



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another camping year has arrived. I hope this newsletter finds you well. What a great year we had last year. Tom & I will do our best to top it. We finished with 3 rallies-2 great tri-rallies, Barnstable & Hudson, and a great Yankee rally in Keene. Thank you, Pete & crew, for making the Holiday party a lot of fun. Thank you to Tom & Ellen and Jeff & Dianne for the wonderful time at the Pumpkin Fest.



Ellie & I would like to thank all involved in Ellie's favorite Christmas project, *Operation Christmas Child*. Above is a picture of some of the folks that brought shoeboxes filled with gifts for children around the world. 94 boxes were presented between our camping friends and people Ellie works with. *Operation Christmas Child* is a non-denominational project that anyone can get involved in. If you would like more information, ask Ellie at one of the rallies.

Looking ahead we have some great rallies planned. Starting the year off we will be joining the Northeasterners and having a shake out the cobwebs rally at **Campers Inn** in Merrimack NH. *Rally sheet page 2.* We had a great time there last fall with the Cape Codders. On May 8th we will again be returning to **Peters Pond** to celebrate Mother's Day. *Rally sheet page 3.* On May 29th we will be trying a new rally at **Marty's USRV**. *Sign up online or via phone. Info on page 4.* If you have been to one of his weekends in the past, you know that a great time can be had by all. Our Sergeant at Arms has promised to take real good care of us. Information for the Tri Rally at **Scusset Beach** begins on page 6. *One change to note: Beech Ridge is now August 1 & 2 due to scheduling changes with Dan Meservey's race group. See you down the road—Bob Townsend, President*

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 ★ Yankee Traveler's dues cycle runs January to December and is (new price) \$15 a year. ★
 ★ Your mailing label denotes when your membership expires. ★
 ★ At this time, over 100 memberships expired on 12/31/08. ★
 ★ Please use the renewal form on page 4 to keep your membership current, ★
 ★ otherwise this will be your last newsletter. ★
 ★ Membership renewals mailed after 4/15 must be sent to Membership Secretary ★
 ★ Leah Cody's summer address at 158 Vermont Ave, Somerset MA 02726. ★
 ★ Membership in FMCA must be up to date to maintain membership in Yankee Travelers. ★
 ★ Permanent changes to your address or new coach info must be sent to FMCA directly. ★
 ★ Call 800-543-3622, fax 800-547-1219 or email addresschange@fmca.com ★
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Names: _____ F: _____

Address: _____

Coach Length: _____ Phone: _____

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

Is this your first Yankee Travelers rally? YES NO **Cost:** \$50 per coach

Make checks payable to: Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA

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



The Northeasterners & Yankee Travelers present

Come Out of Hibernation

at Campers Inn • April 17th - April 19th

35 Robert Milligan Pkwy (Technology Dr) Merrimack NH

603-883-1082 • www.CampersInn.com

Cost: \$50 per coach • Dry Camping • Dump Site Available

Budweiser Factory is just across the street

A weekend of getting out with friends after winter hibernation

- ♦ **Friday PM:** Soups & Dessert *Last Names A-L bring Desserts to Share*
- ♦ **Saturday AM:** French Toast & Sausage
- ♦ **Saturday Noon:** Hot Dogs & Chips
- ♦ **Saturday PM:** Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, Ice Cream Sundaes
- ♦ **Sunday AM:** Coffee & *Last Names M-Z bring Breakfast Goodies to Share*

Campers Inn will be offering:

- ♦ 10% discount on all RV Supplies-*excluding sale items*
- ♦ 25% discount on Propane
- ♦ Free 30-point coach safety audit by Campers Inn Technicians

Discount coupons for future services will be available

Directions: Take Route 3 North to Exit 10. Right on Industrial Drive, right on Route 28A South. Then Right on Technology Dr. You will be able to see Campers Inn as you are getting off Route 3 on your right.

Reservation Deadline: Monday, April 13, 2009

Mother's Day Weekend Rally

Hosted by

Tom & Ellen Kinsman and Bob & Ellie Townsend

May 8-10



Peters Pond RV Resort
YOUR CAPE COD CAMPGROUND



185 Cotuit Rd • Sandwich MA 02563 • 508-477-1775 • www.PetersPond.com

\$85 per coach with Water & Electric

Limited Sites – RESERVE EARLY! Deadline April 8, 2009

- Friday:** 1pm Arrival
 5pm Clam Chowder, Soup & Stuffed Quohogs
 7pm Coffee & Goodies around the fire—*Bring Goodies*
- Saturday:** 8-9:30am Yankee Breakfast Sandwich—*Bring Set-Ups*
The day is yours to enjoy – lots to do in the Cape Cod area
 5:30pm Dinner @ Seafood Sams *You must pay for your own dinner*
- Sunday:** 8-9:30am Coffee, Fruit, Yogurt & Cereal

Questions? Call Tom (508) 946-2126

Area Attractions: Entertainment and planned activities by Campground (*see bulletin board*)
 Cape Cod Canal, Edaville Railroad, Sandwich Glass, Water Wizz Park, Plymouth Winery,
 Plymouth Plantation, Area Flea Markets

Directions: From Sagamore Bridge, follow Rt 6 to Exit 2 Rt 130, turn Right, from bottom of
 the ramp, go 3 miles to the 2nd signal light at Quaker Meeting House Rd, turn Left, go 0.8
 miles to Cotuit Rd, turn Right, travel 0.7 miles, Peters Pond RV Resort is on the Right

RESERVATION DEADLINE – Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Names: _____ F#: _____

Address: _____

Coach Length: _____ Phone: _____

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

Children's Names: _____

Mom's Names: _____

\$85 per coach Checks payable to: Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA
 Mail to: Tom & Ellen Kinsman, 638 Plymouth St, Middleboro MA 02346

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 is (circle one) NEW/RENEWAL/CHANGE ONLY FMCA# _____ FMCA Exp Date _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Winter Address (if different) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

His Birthdate _____ Her Birthdate _____ Wedding Date _____

*I have paid my National FMCA dues or have applied for membership
I have enclosed dues of \$15 for each year & 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 4800 Eloise Loop Rd Winter Haven FL 33884

Spring Fling @ Marty's USRV

May 29-31

137 Myricks Street Berkley MA

Register at www.MartysUSRV.com or 508-823-7571



• **Friday**

Arrive after noon
Dinner on your own
7pm Comedy

• **Saturday**

8-9:30am Breakfast by Yankees
Seminars: *Women's Driving School, Fire Safety, Insurance*
Fundraiser Luncheon by LIONS Cub
Dinner on your own

• **Sunday**

Evening entertainment by Marty Hanoud
8-9:30am Breakfast by Yankees
Fundraiser Luncheon by LIONS Club
Leave at your leisure

YANKEE TRAVELERS TREASURERS REPORT MARCH 1, 2009

- Total Income 01/01/08 - 03/01/09 \$35,332.97
- Total Expense 01/01/08 - 03/01/09 \$31,829.22
- Net Profit 01/01/08 - 03/01/09 \$ 3,503.75
- Current Balance \$13,849.27

Pumpkin Festival 2008



We had 36 coaches – same as last year. A few arrived Thursday including co-hosts Jeff & Dianne White. Thanks to Bill & Sam Franciosi for helping everyone find electricity and a good spot to park. Friday night we had minestrone soup and a great assortment of breads for dinner. There was plenty left over, even for our late arrivals. Dessert was a collection of specialty cupcakes brought by the Whites – delicious and low cal, too! The weather cooperated Friday with above average temperatures for this time of the year. Saturday morning breakfast arrived with a new Yankee roll up sandwich designed by the Whites and delivered by the Yankee breakfast crew.



The kids spent the daytime hours preparing pumpkins for the big show downtown and the adults either ventured in town to see the pumpkins or headed to some of the many points of interest to stimulate the economy. The weather headed south as the day went along. We hoped it would hold off until the pumpkins were lit, but Mother Nature had other plans.

Thank you Bob & Eileen Pierro for providing shelter for dinner. Pizza hit the spot on a rainy Saturday night. A few hardy souls headed into town to take in the actual Pumpkin Festival lighting. Sunday morning the clouds lifted and the sun quickly dried out the field after a very rainy night. We had muffins and pastries and took our time heading home.



This was the last rally of a very busy season. Boy, time does fly when you spend it having fun with friends. For those of you heading south, safe travels. Ellen & I are heading to Florida for five weeks and will be hooking up with friends from the north while we work on our tans. Hope you had a safe and healthy holiday season and we hope to see you in the spring, down the road. *Tom Kinsman, Wagonmaster*

P.S. I am still looking for a site to have a tri-rally sometime in September to replace the Barnstable rally. Any ideas please give me a call at (781) 985-6918. In addition, we are looking for hosts for Peters Pond and Pumpkin Festival.

Looking for a few avid golf fans to help at the
US Women's Amateur Championship Tournament June 19-27
Red Tail Golf Club, Devens MA

Coaches will be parked at strategic spots along the course to provide temporary shelter for the golfers if a thunderstorm occurs. This is dry camping, no hook ups. You must commit for the entire week and arrive on Friday, June 19 to cover the practice rounds. Participants will receive tickets to each day's events along with eight tickets for friends and a free round of golf. Greens fees are usually around \$120.

Six coaches are needed so, first come, first in. Please contact Tom Kinsman ASAP as spots will fill quickly. Call 781-985-6918 or email tkinsman1@verizon.net. All Yankees are welcome to come to the tournament.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE YANKEE TRAVELERS.....

Betty & James Cassidy from Buzzards Bay MA
Peggy & Jack Halpin from Phippsburg ME
Paula & John Shimkus from Lakeville MA



A NOTE FROM JEFF WHITE.....

Thank you for all of the cards and support during my recent hospitalization and convalescence.

4TH OF JULY WEEK AT SCUSSET BEACH

*Reservation forms must be postmarked between
MAY 5 & MAY 31, 2009 ONLY*



PLEASE MAIL THIS ENTIRE PAGE WITH YOUR CHECK

COME IN THURSDAY, JULY 2, LEAVE SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

NAMES _____ F# _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ # OF PEOPLE _____ COACH LENGTH _____

COACH REG _____ ST _____ CAR REG _____ ST _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ If you need to leave before Sunday let us know

RABIES CERT. # ON ALL DOGS _____

DESIGNATE CLUB: NORTHEASTERN ___ CAPE CODDERS ___ YANKEE TRAVELERS ___ ALL 3 ___

Are you new to any one of the clubs & is this your 1st rally? Yes-which club? _____

COST FOR THIS RALLY IS AS FOLLOWS:

For the 10 days, including all food:

- A coach with 1 person is **\$175**; a coach with 2 people is **\$200**
- Additional guests in coach 18 years of age & older are **\$25 each**
- Children 17 and under are **Free**

Those who will be your guest on the 4th of July will need a ticket for the Old Fashioned Cookout

Tickets may be purchased that week for \$5 each

Please fill in all applicable numbers and amounts

\$175 for a coach with 1 person \$ _____

\$200 for a coach with 2 people \$ _____

Additional guests in coach 18 & older # ____ X \$25 each = \$ _____

Children in coach under age 18 # ____ = \$ No Charge

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail this entire page with **ALL** information completed—required by Scusset Beach along with your check—please put your **F#** on check— and a self addressed stamped envelope for your reservation confirmation or your returned check

Make check payable to: **CAPE CODDERS/FMCA**

Mail to: **Bob Ekmarck, 30 Pine Hill Ave, Nashua NH 03064**

4TH OF JULY WEEK AT SCUSSET BEACH

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND TO SUNDAY JULY 12TH

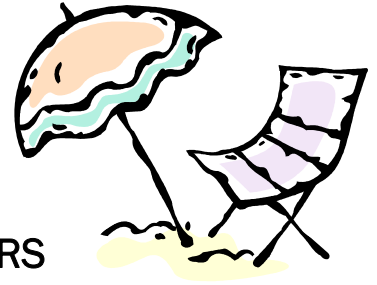
140 Scusset Beach Road • Sagamore Beach MA 02562
N41 46.650 W70 30.114 www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.htm

FMCA TRI-CHAPTER RALLY

CAPE CODDERS, NORTHEASTERN, YANKEE TRAVELERS

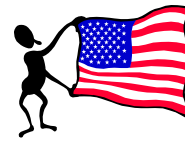
This information will also be posted on chapter web sites:

www.mtrhm.com/capecodders, www.NortheasternFMCA.com, www.YankeeTravelers.com



NO ARRIVALS BEFORE 1 PM THURS, JULY 2 PER BEACH MANAGEMENT

- Sat, July 4 • Old Fashioned Cookout Burgers & Dogs w/all the fixins hosted by all Three Chapters
- Sun, July 5 • Sausage Subs hosted by all Three Chapters
- Wed, July 8 • Ice Cream Social hosted by Cape Codders
- Sat, July 11 • Breakfast hosted by Yankee Travelers
- Sat, July 11 • Pizza Party hosted by Northeastern



*Don't forget to bring
chairs, tables &
set ups to all meals*

Please join us for informal social gatherings at 4:30pm each day. An EVENTS board will be near the tent. Feel free to add games or events to the board. Last year we had last minute add-ons, so check your packet and keep checking the board daily.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Mail reservation forms via the **US Postal Service** only
2. Reservation forms postmarked **prior to May 5, 2009** will NOT be accepted
3. Reservation forms must be **postmarked between May 5 & May 31, 2009**
4. The **first 75** reservation forms with payment will be accepted
5. Please include a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** for confirmation

This is dry camping. Come with black & gray tanks empty, fresh water full & batteries charged. Up-pipes are mandatory. Pet owners, have your pet's paperwork in order. There is a dump station. Last year we used it at no extra charge. The bathhouse showers will be available. This is in an open field on the Cape Cod Canal near the ocean, beach and a 7-mile paved bike/walking/rollerblade path.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT BOB EKMARCK 603-882-0972 OR EKMARCK@AOL.COM

When you get to Scusset Beach State Reservation, you will have to sign in at their check in center. At the rally field you will be given a packet with a numbered two-part card. For emergency purposes, place the larger card on your coach windshield and the smaller card on your tow car windshield or dashboard. You will receive a list of rally attendees and tickets for the Cookout. New members, please display a NEW MEMBER sign in your coach window. This way members can stop by to introduce themselves. Please come socialize with your fellow members.

DIRECTIONS: From Rte. 3 South: Take exit 1C and follow signs to Scusset Beach
From Rte. 195: After New Bedford & Wareham, turn right onto Rte. 25 East. Take third exit, just before Bourne Bridge (Rte. 6 Bourne), Go halfway around the rotary to Rte. 6 East toward Sagamore and follow signs to Scusset Beach.
From Rte. 495 South: Rte. 495 South becomes Rte.25 take third exit, just before the Bourne Bridge (Rte. 6 Bourne), Go halfway around the rotary to Rte. 6 East toward Sagamore and follow sign to Scusset Beach.

YANKEE TRAVELERS CHAPTER FMCA

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Schedule of Events 2009

BOLD PRINT DESIGNATES YANKEE RALLIES — All dates & locations subject to change

- Apr 17-19** Yankee Travelers & Northeastern @ **CAMPER'S INN Merrimack NH**
- May 1-3 Northeastern @ Middleboro KOA Middleboro MA
- May 8-10** **Mother's Day @ PETERS POND RV RESORT Sandwich MA**
- May 22-25 Memorial Day Cape Codders @ Second Beach Middletown RI
- May 29-31** **MARTY'S USRV Berkley MA**
- June 12-14 Cape Codders @ Winter Island Salem MA
- June 19-21** **Father's Day @ CHARLIE BROWN CAMPGROUND Eastford CT**
- June 26-28 Northeastern @ Mohegan Sun Uncasville CT
- July 2-12** **4th of July @ SCUSSET BEACH Tri-Rally Sagamore MA**
- July 17-19 Northeastern @ Balloonfest University of RI
- Jul 26-Aug 2 Cape Codders @ Plum Island Airport Newburyport MA
- Jul 31-Aug 2** **BEECH RIDGE MOTOR SPEEDWAY Scarborough ME**
- Aug 12-16 FMCA Northeast Area Rally @ Essex Junction VT
- Aug 21-23 Northeastern Car Show @ Barnstable County Fairgrounds E. Falmouth MA
- Sep 4-7** **Labor Day @ BEACH ACRES Wells ME**
- Sep 11-13 Northeastern @ Scusset Beach Sandwich MA
- Sep 18-20** **Chapter Meeting Tri-Rally To Be Determined**
- Sep 25-27** **35th ANNIVERSARY BASH Lewiston ME**
- Oct 2-4 Cape Codders @ Campers Inn Merrimack NH
- Oct 9-12 Cape Codders @ Horseneck Beach Westport MA
- Oct 16-18** **PUMPKIN FESTIVAL Swanzey NH**
- Oct 23-25** **HOLIDAY PARTY Tri-Rally To Be Determined**

