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FMCA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another year has come and gone, and what a great year it has been. I want to thank everyone who made this year possible. This fall was a lot of fun.

I want to thank Bob & Leah Coady and their team for making Deerfield a success again. The Chinese food was great and everyone had a good time at the fair.

Thanks to Tom & Ellen Kinsman and Jeff & Dianne White for making our first time at the Keene, New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival such a great weekend. Everyone that attended is looking forward to going back again next year.

We had two tri-rallies with the Northeasterners and Cape Codders, our sister chapters. Barnstable is always a lot of fun. The meal was great and I think the movie night was a hit. Our Holiday Party in Hudson, was also a great success. Thanks to the Northeasterners for organizing it. Weren't Mr. & Mrs. Claus great? It was a nice way to end our year and plan for next year.

Speaking of next year, the snowbirds are planning on having another rally in Titusville, Florida in early April. Also Joe Samara will be kicking off 2008 - for us hearty Northerners - with a *Come Out of Hibernation* Rally in Mystic, Connecticut late April. See the rally sheets on pages 3 and 5 respectfully for details. The snow bird rally deadline is fast approaching, so if you want to go, send it in now.

In closing, I want to wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season and healthy New Year.

See you down the road.

Bob Townsend, President

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Tentative Schedule of Events 2008

BOLD PRINT DESIGNATES YANKEE RALLIES

All dates & locations subject to change

Apr 2nd-5th	SNOWBIRDS @ GREAT OUTDOORS RV RESORT, Titusville FL <i>Hosted by Paulette & Neal Nevin</i>
Apr 25th-27th	SEAPORT CAMPGROUND, Mystic CT <i>Hosted by Joe & Ann Marie Samara</i>
May 2nd-4th	Northeastern @ KOA, Middleboro MA
May 9th-11th	Mother's Day @ PETERS POND RV RESORT, Sandwich MA
May 23rd-26th	Cape Codder @ Second Beach, Middletown RI, Memorial Day
Jun 6th-8th	Cape Codder @ Winter Island, Salem MA
Jun 13th-15th	Father's Day @ CHARLIE BROWN CAMPGROUND, Eastford CT
Jun 20nd-22th	Northeastern @ Stones Ranch, Auburn MA
Jun 27th-Jul 6th	4th of July @ SCUSSET BEACH, <i>Tri-Chapter Rally</i>, Sagamore MA
Jul TBA	BEECH RIDGE MOTOR SPEEDWAY, Scarborough ME
Jul 25th-27th	Northeastern @ Balloonfest, University of RI
Jul 31st-Aug 3rd	Cape Codder @ Plum Island Airport, Newburyport MA
Aug 22nd-24th	Northeastern @ Car Show Barnstable Fairgrounds, East Falmouth MA
Aug 29th-Sep 1st	Labor Day @ BEACH ACRES, Chapter Meeting, Wells ME
Sept 12th-14th	Northeastern @ Adams Fairgrounds, Adams MA
Sept 19st-21rd	BARNSTABLE FAIRGROUNDS, <i>Tri-Chapter Rally</i>, Barnstable MA
Sept 26th-28th	Cape Codder @ TBA
Oct 10th-13th	Cape Codder @ Horseneck Beach, Westport MA
Oct 17th-19th	HOLIDAY PARTY, <i>Tri-Chapter Rally</i>
Oct 25th-27th	PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, Swanzey NH

FMCA Conventions & Rallies

Feb 6-10, 2008	Southeast Area Rally, Brooksville FL
Feb 25-28, 2008	79 th International Convention, Pomona CA
July 14-17, 2008	80 th International Convention, St. Paul MN
Aug 7-10, 2008	Northeast Area Rally, Essex Junction VT

Yankee Travelers' Snow Bird Rally

Hosted by Paulette & Neal Nevin

Wednesday April 2nd to Saturday April 5th 2008

The Great Outdoors RV Resort

125 Plantation Drive Titusville FL 32780 www.TGOResort.com 800-621-2267

\$150 Per Coach 2 people, 3 nights

Water & 30A Electric— Dump Station nearby

RESERVE EARLY—Limited to 25 coaches

***** Reservation Deadline January 1st *****

Please bring set-ups to events at the tent

Bring extra extension cords – may be needed if full

Early arrival – late departure available through TGO Contact them directly 800-621-2267

Tell them you are with the Yankee Travelers for discounted price

Rally fee includes

Group catered dinner on either Thursday or Friday, the day not yet determined

Morning Coffee, Pizza Party & Dinner at Dixie Crossroads for the other day

Nearby Attractions

Kennedy Space Center 8 miles · Cocoa Beach 15 miles · Orlando 35 miles · Airboat Rides
· National Seashore · TGO Golf · Other TGO amenities · Just relax at the pool

Directions: From I-95 & SR 50 (Exit 215) West ½ mile on SR 50 to entrance road, South 2 miles, Resort on left

Questions? Call 312-264-7400 or Cell 774-722-3530

Reservations Must Be Received By January 1, 2008

Names: _____ F#: _____

Address: _____

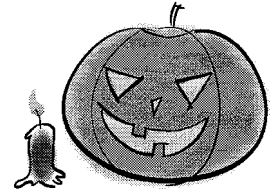
Coach Length: _____ Phone: _____

1st Yankee Rally? YES NO Dinner @ Dixie Crossroads YES NO How Many? ____

Coach with 2 People: \$150 Checks payable to: Paulette Nevin

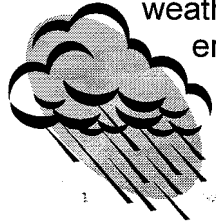
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Rally Recaps



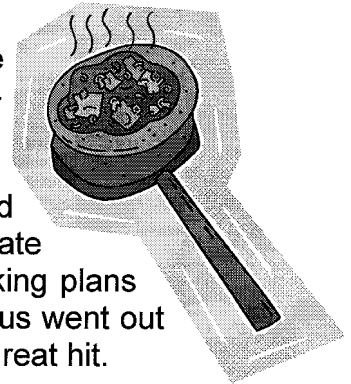
Pumpkin Festival

We had a total of thirty five coaches at this first time rally-one of them a new shiny Phaeton, congratulations to Pete & Dot Sarofeen. Tough act to follow for next years birthday. Friday afternoon people straggled in and found electric hook-ups or not depending on how close to the tent you wanted to be. The Cheshire Fairgrounds turned out to be a great site for a rally. Nice level sites and plenty of space. Electricity was spread out all over the place, so we had to be creative to stay together.



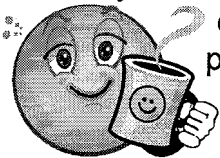
Once the majority of us arrived we settled in for Minestrone soup and fresh bread. The weather didn't cooperate much on Friday night but thanks to Bob Townsend & Bob Pi-erro we had some tent shelter from the torrential rain. As always the Yankee Travelers made the best of a challenging situation. Why not? We were eating, as usual. The soup was followed by cake, ice cream and coffee. The skies opened up and most of us retreated to our coaches. The last four coaches arrived at about 9:30pm and after getting wet they also settled in for the night.

Saturday morning started off with egg sandwiches and fruit. Jeff White broke in his new grill but not without a little difficulty from some ill prepared propane tanks. Thank you Joe Samara for coming to the rescue as usual. He also had a few extra minutes to repair my furnace. The weather cooperated on Saturday and the guys headed out to the local Harley dealership and other manly points of interest. The ladies headed to the local shops to stimulate the economy. We all reassembled back at the fairgrounds and started making plans for the Pumpkin Festival. An early dinner was in order and a large group of us went out to a nearby Italian restaurant for some dinner. Their brick oven pizza was a great hit.



After our afternoon feeding we headed to the shuttle to bring us to the Pumpkin Festival. The downtown Keene area was filled with pumpkins of all sizes, shapes and some very creative carvings. We entered six pumpkins carved by both adults and children. We even had an FMCA pumpkin carved by Kathy Staska. We all meandered around the festival and guess what we found? Food, all kinds of fair food, even apple crisp but not nearly as good as Ellie Townsend's. After awhile the crowds got to be a bit much for this writer, so we headed back on the shuttle to eat some popcorn, cake and ice cream to celebrate Ellie Townsend's birthday as we watched the Red Sox beat up the Indians.

Sunday morning co-hosts Jeff & Dianne White headed out early to pick up muffins and doughnuts, while back at the fairgrounds Bill Otto, our new Coffee Man, prepared the pots for a breakfast send-off. This turned out to be a great site for a rally and we plan on retuning again next year.



I want to thank all of you who attend and pitch in to help at our rallies. This group of people is quite special in that we have to turn away volunteers sometimes because there are so many of you. Please don't be offended and keep asking. Your help is greatly appreciated by all. By the time you read this we will had our Holiday Tri-meet and some of you will have headed south. Safe travels and see you in the spring. We are still looking for hosts for a couple of rallies and a quick phone call to me at (508) 946-2126 can get you all the information you need to be a host. It really is a lot of fun.

Your Wagonmaster, Tom Kinsman

Come Out of Hibernation

Hosted by Joe & Ann Marie Samara

April 25th-27th 2008

Seaport Campground

45 Campground Road Mystic CT 06355

(860) 536-4044

www.SeaportCampground.com



\$85 per coach with water & electric

A weekend of getting out with friends after winter hibernation

Seaport Campground is close to Foxwoods Casino—only 4.5 miles away

9 miles to Mohegan Sun Casino & Minutes from Mystic Seaport & Aquarium

Reservation Deadline 04/01/08

RESERVE EARLY!! Only 25 sites

Campground requires count by April 2nd

NO ADDITIONS AFTER THAT DATE

- Friday Evening: Coffee & Dessert - Bring Dessert
- Saturday Morning: Breakfast
- Saturday Afternoon: The day is yours - See attractions above
- Saturday Evening: Pizza Party
- Sunday Morning: Coffee & Donuts

Directions: On I-95, take Exit 89/Allyn Street (*NOT 90, too many sharp turns*), go North about 1.3 miles, right turn onto Route 184/Gold Star Highway, go 1.5 miles then turn left onto Campground Road, Seaport Campground is at the end

RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 1st

Names: _____ **F#:** _____

Address: _____

Coach Length: _____ **Trailer:** YES NO **Phone:** _____

First Yankee Travelers Rally? YES NO **# Children Under 18:** _____

\$85 per coach with water & electric

Make checks payable to: YANKEE TRAVELERS CHAPTER FMCA

Mail to: Joe & Ann Marie Samara PO Box 72 North Grafton MA 01536

Club News

Our Sympathies

Hal Burnham passed away November 19th. Hal & Bev have been a big part of the Yankee Travelers and we will miss Hal very much. Bev sends her heartfelt thanks for your cards, thoughts and prayers during this trying time. Their address is 28 Pearl Drive, Naples FL 34114.



Bob Blake's mother passed away. Bob and Joyce sent the following note:

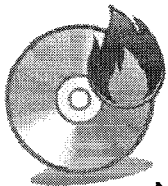
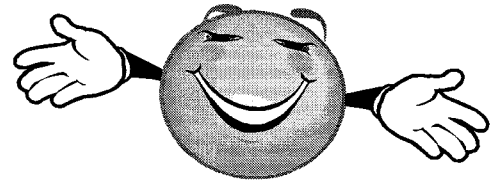
We would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and support. We have said so often that when one of us laugh, we all laugh and when one of us cry, we all cry. This is true friendships, and our camping friends are true family. Thank you everyone ~~ Bob & Joyce Blake

New Members—Welcome to Yankee Travelers

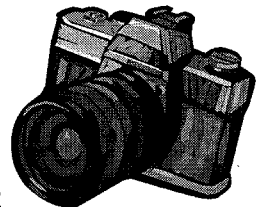
Jill & Art Spierre, Chestertown NY

Dan Stanavage & Mom Marion, Colchester CT

Susan & Chris Meyer, Oak Bluffs MA



YANKEES CAN'T BE BEAT CD



Now you can buy Beth King's trip down memory lane. Beth put together a photo show of special Yankee moments over the past few years. Those of us that saw it at Wells were blown away by it. It is available for purchase for only \$10 each.

Yankees Can't Be Beat CD

Name: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Qty: _____ @ \$10 ea Total: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Yankee Travelers

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

Soup News

Just in time for the long winter months, here are the winning soup recipes from the Beach Acres Rally on Labor Day. Eleven contestants joined in on the fun and your top three ribbon-winning recipes are right here for you to try yourself.

Dan Sweeney's Onion Soup

- 5-6 lbs onions (Spanish or Vidalia or just mix them)
- 3 cans of beef consume
- 1 to 1½ cans chicken broth
- 1 lb butter
- 1 garlic glove
- olive oil and flour
- shredded mozzarella and sliced Swiss cheese
- some beef bouillon cubes
- slices of French bread

I begin by putting oil in a Dutch oven type pan and slice a lot of garlic letting it simmer to a golden brown—but not burning it.

Then add the beef consume and chicken broth and add equal amounts of water.

At that time, also I put in 2 tablespoons of oil and 2 tablespoons of flour, mix and keep on low heat.

Then in a large frying pan, I simmer all the onions in plenty of butter to a light brown, then salt and pepper to taste.

When onions are done, pour them into the broth mixture and let simmer for a half hour or so.

Let the soup cool down and then put it in the fridge. When you take the soup from the fridge, scoop off the jelled butter from the top. Heat the soup, taste it and then add beef bouillon cubes, if desired.

Now, toast slices of your choice of bread, cut them in half and place them in a frying pan that is simmering with butter and chopped fresh garlic cloves. Lightly cook each side of bread.

Scoop out the hot soup into a bowl and sprinkle some shredded mozzarella in the bowl with the soup and then place in the bread with the slice of Swiss cheese on top of that. Sometimes we put it in the oven to really melt the cheese.

A word from the cook — always cook to your own taste.

Hope yours is a success also and thanks to everyone for all of your compliments



Andrea Morneau's Sausage & Corn Chowder

Makes 6-8 servings

- 1 lb of sweet sausage meat
- 1 lg onion chopped
- 2-3 lg potatoes chopped
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp basil
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 cups water
- 1-16oz can cream style corn
- 1-16oz bag frozen corn
- 1-12oz can evaporated milk



Crumble sausage in skillet and brown, drain fat and put sausage into deep pan
Return 2 tablespoons of fat and sauté onion with sausage

Add potatoes, salt, pepper, basil and water

Cover and simmer for 15 minutes

Stir in cream corn, frozen corn and evaporated milk

Cover and heat almost to boiling

Sausage & Rice Soup

I hope the chef will come forward to be credited with this award-winning recipe since the editor has misplaced her notes and can't remember who created the following...

Makes about 1 gallon

- ½ small onion diced into ¼" pieces
- 6 sweet sausages or total of 1½ lbs
- 14 cups beef or chicken broth
- 1 cup white rice
- 2 cups chunky Italian plum tomatoes, fresh or canned
- ¼ lb spinach, cleaned, de-stemmed & torn
- ⅔ cup shredded mozzarella, optional



Break up sausages into ½ inch pieces and put them into a 2 gallon soup pot
along with onion, *without oil or butter*, sausage will release oil when heated

Cook on low heat until sausage is golden brown—careful, don't burn the onion

Add the hot stock and bring to a simmer

Add rice and tomatoes and continue simmering until rice is cooked, about 15-20
minutes

Add spinach and cook a few more minutes then salt and pepper to taste

Garnish each bowl with tablespoon of shredded mozzarella prior to serving

FOR SALE

• **2002 Honda Silverwing**

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Call Bob Townsend 508-839-2134 or 978-697-1930



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38WDS

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slide, 2000 watt in-

verter, auto satellite,

10 mpg+, diesel gen-

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many extras, one

great coach at \$8,000

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DiMaggio at 239-293-1603



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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 Chapter FMCA Membership Application/Renewal

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 ^{circle one} 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 & understand this is for membership in the
Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA, including newsletters thru December 31st
Annual dues run from January to December and must be paid by March 30th*

Signature _____ Date _____

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