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2019 NATIONAL OFFICERS !!!

NATIONAL PRESIDENT Ray Geer

Today is April 1st and this article is due by the 15th. My last article was written on New Years Eve. Where have those past four months gone? Sue & I picked up our 5th wheel two weeks ago from the repair shop and are now in Yulee, FL visiting with our daughter Marna, her husband Scott and the four grand kids. We parked the camper at Pecan RV Park and are staying with the family about 12 miles away. I had difficulty getting the hot water to work in the camper and the water pump wouldn't pump water. We were able to find a Mobile RV Repair Company who, for a fairly high fee, was able to replace the water pump and resolve the hot water issue.

In February, District One again shared booth space with Travelers Woods Campground at the Springfield RV Camping Show. The RV Show was from Friday February 15th to Monday February 18th.¹ Attendance at the show topped 40,000 for the 3rd year in a row. On Sunday, the first person through the door was a mason and the first thing he did was stop at our booth (which is next to the door) wrote out a check and Joined NCT! Many thanks to Dave & Pam Fant, Vinny Kalinauskas, Bob & Marianne Coates, Robert & Doris Smith and my wife Sue for giving of their time to help man the booth for both NCT and Travelers Woods Campground. 2019 is starting out to be a good year for NCT. There is lots of potential membership activity going on in several parts of the country. We have had inquiries from a Shriners Camping Club in Maryland, a group of masons in Maine looking to possibly resurrect the chapter there, a few Vermonters looking to rekindle the Green Mountaineers #78, and additional activity in Indiana and California. I encourage everyone to mention NCT as often as possible. Let's keep the rebuilding effort going forward and measure success one member at a time.

If you haven't registered for the 2019 National Rally in Amana Colonies, you need to do so as soon as possible. Rally Chairman, Larry Shears, and his Team are working hard to plan a good rally. Secretaries, please consider submitting your chapter for the Chapter of the Year Award and/or the History Book Award. Show your NCT Pride!

Ray & Sue Geer (NCT# 20868)
National President
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NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Eugene Boesch—

I hope that all the snow birds who are traveling back home have a safe trip.

Spring has arrived, finally I hope, in California. The trees are budding out, almonds are on the trees, looks like another bumper crop, flowers are blooming in abundance, weeds are growing, well, like weeds and allergy season is upon us once again. California has had a very good winter with lots of snow remaining in the mountains and the reservoirs are full. What a great feeling after so many years of California being in a drought.

I hope that everyone has taken the time to vote for the Trustees, your vote is important. We currently don't have a 3rd Vice President, I know when you think about starting through the line as 3rd Vice it's daunting, and you feel that it's too much work and maybe you even feel you aren't qualified, well you're wrong. There isn't a Mason in NCT who isn't capable to do the job. Not only will you have the support of your Chapter but all of NCT; I'm sure you have seen the fraternal friendship and support that NCT has given to all its members. So don't hesitate any longer and step forward and say "I will be your next 3rd National Vice President". We need to keep NCT strong so others will have the same opportunity to share in camping fun, making new friends across the United States and with our great neighbor, Canada. In keeping NCT strong it will provide others to have the great opportunity of fellowship, fun, laughter and some great memories.

We are looking forward to the 2019 National Rally in Amana, Iowa. I know Our National President, Ray Geer and his Rally Committees are working hard to make this rally great. See you in Amana.

Safe travels and happy camping,

Gene and Karen
1st Vice President



NATIONAL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Art Spencer

Another camping season has arrived, and we can't wait to be on the trail this summer. Janeen and I did do some traveling this winter. We camped at various places, Mayport, Fl, Daytona Beach, Fl, Wauchula, Fl, Masonic Family campground Wimauma, Fl then we were off to the Key West, Fl, North Carolina and onward home. We had a great trip. Met some old military buddies and visited with our brother masons and wife's. All in all, a nice safe trip visiting great friends. It seems that chapters are having difficulty surviving these days, yet there is hope. Our National 3rd VP has been working on developing 3 chapters, Maine, Vermont, Indiana and maybe some other places. We in New York are working on a chapter here. When these chapter are finalized, we will witness a very exciting time in our history, going forward with a new energized NCT. GO NCT



My job descriptions as the National 2nd VP is to receive all National Rally site bids 2 years prior to the National Rally. Bids shall be received by the 2nd VP (in my hands) no later than thirty (30) days prior to our Annual National Meeting and reviewed with the assistance of the presumptive rally chairman.

Our newly appointed First Responders and Veterans Group stand ready to help future, rally chairman and NCT functions. Example: honor guard presenting the colors and escort distinguished NCT members. During our national rallies I would like to set one day aside where all vets and 1st responders wear a tee shirt with their branch of service and first responders do the same. Call John Groves our Director for Vets and 1st responders if you have anything you like to see or do. Please let him know, your suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Camping
Art Spencer 2nd National Vice President

NATIONAL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT David Brigham

Happy Summer!

All our winter residents have gone north to find that it was still extremely cold and wet there. Some even had snow in May! Should have stayed south longer. The Masonic Park is getting ready for summer camp which starts in June for 6 weeks but we will be gone during July. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Iowa.

Dave's knee surgery went well. He's off the walker and cane and the scar looks good. Will finish outpatient physical therapy by the end of May. Then to get the RV ready for traveling.

Safe travels to everyone. See you in July in Iowa

David and Mary Brigham
3rd Vice President



NATIONAL SECRETARY— Dave Fant

The Summer camping season has finally begun for NCTers in the Northern Chapters. It has been a long and wet Winter and Spring for those of us in New England. But even with our cool and wet weather, it is nothing like those of you in the South and Midwest who have seen drastic storms and floods. You have been in our thoughts and prayers as we watch the National News. We pray that you are all safe and well.



The National Election is over and the Ballots counted. Congratulations to PNP Jack Mulhall as the newly elected Junior Trustee for a four year term. Thanks to PNP John Groves for also submitting nomination papers for the Trustee position. This is the first time that the new Bylaws permit a Past National President to run for Trustee. Unfortunately this year we did not receive any nomination papers for Third Vice President. This was disappointing as it means that next year we will be looking for three candidates to run for office, one Trustee, and two VP positions. Please give thought to submitting your name for these offices. On the bottom of this page is the summary of the ballots and the number received from the different states. It is discouraging to see only 98 ballots returned when we have about 600 members who can vote. Fewer are stepping up to run for office and fewer are voting for those who do step up.

WEB PAGE. I ran into some problems with the redesign of the web which resulted in a delay in some updates. In late April I was able to make some corrections and updates. The biggest change and update is in the Directory. First you will find that the names have been resorted by Last Names rather than by First Name. The second change was reassigning Honorary Life Members whose chapters have disbanded. The Honorary Life Members of disbanded Chapters are now listed under Honorary Life Members. This removes the disbanded chapters from the list of chapters in the directory. The former chapter name is still listed with their name in the directory. HLM of chapters which are still functioning are listed with their Chapter. I welcome your comments on these changes. The Directory will be updated at least quarterly and more frequently as new members join.

I am also trying to keep the Chapter News Letters up to date. The Chapter and District Newsletters are updated as I receive them. Many that I receive cannot be published as they contain names and addresses or Financial information that I cannot put on the Web. Please send me your Chapter and District Newsletters for inclusion on the Web as well as News to Campers. You can include Names, but no addresses, phone numbers or treasurer reports. Excluding these specific items, I really wish I would get more articles from the Chapters to add to the Web and to the News to Campers. When you send them please use the subject as WEB or News to Campers or both so I know where to publish them. Thanks for your help.

Until Next Time, Let There Be Peace on Earth
Dave, Pam and Alex too.

ELECTION RESULTS

OFFICIAL 2019 2020 ELECTION RESULTS

National President	Eugene (Gene) Boesch
First Vice President	Art Spencer
Second Vice President	David Brigham
Third Vice President	
National Trustee—4 year Term	Jack Mulhall
National Secretary/Treasurer	David Fant

National President, First and Second Vice President automatically move into the office from a path of Progression

SUMMARY OF VOTES BY STATE

California	3	Connecticut	28	Pennsylvania	5	Ohio	2	West Virginia	7
New Jersey	2	Michigan	5	Minnesota	2	New York	6	New Hampshire	1
Georgia	2	Massachusetts	9	Florida	3	Washington	5	Alabama	1
Tennessee	1	Kansas	2	Ontario	2	Vermont	1		
Unstated	11			Total Votes Cast	98				

Many thanks to those who took the time and interest to vote this year. Your vote was a show of support and brotherhood to the candidates who volunteered to run for these important offices. Also thanks to the ballot counters who tallied the votes.

A BIG WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS !!

We all have a great time camping and I am sure you will also. We are happy to have you and are looking forward to seeing you at many campouts and rally's. Remember to pack a smile and plan on having a great time. You will make great friends that you will have for life. And the NCT hugs aren't bad either.

NCT	NAME	CHP	Recommended by	
22337	Alex & Sharon Porven	006	CT	Ray Geer
22338	Phil & Janie Grady	000	IN	David Brigham
22339	Michel & Sandi Loiselle	078	VT	David Brigham
22340	Bill & Gayle Williamson	161	KS	David Brigham
22341	Robert & Linda Dungan	000	IN	David Brigham
22342	Donald & Barbara Bush	000	IN	David Brigham
22343	David & Donna Miller	000	IN	David Brigham
22344	William & Patsy Davenport	000	IN	David Brigham
22345	Jim & Dandie Brazelton	233	TN	Joe Williams
22346	Roger & Mary Forbes	233	TN	David Brigham
22347	Ralph Boone	006	RI	
22348	Merle & Karen Smith	038	WA	Skip Hash
22349	Paul & Terrie Henderson	154	CA	Eugene Boesch
22159	Edward & Suzanne Monkemeier	000	PA	Reinstated

Innumerable Caravan

<i>NAME</i>	<i>DATE PASSED</i>	<i>NCT #</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>STATE</i>
<i>Martha Schmalz</i>	<i>April 9, 2019</i>	<i>3007</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>CT</i>
<i>Peggy Greenslade</i>	<i>May 4, 2019</i>	<i>19736</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>FL</i>
<i>Viola Couch</i>	<i>April 19, 2019</i>	<i>6234</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>CT</i>
<i>Ray Chamberlin</i>	<i>May 16, 2019</i>	<i>16609</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>IA</i>

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones. Nothing is harder than losing someone you love. But friends can help the healing. Please know that you have friends who care.

Triple “0” Chapter # 58 New York

We had a great time at Mayfair campground even though it rained.

Friday night dinner at the buffet eat to much. Saturday, Wayne and Flossie, Alice and Phyliss joined us.

We want to thank and congratulate Debbie and Bob Bennett for coming 200 miles to be with us. That was one way 400 miles round trip. They were presented there Triple O's chapter vest. Looking good. Our schedule for 2019 with phone numbers is on the NCT Web site under Events, please you have to call and make your own reservations. Thank you Ray our 2019 Wagon Master.



National Camping Travelers “2019 Food Drive”



Please consider donating to the NCT Food Drive

be held at our National Rally in Amana, Iowa.

If you are attending the National Rally you can either bring non-perishable food items with you or shop for them once you get there. Those not able to attend the

National Rally are encouraged to send a monetary

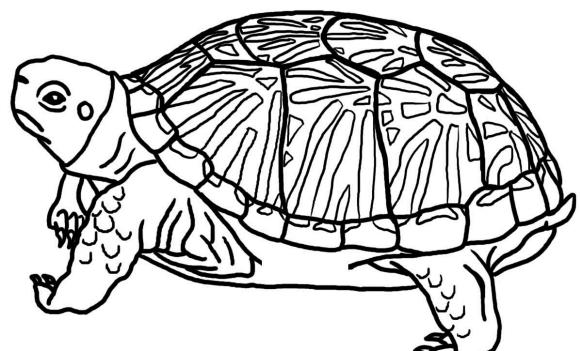
donation to Linda Dale. Her address is on the

Rally Registration Form in the back section of this

News To Campers.

Thank you for your support.

Ray Geer, National President



CENTRAL IOWA TRAVEL MASTERS NCT CAMPOUT

April 22, 23, 24, 25, 2019

Adventureland Campground, Altoona, Iowa

Hosts: Rod and Linda Dale

Monday

Amatos, Burtons, Dales, Micks, and Shears arrived at the camp. The campout was officially opened at 1:30PM with coffee and cookies. In the evening we enjoyed dinner at Jethro's 'n Jake's Smokhouse in Altoona.

Tuesday

We gathered at the Ankeny Regional Airport where we toured their display of memorabilia from World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War. The display also included model airplanes from the air show that took place several years ago in Ida Grove. The show was moved to Ankeny where it took place for two years before closing. We were treated to a video of the re-enactment of the Battle of Midway called "Striking Back" that was part of the air show.

After lunch and business meeting at Fletcher's in Ankeny we toured the Ankeny Historical Museum. The museum included a



century-old two-story home as well as the replica barn. Both locations contained thousands of treasures donated by Ankeny families.

In the evening we ate supper at Culver's in Altoona.

Wednesday

At noon we enjoyed lunch the Latin King Restaurant. Following lunch we traveled to the Sculpture Park located in the west end of downtown Des Moines. Most of the sculptures included in the park were gifted to the City of Des Moines by philanthropists John and Mary

Pappajohn.
The weather was beautiful and we were able to spend about an hour viewing the sculptures.


We then traveled to Hoyt Sherman Place. The home was built by Hoyt Sherman, one of the early leaders in Des Moines. The home was gifted to the City of Des Moines in 1907 and was leased by the Des Moines Women's Club for many years. They were instrumental in adding new wings to house an art gallery as well as adding the theater. We were able to tour both the home and the theater.

We decided pizza and a campfire were the perfect way to end the day.

Thursday

We enjoyed coffee and pastries before departing for home.

*See you next month!
We hope the weather will be this good !!*

West Virginia Pioneer Travelers # 200



We have all returned from Florida, but due to several illnesses in our club we have not been out camping yet. This photo is from our last campout in 2018.

While in Florida several of us attended the 5th district picnic at the Masonic Youth Park. It was hosted by PNP Ron Cobes and Fannie. It was a great day of fellowship with other NCT members in attendance. The weather was nice and sunny.



We also attended the winter meeting in Zephyrhills, Florida hosted by Ed and Diane Rothfuss. Another great time of food and fellowship. It was so nice to renew old friendships and talk about previous meetings at rallies through out the years.



WV Pioneer Travelers #200 (Continued from previous page)



We are also looking forward to the Summer campouts with our club and the 54th National Rally in Amana, Iowa. Hoping everyone comes out and supports Ray and Sue Greer as they host "This Land is Our Land" at the Amana Colonies RV Resort in July.

Janet Aylestock, secretary



DISTRICT 11 RALLY,
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CAMPGROUNDS
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PLEASE YOU MUST CALL TO MAKE RESERVATIONS COST: \$42 PER NITE FULL HOOK UP. Please tell them you are with NCT camping group (Spencer). There is a small registration donation/fee of \$10 per rig this will cover chevrons, meat for Saturdays cover dish. Due once you arrive.

FRIDAY ARRIVE: Meet and greet, Social Hour and dinner on location.

SATURDAY: BREAKFAST IN A BAG, DISTRICT MEETING, LUNCH ON YOUR OWN, GAMES FUN AND A COVER DISH MEAL AND MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED.

SUNDAY: CHURCH SERVICE
ALL ATTENDEES WILL GET A CHEVRON
DEPART FOR HOME.

Bring your family, invite friends, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, pets come have fun. Go fishing, catch and release. QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: 315 725-5757 OR EMAIL: nctais20815@gmail.com Please contact me as to numbers of how many are going. Thank You



Connecticut One – Chapter 6
National Camping Travelers, Inc.

Connecticut State Rally Camp-in

Sunday - June 16, 2019

12:30 pm – 4:00 pm (maybe a little later)

Ray & Sue's Home - 637 Lantern Hill Road – North Stonington, CT



Entree: BBQ Ribs & Chicken

Baked Potatoes - Cole Slaw - Salad Bar

Make Your Own Sundae!

Please RSVP to Sue Geer (by June 10th) 860-608-5012

Donation: \$12.50 Adults - \$6.00 Children

(Under 5 or Over 90: Free)

(Please Bring Lawn Chairs & Your Favorite Beverage) - (Setups Provided)
Friends Welcome!

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**2019 NCT 54th NATIONAL RALLY
AMANA COLONIES RV RESORT
3890 C STREET, AMANA, IOWA 52203
JULY 21-25, 2019**

Name: _____	NCT # _____
Spouse/Other _____	NCT # _____
Street _____	State _____ Zip _____
City _____	Cell _____
Phone _____	Emergency # _____
Email _____	Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
Type of Unit & Size _____	1st Time Natl Rally _____
Special Needs (explain) _____
Chapter Name, Number, State _____
National, District or State Office Held _____

\$350 per Unit (2 adults)	\$ _____
\$250 per Unit (1 adult)	\$ _____
\$195 Drive In (2 adults)	\$ _____
Extra Nights Camping (\$33 per night) # _____	\$ _____
Adult T Shirt S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL (\$18 each)	\$ _____
Adult Golf Shirt S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL (\$22 each)	\$ _____
YNCT Shirts Size(s) _____	\$ _____ N/A _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

We are planning an evening event at the Old Creamery Theater.
 Cost and title of the event will be available at the Rally.
 # Interested _____

Enclosed are registration fees for the 2019 NCT 54th National Rally. We
 hereby release NCT, Inc., NCT Rally Committee, and the Amana
 Colonies of any responsibility at the Rally.

Signed _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to: **2019 NCT National Rally** and mail to:
 Linda Dale
 1100 Trisha Avenue
 Des Moines IA 50313

**2019 NCT 54th NATIONAL RALLY
AMANA COLONIES RV RESORT
3890 C STREET, AMANA, IOWA 52203
JULY 21-25, 2019**

Larry Shears, National Rally Chairman
 PO Box 221, Atkins, Iowa 52206
 Phone: 319-213-3396
 E-mail: jslarry@gmail.com



Registration Includes: 5 nights camping
 for Sunday arrival and Friday departure
 with full hook-ups, welcome bag,
 chevron, 3 dinners , 2 breakfasts, and
 continental breakfast the day of depart-
 ture. HOBO parking.

Program/Activities: Sunday: Opening ceremony, worship, and
 memorial service. Other activities include a theme parade, pet pa-
 rade, morning hospitality, chapter, state and district meetings, so-
 cial hours and other activities to be determined.

**Be an Early Bird
 Pay your "Rally Fee" by December 1, 2018 and be en-
 tered to win 2 free theater tickets worth \$60.00.**

**(Guaranteed "Rally Fee" Refund if you need to cancel
 your registration before June 30, 2019)**

*After July 1 do not mail the registration form, bring it to the Rally.
 Please e-mail Linda Dale at lindaldale@mchsi.com and let her know
 you are coming.*

Directions: From I-80 take exit 225, Highway 151, north approxi-
 mately 10 miles to Amana. Continue north on HWY 151 approxi-
 mately 3/4 mile. The Amana RV Resort will be on the left (west).

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Amana Colonies,
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July 21 to July 25, 2019

