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September meeting
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October Rally

Here we are with another great rally finished. Here are some of the highlights from Gettysburg. There were 7 coaches in attendance, which include the greater Heifferon family.

Most everyone went on a Ghost tour with Miss Betty. On the trip around town several stops were made which were very interesting. At all of the stops strange things were photographed (Orbs which some people think are spirits or ghosts). Another great thing that happened was Harry & Cheryl Zakorchevnoy wanted to join the fun. After they came down to the rally, they joined the NY Centrals. The battlefield was another place that was visited along with many other fun things. Coffee & donuts, spaghetti dinner, and more were included. I have to thank Sandy for her hard work to make this rally so good.

Many Thanks to all
Paul & Sandy Hallagan

Mid-Winter Get Together

On Saturday, February 12th, 31 Centrals were able to get together at the Dinosaur BBQ in Syracuse for our annual midwinter get together. The food was good, would you expect anything less at the Dinosaur, but the company was even better. We met at the Dinosaur at noon and left about 2:30. It was a good time to catch up with friends we haven't seen in a few months, as well as getting the juices flowing in anticipation of the upcoming rally season.

We also were able to wish Bill Leach a happy birthday and the Dinosaur even gave him a birthday cupcake to celebrate the occasion.

Rich & Char



Early registration is required for the June rally.

We must register with Cherry Grove Campground by May 1st

Please read the rally information in this newsletter and act promptly

President Reports

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Hi everyone

Here we are at the beginning of another Great Camping season. But I'm getting ahead of myself. This winter was also busy. In Florida at the strawberry festival, some of the Centrals got together and they had a good time I think ??(I have not heard probably because they are still having a good time) .

Now for the rest of who did not go south. We had a trip to Dinosaur Barbeque where we had 34 attending. Then we were asked by Paul Dubois (NE Vice President) to staff a FMCA / Veteran outreach booth at the RV show. I want to THANK everyone who helped and those who also responded, (the NY Centrals are Great). Even from Florida & New Mexico I received responses. At the FMCA booth we passed out 5 cases of the FMCA magazine, (I think Ginny Mancini did 2 cases by herself). From our efforts FMCA got 1 commercial member and the Centrals got 1 new member. At the RV show we had help from the charter members (Andy & Ginny Mancini) to some of the newest members (Michal & Robin Whipple) and many in between.

Now we have a great rally season set up , hope to see everyone this summer .some of the rallies are close so even a day trip to come out and see friends is a good IDEA .

One personal note I had a small operation on my foot in March. The foot is getting much better with all the pampered care that I am receiving from Sandy.

Again I want to thank all the CENTRALS for all the support that everyone gave

Thanks your president Paul Hallagan

1st Vice President Reports

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AHHHH.... The signs of spring in central New York: schools closing because of snow storms, basements pumping out water 24/7 and temperatures in the 30's. Who could ask for more!

Our mid-winter get together at the Dinosaur BBQ was a hit, with about 34 members showing up and having a good time. Now I'll have to see if I can find someplace to top that for next year. Let me know if you have any ideas.

I am looking forward to another camping season with the Centrals. It looks like we have some good plans in the works. It's always good to get to see everyone again and catch up on what's been happening over the long winter.

As we start this new season, keep in mind that we are always looking for new members, so if you know someone with an RV, invite them to join us for one of our weekends. The more the merrier! Paul has a great idea of collecting canned goods at each rally to give to the local food pantry. This will be an excellent way to thank the communities that hosts us.

As you plan for this coming season, keep in mind that Stan Williams is planning a rally at the Algonquin College campus in Ottawa on July 15-17; we have the NEAR rally in Essex Junction, VT July 21-24 (but as volunteers, we will be going earlier); and finally the International Rally in Madison, Wisconsin August 8-13.

Hope to see many of you at our May rally at the Cherry Grove Campground in Wolcott.

Take care and drive safely,

Rich Burrell

2nd Vice President Reports

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Snowbird or Snowman

We all have titles; this year for the fourth year Sue and I were "Snowbirds," spending most of the time in Florida and Georgia. Weather was great, but we were kind of forced to return back to New York weather, two weeks early in a driving snowstorm...

We attended the FMCA International Convention in Perry Ga and really enjoyed the adventure. What a show, with great seminars, entertainment and facilities. If you haven't attended a FMCA Convention recently, plan to attend one soon, such as Madison Wisconsin, August 10-13. I know a number of NY Centrals will be attending

On pages 70-75 of the February 2011 FMCA Magazine was an article about Sgt Eddie Ryan a former marine from Ellenville NY who was helped by FMCA members to participate in the Marine Corps Marathon. You will be hearing much more about how FMCA wants to help our Veterans and their families. I have been asked to serve on a small committee headed by NEAR Vice President Paul DuBois to work up details that can be presented to the FMCA Executive Board at Madison, Wisconsin in August.

I must say this retirement life and snow birding at the same time is hard work. I'm really looking forward to a nice warm spring and summer and our monthly rallies and Ice Cold Lemonade (Preferably international famous).

Speaking of rallies, Sue and I have already been planning our September rally at the apple orchard, we think the theme will be "History and Nature", so put 16-18 September on your calendar.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in May, drive safe and bring those new members.....

Submitted by 2nd VP Dan McCoy

Secretary Reports

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

Call or [email](#) me

I am so looking forward to our camping season! It has been a long winter, but at least I could enjoy reports and pictures from those of you who were lucky enough to go south for the winter. It has been eventful... we bought a new RV New Years Eve and we're still trying to get things put away and the bugs worked out before we head to Myrtle Beach in April. Hopefully by May, we will know what we are doing with it. I also broke my wrist in January, and hope to finally get the cast off March 30.

I'm hoping to get a lot of members (yes, both MEN and women) interested in doing crafting at our rallies. See the report I wrote about this. I'd like everyone to bring a photo or two to each rally for us to scrapbook. So, look on your cameras and computers for a few pictures from the last few years' rallies, and bring them to Cheery Grove.

Rich and I are hoping to visit Lancaster area before the May rally, to have more information about the October rally. I'd also like to get an idea of interest in any other activities, like maybe a tour to Philadelphia.

Hope everyone in the south has a pleasant and uneventful trip north. I hope to see all of you in Wolcott in May. Let's make this our best year of rallies ever!!

Charlotte

Membership

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Winter is over and soon we will be getting our motor homes ready for spring camping. Hope everyone had a good winter.

Just a reminder to check to see if your dues are paid up or need to be paid for this year. Check the upper right corner of your mailing label, if you get your newsletter by snail mail or click on the red check mark on your internet newsletter or on our web page. If the date is May - 11, your dues are due for 2011. Dues are \$10.00 for the year. A real bargain.

When paying your dues make your check out to New York Centrals and send them to Sharon Shaw - 205 Northridge Drive - Central Square NY 13036. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Cherry Grove in May.

Sharon Shaw - Membership

From the National Director

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We finally managed to get away for the winter; we left January 4th. Although we had traces of snow as far south as 60 miles below Memphis (Tennessee, not Memphis, NY) we had no snow in New Orleans or Biloxi. Unfortunately we came home March 23rd to freezing sleet, packed ice on the roads and six inches of snow on the ground.

Elaine and I are really looking forward to this year's rallies. We hope to see all our new members there as well as our old friends. And if you've been a member for several years but haven't been to a rally in a while, please join us at one.

Elaine and I are hosting the June rally at the Elks' Club in Fulton. We would love to see past members who no longer have a motor home but would like to come for the dinner only. The Elks put on a great buffet and you can renew old friendships as well. It will be Saturday night, June 18th, at 6:00 pm and is only \$11.00 per person. Please email me at bartonta@gmail.com if you think you may want to join us.

Paul has asked me to coordinate our chapter's attendees and volunteers at NEAR in Essex Junction, VT this year from July 21st through 24th. The volunteers will be going in on July 19th or 20th. So far I have the following coaches as planning to attend: Armstrong, Barton, Belmont, Buccina, Burrell, Comins, Currier, Daly, Dammers, Essler, Fey, Gordon, Hallagan, Leach, McCoy, Whipple, and Williams. If you are not attending, please email me at bartonta@gmail.com. If you want to attend and your name is not on the list, please email me at bartonta@gmail.com.

I know it may seem early but please think about going to the FMCA International Convention in Madison, WI August 10 – 13, 2011. It is about 800 miles from center Syracuse but these International Conventions do not get much closer than that. Paul has asked me to coordinate our chapter's attendees and see about volunteering at the convention. So far I have the following coaches as planning to attend: Armstrong, Barton, Burrell, Canfield, Dammers, Essler, Gordon, Hallagan, Leach, McCoy, Whipple and Williams. If you are not attending, please email me at bartonta@gmail.com. If you want to attend and your name is not on the list, please email me at bartonta@gmail.com if you think you may want to join us.

Bart

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Membership List

The membership list on the 'members only' page of our website has been reformatted. It is now easier to read. New members are indicated for a period one year. The list is in pdf format and therefore easily searchable.

The list is also available as a spreadsheet for those who prefer that format.



As many of you know, I love doing crafts and have attempted almost every craft. At the October rally, we did crafts and I was asked to get together a project to do at each rally. So, I have two ideas – one is for those interested at each rally to get together and scrapbook pictures from the previous rally. Elaine and I will work together on this. It will teach scrapbooking to those who haven't done it and advance the skills of those who are more experienced. Think how much fun it will be to look over these books in a few years and reminisce. At last year's NEAR rally one club had scrapbooks at their chapter fair and I fell in love with them. I figure the secretary can keep them, and bring them to the rallies for everyone to see. As I have tons of supplies, this can be done at no cost to the

members.

The second idea is to have an additional craft class at each rally for those who want to participate. This would be done at a cost to cover the supplies. Elaine will be having a class on making 3-D greeting cards at the May rally, at a cost of \$8. I have planned on doing decoupage "Welcome to our RV" plaques at the June rally. The cost would be \$8. I am also going to teach this at the NEAR rally at a cost of \$10 and donate the profits to our club. I have included a picture of one I made for Bart and Elaine so you can visualize one.

If anyone else would like to teach a class, let me know. If there is something you would like to try, I can try to get together a class for us. Send me an e-mail of your ideas.

607-753-8758 Thanks,
Charlotte Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com

Additional Rally Information

Ottawa Rally

Pierrette and I are hosting a rally in Ottawa July 15,16,and 17.We are inviting the NY Centrals and The Fingerlakers .I do not have the full itinerary but the rally will take place at Algonquin College Campus in Ottawa's west end. .I will forward the complete intinerary as soon as it can be put together.

Stan and Pierrette Williams
Canadian VP Thousand Island Voyagers

October Rally

Hi all – Paul asked me last weekend to plan the October rally. For several years we went to Lancaster and last year went to Gettysburg. Paul felt that the consensus was that we should return to the Lancaster area. I have researched campgrounds and found one (White Oaks Campground in Strasburg, Pa) that is \$33 a night, which is \$10-\$15 cheaper than the others. It has an enclosed rec room we could use. Their web site www.whiteoakcampground.com says no alcohol but I think we could have wine and lemonade if not too obnoxious about it. I called to ask about availability and they said that the 1st weekend (1-2) is almost booked up but they have availability for the next two weekends. So, I need to know...

- 1) Do you want to return to the Lancaster area?
- 2) Should we make it a week long rally? This would be my choice as there is so much to do, and if we travel that far we might as well see it all. Of course, those who wanted to come for a few days could.
- 3) Which weekend would be best?
- 4) How many are seriously interested? Or. somewhat interested?
- 5) Is someone willing to co-host?
- 6) If you would like to go somewhere else, let me know and I will research it.

I will have more info at the May rally, but if there is enough interest I may make a mass reservation for our group. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!!!

607-753-8758 Thanks,
Charlotte Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com

2011 Rally Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Hosts</u> |
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| May 20 22 | Cherry Grove Campground* Wolcott, NY | Eugene & Joanne Comins GJComins@aol.com (315) 457-4161 Jerry & Esther Rogers grogers2@twcny.rr.com (315) 593-7369 |
| June 17-19 | Elks Club Fulton, NY | Bart & Elaine Barton bartonta@rochester.rr.com (585)-289-4792 |
| July 15-17 | TIV Algonquin College Campus Ottawa, Canada | Stan & Pierrette Williams STAN@ROGERS.COM (613) 829-0226 |
| July 21-24 | NEAR Rally Essex Junction, VT | Rich & Char Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com (607) 753-8758 |
| August 10-13 | FMCA International Rally Madison, Wisconsin | Bart & Elaine Barton bartonta@rochester.rr.com (585)-289-4792 |
| August 19-21 | Sylvan Beach | Paul & Sandy Hallagan (315) 762-5698 11highwayman@gmail.com Dennis & Joyce Buccina (315) 343-4344 dbuccina@twcny.rr.com |
| September 16-18 | Owen Orchards Elbridge, NY | Dan & Sue McCoy COLMAC@twcny.rr.com (315) 689-9397 |
| October 7-11 | White Oaks Campground Strasburgh, PA | Rich & Char Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com (607) 753-8758 |
| October 2011 | Dinner Meeting TBA | |



Just a Reminder

From our bylaws

ARTICLE X **RALLIES**

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.

Updated membership badge prices and the address to send to are on the website on the 'Members Only' page and click on the "order NYC badge" button in the left hand margin. Or ([click here](#)) If you do not have internet access see Charlotte Burrell at any rally.

FMCA needs our help

FMCA chapters are receiving their prize packages in the "A Dozen Does It" member recruitment program. FMCA members are receiving rewards as well, such as \$10 coupons that can be used toward payment of membership dues.

Win a Chapter Prize Package for recruiting new members.

To introduce more motorhome owners to FMCA than ever before, FMCA kicked off the "A Dozen Does It" campaign on Jan. 1, 2010. It continues into January 2011.

Chapters that have signed up 12 new FMCA members are receiving special Chapter Prize Packages. That's an average of only one new member per month, and it could result in more new members for your chapter!

Earning coupons and prize packages

Each chapter member who signs up a new FMCA member will receive a thank-you letter, a \$10 recruitment coupon, and a postcard from FMCA's national office. (The \$10 coupon can be used toward the payment of his/her FMCA dues, or toward the purchase of FMCA or Camping World merchandise.)

The chapter member will then turn in the postcard to his or her chapter president. When a chapter president has accumulated 12 postcards, he or she can send them in to the national office and redeem them for the Chapter Prize Package. It's filled with gifts that can be used as giveaways at future rallies. Limit: two prize packages in 2010.

Non-chapter members can recruit, too

If you are not a chapter member and you recruit a motorhome owner into FMCA, you'll receive a \$10 recruitment coupon and a postcard, too. If you wish, you can give the postcard to someone who is a chapter member, to help his or her chapter receive a prize package.

Extra incentive: free memberships

Each chapter president has been mailed five free FMCA membership certificates to assist chapter members in their recruitment efforts. Chapter members can give these certificates to motorhome owners who would like to join FMCA. If redeemed, these five free memberships will count toward the 12 needed to earn a Chapter Prize Package.

So, instead of needing 12 coupons, a chapter might be able to earn a prize package by sending in seven coupons to add to the five free memberships used for recruiting.

Remember: The more members you recruit, the more benefits FMCA members can enjoy.

For more information about "A Dozen Does It" or other member recruitment incentives, please contact the Membership Department, membership@fmca.com.

The "A Dozen Does It" program began Jan. 1, 2010, and continues into 2011. The \$10 recruitment coupon will not be awarded to recruiters who sign up a new member using one of the five free membership certificates. Members working as volunteers at RV shows are not eligible for credits toward the Chapter Prize Package. Prize limit is two Chapter Prize Packages per chapter.

FMCA membership applications are available on our website www.NewYorkCentrals.com



A Dozen Does It: How it works

Recruit a member.

Sign your name on the "How did you hear about FMCA" line of the membership application.

Receive a postcard and your recruitment coupon.

Forward the postcard to a chapter president.

Five free membership certificates per chapter to jump start the program.

New York Centrals June Rally
Fulton Elks #830
57 Pierce Drive, Fulton NY 13069
June 17, 18 and 19, 2011

You are welcome to come in on Thursday, June 16th if you wish.

Directions: Take Route 481 North into Fulton. As you enter the city, you will see a traffic light (Kmart is in a mall on your right). After you go through the light, you will take your next right, which is Pierce Drive. That is the street the Elks Club is on. It is only a short distance from Route 481.

Hosts: Elaine and Bart Barton

Home: 585.289.4792 Cell: 585.506.2930 bartonta@gmail.com

Thursday:

Early Arrival: Happy Hour if enough coaches are there. Supper on your own.

Friday:

4:00 pm – Happy Hour - Hosts will provide Bart’s “Internationally Famous Lemonade”, wine and cheese (or if you prefer bring your own drink). Please bring a small snack to share.

Supper on your own or at the Party on the Patio at the Elks. Food and drink available there or at many local restaurants. There will be live music at the Party. It is a fund-raiser for the lodge and they always have a lot of fun.

Saturday:

Breakfast 8:30 am Bring a dish to pass. Business Meeting to follow.

Lunch on your own

2:00 pm Strawberry Shortcake or Strawberry Sundae by the Elks.

6:00 pm Buffet dinner by the Elks.

Sunday:

Father’s Day breakfast buffet by the Elks.

Cost: Rally cost is \$23.00 per person. We would love to see past members who wish to come for the dinner only (\$11.00 each). All money goes to food, as the camping is free. This is dry camping, so come with water and fuel and an empty holding tank. **Generator stacks are required.**

Crafts will be provided for the ladies by Elaine and Char both Friday and Saturday afternoons if there is interest.

Mail Reservations by June 11 to Elaine Barton, 4342 Shortsville Rd, Shortsville, NY, 14548-9766 so we can let the Elks know how much food to get. If you decide late, please call us as soon as possible at 585.289.4792 or 585.506.2930.

Name _____ Spouse Name _____ Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____ FMCA # _____

Coming for Saturday’s dinner only - \$11.00 per person

New York Centrals

Family Motor Coach Association



May 20-22, 2011 Chapter Rally

Cherry Grove Campground
12669 Ridge Road
Wolcott, NY 14590

www.cherrygrovecampground.com

Co-Hosts: Gene & Joanne Comins and Jerry & Esther Rogers

Reservations:

All sites are pull-through with water, electric (30 or 50 AMP) and sewer. **Please make reservations directly with Sue at Cherry Grove at 315-594-8320.** Tell her you are with the New York Centrals rally to get our discounted rate of \$26.10 for 30AMP or \$28.80 for 50AMP (this is 10% off regular rates). **Please make reservations by May 1st, 2011.** All reservations require a 1 day's fee in advance (non-refundable if you cancel). Balance paid at check in. You also need to notify the hosts so they can get food, wine etc. You can do that with the coupon below.

Notes:

- Bring a snack to share for happy hours Friday and Saturday from each day. Hosts will supply the wine.
- Friday evening dinner and Saturday lunch are on your own.
- Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings will be provided by your hosts. Pancakes on Saturday, muffins etc on Sunday.
- Saturday night will be a pot-luck dinner so please bring a dish to pass...hot, cold or a dessert. Card games in the building or a get together around a campfire after dinner, weather permitting.
- The Village of Wolcott and other Lake Ontario Communities are nearby to enjoy.
- Campground has Bingo on Friday night and you are welcome to join them. We don't know the cost. We have the use of the building after that until 11: 00 PM.
- Craft session on Saturday afternoon. Very inexpensive craft for those who decide to do it.

Directions:

Traveling east or west on Rt. 104 to the Ridge Road intersection traffic light, go 300 feet west on Ridge Road to campground.

From the Syracuse area, using Rt. 81 north to Rt. 690 West to Rt. 370 West to Rt. 104 West, turn left onto Rt. 104 West and go 3 miles to first traffic light. Turn right onto Ridge Rd. Campground is 300 feet on your right.

F# _____ Pilot _____ Co-Pilot _____ Last Name _____

Rally fee includes Saturday and Sunday breakfasts. Adults \$10 each. Age 16 and under are free.

Send your rally fee and this registration form by May 1st 2011 to:

Joanne Comins, 309 Bass Street, Liverpool, NY 13088

Make your check payable to Joanne Comins

Call 315-457-4161 or email gjcomins@aol.com with questions.



Mid-Winter Meeting



New York Centrals
205 Northridge Dr
Central Square, NY 13036



F208086 Dues paid until: 5/1/2011

Jerry & Joyce Byron
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