



August 25, 2019

Hi everyone –

All NCT District 1 National Iowa Rally attendees have arrived home!

But let me back up a bit.

Our season started in April with a camp-in at Davenports Restaurant where we had a delicious meal and great time catching up with everyone else. We really enjoyed seeing Stanley Hanson, Lorna Dyer, and the guests they brought along. Also at the camp-in were MaryAnn, Bob and Mickie Titterington, Pat and Jack Mulhall, Henry Carlson, Ray and Sue Geer, and myself. Ken Howard and Donna Mitchell were both ill and could not attend.



In May we attended the District 1 Rally at Travelers Woods where the District voted to collect all tabs and weigh them in the spring of 2020. So, keep saving those tabs and bring them to “The Woods” for the next District 1 Rally, May 15-17, 2020. Dinner on Saturday night was a homemade meatball and spaghetti feast with a salad bar and make-your-own ice cream sundae bar. YUMMY! Thank you to all the great cooks!!! It was also Ivy Tabor’s birthday and husband, Pete Rogers, surprised her with a cake, and a song sung by all of us.





Thank you, Charlie, for the beautiful fire!

In June many of us went to the CT State Rally at the home of Ray and Sue Geer. Ribs and chicken, cole slaw and several delicious salads graced our table ---



and we were supposed to have room for ice cream???

Also in June was our annual Family Fun Day. Several of us joined in for a tasty picnic of hamburgers, hot dogs, and many side dishes brought by folks. No, the pool was not open but the kids all went swimming in the ocean instead. A beautiful day and a bit windy at times.



July brought our National Rally trip to Iowa! This table center piece was one of 15 that MaryAnn Titterington made for the Rally, and they could not attend at the last minute! Thank you for all your hard work on the turtle centerpieces, MaryAnn! The Fants, Mulhalls, Coates, and Howards represented Mass One, but none of us started out together. The Fants, Howards and Mulhalls did meet up in Geneseo, Illinois at the Geneseo Campground where we explored several areas at different times and shared dinners together. We three traveled to the Amana Colonies together and arrived on Saturday mid-day on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The National Rally in Iowa was a enjoyable experience. There were about 50 rigs, 9 from District 1 NE. Our weather, not unlike home, was very hot, steamy and uncomfortable for a few days, then cooled off to a somewhat comfortable range. Thankfully, the activities building was air conditioned! The Rally opened on July 21

with a worship service, followed by opening ceremonies and then our Memorial service. The worship and memorial services were lead by our National Chaplain, Larry Hangland (CT1, Ch 6). Bob Coates (Mass One) was the rally MC.

There were many events during the week to keep us very busy and there was some time left over for exploring the area too. The catered food was delicious. It was wonderful to see 9 YNCT kids working so hard to raise funds to keep going. Missy Throckmorton (Nebraska/Iowa Straddlers) was named Secretary of the Year! Congratulations, Missy!!! Donna Howard was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the crochet category! Jack Mulhall was installed as National Director East, Ray Geer was installed as National Director. Gabby Mosher Mass One and granddaughter of Bob and Marianne Coates, was re-installed as National YNCT President. Congratulations ALL!!! District 1 was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the theme parade. Thanks for all the hard work on the float Pat, Donna, Marianne, (Mass One) Pam, Sue, Pat K, Madylin, and Dennis (CT 1 Ch 6)!

At the end of the rally the Fants, Howards, and Mulhalls stayed an extra night, then departed for other adventures. One adventure did not go so well for the Fants – they were caught in a microburst in Elmira, NY where their RV – with Dave inside - was shaken, rocked and almost rolled by the storm AND lost the front of their roof!!! Their car was fine, so they were able to offload what they could and drive home. They are still fighting with the insurance company and the rig is still in NY at this time. Shaken is not a good enough word! Also, PNP Ron and Fannie Cobes were forced off road into a bridge abutment by an 18-wheeler. They were not hurt, but shaken up quite badly, managed to drive home in the undamaged tow car eventually.

Here are a few pictures to give you an idea of things:



National President Ray Geer at the Helm



District 1 accepting 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons for the theme parade



The "Special Hat" club – new addition of the covered wagon for Gene Boesch (orange vest), newly installed National President

Hope to see you in September at the Mass State Rally! Registration form enclosed.

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