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What an exciting and fun July we had! On July 16, four coaches from the New York Centrals met 2 from the Fingerlakers at the Oneida rest area on the NYS Thruway. From there, we caravanned to Essex Junction. Luckily, we stopped for lunch at a rest area on the Northway, where we met members of the Metropolitan Chapter who told us about bridge construction in Whitehall. The bridge was so narrow that several coaches had been damaged (including FMCA president, Charlie Adcock's). Grateful for this news, we continued north and went over the Crown Point Bridge. In Essex Junction, we were joined by another coach from the New York Centrals and one from the Fingerlakers. We got to know the Fingerlakers and really enjoyed their company. They also graciously volunteered to help us as seminar hosts. NEAR was under completely new leadership, who put a lot of time and effort into the rally. Although there were some glitches, we had a good time and were proud to support the Northeast Area. Elaine Barton and I taught craft classes and Bart Barton gave seminars on Dutch oven cooking. Best of all, we gained two new members at NEAR.

After NEAR, 5 coaches went to Coles Creek or Robert Moses State Park. Bart cooked dinner for us in the Dutch oven. We relaxed for a day before heading to the Harborfest Rally.

Harborfest was a great success thanks to Jim and Sherry Miller's hard work. We had trolley passes so we could attend any events that we wanted to. This year, the trolleys went across the bridge, so walking was decreased considerably. There were 94 RVs at Harborfest, 17 of which are New York Centrals members. We got to know Dick and Patty Sparrow, who we had not seen at a previous rally, and Marie Lange who is a new member who joined us at NEAR. We also were very pleased to see Chris Charney and Joyce and Dennis Buccina, who joined us for a visit without their coaches. The fireworks as usual were phenomenal and could be seen clearly from near our campsite.

Charlotte Burrell



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President's Report

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July was a busy month for the Centrals. We went to NEAR to support the Northeast area's efforts to get back on its feet and to work as seminar hosts. We had 5 coaches there and were joined by 3 Fingerlakers coaches. Six of us caravanned in and met up with the other two coaches at the holding area. We had a good time together as we had several happy hours which allowed us to get to know each other. We also were able to gain a new member at NEAR, Marie Lange, as well as give out a couple of other applications.

Following NEAR, 5 of us headed to Cole's Creek to spend 2 nights before we headed down to Oswego and Harborfest. While there, Charlotte was able to get Dixie to go into the water which was a first for her.

On Wednesday we headed to Oswego to begin the Harborfest rally. Once again, Jim and Sherry Miller put together a magnificent rally. About 94 RV's showed up for the rally and for the most part the weather stayed in our favor. We had some strong winds on Wednesday night and rain a couple of other nights, but overall we had good weather.

As we head towards the August rally at Association Island, we have 31+ coaches signed up and ready to go, so it looks like another good rally.

We are having success in recruiting new members as we have given out 4-5 applications and have had 2 new members in the past week as we welcome the Pritchards and Marie Lange to our family. Thanks to all who have been able to recruit new members.

Rich



1st Vice President's Report

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Those of you who failed to attend the Northeast Area Rally (NEAR) in Vermont really missed a very nice rally. After several year of poorly run rallies, and with a very limited budget Tommy "Z" our new NEAR Vice President, accepted the challenge to conduct the rally. Yes there were a few "hiccups" but overall it was considered a success. Initial reports are in and it looks like they will be in the black after expenses are paid.

It looks like we will be obligated to return to Vermont in 2015, with a FMCA International Rally being scheduled in Syracuse in 2016. In 2017 NEAR hopes to be able to go to another location.

Harborfest was another big success with approximately 94 coaches present. Jim and Sherry Miller worked very hard to make the rally run smoothly. The weather during the day was great, but several heavy rainy nights kept a few people awake. The fireworks were amazing and the food was not bad either.

Our big joint rally with the TIVs is this month at Association Island in Henderson NY. It will be too bad if you miss this rally, I think we will be talking about it all year.

September should be a home run with our rally in Cooperstown, register early. The more we have the better the price at the campground will be.

Secretary's Report

Charlotte Burrell

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We have had a very good year as far as recruiting with 9 new members and hopefully a few more as we handed out membership applications at NEAR and Harborfest. As we talked with other chapters, they were amazed at this number. I was even asked "How do you get such young and vibrant new members?" We should all be pleased with our Chapter as we are becoming well known at the local and regional rallies. Members of the Eastern Area asked us several times if we would be attending GEAR this year and were sad that we would not be traveling to North Carolina. It is a testament to how much fun we have together, and what good friends we have all become. To those of you who have not attended a rally, or one recently, we hope to see you soon! August we will be at Association Island. If you would like to attend, call the campground and get a site, then e-mail Rich as we can get a definite count for the catered dinner. All of our campsites have been reserved, but site a ways away are available. In September, we will be in Cooperstown, with all the Museums to visit. The rally in Pennsylvania in October should be a really good time as we will have more time to site see, shop, eat, enjoy each other's company etc. Continue the good work of recruiting new members! Charlotte

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

Call or email me

2nd Vice President's Report

Bob Flight

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Please thank Bart & Elaine for stepping forward to host the October Rally (Rich & I stood behind and gave them the BIG push!!). Our Rally Schedule page has the latest info posted. We missed the last set of rallies due to the arrival of our first grandchild, Alyssa, on July 11. Everyone is doing fine. We hope to see everyone at Association Island for the joint TIV & NYCentrals rally in August. --- Bob

From the National Director

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Eight coaches caravanned into NEAR (5 Centrals and 3 Finger Lakers) for the rally in near perfect weather. We volunteered as seminar hosts, Char and Elaine put on craft classes and I presented my Dutch oven cooking seminar. Lots of good food, lemonade and happy hours. Ask Bev about Meatloaf Mountain. Then four of us went to Coles Creek State Park for two days. More good food, lemonade and happy hours. Then we joined almost 90 other coaches for Harbor Fest in Oswego, NY. Even more good food, lemonade and happy hours plus great fireworks.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Association Island in August. As this is being written we have over 30 coaches have signed up for the joint rally with the 1000 Island Voyagers. Elaine and I will be hosting the October rally at Pinch Pond Family Campground & RV Park in Manheim, PA. The dates are October 14th through the 24th. You can come for all ten days, just a week, just a weekend, and/or any combination thereof. We are close to Hershey, Roots Farm Market, the Green Dragon and the Pennsylvania Dutch country (and a lot more). We only have 13 sites reserved. First come first served so let me know ASAP if you are coming. Full details are in the registration form elsewhere in this issue and on the website, www.newyorkcentrals.com.

Good news out of FMCA Inc; plans are almost finalized to bring the 2016 FMCA International Convention and Family Reunion to the State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, NY. We will keep you posted. If you have any questions, please contact me at 585.289.4792 or bartonta@gmail.com. Thank you.

Bart

Treasurer's Report

Sue McCoy

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<u>Opening Balance</u> (As of Jul 1, 2014)	\$2595.61
<u>Revenues</u>	
Membership dues	\$145.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
NEAR	\$97.18
Newsletter (3 months)	\$180.00
Donation – Lyn Gordon	\$40.00
Plates	\$96.00
<u>Ending Balance</u> (Jul 31, 2014)	\$2257.43

Webmaster's Report

Bob Flight

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The latest pictures from the NEAR and HarborFest Rallies have been posted. Several new member pictures were added too. All sorts of other info and such have been updated too. So please feel free to browse at any time. --- Bob



August Wedding Anniversaries

4: Jim & Dolores Wilson
8: Mike & Bev Vrabel
10: David & Susan Nussbaumer
20: Tom & Louise Hancock
22: Steve & Roseann Essler

August Birthdays

3: Betty Hood
5: Rich Burrell
11: Ginny Mancini & Ann Clark
12: Sandy Hallagan
17: Karen Tickner & Jim Miller
20: Bart Barton
21: Patty Sparrow
22: Fran Stevens
26; Ralph Walker
27: Kenny Smith
30: Chris Charney





Now, you see how all these couples seems to be having fun, that's what FMCA is all about!



Rally host/Co-Hosts are needed for the 2015 rally season.

If you are willing to host or co-host a rally, contact Bob Flight. 2VP@NewYorkCentrals.com



2014 RALLY SCHEDULE

August 15 - 17, 2014	Association Island RV Park Henderson Harbor, NY	Rich & Charlotte Burrell rburrell@twcny.rr.com 607-753-8758
September 19-21, 2014	Cooperstown KOA Cooperstown, NY	Hal & Judith Soutar jgandrow@frontiernet.net 518-673-2085
October 14-24, 2014	Pinch Pond Manheim, PA.	Bart & Elaine Barton bartonta@gmail.com 585-289-4792
October 26, 2014	End of season Dinner Spaghetti Warehouse 689 N. Clinton Street Syracuse, NY	Dan & Sue McCoy CoIMac@TWCNY.RR.COM

For more detail & info—see our [Rally Schedule](#) webpage



How many Centrals does it take to put up a pop-up?



Looks like the Border Patrol was asleep at the gate!

New York Centrals September Rally September 19-21, 2014 Cooperstown KOA

HOSTS: Hal & Judi Soutar

Rates: Full hook up: 30 Amp/\$42, 50 Amp/\$50.

Cooperstown KOA
565 Ostrander Road
Richfield Springs, NY 13439
Reserve: 800-562-340
Info: 315-858-0236

Water/Electric: 36.75

Over 6 coaches: 10% discount
Over 12 coaches: 15% discount

Come in Thursday, get Saturday at ½ price.

Directions

From I-90 Exit 30: Go south on 28 approximately 12 miles to Richfield Springs. Left on 20, 5 miles, follow signs.

From I-88 W Exit 24: 20 W, 1/2 mile past 80, follow signs.

I-88 E Exit 17: 28 N to Cooperstown, 80 E to 20 W, follow signs.

ITINERARY:

Thursday: Early Arrivals

Friday: 3:00-5:00 Meet & Greet, Local Cheese & Wine (and non-alcoholic beverages) provided by the host.

Dinner on your own, list of fine local dining will be in the welcome packet.

Saturday: 8 am Continental Breakfast. (Juice, coffee, pastries, bagels & condiments)

3:00 Happy Hour - BYOB, bring a snack to share.

5:30 "Brooks Barbeque" world famous chicken dinner

Evening – Cards, Campfire, and Conversation.

Sunday: Coffee, juice, muffins & bagels.

Cost: \$25.00 per person

CO-PILOT _____

PILOT _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

FMCA# _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$25 x _____ = _____.

Mail to Harold Soutar, PO Box 118, Palatine Bridge, NY 13428 by August 29, 2014.

New York Centrals Family Motor Coach Association

Dinner Meeting – Sunday October 26, 2014

This year's Dinner Meeting will be at the "Spaghetti Warehouse" 689 N. Clinton Street, Syracuse NY.

We will gather for cocktails at 2:00 PM at the restaurant with a cash bar, followed at 3:00 PM for dinner in a private room.

This year everyone will order from the regular menu with a wide selection of great meals ranging in price from \$9.00 to \$17.00.

It will be member's responsibility to pay their own bill and leave appropriate gratuity.

Please RSVP to Dan McCoy, CoIMac@TWCNY.RR.COM or 315-689-9397, with the number to attend, NOT LATER THAN October 20, 2014. If you forget to RSVP don't be afraid to come, we will find space, but please let us know to assist set-up.

Directions:

From WEST (690 / NYS Fair) Exit 11/12 Genesee St. Left on Genesee St to left on W. Willow. Left on Franklin St, under the bridges turns left on N. Franklin. First right on Genant St. Left on N. Clinton St to restaurant on left.

From NORTH (I-81) I-81 south to exit 21 Spencer St. Right on Spence and left on N. Clinton St to restaurant on right.

From SOUTH & EAST (I-81 & 690) follow R 690W toward Baldwinsville. Exit 10 (Geddes St). Take left on Geddes St. Left on Genesee St and follow direction from WEST above.



Come have dinner with Danny Boy. He's looking forward to seeing you.

NEW YORK CENTRALS

October Rally October 14 – 24

Pinch Pond Family Campground & RV Park

3075 Pinch Rd, Manheim, PA 17545

The October rally is now set. Somehow I ended up as Wagon master (thanks a lot Bob and Rich) so here goes. The dates are October 14th through the 24th. You can come for all ten days, just a week, just a weekend, and/or any combination thereof. We are close to Hershey, Roots Farm Market, the Green Dragon and the Pennsylvania Dutch country (and a lot more).

Please DO NOT call Pinch Pond for reservations . . . they only want to deal with one person, yours truly. So please let me know as soon as possible if you want to attend. We have 13 sites reserved so call or email me NOW to lock in your site. We may be able to get a few more if the demand is there. I will need your payment in full by August 31st. Their website is www. <http://pinchpond.com/index.html> for more information.

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Name: _____

Coach Length _____ Do you want 30 or 50 amp _____

Dates: (Please X each night you will be there)

10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23
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Rates are:	Daily (6 or fewer)	Week	Full 10 nights
	30 amp	\$39.60	\$264
	50 amp	\$41.40	\$276
			\$382.80
			\$400.20

Cancellation Policy: You must notify the Pinch Pond office and confirm with a Customer Service Representative that you intend to cancel a reservation. In order to receive a refund (minus a 15% service fee) or a rain check, cancellation must be confirmed at least 7 days prior to your check-in date. **NO REFUNDS OR RAIN CHECKS WILL BE GIVEN FOR HOLIDAY WEEKENDS OR INCLEMENT WEATHER.**

Camping Fee for _____ nights: \$ _____

Rally Fee per Person: \$7.00 X _____ = \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Please make your check payable to Bart Barton and give it to me at a rally or mail it to:

Bart Barton
4342 Shortsville Rd
Shortsville NY 14548

I need to receive it by August 31st. Questions? Call (H)585.289.4792 (C)585.506.2930 or email bartonta@gmail.com Thank you.

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