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FMCA

July 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here I am again writing a President's Message. Where does the time go? What a great start we've had this year. A big thanks go out to Tom & Ellen Kinsman for all their hard work in arranging the meets. Thank you also to all who volunteered to help. As always, Charlie Brown was a huge success. We had 36 coaches in attendance. Tom &



Peggy Saltus & Ann Marie Samara let the good times roll on Peggy's trike

Ellen and Ellie & I want to thank everyone that helped. Our semi-annual meeting went off fine. Lots of good input. Tom & I are still looking for help with a Hospitality Host and Coffee Organizer. These jobs do not have to be done by the same people. We can split the tasks.

Now, under the threat of legal action, I must make some retractions. It seems that for the Beech Ridge weekend, I mentioned that on Friday night we would be having *Leo's Special Dynamite Sandwiches*. I stand corrected. It should have read, *Pauline's Special Dynamite Sandwiches*. Also, it was brought to my attention that for breakfast I mentioned *Joe's Special Egg Sandwiches*. Sorry Peter, but I checked with our legal department and they say there is no patent on using the words *Special Egg Sandwiches*. All kidding aside, I love the harmony and good jesting we have amongst our members and sister clubs.

A lot of good things are coming up. Check out www.YankeeTravelers.com, our revised website. Click on *Events* and bring up the rally sheets. If you have any questions, see BIG MIKE, our Webmaster. We are looking forward to our first rally at Beech Ridge. There still are some spaces available. Wells Beach is just around the corner. As always Joe Samara is busy planning a great event. If you've never been, you don't know what you're missing.

See you down the road.

Bob Townsend, President

Schedule of Events 2007

BOLD PRINT DESIGNATES YANKEE RALLIES

July 27th-29th	BEECH RIDGE MOTOR SPEEDWAY, Scarborough ME
Aug 3rd-5th	SEAFOOD FESTIVAL Ninigret Park, Charleston RI
Aug 10 th -12 th	Northeasterner's @ Stones Ranch, Auburn MA
Aug 24 th -26 th	Northeasterner's @ Otis ANG Cape Cod Air Show, Otis ANG MA
Aug 31st-Sept 3rd	BEACH ACRES (Labor Day) Chapter Meeting, Wells ME
Sept 14 th -16 th	Northeasterner's @ Adams Fairgrounds, Adams MA
Sept 21st-23rd	BARNSTABLE FAIRGROUNDS, <i>Tri-Chapter Rally</i>, Barnstable MA
Sept 28th-30th	DEERFIELD FAIR, Deerfield NH
Oct 5 th -8 th	Cape Codders' @ Horseneck Beach, Westport MA
Oct 19th-21st	PUMPKIN FEST, Swansea NH
Oct 26th-28th	HOLIDAY COSTUME PARTY, <i>Tri-Chapter Rally</i>, Hudson MA



FMCA Conventions & Rallies

July 11-14, 2007	Northeast Area Rally, Augusta NJ
Aug 13-16, 2007	FMCA 78 th International Convention, Redmond OR



YANKEE TRAVELERS RACE WEEKEND
July 27th - 29th 2007

Arrive Friday and stay until Monday Morning

Beech Ridge Motor Speedway

70 Holmes Road, Scarborough ME 04074, www.BeechRidge.com

LIMITED TO 30 COACHES

Hosted by Bob & Ellie Townsend, Bob & Beth King, Dan & Sharon Meservey

***** DRAWING TO WIN THE WEEKEND FREE *****

Beech Ridge Motor Speedway is New England's premier short track speedway. The third-mile asphalt oval facility is renowned across the nation as a leader in the short track racing field. Frequently, it is rated by visitors and race industry professionals as one of the top five short tracks in the United States. A talented pool of nearly 150 weekly local drivers, combined with competitive rules, a first-rate staff, an efficient program and an immaculate facility have given Beech Ridge its outstanding reputation.

- Friday Evening:** 6pm Pauline's Special Dynamite Sandwiches
Coffee & Brownie and Ice Cream w/Hot Fudge Sauce
- Saturday Morning:** 8-9am Joe's Special Egg Sandwiches, Hash Browns, Juice & Coffee
- Saturday Afternoon:** Maine Indoor Karting www.MaineIndoorKarting.com
Sign up if interested, apx. cost \$30, Race for the Trophy & Bragging Rites
- Saturday Night:** Steak or Chicken Dinner, Hot Dogs and Burgers for those 12 & under
Coffee & Assorted Cheese Cakes
- Sunday Morning:** 8am Coffee & Assorted Homemade Goodies
- Sunday Morning:** Pitt Pass with Dan Meservey
- Sunday Afternoon:** Racing, Dan has arranged a 2 for 1 deal on the price of tickets
Let's watch Dan race to Victory!

DIRECTIONS: The Speedway is located 1½ miles from the ME Turnpike. From the Turnpike, north or south, take Exit 42 (formerly Exit 6). Turn left after the toll booth onto Payne Road and go ½ mile. Turn left again at the traffic light onto Holmes Road, then just 1 mile to the Speedway.

Price per coach:\$50

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!! DEADLINE JULY 13th, 2007

Name _____ F# _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Price per coach: \$50 **Additional Guests:** \$20 #____ Steak #____ Chicken

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

#____ Children 12 & under #____ Interested in Indoor Kart Racing

Make checks payable to: YANKEE TRAVELERS CHAPTER FMCA

Mail to: Ellie Townsend, 57 Countryside Rd, N. Grafton, MA 01536

Rally Recaps

Charlie Brown Rally

We had thirty-six coaches in attendance with eighty rally participants. The coaches started arriving about eleven o'clock and our parking crew of Mike Gilliland and Ray Roche got all of us to our assigned spaces without incident. Great job guys and thanks again.

Ellen and I got busy setting up the dining area with tablecloths and Ellen's flowers. Without being asked volunteer Yankees came over and started helping with the set up. We made relatively quick work of getting ready as the rest of the coaches arrived and settled in. Five o'clock rolled around and we filled ourselves with Italian Wedding Soup and bread, quickly followed by desserts. We can't go too long without food of some kind.



The executive board members had a quick meeting in preparation for Saturdays General Meeting. We then moved over to one of the fire rings under the pavilion. We sat by the fire until around 10:30 and then retired to rest up for a fun filled Saturday. Saturday morning started with an omelet in a bag breakfast served up with home fries and muffins. Again the volunteers came out of the woodwork to help cook, serve and clean-up after breakfast. I want to thank everyone who pitched in as this is a true group effort. It was nice to see some first timers get involved with the production. It truly is more fun if you get in the middle of the fray. You get to meet all of our fellow members.

After breakfast had time to settle, we had our first General Meeting of the year. President Bob Townsend did an excellent job of running the meeting without his organizer Joyce Blake available for this rally. Beth King is filling in for Joyce until the Blakes come back from their trip out West.

Following the meeting, the "biker boys" headed out for a run while another group headed out to get some money back from the local tribe. Others headed to local shops to stimulate the economy, while more stayed back at their coaches to catch up on some needed coach repairs or just plain rest.



Three o'clock found us down by the river waiting to see who would win this year's Regatta or at least who would end up winning some bucks. First place in the high stakes boat went to Darlene Pas and Bob King won first place in the regular boat division. Once we gathered the remaining boats from the river, we headed back to the pavilion for some more food. That night's delights were hors d'oeuvres and, boy, did we have a wide variety of treats to choose from. Earl Nield made his fantastic French fries along with Damian's tosquitos. I personally tried a little of everything, including the alligator. We again sat by the fire and a game of LRC broke out. We played high stakes for dollar bills and we had three winners, Zube Seley, Renate Gilliland and Dave Buker.

Sunday morning, Fathers Day, we had the pleasure of homemade muffins made by Ellie Townsend before we headed home. Safe travels and hope to see you soon.

Tom Kinsman, WagonMaster



Charlestown Chamber of Commerce Annual

Seafood Festival

Hosted by Joe Samara

August 3-4-5, 2007

Friday 12:00 to 10:00; Saturday 11:00 to 10:00; Sunday 11:00 to 8:00

The Area's Best Seafood!

A gastronomic extravaganza of Rhode Island's best seafood, lobsters, steamers, chowder, fish & chips, clam cakes, corn on the cob and a raw bar, as well as an array of all types of foods for every taste. Continuous entertainment and events—a wide variety of arts and crafts on display, amusement rides, rock wall climbing, children's shows, bungee jumping, boat, kayak and lobster raffle.

- The Chamber has established a flat fee of \$75 for the weekend, which includes admission to the Festival for three days, parking and entertainment
- Coaches may arrive as early as noon Thursday and stay until Monday morning
- This is DRY camping so come prepared!!
- There is a dump station near the park for a fee
- Each coach will be assigned a parking space on arrival & will remain there as long as in attendance
- Coaches arriving together will be parked together
- Yankee Breakfast for those camping with Yankee Travelers Saturday from 8-9am

DIRECTIONS

From 95 North: Take exit 92 in CT and at the end of the ramp take a right. Take a right at the turn-off marked Route 78 (Westerly Beaches). Follow to stop light and take a left (this will be Route 1 North). Follow until you see the signs marked Tourist Information/Ninigret Park. Take the right hand exit. Follow approximately 1/4 mile and the park is on your right.

From 95 South: Take exit 9, this will be on your left. You are on Route 4 heading South. Keep following and you will merge onto Route 1 South for approximately 35 minutes. You will see signs marked Tourist Information/Ninigret Park on your left. Take the left hand turn around and get into the right hand lane. Take right hand turn and the park will be approximately 1/4 mile down on right.

Price per coach: \$75.00

For more formation contact Bill & Judi Wuerch at 401/322-0568 or riwings1@cox.net

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!! DEADLINE Saturday, JULY 28th, 2007

Names: _____ F: _____

Address: _____

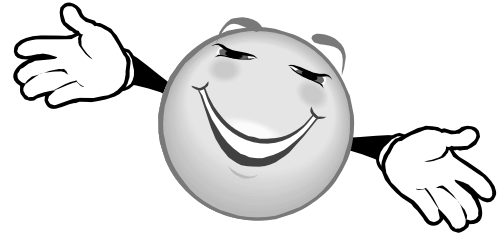
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Make checks payable to: William E. Wuerch **Mail to:** 89 Ross Hill Road, Charlestown, RI 02813
Please put F# and write Yankee Rally on your check

Club News

New Members—Welcome to Yankee Travelers

Judy & Donald Babin from Saugus MA
Meri & Sam Churchill from Seekonk MA
George Cook from Marlborough MA
Cathi & Ron DeCiero from Marlborough MA
Arlene & Joseph DeMoura from East Taunton MA
Gail & Donald Morey from Danvers MA
Carroll Pugmire & Don Betty from Manchester CT
Evelyn & James Pyke from Roslindale MA
Heather & Clendon Smith from Marstons Mills MA
Anne & Peter Williamson from Centerville MA
Josephine & Joseph Yanavich from Winstead CT



A note from ...

Webmaster Mike Gilliland

The website is now revised and updated at www.YankeeTravelers.com. Anyone can access it, but if you want to see the Members section you can login using your last name beginning with a upper case letter and **if another member has your same last name**, include your first initial. Then your F# without the F as your password.

This will let you review an up-to-date members list with phone, address and e-mail address. You can go to Gallery and a link will take you to a Photo Show of past rallies. If there are any additions or corrections that need to be made please contact me at endeavor40ft@yahoo.com or 860-464-9353.

Newsletter Editor Melanie Matz

I hope that you have been enjoying our newsletter. I've had some big shoes to fill and am working hard to fill them well. Many thanks to former Newsletter Editor Bev Burnham for her much needed and welcome guidance in getting it all together each month.

Please feel free to contact me at mmatz@optonline.net, 631-749-2376 or fax 631-749-3331 if you have any questions or believe information is missing or could be clearer — especially new members because sometimes information just seems obvious to those who've been around for a while. I look forward to hearing from you.

Labor Day Weekend Yankees Beach Bash

563 Post Road, US Route One
Wells ME 04090
207-646-5612
www.BeachAcres.com



Friday, Aug 31st to
Monday, Sept 3rd

Hosted by Bob Townsend & the Yankee Team

Coach with 2 adults: \$125 · Coach with 1 adult: \$100

Adult guest: \$35 · Children under 16 free except for Sunday's Catered Dinner: \$20

SCHEDULE

Friday	5-6:30pm	'Bite to Eat'
	7:00pm	Meet at the tent for Coffee & Dessert A-J bring desserts
Saturday	8-9:00am	Full Breakfast <i>The day is yours to enjoy the area!</i>
	9:45am	Board of Directors Meeting
	12:00pm	"Best Soup" Contest <i>Time to be creative!</i>
		More info on pg 8, Contact Bob Pierro 781-631-9397
	4:00pm	Cocktail Hour (BYOB)
	5:30pm	Chicken Marsala created by our famous <i>Mystery Chef!?!</i>
	7:00pm	Coffee & dessert K-R bring desserts
Sunday	8-9:00am	Full Breakfast
	10:00am	General Meeting Elections/Installation of Officers
	1:00pm	Craft Fair Contact Renate Gilliland 860-464-9353
	5:00pm	Catered Steamship Round of Beef <i>Bring tickets</i>
	6:30pm	Coffee & Dessert S-Z bring desserts
	7:30pm	Yankee Entertainment
		More info on pg 9, Contact Ellen Kinsman 508-946-2126
Monday	8:00am	Coffee and...

PLEASE BRING SET-UPS TO BREAKFAST & STEAMSHIP ROUND OF BEEF

Pets Restricted to Safari Area Only – You must pick-up after your pets

Dry Camping with the "Big White Tent", Water & Dump Station available

The Beach Trolley will still be running for your convenience

Remember the Ice Cream Scoop across the street.....*Irresistible!*

Directions: On ME Turnpike, take Exit 19 in Wells, turn left (East) onto Route 109, turn right (South) onto Post Road/US Route 1, go 2¼ miles to campground on left. Look for FMCA signs, you do not need to check in at the office

Reservation Deadline: Friday, August 17, 2007

LIMITED SPACE—RESERVE EARLY

Names: _____ F: _____ Coach Length: _____

Phone: _____ Coach with 2 adults: \$125 _____

Handicap: _____ Coach with 1 adult: \$100 _____

Adult guests: \$ 35 _____

Children under 16 are free except for Sunday's Catered Dinner: \$ 20 _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

Send to:

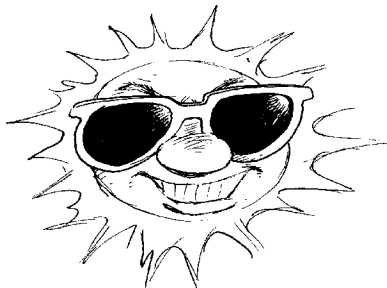
Questions (508) 839-2134

YANKEE TRAVELERS

Ellie Townsend

57 Countryside Rd

No. Grafton MA 01536



Beach Acres - Soups On!

Hello Everyone,



This years Cooking Contest at Beach Acres will be for Home-made Soup.

The contest will take place at noon on Saturday, September 1st.

Ribbons will be awarded to the Top Three Contestants by a panel of Judges who's names I will not disclose at this time to eliminate any possibility of bribery. (ha,ha,ha,ha)



May we suggest that you bring your favorite sandwich or salad and enjoy the soup with us for lunch under the big tent?

If you have any questions you can contact us at rjelp@netzero.net or 781-631-9397.



Thank You,

Robert & Eileen Pierro, Chairmen

John & Cathy Doheney, Co-Chairmen

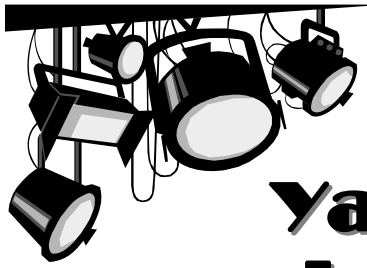
How Smart Is Your Right Foot?

This is so funny that it will boggle your mind. And, you will keep trying it at least 50 more times to see if you can outsmart your foot. But you can't!!!



1. While sitting at your desk, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles with it.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand ... Your foot will change direction!!!

I told you so...and there is nothing you can do about it. Make sure you pass this on to your friends ... They won't be able to believe it either!!!



6th Annual Yankee Travelers Labor Day Show Beach Acres, Wells ME

We need ACTS, SKITS, IDEAS & VOLUNTEERS!!!

Please fill out the form below and return it ASAP to Ellen Kinsman

Names of People in Act: _____

General description of Act: _____

Any props needed: _____

Forward info to Ellen Kinsman at tkinsman1@verizon.net or call 508-946-2126

Please get this information in soon as possible as the MC needs to organize her presentation

The benefits of being in the show are:

- a. You get a copy of the video so you can see yourself and the rest of the 'Not Ready for Prime Time Players' in their *full* glory;
- b. You get to see what really goes on back stage – sometimes funnier than what goes on out front.

Call for Volunteers:

- 4 People to set up props before and in-between acts
- 3-4 People to act as ushers and crowd control
- 1 Assistant to MC (must be female to assist with costumes)



FOR SALE

• **Yankee T-Shirts and More!**

Contact Leo Lozeau at 401-658-0782 for your Yankee Travelers shirts and sweatshirts as well as the Magnetic Yankee Name Bars in gold or silver. Leo will have samples at the rallies for you to see and try on.

• **1998 Holiday Rambler Endeavor 38WDS**

60,000 mi., Kitchen slide, 2000 watt inverter, auto sat., 10mpg+, diesel generator, no smoke, many extras, one great coach at \$8,000 below book
Call Tony DiMaggio at 239-293-1603



YANKEE TRAVELERS BADGES ORDER FORM

Red Drum-Shaped Badge: white lettering with name bar attached at the bottom

First Name: _____ First Name: _____

Last Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Mail to Name: _____ FMCA#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Make checks payable to: Jack Fahnestock

Mail to: 55 Loring Street, Auburn MA 01501

Badges: \$8.00 each # Badges _____ Amount \$ _____

Shipping: \$2.00 (2 badges) Amount \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

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YANKEE TRAVELERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

No person may become a member of the Yankee Travelers Chapter unless they are a member in good standing of the National Family Motor Coach Association

This membership is NEW RENEWAL CHANGE ONLY FMCA# _____ FMCA Expiration Date _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

His Birthdate _____ Her Birthdate _____ Anniversary _____

I have paid my National FMCA dues or have applied for membership. I have enclosed dues of \$10 for 1 year (or \$18 for 2 years) and understand this is for membership in the Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA, including Newsletters, until December 31, _____. Annual dues run from January 1st thru December 31st and must be paid by February 1st.

Signature _____ Date _____

Payable to: Yankee Travelers FMCA Mail to Membership Secretary: Leah Coady, 158 Vermont Ave., Somerset MA 02726

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