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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 May meeting appear on our website www.NewYorkCentrals.com Look in the Members Only section. – ed.



Sackets Harbor Rally Report

The Rally in Sackets Harbor was well attended by many members of both Thousand Island Voyageurs and New York Centrals.

The weather was great most of the weekend except for one evening which we had showers. Everyone had a good time attending the activities throughout downtown during our annual CanAm Festival.

We had 23 Coaches. Thanks to all that attended. We thoroughly enjoy holding rallies in Sackets Harbor.

Burr and Betsy Stoker

Erie Canal Village Rally

The July rally was held at Erie Canal Village in Rome NY .We had13 coaches attending.

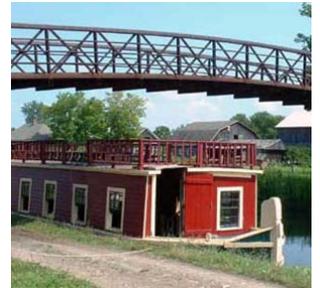
Everyone had a great time, with a get together every night. A lot of the gang played cards .The train and Boat rides sparked a lot of interest . One of these points was how the Boat was turned around.

Saturday & Sunday meals were served by Barbi-Q's of Rome, with many choices to please everyone's taste.

The Scrub Board Washing got a lot of attention by the younger ones that were with our members

.Thanks from your hosts

Paul & Sandy Hallagan



**Thanks Bart
Great job on the July Newsletter!!**

Lancaster Update

Dianne & I will not be able to attend this year's trip to Lancaster. Bill & Kay Leach will be the Hosts and Fred & Nila Currier the Co-Hosts.

Don Daly

President Reports

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I would like to wish everyone a good day. It is a beautiful morning, after one heck of a thunder and lightning storm. It rained so hard that it brought our pool level up about two inches.

It is always hard getting started on one of these articles. Then after the start up, I don't seem to know when to stop.

We have two campouts to talk about this time. The Erie Canal Village campout and the International Rally in Ohio.

Let us start with The Erie Canal Village. We did not get there until Friday due to other problems. As most of you know I have not been able to drive any vehicle since my operation. Kay has had to do all of the driving for us for most of the last two months. We had a good turnout, and good weather. Paul and Sandy did a very good job with the campout. They tried something new for our meals this time. They found a lady that came directly to the site and prepared meals in a truck that they had outfitted with a complete kitchen. The food was delicious and the service was good. If we are ever in that area again I would not be surprised if we tried that again.

Now on to the International rally. We had 6 units in our group. We gathered in a campground in Milan Ohio, where we got together and made our plans for getting

to the rally the next day. Then we all went out to dinner as usual. I don't think I really needed to say that, as it is always a foregone conclusion that we all like to eat.

On Saturday morning we pulled out at 9:00 A.M. And went on to Bowling Green. We could not have asked for a better place for us to camp. We were on grass, at the beginning of a row, and near the road. It was a beautiful place.

We pretty well had the next 2 days to do anything that we wanted to do, as the rally did not start until Tuesday.

From then on we were all very busy. When we were not working on Security we were attending seminars, going through the vendor buildings, looking at new Motorhomes (no one actually bought one though) or attending some of the many daytime entertainments. That doesn't even mention the evening entertainment.

It was a very good rally and we all left Bowling Green on Friday, tired and ready to go home.

I forgot to mention that I was given permission to drive for about 1 hour at a time, but could not be on the road for more than 4 hours a day. That turned a 400 mile trip into a 2 day trip for us. By the way, 1 hour was plenty enough for me. Until next time.

Happy Trails.
Bill

2nd Vice President Reports

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Rich Burrell

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July found several coaches at the FMCA International Convention in Bowling Green Ohio. We were there as security volunteers. By the luck of the draw, Charlotte and I were assigned only one security duty at the Wednesday night entertainment. With storms threatening, the concert was cancelled so our detail ended up being sitting at the gates to the stadium to inform anyone coming over that the concert was cancelled. This lasted for about an hour.

The rest of the convention was very good. I went to several seminars which I found very informative. Also, the vendors were numerous and we made several purchases from them. We also went to see the new coaches (NO PURCHASE!!)

Regarding club news, it looks like next year's rallies are

all accounted for. It looks like we will try to have the May rally at Wilkins RV and we will try to get them to put on some sort of seminar for us. If any of you have any suggestions for the topic for the seminar please email them to me. (rburrell@twcny.rr.com)

Charlotte and I had been planning and looking forward to the September rally, but it seems our oldest son will be graduating from US Border Patrol Academy on that same weekend, so we will be heading to New Mexico instead (by plane). I know Charlotte will be going to Lancaster in October and we'll hope to see most of you at our annual end of the season dinner. Until then, take care and drive carefully.

Rich Burrell

Secretary Reports

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Charlotte Burrell

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We took our two oldest grandchildren (ages 4 and 5) to the Rome rally at Erie Canal Village. We had a great time in spite of some rain showers. Paul and Sandy once again put on a great rally.

We went to Bowling Green to our first International Rally and had a great time. Bart's Special Lemonade was consumed by the gallon while we played cards. I even won one game! I saw two new RVs I would love to buy but HATED the 2 there costing more than \$1,000,000!! We had such a great time.

As Rich said, unfortunately will be unable to go to the September rally. We will really miss it but I am looking forward to October in Lancaster.

Char



Welcome New Members

David & Linda Reed

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Rome, NY 13440

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September Officer Elections

The Nominating Committee contacted each of the current officers of the chapter and all of them have agreed to do the job they are in for another year.

The slate to be presented for the 2010 year is:

Bill Leach for President
Paul Hallagan for 1st VP
Rich Burrell for 2nd VP
Charlotte Burrell for Secretary
Sharon Shaw for Treasurer
Jean Canfield for National Director*
Bart Barton for Alternate National Director

* Jean Canfield has said that next year will be her last year as National Director so we need to keep that in mind.

In addition, you are reminded that any member in good standing can be nominated from the floor for any of these offices when we vote in September.

Respectfully submitted, Esther Rogers
Nominating Committee Chairperson

REMINDER from the Membership Chair

Membership News

We still have some members who are not current with their dues. Check your address label, upper right hand corner. If it reads 5/09, your dues are due for this year. If you receive your newsletter via the internet, check our website www.NewYorkCentrals.com. Go to the Membership only page and click on 'view membership list'. Look under the column labeled 'Expire' to see if your dues are current.



For those who still owe dues this will be your last newsletter unless I receive them in the next couple of weeks (August 15) According to the by-laws delinquent members must be dropped in August.

Send your dues to: Sharon Shaw, 205 Northridge Drive, Central Square NY 13036.

Hope everyone is enjoying camping and the summer weather.

Sharon

For Sale by Member

1997 33-foot Limited Edition Sea Breeze Motorhome: - 65,255 miles. Excellent condition. Kept in enclosed garage when not in use. Narrow body, no slides, chev. 454 vortec gas engine. 10 mpg highway (9 mpg highway towing 3000 lb car)

Features:

Queen size bed in rear that can be walked around on three sides for make-up. Lots of storage closets. Pullout couch and galley nook that will sleep four additional people. Central shower and wc. that provides privacy fore & aft.

Contains all standard accessories:

Leveling jacks, 5.5 kva generator, microwave, three burner stove, frig, coffee maker, trickle charge solar panel, lighted basement storage areas, etc. (for photos go to www.NewYorkCentrals.com)

Location: Loren Ford, 10 Woodberry Rd. New Hartford, NY 13413

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From the National Director

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FMCA's 82nd International Convention In Bowling Green. OH is history. We arrived there on Fri., July 17. The Governing Board meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 20 and concluded at 8:30 p.m. Eighty-four percent of the 501 chapters were represented.

FMCA will continue to fund MEDEX for 2010 while it looks at other products to take its place thereafter. We approved a budget with an \$800,000 deficit, which will be taken from reserves.

Election results follow: Charlie Schrenkel President, Judy Czarsky Sr. Vice President, Joanne Durbin Secretary and Wilburn Young Treasurer.

Life membership was bestowed to the late Max Durbin and Joanne Durbin. The official coach count was 2,725. That figure included 2,426 family coaches and 299 commercial coaches. The next two FMCA International Conventions will be held in Albuquerque, NM Mar. 22-25, 2010 and Redmond, OR Aug. 11-14, 2010.

Jean

Alternate National Director

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Bart Barton

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Bowling Green was great. I am just sorry so few of you attended. We saw lots of great coaches, visited some wonderful restaurants, attended some very informative seminars, bought a bunch of necessary stuff from the vendors and drank five gallons of "lemonade."

The highlight for me was attending my first Governing Board Meeting. I was impressed by the orderliness of the process, the thoroughness of the officers' and committees' reports and the knowledge, dedication and interest of the delegates. Over 80% of the 501 chapters in FMCA sent delegates and those folks made some significant changes to the proposed budget, bylaws and policies of FMCA. Jean Canfield was our voting delegate (I was observing as an alternate) so I won't steal her thunder by reporting what happened.

As it was my first time, I did not know how things worked so we made dinner reservations with the other folks from our chapter. Because of that I had to leave at 5:45 pm to go to dinner. Jean however got to stay until it ended at 8:45 pm, almost twelve straight hours. Thanks Jean for your dedication.

There is still time to register for the NEAR in Vermont. Right now I have Belmont, Dammers, Fey, Gingrich, Williams and Barton attending. We will be volunteering as seminar hosts. If you would like to join us, please register and email me at bartonta@gmail.com ASAP.

Thanks.

Bart

2009 Rally Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
August 12 - 15	NORTHEAST AREA RALLY Champlain Valley Exposition Essex Junction, VT	Bart & Elaine Barton 585-289-4792 bartonta@rochester.rr.com
Sept 18 – 20	Owens Orchard* Weedsport, NY	Dan & Sue McCoy 315-689-9397 COLMAC@twcny,rr.com
October 7-12 2008	Roamers Campground* Lancaster, PA*	Bill & Kay Leach Bill0212@aol.com 607-562-3059 Fred & Nila Currier 315-487-0087 fcurrie1@twcny.rr.com
October 25 2008	Dinner Meeting <i>Fireside Inn, in Baldwinsville NY</i>	Dan & Sue McCoy 315-689-9397 COLMAC@twcny,rr.com

SAVE-A-TREE & Help out your Club

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From Our By-Laws

ARTICLE X RALLIES

SECTION 1 - LIMITED PARKING:

Where parking space is limited, either awnings or slide outs are accepted at the discretion of the Rally Host.

SECTION 2 - GENERATORS:

A generator "pipe up" extending above the roofline of your coach is required at HOBO style camping if your generator exhaust pipe exits toward a neighboring coach.

SECTION 3 - NAME TAGS:

All members are required to obtain and wear at all New York Central rallies, so as to be-readable, a name identification badge including the letter prefix, (i.e.: F,L,A), FMCA membership number, and suffix, (i.e.: D,S) if applicable.

September 2009 Rally

Owens Orchards

Route 5 Weedsport, NY

September 18th - 20 2009

Directions: From Auburn - Route 5 toward Syracuse. Orchard is on RIGHT 2½ miles pass 84 Lumber & Railroad Tracks.

From Syracuse - Route 695 to Route 5 toward Auburn, pass through Elbridge and pass Rolling Wheels Raceway. Orchard is on LEFT approx 1½ mile past the racetrack.

Hosts: Dan & Sue McCoy - - COLMAC@twcny.rr.com

Cell: 315-569-3713

Home: 315-689-9397

FRIDAY

4:00 - Social Hour - -

6:00 - Pot luck Dinner- - Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be provided by the Hosts, brings your favorite dish to share
Campfire

SATURDAY

8:30 -Coffee - Apple Cider Donuts

9:00 - Apple Orchard Tour by tractor and wagon (Enjoy yourself during the day - - Check your welcome packets)

4:00 - Social Hour

Dinner - On your own - Check your welcome packets

Campfire

SUNDAY

8:30 - Coffee - Apple Cider Donuts

(Enjoy the orchard **and** Jordan Fall Festival, i.e Large Car shown, greased pole climb, chicken BBQ, live music and crafts)

Activities:

Apple picking, Golf, Bass Pro Shop (Live Fish Feeding - Sat),
Jordan Fall Festival - Fri - Sun - - (Free parking & Admission) Arts and Crafts, Food, Live Music, Rides,Chicken BBQ, Car Show, Greased Pole Climb (Adults & Children)

Camping: Totally Dry Camping in the Apple Orchard - No Water or Dumpsite. (In case of wet conditions or overflow a special parking lot at Rolling Wheels Racetrack will be used)



Please mail to: Daniel McCoy, 5931 Fikes Road, Memphis NY 131 12

Cost: \$10.00 per adult to cover coffee, donuts, and wine.....

FMCA # _____ Pilot _____ Co Pilot _____

Guests _____

Home address _____



Comments from our Members

I asked Bob to print this as you all need know how much time Bob gives to us. Having created and maintained a few websites I know they are a labor of love. But I also know a simple change can be anything but. You sit down and the computer becomes a “black hole” for time. Three hours later you finish what you thought would take ten minutes

I now know how much time Bob spends on this newsletter. I did the July issue while Bob and Sharon were in Alaska. It took me about ten hours. Some things I did that Bob doesn't included trips to make copies (1 hour) and sticking mailing labels (2 ½ hours).

The rest Bob does every month: emails and phone calls to get/clarify reports (30 minutes); formatting, spell checking and proofreading content (3 hours); creating and formatting rally registration forms (60 minutes); updating volume numbers and page numbering (15 minutes); folding (20 minutes); putting on the sealing tabs the Post Office requires (20 minutes); to and from the Post Office to buy stamps and mail them (30 minutes); and putting on stamps (10 minutes). And keep in mind I did a “bare bones-no frills” newsletter. Bob usually adds recipes, clip art, member ads and all that other good stuff we like.

And the costs? Printing \$.42, sealing tabs \$.02 and postage \$.44 (\$.75 to Canada) comes out to \$.88 per mailed copy. At seven or eight issues a year that's \$6.00 to \$7.00 per year for each mailed issue, or about \$450.00 per year. Only eight members currently skip the mail and read the newsletter on line.

Now I was nervous about doing the newsletter. I sent it first by email asking if anyone had a problem opening or reading it. I received many emails telling me folks could open/read/print it fine. I really appreciated them. However, I must admit I was a little irritated the next day preparing the postal copies to find I was putting mailing labels on copies for several of these same members.

With that background, I intend to introduce the following two motions at the September meeting.

1. I will move that the chapter instruct the Treasurer to purchase a \$50.00 gift card to the store or restaurant of Bob's choice as a token of our appreciation. (This will still only come to maybe \$.25 per hour for the time Bob devotes to the website and the newsletter just this year.)
2. I will move that the next two issues of the newsletter October 2009 and May-2010 contain a notice and form that starting with the second newsletter in 2010 no newsletters will be sent by postal mail. Exceptions to be the NEA VP (free) and those members who complete the mail request form and return it by US mail or in person at a rally. (Sorry, email requests will not be honored. If you can send an email, you can receive an email notice that the newsletter is available online).

This will still allow members who don't have email/internet access to receive a postal copy as well as those who, for whatever reason, prefer a postal copy. Preferences can be changed at any time in the future as well.

I realize the second motion is controversial. It has been discussed several times. But, we need to lighten the load on Bob before he says, “Thanks but no thanks, find someone else.” If you want to comment on either of these motions but will not be at the September meeting, please send or email your comments to our Secretary, Charlotte Burrell at rburrell@twcny.rr.com or 1767 NYS Route 13, Cortland, NY, 13045.

Thanks.

Bart



Meet **Eddie Shaw**
Born May 29th 2009

New York Centrals
205 Northridge Dr
Central Square, NY 13036



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«City», «St» «CAN» «Zip»