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FMCA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just returned from a wonderful and successful weekend at Wells. We had over 226 people in attendance and we could not have asked for better weather. The weekend was so busy; I know there were some people that I did not get a chance to talk to. So, if I missed getting to speak to you, I'm sorry and I look forward to seeing you down the road.

A very SPECIAL THANKS to Joe & AnnMarie Samara for all their hard work and planning. This event would not be as successful if it wasn't for them. The parking crew really earned their keep, parking 106 coaches. Thanks Mike Gilliland, Ray Roach & Bob Ekmarck and thanks Renate Gilliland & Sally Roche for checking everyone in. Friday night started with grilled ham & cheese, chips, then shared desserts. Saturday started with ham, eggs, home fries and English muffins. It seemed that we just finished breakfast and Joe was cooking hot dogs to go along with the homemade soups furnished by those who entered the soup contest. Thanks Bob & Eileen Pierro for arranging the contest and a special thanks to all the contestants for sharing their soup. Recipes will be printed in future newsletters. While all this was going on Jeff & Dianne White were busy with their crew preparing the unbelievable chicken Marsala supper. Hats off to Joanne Emma for cooking perfect pasta. Thanks to all that worked so hard getting this dinner ready. The evening finished with an ice cream social hosted by the crew from CrossRoads RV. It seemed like we had just got to bed and we were up and at it again with pancakes and sausage for Sunday breakfast. Did you like the special touch Joe did for the kids? M&M pancakes. How good is that?

Following the breakfast we had our annual general meeting. Congratulations to the newly elected officers. One of the things that I am most proud of is the setting up of a Charity & Relief fund to be funded by the 50/50 raffles. Sunday noon we saw hot dogs again. We certainly wouldn't want anyone to go hungry. There was a craft fair in the afternoon. Thanks to Renate Gilliland & Marsha Robbins for setting this up and to all who participated. We had 12 tables this year. I understand that Kathy Staska sold 52 bracelets for breast cancer—more about Mel's Bracelets on page 4. Makes you feel good. The afternoon was a busy one setting up for the show and getting ready for the catered Steam Ship Round dinner. Boy, was it good. Some of us were able to get away for a little motorcycle ride while the craft fair was going on.

Then came the GRAND FINALE, the world-renowned, *Yankee's Variety Show*. Thanks to Ellen & Tom Kinsman for all their hard work putting this together and to all who took part in any way. I also want to thank Beth King for the wonderful slide presentation. It is available to purchase—see page 2. Well, we finished up on Monday morning with coffee and donuts and then it was time to say our goodbyes. I want to thank everyone who helped to make this possible—the folks making the coffee, cleaning up and running for the food. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

The crew is already making plans for next year. You'll just have to wait and see. Thanks again to all that help to make the Yankee Travelers, such a huge success. -Bob Townsend, President

Schedule of Events 2007

BOLD PRINT DESIGNATES YANKEE RALLIES

Sept 21st-23rd **BARNSTABLE FAIRGROUNDS, Tri-Chapter Rally, Barnstable MA**
Hosted by Chapter Officers

Sept 28th-30th **DEERFIELD FAIR, Deerfield NH**
Hosted by Leah & Bob Coady, Irene & Dave Vital, Janet & Arthur Gamache, Bob Heap, Audrey & Rich Manchester, Sylvia & Roy Longworth
PLEASE NOTE: PRICE FOR DEERFIELD IS NOW \$70 per FAIRGROUNDS
You may pay additional amount to Leah at Rally
DINNER IS HOMEMADE CHINESE FOOD

Oct 5th-8th Cape Codder's @ Horseneck Beach, Westport MA

Oct 5th-8th NE Quadrant Croton Chapter, Fall Round-Up Rally, Croton Pt Pk, NY

Oct 19th-21st **PUMPKIN FEST, Swanzey NH**
Hosted by Ellen & Tom Kinsman, Dianne & Jeff White

Oct 26th-28th **HOLIDAY PARTY, Tri-Chapter Rally, Hudson MA**
Hosted by Chapter Officers

FMCA Conventions & Rallies

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

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

SentinelSource.com Presents

THE KEENE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

NEW HAMPSHIRE

OCTOBER 19TH - 21ST

Hosted by Ellen & Tom Kinsman and Dianne & Jeff White

Cheshire Fairgrounds

247 Monadnock Hwy, Route 12, Swanzey NH 03446

www.PumpkinFestival.com

Arrive Friday 10/19/07

Free shuttle from Fairgrounds to downtown Keene

Cost \$45 per coach

Limited electric (20A) & water Limited to the first thirty coaches

Have you ever seen thousands of jack-o-lanterns all grinning back at once?
 At the Downtown Keene Pumpkin Festival that is exactly what you'll see!
 Towers of pumpkins fill the downtown skies with grinning, funny and scary faces.
 The Pumpkin Festival is clearly the most famous of the Center Stage Cheshire County events.
 The Festival has been featured on CNN Headline News as well as many network stations.
 The Festival brings record crowds to Keene's Downtown & has won recognition from the Guinness
 Book for the largest number of lit jack-o-lanterns in one place at one time in the entire World!
 2003 was the last World Record breaking year, when 28,952 pumpkins lit up Downtown Keene.
 That was the 11th year The Pumpkin Festival garnered a place in the Guinness Book.

Friday Night: 6pm Soup & Fresh Bread

Saturday Morning: 8-9am Yankee Breakfast Sandwich

Saturday Day & Night: On your own

Enjoy the Pumpkin Festival in Keene—Lots of local restaurants & shops

Sunday morning: 8-9am Coffee and?



DIRECTIONS TO THE CHESHIRE FAIRGROUNDS

Take Route 2 West. Take exit 24B onto Route 140 North toward Ashburnham. Merge onto Route 140. Route 140 becomes Route 12. Stay on Route 12 into New Hampshire. Cheshire Campground is on the left on Route 12. Look for FMCA signs.

Reservations must be received by October 12, 2007

Names: _____ F#: _____

Address: _____

Coach Length: _____ Phone: _____

Children Under 18: _____ They are free – we just want to know how many are coming

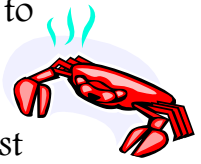
Cost \$45 per coach

Make checks payable to: Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA
Mail to: Tom Kinsman, 638 Plymouth St, Middleboro MA 02346

Rally Recaps

Seafood Festival

Ray Roche and Mike Gilliland showed their usual skills of parking 80 coaches perfectly and with accommodations to us all. Ninety-degree plus heat with high 70's humidity kept the coach air conditioners at full tilt. We walked, road bikes, listened to the many music bands and purchased fun items from the vendors. The fair was well attended with a large variety of food and treats.



Joe Samara and crew organized and cooked a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday morning, sponsored by the Yankee Travelers. As usual, Joe spent much of his time diagnosing and fixing numerous coaches-much to the gratitude of each he worked on.

The heat was a little overwhelming at times and the fair paramedics were there when needed. Of course, Foxwoods was close by, so Ann Marie, Billy and Joannie C. took advantage of it. Ask Joannie what a two cent machine might give you when played! All had smiles upon returning. Bob King and Tom Kinsman celebrated their birthdays with cake, cake and more cake. Dianne brought too much cake! Bob King is now "Street Legal" in Florida! Just ask Jeff White what that means! All in all, it was another wonderful summer rally! -Dianne White

New Members—Welcome to Yankee Travelers

Suzan & Arthur Boucher

Joanne & Russ Merwin

Paula & Barry DeSpirito

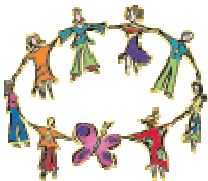
Donald Shapleigh

Anthony & Janice Frost

Margaret Stegemann



A Thank You from Kathy & Tom Staska



I would like to thank all of the Yankee Travelers who purchased Mel's bracelets at the Craft Fair during the Wells weekend. After a few last minute shoppers on Monday morning, I sold a total of 52 bracelets! Thank you so much!



Your support for the Friends of Mel Foundation will help us to continue our fight to find a cure for breast cancer and will also support women in treatment who need financial assistance to purchase wigs or help them with transportation to treatment centers. For more information, visit www.MelsBracelets.org.

This was the first Wells event for Tom and I and we had a blast! The food, the music and just hanging out with friends was great, and of course "The Show" was amazing! Tom, Ellen and cast, you were spectacular! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Pumpkin Fest, and yes, I will bring more bracelets!

Holiday Party-Tri Meet

October 25-28, 2007

Hudson Elks, 99 Park St, Hudson, MA 01749

Hosted by the Officers of Cape Codders, Northeastern Chapter & Yankee Travelers

\$85 2 Adults in Coach • \$65 Single Adult in Coach

\$40 Each Adult Guest in Coach for Weekend • \$30 Each Adult Guest for Dinner & Dance only

Children under 18 free



Thursday: Early arrival time starts at 1pm (NO ARRIVALS BEFORE THEN)

Must be in by 5pm (due to Bingo Traffic)

Bingo at Elks Hall

Friday: 7pm Coffee-Bring goodies to share

Saturday: 8-9am Yankee Travelers' Holiday Breakfast

3-4pm Attitude Adjustment Hour-Cheese & Crackers, Cape Codders, Tree Trimming

If you would like to participate in the Grab bring a \$5 scratch ticket per person

6pm Sit Down Dinner—Roast Turkey, Veggies and Desserts

7-11pm Dancing to "The Illusions"

****CASH BAR-No alcohol or soda may be brought into the hall****

Sunday: 8-9am Coffee & Sweets at your leisure

Farewell to Next Season, served by Northeastern Chapter

Directions: NORTH & SOUTH: Rte 495 to exit 26 toward Hudson (Rte 62). Come to rotary-keep rotary to your left to Rte 85. Go past McDonalds. Take very next right as State Armory (Park St) Follow out to Elks on right about 1/2-1 mile. **LOOK FOR FMCA SIGNS**

MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF

NORTHEASTERN CHAPTER, CAPE CODDERS OR YANKEE TRAVELERS

Holiday Party-Tri Meet

Registration must be received by **October 19, 2007**

Name _____ Tel # _____

F# _____ Length _____

2 Adults in Coach \$85 _____

Single Adult in Coach \$65 _____

Adult Guest _____ @ \$40 Ea _____ (In coach for weekend)

Adult Guest _____ @ \$30 Ea _____ (Dinner & Dance Only)

Children under 18 _____ They are free-we just want to know how many are coming

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please send to:
Heidi Trottier
45 Artisan Way
Forestdale MA 02644

FOR SALE

• **2006 Class A Gas Damon Daybreak Bunkhouse**

36 feet, 2,000 miles, 2 slides, sleeps 8, V10, generator, 3 TV's, basement storage, large fridge, awning, hydraulic leveling system, rear vision system, remote A/C and heat
Call Kim St. Claire at 781-344-9701

• **2002 Honda Silverwing**

16k miles, well maintained, comes with storage box/backrest and cover \$3,795
Also available Versa-Haul motorcycle rack \$250
Call Bob Townsend 508-839-2134 or 978-697-1930



• **1998 Holiday Rambler Endeavor 38WDS**

60,000 miles, kitchen slide, 2000 watt inverter, auto satellite, 10 mpg+, 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 Fahnstock

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) and 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

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