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SPECIAL EDITION BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

This past September Charlotte received back from FMCA offices a letter listing several items in our Chapter Bylaws which required changes to conform to the FMCA National Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures of FMCA. Therefore a Bylaws committee was appointed at the September meeting which consisted of Chairwoman Dolores Wilson, Bart Barton and Charlotte Burrell. This committee was charged with the task of reviewing the recommendations from FMCA Headquarters and proposing the needed amendments to our Bylaws.

The committee met during the October rally at White Oaks Campground in Pennsylvania. They made the recommended amendments as required by FMCA National and those amendments are to be presented to the membership for ratification at the May 2014 rally at the Gates family farm. In order to have the vote at this rally, the membership must be given the proposed amendments at least a month in advance to allow them time to read them over. At the October dinner, the committee passed out copies of the Chapter Bylaws with the proposed changes included. To assure all members have the Bylaws amendments this newsletter edition is being published to provide those amendments to membership.

Instead of including the entire Bylaws, which are available on the Chapter website, the amendments only will be listed here. I will ask the committee to submit a copy of the Bylaws with amendments to Bob Flight, our Webmaster, to be placed on the Chapter website for viewing in its entirety. Please look over these amendments and if you have questions, refer them to a member of the committee, or to myself.

Thank You,
Rich Burrell
President, New York Centrals



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Proposed Amendments to New York Centrals Bylaws
(Red print indicates amendments with crossed out phases are those that are changed.)

ARTICLE II
OBJECT

SECTION 2 - DESCRIPTION:

This Chapter shall be authorized to function **in the Northeast area** as a regional group covering the geographical area of CENTRAL NEW YORK AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERS

SECTION 2 – DEFINITIONS

The term "member" as used herein is defined by FMCA as a family unit consisting of a husband and wife, or adult person(s), with or without children

- A) The term "family unit" is defined as a person; his or her spouse or partner, dependents of each, regardless of age, non-dependent grandchildren and great grand children aged 18 and under.
- B) The term "membership" is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning a qualifying motor coach who share a membership number.
- C) The term "member" is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitutes a membership.
- D) A member must own a qualifying motor coach (motorhome) or at least 1/3 interest in a qualifying motor coach in order to vote or hold office in the chapter.
- E) The term "qualifying motor coach" is defined as a self propelled, completely self contained vehicle that contains all the conveniences of home, including cooking, sleeping, and permanent sanitary facilities, and in which the driver's area is directly accessible in a walking position from the living quarters. The term motor coach and motorhome may be used interchangeably.
- F) Dues

1) ANNUAL DUES: Annual payment of Chapter **and national FMCA** dues enables persons to become active members and entitled to all rights and privileges of the Chapter. The annual dues of this Chapter, for all types of membership shall be \$10.00 per annum.

ARTICLE IV
CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

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

ARTICLE V
ELECTIONS

- E) The nominating committee shall present the slate of officers ~~at the July meeting~~ and give same to the newsletter editor who will publish the slate in the ~~August~~ newsletter **prior to the Annual Meeting.**

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS

- B) 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:
 - 1) The Chapter 1st Vice President assists the President and serves as presiding officer in the absence of the President from any duly-called meeting.
 - 2) Upon a vacancy occurring in the office of President, or upon inability or refusal to preside, the 1st Vice President performs all the duties of the President. When so acting, the 1st Vice President exercises the authority and is subject to the same limitations as apply to the President.
 - ~~3) Secures all rally sites. All sites considered shall require an initial inquiry and a confirmation in writing.~~
 - 3) Acts as Wagon Master and secures Rally Hosts for all rallies.

ARTICLE X
RALLIES

SECTION 1 – RALLY SITES:

All sites considered for rallies shall require an initial inquiry by the Rally Host and confirmation in writing that the site has been secured.

Other proposed changes are as follows:

Whenever the Executive Board is mentioned, change it to Executive Committee. (See Articles IV, V, VI)

Whenever the number of business meetings is listed as 2 per year, change to one. (See Articles IV, VI)

Appointments: The following individuals are hereby reappointed to their positions within the New York Centrals Chapter.

Membership Chairperson: Elaine Barton
Web Master: Robert Flight
Newsletter Editor: Richard Burrell

Appreciation and gratitude is extended to the following members:

Bylaws Committee: Chairwoman Dolores Wilson, Bart Barton and Charlotte Burrell
Audit Committee: Roseanne Essler and Bev Vrabel

Thanks to Kay Leach for her service to the Chapter as Treasurer this past season.

New York Centrals Treasurers Report

Opening Balance (as of Oct 1, 2013)		\$2479.93
Revenues:		\$640.50
Shirt sales	169.00	
Auction/Sept rally	446.50	
Membership	25.00	
Expenses:		\$61.53
Stamps	18.40	
Candy/Chapter Fair	12.22	
Scrapbook Supplies	30.91	
Ending Balance (as of Oct.31, 2013)		\$3058.90

Susan McCoy
Treasurer

End of the Year Dinner

It was an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the annual New York Centrals end of the year dinner held on Sunday, October 27, 2013. 44 FMCA members met at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Syracuse, NY, where they enjoyed an hour of “catching up” during Happy Hour.

Host Dan McCoy introduced our guests; newly elected vice-president of the NEA Tom Ziobrowski and his wife Connie, and social activities director George Lewis and his wife Joan. We observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Martha Kilmer and then Bart led us in the blessing.

After a delicious meal, Tommy Z (as he is known) gave us an update as to what is happening with the NEA, and his plans for next year’s rally in Essex Junction VT. As much as we may want to go somewhere else for the rally, we have to make the best of Essex Junction for the time being. Tommy Z stressed that he will need the support of the chapters to be able to run a successful rally. The New York Centrals are ready to do what they can to support him.

Following the remarks, we took a look back at this year’s rallies and some of their humorous moments. Many rally go-ers were presented with awards.

For May, Bart Barton won the “Sham-Wow Award” for demonstrating how to clean his roof vent while filling his tank. Host Roseann Essler won the “Baker of the Year Award” for her vast array of breads and muffins.

Paul Hallagan received the “Dirty Shovel Award” for his ability to get stuck while parking at The Rally in June. The Thompsons and the Zakorchevnoys earned the “Deep Pockets Award” for their generous purchases at The Rally.

As the only New York Central member to win a horse race at the Association Island Rally in Henderson, NY, Char Burrell was awarded the “Jockey of the Year award. Steve Essler received the “Social Director Award” for his fun and games at both the May and July rallies.

If you attended the August rally, you had the pleasure of sampling some “garbage can turkey”. For his cooking ability, Dennis Buccina received the “Most Unusual BBQ Cooking Award”.

River Forest Campground in Weedsport, NY, was the setting for the September rally. Bev Vrabel received the “Rainy Day in Hollywood Award” for her spine chilling experience at the Hollywood restaurant. Pat Dana was awarded the “Picking in the Rain Award” for her wet experience in the apple orchard. And for her creative use of duct tape on the corners of her coach, Pierrette Williams was given the “Duct Tape Queen Award”.

Several of our female members received the “Booby Prize” for exposing their boobies during dinner at the August rally. Elaine Barton, Char Burrell, Chris Charney, Roseann Essler, Sandy Hallagan, Bev Vrabel, and Anita Walker also each received a set of handmade pasties to wear next time they get the urge to bare all.

At the conclusion of the awards, Char Burrell presented Cheryl Zakorchevnoy, Delores Wilson, and Sue McCoy with their own personal booby shirts.

The schedule for next year’s rallies was distributed. Hopefully you will put the dates into your schedule and attend several, if not all, of next year’s rallies. The purpose of the New York Centrals is to have a good time and we certainly accomplished that this year.

Please visit our website to view pictures of all 2013 events.

Sue & Dan McCoy



Newest members of the exclusive “Ladies” club.

2014 New York Central Rally Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	HOSTS
March 17-20	FMCA 89 TH FAMILY REUNION, PERRY, GA.	REGISTER ON-LINE convention@FMCA.com or 800-543-3622
May 16-18	Gates Family Farm Cincinnatus, NY	Earl & Shirley Gates egates@ix.netcom.com 607-863-3292
June 20-22	Streamside RV Park Pulaski, NY	Ralph & Anita Walker Rwalker5c@verizon.net 315-458-6729
July 17-21	NEAR (Area Rally) Essex Junction, VT	REGISTER ON-LINE arearallies@FMCA.com or 800-543-3611
July 24-28	Oswego Harbor Fest Oswego, NY	Rich & Charlotte Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com 606-753-8758
August 15-17	Association Island KOA RV Park Henderson, NY Joint rally w/TIV	TBA
September 19-21	Cooperstown KOA Cooperstown, NY	Hal & Judith Soutar jgandrow@frontiernet.net 518-673-2085
October	TBA	TBA
October 26	End of Season Dinner TBA	TBA

New York Centrals Rally Site Directory.

In an effort to ease the process of becoming a rally host, a directory of sites which have been used in the past for successful rallies, or may provide a location for a rally, will be created by the membership of the Chapter.

These locations can be campgrounds with hookups or dry camping sites. If you remember a location that you enjoyed and provided a good rally experience, or someplace you think could be a good rally site, share it so it may be considered in the future.

Below is the information needed which will go into the directory which will be posted on the Chapter web page. You can send the information to me via email (rburrell@twcny.rr.com) or by regular US mail, or you could send it directly to our WebMaster and 2nd VP Bob Flight in the same way, email (rsflight@cdr.roc.com) or US mail.

(Example)

Site	Name of Rally Site	Town/City	Contact Phone# &/or email address
Park	River Forest Park	Weedsport	315-834-9458 riverforestpark@yahoo.com

Also, you may include a contact name if you know one as well as any interesting information about the attractions and fun things to do in the area.

Hopefully this will make the rally host process a little easier.

FMCA FAMILY REUNION MOTORHOME SHOWCASE

PERRY, GA. MARCH 17-20,2014

If you are going to this rally here is some important information. Contact Bev Vrael if you plan to travel with the group from NY and wish to stay at a KOA campground prior to entering rally. (315-487-8995)

We are registering for General parking (generator use 6 AM to 11 PM). We will caravan in on Saturday, March 15 at 10:50 AM. Check emails for further information.

Richard Burrell
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Some of the original members of the exclusive "LADIES" club.