bring snacks

5:30 P.M. Pot Luck (Bring own table service and beverage)

Saturday: 8:00 A.M. Breakfast provided (Bring own table service)

The rest of the morning and afternoon on your own to visit or wander around the craft show and other activities going on in the village.

It is the "Can-Am" weekend.

5:30 P.M. Dinner provided. (Bring own table service)

Sunday: 8:00 A.M. Coffee, Doughnuts and juice provided (Bring own table Service.)

CHAPTER MEETING TO FOLLOW.

REGISTRATION FORM

Cost per coach - 2 people - \$60.00

Prepaid registration to be returned by: July 8, 2009

Please send check or money order (in U.S. Funds) payable to:

Burr or Betsy Stoker

Telephone Numbers: 315-480-0456

P.O. Box 130

OR 315-955-3456

Sackets Harbor, New York 13685

E-mail to confirm: Scotsdale03@aol.com

Last name: _____ Pilot: _____ Co-Pilot: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail address _____

FMCA#: _____