



Mid Winter News-brief February 2016

First and foremost, I would **personally** like to give **District 1** a huge round of applause for the job they did for the National Rally in Essex Junction, VT this year. Every one of those who attended, and those who were not able to attend, gave Jack, Pat, Bob and Marianne, and the Rally Crew a super support system! You **ALL** deserve a tremendous hug! Please consider this a squeeze of love.

Jack and Patty outdid themselves! What more can be said? They both worked tirelessly to try to please everyone. Thank you, Jack and Patty, for a great National Rally!

The Rally Chairman, Bob Coates, did an outstanding job. (By the way, Bob and Marianne, along with Gabby Mosher, their granddaughter, and YNCT Secretary/Treasurer, have become members of Mass One!) Bob was constantly running, actually driving the golf cart, to ensure that all activities ran like clockwork. He was presented with a Rally Hat that was a replica of the 1966 Scotty Trailer (Significance: NCT was born 1966, Bob is Scottish, has a trailer for traveling) by Ray Geer our new 3rd NVP and unofficially the "Rally Hat Chairman". When Bob was presented the hat, it was with a flourish of pelting marshmallows that took him quite by surprise! Thank you Bob for doing a superlative job!

In case you missed it, Barbara Powers presented a marvelous History of NCT – 50 Years! On the back wall of the NCT Building she and Bob hung lists of Past Presidents and their contributions to the club, and, on the adjacent wall, she had orchestrated a memorabilia table, chucked full of items she had gathered over the years. Some other folks also contributed to her collection when she put out the word that she was missing information she thought would be of interest. Right in the middle of the two areas hung the old National Camping Travelers Banner. The History of NCT slide show presentation was phenomenal. Thank you so much Barbara for teaching us things that were not commonly known about our NCT!!!



Now, you know that all great activities take money, right? Ken Howard and Maryann Purcell (PA) worked hand-in-hand to make sure the Rally proceeded without a hitch, paying bills, collecting money, and balancing it all to the penny! I know for a fact that Ken did not get as much sleep as he needed, but everything was very well organized and coordinated. Thank you, Ken and Maryanne, for keeping everything in the black!

There are so many folks that I am proud of; and members of each District One Club should be proud of themselves as well, for without their support and commitment to NCT, the National Rally would not have been so well received, or enjoyed. Thank you, thank you so, so very much! This made our work a **l-o-t** easier.

October 2015 Turkey Roast



Campfire social hour



Turkey pickers Ray, Jack, Sue, Joe, Ken



Alex Maserati going for the top apple



Catherine Dubois showing her skill



Joe NCT Pres being "crowned"



"66 Scotti, Beaver, Campfire and Champ



THE WINNERS... this year



Turkey soup for the ride home



Can't wait til October 14 - 15, 2016!!!

November 14, 2015 Camp-in, Carbone's, Holliston, MA



Left Picture: Dave Fant, The Stoddards, Lynn Usher, Ken Howard, Ray Geer, The Pacelts, Pat Kalinauskas, Ted Hatch; **Right** Picture: Diana Hatch, John and Dab Nelson, Pat Mulhall, Pam Fant



Ken & Donna Howard



Ruth & Roland Pardee



Jason Pardee



Ray Geer

As you can see, there are no pictures of Jack Mulhall and Vinnie Kalinauskas... I think they were gabbing in the other room with the waitress. Our dinner was delicious and the togetherness

was wonderful. **Bill & Ellen Pacelt won the raffle and John & Deb Nelson won the 50/50 drawing. By the way, we are planning another camp-in at Carbone's on April 30th, 2016, 12:30 P.M. - \$22/pp with reservations in by April 25th. More info coming.**

December 12 Camp-in, Dakota Restaurant, Rocky Hill, CT



Ken Howard, Sue Geer, Ted Hatch, John & Deb Nelson, Pat & Jack Mulhall, Dave & Pam Fant
Tom & Ingrid McIntire, Bonnie & Art Schlechweg



Gloria Luth with daughter and son-in-law



MC Ray Geer



Vinnie Kalinauskas with the Stoddards

Somehow the picture of Jan & Larry Hangland and Brad Ross did not come out. Sorry!



Donna Howard and the State Trooper heard Santa say, "Wow! Folks, it looks like I'm going to need help delivering these wonderful gifts!" The Stuff a Cruiser Campaign was a huge success, as you can see!

Just so you'll know, **the next CT Camp-in is at the Dakota again, on December 3rd this time.** It will be the same price (\$30/pp), same buffet style luncheon and hopefully another great turnout of folks and toys for "Stuff a Cruiser".

We are getting ready for our next camping season and the schedule is out, will be in the News to Campers and is included with this news-brief. Also included are a few other registrations and information sheets. If you are planning to attend any of these upcoming events, please try to make your reservations early so meals can be planned, etc.

If any of you are planning to attend the **Springfield RV & Camping Show February 12-15, 2016**, please stop by our booth that we have with Travelers Woods and stay awhile. We would love to see you. Ray still needs someone to help him on the 15th. Give him a call (860-608-5265).

We hope all your holidays were happy and stress free!!! **The first camp-out for District 1 is by CT – River Bend campground, Oneco, CT, April 15-17, 2016.** Please call Ray Geer with your reservation (860-608-5265).

We'll be there, so...

See you campin'!

Donna