



Chartered February 9, 1974

FMCA

September 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe my term as president has reached an end. Where have the past four years gone? I want to thank everyone who helped make it a special time. Thank you to all my officers. We definitely were a great team. Thanks to Ray and Mike and the parking crew for all their hard work. Thank you to Beth for preserving all those great times. And what would I have done without the support and great meals planned by Joe? All I can say is a big **THANK YOU**. Finally, I want to especially thank my wife Ellie for all her support and assistance.



Bob & Ellie at Higgins Beach

Looking back over the past four years, the one thing I'm most proud of is that we established a charity fund. Already we have given out numerous donations to some of our favorite charities. We just had our Beech Ridge rally and not only did we give a check for \$320 to Breast Cancer Research as part of the rally fee, but there were also a number of individuals who took part in the walk around the track to support this worthy cause as well.

I want to wish Tom and his slate of officers my best wishes for a successful term. I know we will be in good hands.

In closing, I just want to say thanks again and I look forward to seeing you all down the road.

Bob Townsend, President



Yankee Travelers making strides against Breast Cancer

Schedule of Events 2009

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

- 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 COUNTRY WEEKEND @ LaRose Pond**
- 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 Mohegan Sun Uncasville CT**

FMCA National & Area Rallies

Oct 8-12 Northeast Quadrant @ Croton-on-Hudson NY

ATTENTION COOKIE CHEFS!

This year's cooking contest at Beach Acres will be for **HOMEMADE COOKIES!**

The contest will take place Saturday, September 5 at 12:30pm.

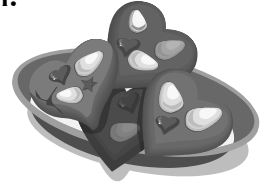
After the Judges have their fill, there will be a

Tea & Cookie Party.

Bring a mug of your favorite tea or coffee and enjoy the homemade cookies.

If you have any questions, please contact us at RJPELP@NetZero.net or 781-631-9397.

Thank you, Bob & Eileen Pierro, Chairman & John & Cathy Doheney, Co-Chairman



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

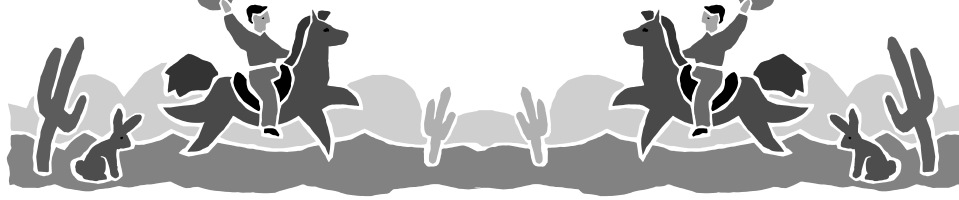
Mail to: 55 Loring Street, Auburn MA 01501

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

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

Total enclosed \$ _____

Country Weekend at LaRose Pond



16 Old Plainfield Road, Canterbury CT 06331

TRI RALLY: Yankee Travelers, Cape Codders & Northeastern Chapters

Hosted by: Roger & Margaret LaRose, Jim & Marj Farrell, Cliff LaRose, Donna Jacques, Tom & Linda Rec, Paul & Ruthie Becotte, Paul & Barb Stroud, Bob & Ann Chick, Bob & Eileen Pierro, Fred Linberk, Sandy Zern

September 18-20 ♦ \$85 per coach ♦ Limited to 80 Coaches

FRIDAY: 5-7pm Soups & Bread A-L Bring desserts

Dusk Bonfire Bring a chair and relax

SATURDAY: 8-9:30 Full Breakfast, cooked to order

Boats on sale for the Paddle Boat Race, \$3 each. Decorate your boat!

Prizes awarded for Prettiest, Ugliest & Silliest!

Cash split 60/40 between the 1st & 2nd place winners!

10-12pm Rubber Stamping Fun! Come and make cute cards for Halloween & Thanksgiving

No experience necessary. \$3 for supplies. Reserve your spot on reply form below

2pm Paddle Boat Race at the pond

4pm Attitude Adjustment (BYOB) Bring hors d'oeuvres to share

5pm Roast Beef Dinner M-Z Bring Desserts

Dusk Entertainment & Bonfire, Bring comfy chair and enjoy some popcorn and treats

SUNDAY: 8-9:30am Mystery Breakfast (Beef Hash?) Sweets & Coffee

PLEASE BRING SET UPS TO ALL MEALS

DIRECTIONS: From the North & East: Follow I-395 to Exit 89. At the bottom of the ramp take a right onto Rt. 14 W. At first light it goes right, then bears left in 1000ft. Follow 5 miles to end. Turn right, still on Rt-14. Continue up the hill to the junction of Rts.14 & 169. Turn right onto Rt.169N. At bottom of hill, take 1st right onto Old Plainfield Rd. Turn in second driveway on left and follow to bottom of hill to field.

From the South: I-395 to Exit 83A. At the bottom of the ramp take a left onto Rt-169 N. Go 10 miles to the center of Canterbury and the Junction of Rt-169 and Rt-14. Go straight ahead on Rt-169N for 1/8 mile and take 1st right onto Old Plainfield Road. Pull in 2nd driveway on left and proceed down hill to field.

From the West: Take Rt.14E from Willimantic area into Canterbury to center of town and the junctions of Rt.14 and Rt. 169. Turn left onto Rt.169N. At bottom of hill, take first right onto Old Plainfield Road. Turn in second driveway on left and follow to bottom of hill to field.

Cut off Date: September 5, 2009

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Names: _____ F#: _____

Address: _____

Coach Length: _____ Rubber Stamping Fun: Name _____ (pay at class)

Guests Each: _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____ + \$85 = Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Yankee Travelers FMCA

Mail to: Margaret LaRose, 10 Old Plainfield Road, Canterbury CT 06331

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 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 & web site access 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 Coody 158 Vermont Ave Somerset MA 02726

PLEASE NOTE: All applications & renewals after Labor Day Weekend should be mailed to
Beth King, 57 Trowbridge Circle, Stoughton MA 02072



Hanging out by the
Cape Cod Canal



Having some fun at
Scusset Beach

New Members—Welcome to Yankee Travelers

Carol & Ken Birtwistle from West Warwick RI

Ann & Peter Huke from Polk City FL

Barbara & Malcolm Smith from Harvard MA

Carol & Jan Sokolowski from Charlstown RI



Yankee Travelers Sept 25-27 35th Anniversary

HOSTED BY

Carole & Gary Adams
Ramada Inn
490 Pleasant St
Lewiston ME 04240
(352) 259-1483

Can you believe it? It's time, once again to party at the RAMADA. Gary & Carole Adams have invited us back for our 35th Anniversary Bash. With the help of current and past officers as well as many helpers, it will be a party to remember.

Arrive **Friday**, Please NOT before Noon. The parking crew likes to sleep late and we want those coaches lined up just right. Bring your bathing suit (*Yes, they are required*) to swim in our pool or do a little soaking in the Jacuzzi. Maybe you'll need to sweat off a few pounds so you can chow down this weekend. Treat yourself to Dudley's for dinner, but make sure you have time to sneak into the Pub for some wild and crazy listening and dancing.

Saturday morning we'll let you sleep in just a little, then around **8:15am** we'll start you off with a **Full New England Style Breakfast Buffet** with a little extra, then a **Chapter Meeting** followed by a group picture. The rest of the day is open to be lazy - resting by the pool, shopping at Marden's or L.L. Bean or maybe, just maybe, a new coach to drive back in.

As **Saturday evening** approaches, get yourself all spiffed up. Gentlemen, in your sports coats. Ladies, in your Saturday night best. Remember your nametags; otherwise, we might not be able to recognize you. Our **Gala Celebration** will begin about **5:15pm** with a **Happy-Happy Hour** followed by a **Special Dinner** served "Putting on the Ritz Style". During dinner we will remember the past and make up a few stories, true or not? Then we will celebrate with champagne and some sinful dessert. Following dinner, we will do some fancy foot stomping and be entertained by the group "Nick n' Bette".

Sunday morning at **8:15am** will be a time to share some words of reflections followed by a **New England Breakfast Buffet** and that little extra, before we depart.

There you have it. Cost for this complete weekend is **\$84** per couple, extra person \$42. If you would like to stay in the Hotel or just come for the Saturday Night Dinner, call and we can negotiate. This event is by **Reservation Only**.

DEADLINE IS SEPT 21ST

Some of you have done this before so you know what to do... Complete form below, tear off and mail with your check.

DIRECTIONS: RAMADA is located at Exit 80 off the Maine Turnpike in Lewiston. When you come off the exit, if coming from the South take a left, go to the light and there we are behind the Hotel.



Mail To: Gary & Carole Adams
RAMADA
490 Pleasant Street
Lewiston, Maine 04240
Cell Phone: (352) 259-1483
E-Mail: GaRamada@aol.com

_____ Last Name _____

_____ Arrival Day _____

_____ Coach Length _____

_____ His _____

_____ FMCA Number _____

_____ Hers _____

_____ Phone _____

Cost: \$84 per Coach for 2 People
Checks payable to: **RAMADA**

General Meeting, Saturday June 20, 2009
Charlie Brown Campground, Eastford CT

Meeting was called to order at 10:15am by President Bob Townsend. The pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence were observed for our departed friends, family and members of the armed services. Thank you to Tom & Ellen Kinsman and Joe & Darleen Paas for hosting this meet. **Roll Call:**

Present		Absent	
President	Bob Townsend	2 nd VP	Joanne Callanan
1 st VP	Tom Kinsman	Nat'l Dir	Mike Gilliland
Secretary	Joyce Blake	Newsltr Ed	Melanie Matz
Treasurer	Jeff White	Sunshine	Renate Gilliland
BOD	Bob Blake, Chuck Emma	BOD	David Adams
	Joe Samara, Bob Pierro	Past Pres	Joan Christiansen
Mem Sec	Leah Coady		
Alt Nat'l Dir	Ellen Kinsman		

Secretary Joyce Blake read the minutes from the Wells, Maine General Meeting Sunday September 10, 2008. Minutes were accepted with no corrections.

Treasurer Jeff White reported that as of June 20, 2009:

- Total income from January 1, 2008 - June 20, 2009 \$40,178.07
- Total expense from January 1, 2008 - June 20, 2009 \$36,383.01
- Net profit from January 1, 2008 - June 20, 2009 \$ 3,795.06
- Current Balance \$14,140.58

Included in this balance is \$877.00 collected from charity donations. This actually will be broken down into a separate account.

2009 donations have been made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Visiting Nurses. There are a few pending charities to reported on later today. Report was accepted.

President Bob Townsend thanked the club for embracing this 50/50 Charity and Relief Fund endeavor. Yankees Board of Directors voted to send three separate \$100 donations. The first one to the Rotary Club which was part of the Marty's RV June 2009 meet. The second check went to Heidi Trottier's friend that "tried" to teach us line dancing at Barnstable and the third check went to Linda Sarofeen who is doing the Pan Mass Challenge. The club will continue to do the 50/50 raffle.

Bob also mentioned that for those going to the Beech Ridge meet a portion of the fee (\$10 per coach) will be donated to the women's modified group doing a walk for breast care awareness. With this donation the track will in turn give you a ticket to the race that afternoon.

Wagonmaster Tom Kinsman reported:

- Scusset Beach MA is all set for the 4th of July celebration, with 63 coaches registered so far. Openings are still available
- Beech Ridge ME is July 30-August 2 and is coming along well.

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THE KEENE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEW HAMPSHIRE

OCTOBER 16TH - 18TH

Hosted by Evie & Moe Cloutier and Dianne & Jeff White
www.PumpkinFestival.org Cheshire Fairgrounds



247 Monadnock Hwy, Route 12, Swanzey NH 03446

Free shuttle from Fairgrounds to downtown Keene on Saturday from 10:30am to 11pm

Cost \$75 per coach

Friday 6pm: Hot Dogs & Beans

Saturday 8-9am: French Toast & Bacon

Saturday 5pm: Lasagna, Salad & Dessert

Sunday 8-9am: Breakfast Treats

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.

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.

Each Coach—Decorate or Carve a Pumpkin & receive a \$40 Halloween Gift (1 per coach)

Reservations must be received by Saturday, October 10, 2009



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 \$75 per coach Make checks payable to: Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA

Mail to: Jeff White, 923 Boylston St., Worcester MA 01606

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The Ballot for the Election of Officers

*to be held at the General Meeting at Beach Acres in Wells, Maine
is located on page 11*

**Pilot & Co-Pilot—Please complete ballot and either
mail to address on ballot or put in ballot box at the rally**



End of the Season Tri-Meet Bash Oct 23rd - 25th

Join Northeastern, Yankee Travelers & Cape Codders
to wrap up the 2009 Season at Mohegan Sun Casino

ONE MOHEGAN SUN BLVD, UNCASVILLE CT 06382 (GPS SETTING 41.49|-72.10) MOHEGANSUN.COM

*Grab your lucky rabbit's foot, play the slots, blackjack or roulette
and mingle with friends at the last rally of the year!*

Arrive Friday at your leisure, park on your own in the RV lot
& register your RV with Mohegan Sun personnel

Friday 5:30pm A-M bring Appetizers	Saturday 8-9am Rally Bash Breakfast hosted by Officers	Saturday 6-8pm Sit-down Buffet at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville Restaurant in upstairs water view private function room	Sunday 8am Coffee & N-Z bring Breakfast Treat
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DIRECTIONS



From BOSTON: Take Mass Pike to I-395 South. Exit 79A off I-395 in Uncasville CT.

From HARTFORD: Take I-84 East to Route 2 East to I-395 South. Exit 79A in Uncasville CT.

From PROVIDENCE: Take Route 6 West to I-395 South. Exit 79A in Uncasville CT.

SEND APPLICATION AND CHECK NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 10, 2009

Sorry no refunds after October 10, 2009

Questions? Call Terry & Heidi Trottier 508-477-2460 weekdays or 508-477-4949 weekends/evenings

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ F# _____

Coach _____ License # _____

_____ \$90 for 2 in coach _____ \$45 for 1 in coach

_____ \$45 per person coming just for dinner by car

Checks payable to: Northeastern FMCA Mail to: Heidi Trottier, 45 Artisan Way, Forestdale MA 02644

(General Meeting 06/20/09 Minutes Con't from page 6)

- Northeast Area Rally VT is Aug 11-15. Yankee Travelers volunteered to do registration.
- Beach Acres ME is Sept 4-7. We are trying a new plan. There will be no show this year and the group will be doing games night.
- LaRose Ranch CT is Sept 19-21. It is coming together as a tri-meet and guaranteed to be a great weekend.
- Yankee 35th celebration in Lewiston ME is Sept 25-27. Plans are in process.
- Pumpkin Fest in Keene NH is Oct 16-18 and is questionable at the present time.
- Holiday Party at Mohegan Sun CT is Oct 23-25 and is still in the planning stages.



Beth & Bob King
making their now
World Famous
Sloppy Joes at
Beech Ridge

Membership Secretary Leah Coady reported that as of today we have 221 paid families. Twenty-three new members recently have signed to join Yankees. Leah reminded the members of the increase in dues from \$10 to \$15 effective 01/01/09. She also noted that FMCA sends her frequent updates on Yankee's current membership. She is made aware that there are members whose status is inactive, suspended or closed. Inactive means that FMCA dues are up to 3 months past due, suspended means dues are more than 3 months past due and closed means member has requested membership closed. Members are reminded that in order to stay in any club, FMCA dues must be current.

New Business:

Nominating Committee Chairman Chuck Emma read the present slate for 2009-2010. The slate was accepted as read and will be published in the next newsletter. The returned ballots will be tallied prior the general meeting at Wells, Maine in September 2009. The new officers will be installed at the General Meeting that same day.

Bob asked for volunteers to audit the Yankee books at Wells for the year 2009. The three volunteers are Ellie Townsend, Beth King, Sally Roche and alternate Darleen Paas.

Bob made a plea to the membership for a volunteer to go to National convention in Ohio in July to represent the Yankees and got no response.

Bill Mattress made a request for a donation from the 50/50 Charity Relief Fund for his two-year-old great-grand-niece whose family is trying to collect money for another operation for the child. Tom Kinsman made a motion for \$100 to be given and it was passed unanimously.

Sergeant at Arms Bob Pierro reminded members to please wear their nametags. The fine for no name badge is \$1. Monies collected in fines are applied toward the 50/50 Charity & Relief Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. *Joyce Blake, Secretary, Yankee Travelers,*



YANKEE TRAVELERS CHAPTER OF FMCA – ELECTION BALLOT

Term of Office Officers: Sept 2009 – Sept 30, 2011 **Directors** Term as specified

ONE BALLOT PER COACH ~ One side for pilot/One side for co-pilot

Please mark ballot with an “X” or “write in” a candidate of your choice

Please mail your completed ballot to the address below ASAP

or put in ballot box at Election

PILOT

PRESIDENT

Tom Kinsman F292681 _____ ()

* _____ ()

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Bob Pierro F334753 _____ ()

* _____ ()

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Mike Gilliland F277870 _____ ()

* _____ ()

TREASURER

Jeff White F327320 _____ ()

* _____ ()

SECRETARY

Eileen Pierro F334753 _____ ()

* _____ ()

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Beth King F285711 _____ ()

* _____ ()

NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Mike Gilliland F277870 _____ ()

* _____ ()

ALTERNATE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Ellen Kinsman F292681 _____ ()

* _____ ()

CHAPTER DIRECTOR

2009 thru 2012 ~ vote for Three

Chuck Emma F104305 _____ ()

Joyce Blake F105589 _____ ()

Bob King F285711 _____ ()

* _____ ()

PAST PRESIDENT BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Bob Townsend F103323 _____ ()

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Ellen Kinsman F292681 _____ ()

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Chuck Emma F104305 _____ ()

Joyce Blake F105589 _____ ()

Bob King F285711 _____ ()

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PAST PRESIDENT BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Bob Townsend F103323 _____ ()

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

*Please mark **BALLOT** on the envelope, as they will remain unopened until election date*

Election will be held in September at Beach Acres in Wells ME

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