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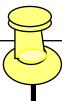
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July 12-17, 2020
Casa de Fruta RV Park
Hollister, California

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2019 NATIONAL OFFICERS !!!

Our National President Eugene Boesch

Greetings to all NCT Members

I would like to thank all the elected and appointed officers for their acceptance of their positions for the upcoming year.

A big "Thank You" for the 2019 Rally Committee for their tireless effort in succeeding to put on an excellent Rally. It didn't go unnoticed how hard and how organized the rally team was. The food was excellent and I do believe I have gained five pounds. Karen and I especially enjoyed The Guys in Ties, that was our first improv and hopefully it won't be our last.



Communication is important on many levels, not only in our personal lives and business dealings, but also in our Chapters. The Board, our National Secretary and myself have made a commitment for better communication within ourselves and with the Chapters as well. We won't be able to strengthen NCT and address issues if we don't communicate. If any member or Chapter has any concerns, questions or ideas as to better strengthen and help our clubs grow feel free to contact me, or the National Secretary, or one of the National Directors or the Assistant Directors. We need to Keep NCT strong now and for the future.

We arrived home the first week of August, we will be home a few weeks then we are heading to Washington for our bi-state rally with the Northwest Travelers. I hope everyone arrived home safely and maybe you had some time to do a little sightseeing.

Have fun at your next campout!!!!

Westward Ho.....

Karen and Gene

NATIONAL 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT—Art Spencer

Janeen and I finally got home 2 August after the National Rally. We drove out to South Dakota, Wyoming visiting, Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Dead Wood and drove our rig through the Bad Lands. We have found as we travel across the USA that what a wonderful and beautiful country she is.

Janeen and I would like to congratulate, Ray and Sue Geer for a great year serving as our National President and First Lady. You set the bar high with the amazing trip to Gettysburg. Topping off your year ending with a great rally, thanks to you and your rally staff. I will not forget the meals that rally staff planned and prepared for us. It had to be tuff, especially the challenge of my food allergies.



As most of you all know the board members have some work to do. We must find leaders that are willing to commit to become 3rd VP and help us grow. If you are not aware, we do have positive news, we have grown in members this year. We need to continue this path and with your help we can have a great future. So, if you are interested helping and becoming an officer or trustee, please contact any of the Board Members. We will gladly help you to get started.

Like most of you, I wasn't going to be a national officer but thanks to a few good friends in NCT, they convinced me to run for office. I was glad they did because, it has been challenging and very rewarding. Especially the great friendships we made.

As 1st Vice President I plan to help and support Gene Bosch our National President. His number one goal is to communicate better among the members, chapters, districts, state and throughout NCT. I plan to carry out my duties of the 1st VP and help in every way I can.

I will be waiting to hear from you.

Yours in Camping

Art & Janeen



NATIONAL 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT—David Brigham

Greetings from rainy Florida. We had a safe trip to and from Iowa. Very enjoyable rally; met up with old friends and made new ones. A lunch of hamburgers & hotdogs was served by the YNCT and enjoyed by all. On Wednesday night they TP'd the campers. But on Thursday while the youth were visiting Amana, a group of adults, led by Mary and I, TP'd Kristi and Mike's camper. Adults can have fun.

We traveled this summer with 2 of our grandchildren, visiting Stone Mountain; Gateway Arch in St Louis; and Hannibal, MO, where they painted Tom Sawyer's picket fence, then journeyed on to Amana. It was definitely an experience with the kids as we hadn't taken the grandchildren on such a long trip. It was very enjoyable and they will be traveling again with us in the future.



Part of my position when I was 3rd VP of NCT was to recruit new members. I encourage any member to volunteer as the 3rd VP. Recruiting is easy. The requirements are easy. Consider accepting this position when you are asked. You will have help.



As I write this we are watching Hurricane Dorian wondering which way she is going. It was two years ago that we rode out Irma. Hopefully all we will get here at the Masonic Park will be rain and a bit of wind.

Westward Ho! See you in California!

David and Mary Brigham
2nd Vice President

NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER - David Fant

It doesn't seem possible that another Summer is coming to an end. Another season of summer camping in the north, but just beginning in the south.

As I finish this issue of News to Campers (and I write my article just before it goes to print) all I am hearing is "DORIAN" as it takes aim at Florida. My mind is definitely thinking of the many people that I know who appear to be the bull's eye of this potential catastrophic feat of nature. I pray that all in the path of this storm and any other storms are safe.

Many things are going on for NCT at this time, The Board is meeting in a few days to resolve some unanswered questions from the Amana Rally. Wasn't that a great Rally? Thanks to the team from the Midwest who put together a fantastic time for all who attended. Great meals, hospitality, and weather - couldn't be beat! Thanks you! Thank you! Thank you!

Many of you have heard about our little experience on the way home from Iowa. It was rather hair-raising as the winds hit us broadside. Seeing the roof looking like a sail on a sailboat was not in my planned itinerary but we often have to look at changes to our plan. Fortunately, we were both safe and realize it could have been worse. Also we had a great RV Shop who were able to tack it down with Gorilla Tape and get it to their shop. Now we have to wait for the repairs to be made. We said so-long to our rig near Elmira, NY and drove on home in our toad. The owner of the Shop has been great and we have had a chance to travel the 250 miles back to pick up some of the items that were still in the rig. Time will tell when it is repaired and our future plans for the rest of the year.

There is an article in this News to Campers regarding Officers. As you see there is not an article from our Third Vice President—Because there isn't one! I urge each one of you to think of who you know who would be a great officer. Don't ask them if they are interested, just send us their name and we will talk to them. You know them better than we do, let us talk to them, We won't throw you in, but we are missing a lot of potential future leaders for NCT.



Until Next Time Let there be Peace on Earth

Dave, Pam and (Alex too)



ews, Facts & Updates

Call for Nominations

It seems as though we just installed our 2020 officers and we are already looking forward toward 2021. Last year we did not have a single nomination or suggested name for Third Vice President. This is **YOUR** Camping group, If you are interested in running for a National Office or know someone who you think would be a good candidate, contact the National Secretary or any officer. You do not have to contact them first, we will contact them and if you don't want them to know that you gave us their name that's ok We will not tell. If you are interested in an office don't wait to be asked, Jump in and let us know you are interested. Please contact any officer or call the National office. We will gladly talk with you about any position you may be interested in discussing. Ballots will be included in the March News to Campers. All nominations for these positions should be received by the National Office by December 1, 2019..



Christmas and Holiday Cards

For Sale: Space in the December issue! Again we will be including Christmas and Holiday cards in the December issue. Cost are the same as in the past years.. Full page (8 1/2 x11) \$300, Half page (8 1/2 by 5 1/2) \$150 Quarter Page (4 by 5) \$75. Send your greetings to all of NCT ! Send design and message with your check by Oct 15th.



CENTRAL IOWA TRAVEL MASTERS OUR IOWA NATIONAL RALLY HOST

Chapter & District News

California Gold Panners - Chapter 154

California Delegation travels to the Amana Colonies



Show in the photo is our newly installed National President Gene Boesch and his wife Karen, accompanied by several members of the California delegation who accompanied Gene to the Amana Colonies Rally to see their President installed.

Traveling eastward to attend National Rallys has become a tradition for the California members, and they are hopeful that our East-Coast NTC members will now travel westward to attend the 2020 National Rally in California.

Gene and Karen have several suggestions for you, which will enhance your trip Westward, such as taking additional days before and after the Rally to see some of the world famous tourist attractions. Have you ever parked your rig in a towering redwood forest, visited some of the famous national parks, taken in a floor show in Las Vegas, played golf at Pebble Beach, or visited Disney-land? All it takes is to get your calendars out, block out the July 12-17 dates for the Rally, and then schedule additional time before and after the Rally to see parts of our Nation that you haven't seen before.

Met with Old and New Members Finger Lakes Region—24 Aug 2019



Janeen and I had a great time camping At Cayuga Lake State Park and meeting with the folks of the Finger Lake region. There is a high interest to putting together a new chapter in central New York. I met with Mike Simmons and his lovely wife Cherie. They are the true catalyst in starting a new group. The excitement grew, seeing George and Charlotte Stanton from Canandaigua. What a great couple we shared old memories with everyone. New potential members that were also their Bill and Mary Collins. We had a great conversation about the new and the old NCT. The topping of this event was Alice Peterson and Phyllis Ives they came to Cayuga Campground and to help with meeting just to answering questions and support the people that showed up at Garoga Sincerity Masonic Lodge. What a positive weekend. There is a plan for another meeting/greeting in September. Date TBA.

Yours in Camping
Art Spencer, National 1st VP

District 2 Friendship Campout: Michigan and Ohio,

Thanks to all who joined us for the **District 2 Friendship Campout!** We had 13 rigs camp, 2 drive in's and lots of fun and sunshine.

Thursday started with a meet and greet, Bingo and ended with Ice Cream. Friday, morning a pancake breakfast, cooked by Michigan. Then on to Ohio vs. Michigan Bean Bag Baseball. Well!! Ohio took the trophy

back and Michigan got the skunk. Score 10 to 3. Better luck next year Michigan!! Friday night everyone went out to eat at a restaurant called Slo' Bones in Frankenmuth.



With some shopping before and after dinner, ended the lovely day with a campfire. Saturday was our District and State meeting, everyone is looking forward to the next District 2 campout in Ohio (2020). Saturday evening was our carry in/Pot luck dinner. I heard the food was wonderful as always.



Mike and I had a wedding to attend that night. But came back to campground to "I guess you could say we were special" because our trailer was the only one in the whole campgrounds that had been decorated. And a few people were left at the campfire waiting to see

our faces. Sunday all traveling home, after a wonderful campout. I would like to thank everyone for attending and for all of their help making this campout possible.

Mary Jane Walker
Hiram's Hobos #51
Michigan State Secretary



West Virginia Pioneer Travelers # 200



We have had a fun time camping this summer. In June we attended to 5th District/PA/WV state rally in Centre Hall, PA. Only two rigs, but three families, from WV attended, but we really enjoyed all the activities. Our club provided a sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast for Saturday morning.



In July our club campout was at 5 River Campground in Parsons, WV. We had five families attending and one member drive in on Saturday evening for the business meeting. Our new Wagon Master Shane Vassar made delicious homemade ice-cream.



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We are looking forward to the remaining campouts with our club this season.
Janet Aylestock, secretary

New Jersey Eastern Square Wheelers Chapter 11

Dear Fellow Campers,

The Eastern Square Wheelers club started the camping season in April gathering at Butterfly Campground in Jackson, NJ. We had 11 rigs in attendance. Bill and Carole Ward provided the Friday evening hospitality with Hot Roast Beef sandwiches with all the trimmings. Friday evening we had our usual campfire and some of the ladies playing cards.

Our May campout was held at Pine Hill Campground in Kutztown, Pa. We had 8 rigs in attendance. Some members arrived on Thursday for an extended weekend. Those that arrived early, went to Deitsch Eck German Restaurant in Lenhartsville, Pa for dinner. Friday Evening hospitality was provided by Charlie and Judy Hocknell. We had Hot Meatball Sandwiches and various salads. On Sunday, we celebrated Mother's Day attending a very nice breakfast provided by the campground. Mothers were the guest of the campground and the fathers had to pay their own way? Each lady received a nice potted plant from the club.

Our June campout was held a Pinch Pond Campground in Manheim Pa. We only had 4 rigs and one drive in in attendance, so instead of having hospitality at the campground we all headed to the Country Kitchen Diner for some delicious Pennsylvania Dutch cooking. We held the election and installation of officers for the coming year.

Our July Campout was held at White Oaks Campground in Quarryville, Pa. We had 11 rigs in attendance. We had seven rigs arrive on Thursday for an extended weekend. Those that arrived on Thurs. went to the Olive Garden for Dinner. Friday evening hospitality was provided by JoAnn Bingenheimer and Phyllis Bowmen. We has a delicious meatloaf dinner and home made breads. On Saturday, Joe and Blanche Jaggers provide a pancake and sausage breakfast. At our regular meeting on Saturday, the club collected \$350 to purchase Back Packs and school supplies to be donated to the Beverly United Methodist Church "Bless the Backpack" program. The church runs a summer program to provide under privileged children breakfast and lunches. At the end of the program in August and in September, they give each child a back pack containing necessary school supplies. Hopefully, this will give them a boost for the start of school. This is the second year that we have participated in the program.

Unfortunately, Norm and Andrea Surran were involved in a one car accident on their way to White Oaks. A tractor Trailer came down an on-ramp and cut them off. Norm Swerve to miss it and the trailer jack-knifed. No one was injured, the car and trail suffered extensive damage.

No one from the Eastern Square Wheelers was able to attend the National Rally in Amana, but from what we heard and saw on Facebook, everything went well.

Enjoy the rest of this Hot, stormy summer and looking forward to seeing friends.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND ALL THE PEOPLE.
Edna Kunze

Eastern Square Wheelers Chapter 11 August, 2019

Hi Everyone,

WOW what a weekend, "NO RAIN", some of our campers came in on Thursday night. Two came in late on Friday due to bad directions and crazy traffic. But not to worry by the time hospitality started we were all in a great mood and ready to eat, and eat we did. Thanks to Blanch and Joe Jagers for the delicious Hot Roast Beef sandwiches and all the fixings brought by our fellow campers we had quite a feast. After a wonderful feast we had card playing, campfire watching and just plain talking.

Saturday found us at our meeting starting a 10:00 am sharp. Business conducted and all problems solved we all went to lunch. After lunch some went for a train ride in Jim Thorpe, Pa. and had a great time, some just stayed at the campground and chilled. At 5:00 pm it was time again for our annual picnic. The hot dogs and hamburgers were on the grill and enough side dishes and desserts to satisfy a King or Queen. We are sure a very lucky Club with so many good cooks. If any one went away hungry shame on them. After dinner there was more card playing more chilling by the campfire and just a good time with good friends. The nights were a little chilly so the campfires were a welcome warmth for the end of a terrific day.

Sunday found us at our church service, again 10:00 am sharp. After church came the sad part. The packing up and the good byes and as always the sharing of Safe Travels.

Remember next month we will be going to Country Oaks in Dorothy, NJ if you haven't made your reservation please get in touch with Spike Tomer ASAP. It will be another good weekend especially with our ice r the men in the home please bring them with you. Edna will be glad to get them and she will be delivering them on Saturday. Anyone that would like to take the ride down to the home is welcome to come. Well until we meet again I will say good bye and stay health, happy and safe.

Fran Levering, Secretary
Eastern Square Wheelers, #11

Pennsylvania Penn West Chapter 23 *August 2019*

Greetings Campers,

Penn West had a perfect week end of weather at our last camp out at Tionesta Corp of Engineers camp ground. We also had a nice turn out of campers – 9 units. Friday evening we went to our usual Hunters Station for dinner followed by stopping for ice cream. Saturday morning we had pancakes, eggs & bacon cooked by Jeff Knox & Bob Steele. Sat. evening we had a delicious meal of sauerkraut, pork, kielbasa & mashed potatoes with potluck side dishes.

At our meeting the secretary reported we had thank you letters from the Shriners Hospital for Children in Erie and The Children's Dyslexia Center of Western PA for the \$125 we sent each of them from our worship services this past year.

Our club was saddened by the death of Richard Nale July 15 who fought cancer for several years. Our MOT, Jeff sang "Prayer is the Key to Heaven" at his funeral.

Jeff & Tracey Knox, Bob & Mary Sue Steele & Lynn & Judy Critchlow reported on the good time they had at the National NCT Rally in Amana, IA. We thanked Judy for being the organist in place of Nancy who couldn't make it because of illness. Unfortunately several weren't able to make the rally because of illness or accidents. We were sad to hear about Ron & Fannie Cobes having an accident on their way home which demolished their motor home. Ron spent 6 days in a hospital in Iowa because of heart problems. Thank goodness they weren't hurt worse.

Sunday morning a worship service was lead by Bob Steele & Jeff Knox singing "Mansion Over the Hilltop."

Our next camp out will be at Sharp's in Shelocta, PA Sept. 13-15. We plan to have corn on the cob & hot dogs for lunch on Sat. & potluck supper in the evening.

Hope to have a good turnout for that week end.

Ain't camp'n fun!

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District 4

Florida: Suwannee River Travelers; Alabama: Rambling Masters; Georgia; GA Travelers & CSRA Master Travelers

The 6th annual District 4 Friendship Rally will be held on April 21st – April 24th, 2020.



The Rally will start on Tuesday, April 21st and we will depart on Friday, April 24th. The location for this year's Rally is: Yonah Mountain Campground, 3678 Helen Highway, Cleveland, GA 30528, Campground Phone: 706-865-6546.

This Rally is actually a combination of Four Rallies. It is the District 4 Rally, The Alabama State Rally, The Florida State Rally, and the Georgia State Rally.

Conveniently located only two hours from Atlanta, the campground is located at the foot of Yonah Mountain. It can serve as your home base for daily adventures including beautiful mountain drives, hiking to picturesque waterfalls, fishing in sparkling rivers, exploring charming nature trails, panning for gold and gems, discovering local wineries, horseback riding, tubing and kayaking in the Chattahoochee River, and much more. Other nearby attractions include [Cabbage Patch Babyland General Hospital](#), [Mark of the Potter](#), [Smithgall Woods State Park](#), [Anna Ruby Falls](#), [Brasstown Bald](#) and the [Blue Ridge Mountains](#), and the Richard B. Russell Scenic Highway. Area festivals include Helen's Oktoberfest, Dahlonega's Gold Rush Days, Clarkesville's Chattahoochee Mountain Fair, Destination Helen, Hiawassee's Georgia Mountain Fall Festival, and Blairsville's Sorghum Festival.

With Alabama hosting the Rally this year, and NCT Past-President Jim L. Fuhrman making the arrangements, you can be sure there will be plenty of Golf on the agenda.

Please make your plans now to attend this Rally that promises a lot of Fun and Fellowship.

Please see the Rally Registration Form on the Rally Registration Page (Pg 26) in the back of the News To Campers.



Ohio West Central Ohio, Chapter #92

Gail Dodds
Secretary



Aberdeen, Ohio Lively Lady Campground. July, 2019



St Mary's Ohio. Armstrong Museum June 2019

Massachusetts Mass 1 Chapter 9

On April 27, 2019, Mass One Chapter 9 hosted its “Start of the Season” camp-in at Davenports Restaurant in East Providence RI. It was a great event with 14 folks coming together from CT 1 Ch 6 and Mass One Ch 9. From Ct 1 Ch 6 were our National President, Ray Geer and his lady Sue. From Mass One Ch 9 were Jack Mulhall, National Director and PNP with his lady Pat, Henry Carlson, Lorna Dyer with her guest Claire, Stanley Hanson with his guests Chris and Linda, Donna Howard, and Bob and Mary Ann Titterington with their granddaughter Mickie.



We exchanged good news, illnesses, and upcoming plans for camping, but most of all really enjoyed being together.

Earlier in the day Mass One Ch 9 had a table at the Masonic-con, hosted by Ezekiel Bates Lodge in Attleboro, MA. Jack Mulhall and John Nelson, Mass State Director manned the table, handed out informational brochures and answered any questions by interested parties. Yes, we had success! A new member is coming to us through this event’s exposure!

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 makeyour- 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.

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. We managed to 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 20th. 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 3rd 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 2nd 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: **Donna**



National President Ray Geer at the Helm



District 1 accepting 2nd place ribbons for the theme parade



2019 NATIONAL ROGUES GALLERY!

Connecticut 1 Chapter #^

The National Rally in Amana Iowa was a wonderful experience. The 9 rigs from District 1 included Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont, and were all represented for the opening.

Although the Iowa weather was steamy for the first few days, a front came through and cooled things down a bit. NCT's "This Land Is Our Land" 54th National Rally, held at the Amana Colonies opened on Sunday morning, July 21, 2019, with a wonderful Worship Service.

The afternoon opening ceremony was followed by the 2019 Memorial Service. The names of 3 CT1 members; Viola Couch, Nancy Mellow and Martha Jane Schmalz, were read. Additionally, read were the names of 3 Mass 9 members; PNP Milton Thoene, William Pacelet, and Roland Pardee. Both the Worship Service and the Memorial Service were lead by our National Chaplain, Larry Hangland (Ct1 Ch6).

The rally was hosted by members of District 8, the Central Iowa Travel Masters, Nebraska/Iowa Straddlers, and the Kansas Jayhawks, with Rally Chairman and District 8 Director Larry Shears.

The hall where the meetings and the meals took place was air conditioned (thankfully). And speaking of meals, the caterer that the Iowa group selected did a fantastic job. The food was absolutely delicious. Events and timing were well thought out. Overall the rally was very well organized.

I believe that our Past National President, Ray Geer, can feel that the trip to Iowa and his rally (in the month after the super Gettysburg trip) was a huge success and now he can relax... but only a little. Ray's duties are not yet complete as he was installed as National Director with PNP Jack Mulhall as Eastern Director. Our upper NY state neighbor and friend, Art Spencer, was installed as National 2nd Vice President. Eugene Boesch from California is was installed as National President. Congratulations to all. It was also nice to see our friend from Canada, PNP Joe Daws-Knowles. He was also in Gettysburg for the 53rd Anniversary and reunion. After installation there was the presentations which included the "HAT." Those special hats are quite interesting, as you see below.

(Check out pages 33 & 35 in the Connecticut Freemasons news for the story and some photo for details of the Gettysburg trip <https://ctfreemasons.net/masons-in-the-community/events-and-activities/connecticut-freemason-newspaper/ct-freemasons-magazine/>)

As always, the theme parade at the rally was fun and a collaboration of different ideas. Ray's theme encompassed "Mother Earth" and the gifts that she gives to us. New York's Chapter 58 won first place. District 1, Mass 9, Ct 6, and VT's MountNIERS won second place this year. Nice work y'all.

Some of our District left Iowa on July 26. Others hung in for another day or two. I noticed that some of our group took advantage of visiting family and friends along the route as they traveled to and from the rally. This message is being penned as the Morgans and Howards are still on enjoying the trip home.

However, the trip home was not so great for the Fants. They were at the Walmart on Rt. 86 in Elmira, NY when a bad storm came through. Pam was in the store, Dave was in the rig. The storm rocked the RV and tore off the front roof with Dave in the rig. Pam and Dave are both fine but obviously shaken. The RV is in a repair facility waiting for an insurance adjuster. They loaded as much as they could into their car and as of July 31, they were on their way home. The RV won't be ready for some time. Thank God they are ok!

Registration forms will be sent for the upcoming District 1 Calendar:

- *Sept. 13-15 is the Mass 9 State Rally at Oak Haven, Wales, MA
- *Oct. 18-20 is the CT 1 Ch 6 Turkey Roast at Mineral Springs, Stafford Springs, CT.
- * Nov. 2 Mass 9 Camp-in at Munich Haus, Chicopee, MA
- * Dec. 14 is the Stuff-A-Cruiser Toy Drive, Dakota Restaurant, Rocky Hill Ct

Safe Travels!

*Pat Kalinauskas, Secretary, CT 1, Ch. 6,
National Camping Travelers*

SNOWBIRDS

REMINDER ON ADDRESS CHANGES: If you are receiving this at your home (or summer address) this is where your News to Campers will continue to be sent unless you send a **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** to my attention. Send it to: **nctoffice@yahoo.com** by October 31. When you return to your summer address, you must also notify me of that as soon as you know when you are returning. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. Your News to Campers may have already been sent. To save money we have cut the number of extra copies limiting them to a few to be used for New Members. I will not have extras to mail . Thanks for your help.

WINTER LUNCHEONS: I have not received any firm information, but in any case It is not too early to start thinking of the Winter SnowBird Luncheons. More Information will be in the December issue. Dave

Winter Texan Luncheon

The Winter Texan NCT Luncheon will be held on January 29, 2020, the last Wednesday in January, at noon at Don Lue's Grill (Nelda's) Valley Plaza, on Frontage Road, Palmview, Texas. Same place as last year! Please RSVP by Emailing Dale Verran at fdv1935@gmail.com

Ohio State Rally Luncheon

January 23, 2020 Ohio State Rally Luncheon, 2:00 PM Homers Buffet, Sebring, Florida More Information in Dec Issue

Florida Rally Luncheon

No information on this Luncheon yet but if the same as in the past will be Feb 24th, 2020“beginning at Noon at the Golden Coral, 6855 Gall Blvd, Zephyrhills, FL All NCT Members are welcome to attend the Luncheon. More information shuld be available in the Dec Issue.

The Traveling Square

In the early 1900's, a Lodge in Canada, initiated a journey for a Square. Included in the Wooden Box was, among other items was a Journal to be used as a listing and information on where the Square had traveled. Over the decades, the Square had traveled all across Canada visiting Lodge after Lodge. During this time and travels, it touched many Lodges in the United States. During our visit and tour of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, the Square was unpacked and all present had the opportunity to see this traveling Square as well as the other items including the completed original traveling journal and the vast numbers of locations in the second journal.

As luck would have it, PNP Joe Daws Knowles happened to walk into the office at the Grand Lodge having just returned from the PNP Luncheon. The original Canadian lodge was located somewhere along the path that Joe would be using on his return to his home in Ottawa. When asked if he could return the Square to its home, Joe readily agreed. At the closing Ceremony, the Square , the box and all of its contents were presented to Joe to return. Now the story does not end there. It seems that the “Home Lodge” was closed over the summer so Joe helped keep the Square traveling and took it to the Grand Lodge in Ottawa for the next stop on its journey.

Where will its next stop be? Perhaps someday it will end up in your lodge..





New Members

Welcome New Members!!!!!!

A lot of fun is to be had by all! Get ready to have loads of fun, lots of fellowship and lifelong friends !

NCT	NAME	CHP	Recommended By	NCT #
22350	Ira Mazer	000	Jim Jarnagin	21563
22351	Lloyd & Tricia Eichenlaub	194	David Fouch	21548
22352	John & Patiphet Rice	038	Skip Hash	21431
22353	Steven & Mary Jo Armstrong	058	Michael Wulzmuth	22329
22354	Donald & Carol Kirk	IND	David Brigham	21619
22355	Wayne & Lee Towne	058	Steven Armstrong	22353

Innumerable Caravan

Name	Date of Passing	NCT #	Chapter	State
Robert Walker	May 2019	19118	51	MI
Nancy (Chris) Thomas	June 2019	21834	51	MI
Nancy Mellow	June 21, 2019	22309	6	CT
Ron Haave	July 16, 2019	16045	38	WA
Ingrid McGuire	August 25, 2019	16766	6	CT
Richard Nale	July 15, 2019	21739	23	PA

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

Connecticut Connecticut 1, Chapter 6

Dear NCTers,

Attached is the registration form for the October campout and Annual Turkey Roast at Mineral Springs, in Stafford Springs. This will be another event-filled campout weekend with the **Turkey Dinner, a Costume Parade and of course... GUYS vs GALS Bean Bag Baseball Challenge. We're collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank.** It's also Connecticut's last official campout of the year. For those who do not camp any longer, please join the Chapter for the Turkey Dinner on Saturday. It's a great way to reconnect with other members of the club.

Please get the reservations in by October 10 so the cooks can determine how many turkeys to purchase. See you in Stafford Springs!

Pat Kalinauskas, Secretary
CT 1, Chapter 6
National Camping Travelers



Connecticut One – Chapter 6

National Camping Travelers

Annual "Turkey Roast" Camping & Dinner Registration

Date: October 18th – 20th, 2019

(*Turkey Dinner on Saturday the 19th @ 5:30ish pm*)

Location: Mineral Springs Campground – 135 Leonard RD – Stafford Springs, CT 06076 – tel# 860/684-2993

Weekend Camping Fee: \$84.00

Annual Turkey Roast Dinner: \$15.00/Adult & \$6.00/Youth (5-12)

NCT# _____ Name _____ Tel# _____

Camping Fee \$_____ or (Saturday Drive-In) _____

of Adult Dinners _____ x \$15.00 = \$_____.00

of Youth (under 12) Dinners _____ x \$6.00 = \$_____.00 (Youth under 5 eat free)

Total: \$_____

Make checks payable to: **Connecticut 1 – Chapter 6, NCT**

Please Mail Registration Form and Payment To: Ray Geer | P.O. Box 4 | North Stonington, CT 06359

**** Don't Forget Your Halloween Costume (young & old) For The Parade ****

Annual Bean Bag Baseball Challenge (Guys vs Gals)

*** Please Bring a Non-Perishable Food Donation For The Local Food Bank ***

Need more info: email NCTDistrictOne@gmail.com or call 860-608-5265

Reservations By October 10th "Greatly Appreciated"

2020 55th NCT NATIONAL RALLY
JULY 12 - 17, 2020
CASA de FRUTA R.V. PARK
10031 Pacheco Pass Hwy, Hollister, CA 95023
1-800-548-3813

NAME: _____ NCT# _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PC US OR CANADA

PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ EMERGENCY: _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

ADULTS: _____ CHILDREN: _____ AGES: _____

TYPE OF UNIT: _____ LENGTH: _____ SLIDES: _____ POWER: 30 OR 50

CHAPTER NAME: _____ #: _____ LOCATION: _____

HANDICAP SITE: NO _____ YES _____

NATIONAL, DISTRICT OR STATE OFFICE HELD: _____

1st TIME AT A NATIONAL RALLY YES _____

MENS SHIRT SIZES: M L XL 1XL 2XL 3XL NO CHARGE

LADIES SHIRT SIZES: S M L XL 1XL 2XL 3XL NO CHARGE

ALL SITES HAVE FULL HOOK UPS WITH 30 AMP SERVICE. 12 SITES are AVAILABLE WITH 50 AMP SERVICE. THESE WILL BE RESERVED BY THE MAILING DATE ON THE RESERVATION.

\$375 PER UNIT (2 ADULTS) 5 nights (Sunday-Friday Noon)	\$ _____
\$275 PER UNIT (1 ADULT) 5 nights (Sunday-Friday Noon)	\$ _____
\$150 DRIVE IN (2 ADULTS)	\$ _____
EARLY NIGHTS CAMPING \$40 PER NIGHT (4 Max) # _____	\$ _____
BANQUET \$15 PER PERSON # _____	\$ _____
\$25 OFF FOR EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS JAN 1, 2020.	\$ -()
TOTAL	\$ _____

MOTEL ROOMS ON SITE 1Bed \$119.00 2 Bed \$139.00/NIGHT. MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2020 NCT NATIONAL RALLY

MAIL TO: EUGENE BOESCH, 412 BARRINGHAM LANE, MODESTO CA 95350

PHONE: 209-524-5952 OR 209-402-1564

GOLFERS, PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING # _____

NUMBER TAKING TOUR TO SAN JUAN BATISTA MISSION # _____

WE HAVE ENCLOSED OUR REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE 2020 NCT RALLY

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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2020 NCT NATIONAL RALLY
CASA de FRUTA R.V. PARK
JULY 12- 17, 2020

BOB MORGAN, NATIONAL RALLY CHAIRMAN
HOME PHONE: 831-421-9166
EMAIL: bobmorgansmail@aol.com
CELL: 408-221-0974

PARADE THEME: WESTWARD HO

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: 5 NIGHTS CAMPING, FULL HOOKUPS, WELCOME BAG,
2 COFFEE MUGS, 2 CHEVRONS, 2 POLO SHIRTS, 1 DINNER, 1 MOVIE NIGHT WITH HOT DOGS & POPCORN, 1 BREAKFAST, YNCT LUNCH (Donations), BREAKFAST GOODIES, TOUR OF MISSION.

A DEFIBRILLATOR WITH TRAINED OPERATORS WILL BE ON SITE.

FACILITY: THE RV PARK HAS 300 SITES, ALL SITES WITH 30 AMPS ARE PULL THROUGHS, CABLE TV, WIFI, SWIMMING POOL, VERY NICE 14 ROOM MOTEL, LAUNDRY FACILITIES, EXCELLENT LARGE RESTAURANT, CHEVRON SERVICE STATION WITH DIESEL AND PROPANE, WINE SHOP, FRESH FRUIT STAND, AND MUCH MORE.

PROGRAM: ON SUNDAY: OPENING CEREMONY, WORSHIP AND MEMORIAL SERVICES, LIGHT SUPPER. THROUGH OUT THE WEEK, MORNING HOSPITALITY, CRAFTS AND CRAFT JUDGING, THEME PARADE, PET PARADE, PP ICE CREAM SOCIAL, HISTORY BOOK AND CHAPTER OF THE YEAR JUDGING, NEW PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST BY INVITATION, GAMES, OLD AND NEW BOARD MEETINGS, STATE AND DISTRICT MEETINGS, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, CLOSING

**REGISTRATION AFTER JUNE 20TH: DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATION FORM.
BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE RALLY. PLEASE CONFIRM BY NOTIFYING EU-
GENE BOESCH AT 1-209-524-5952 OR EMAIL efboesch@yahoo.com**

LOCATION: ON I-5 GO WEST ON HWY 152 AND FROM HWY101 GO EAST ON HWY 156/152.

NEARBY POINTS OF INTEREST: CARMEL, MONTEREY, SANTA CRUZ, SAN FRANCISCO, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK,

2020 NCT NATIONAL RALLY (Tentative) DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Saturday - July 11	10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Early Registration
Sunday - July 12	8:00 am to 10:00 pm	Registration
	8:00 am	Coffee / Hospitality
	9:00 am	Announcements
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Opening Program
	3:00 pm	Memorial Service
	4:00 pm	Chapter, State, District Social Meeting
	5:30 pm	Light Dinner
Monday - July 13	8:00 am	Coffee / Hospitality
	9:00 am	Announcements
	9:00 am	Golf Outing ???
	9:30 am	Pet Parade Location TBA
	Noon	
	1:00 am	Membership Discussions
	Noon	YNCT Lunch
	4:00 pm	Chapters Social Meetings
Tuesday - July 14	8:30 am	Breakfast
	9:30 am	Announcements
	9:45 am	Old Board Meeting
	Noon	Past Presidents Luncheon
	1:00 pm	Tour
Wednesday - July 15	8:00 am	Coffee / Hospitality
	9:00 am	Announcements
	9:10 am	Theme (Westward Ho)
	10:30 am	General Meeting
	Noon	lunch on your own
	1:00 pm	Games
	4:00 pm	Social
	5:30 pm	Catered Dinner
Thursday - July 16	8:00 am	Coffee / Hospitality
	8:00 am	New President Breakfast (by invitation only)
	9:00 am	Announcements
	9:30 am	Officers & Secretaries meetings
	11:00 am	Installation Of 2020 Officers
	Noon	Lunch
	1:30 pm	New Board Meeting
	3:00 pm	PP Ice Cream Social
	5:00 pm	Closing Ceremony
Friday July 17	8:00 am	Coffee and Hookup & Departture

CHART FOR SHIRT SIZES

MEN

SIZE	CHEST	LENGTH
SMALL	38"	29"
MEDIUM	42"	30"
LARGE	46"	31"
XLG	50"	32"
2XL	54"	32 1/2"
3XL	58"	33 1/2"

LADIES

SIZE	CHEST	LENRGTH
SMALL	36 1/2"	24"
MEDIUM	39"	24 1/2"
LARGE	42"	25 3/4"
XLG	47"	27"
2XL	53"	29 1/2"
3XL	57"	30 1/2"

DIRECTIONS:

CHEST: FULL CHEST, MEASURED 1" UNDER THE ARMS.

BODY LENGTH: MEASURED FROM CENTER OF BACK OF NECK SEAM DOWN TO BACK BODY HEM. WOMENS SHIRTS ARE TAPPERED AROUND THE MIDDLE AREA. } { MENS ARE STRAIGHT.

2020 District 4 Rally
 Yonah Mountain Campground,
 3678 Helen Highway,
 Cleveland, GA 30528,
 Campground Phone: 706-865-6546.
 April 21 - 24, 2020

NAME _____	NCT# _____
CHAPTER AND NUMBER _____	
SPOUSE _____	
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP _____
BEST CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER (_____-_____-_____-_____-_____-_____-)	
E-MAIL _____	
SPECIAL NEEDS _____	
NATIONAL, DISTRICT, STATE, OR CHAPTER OFFICE _____	

REGISTRATION FEES	
\$25 PER PERSON	# OF PEOPLE _____
AMOUNT ENC. \$ _____	
MAKES CHECKS PAYABLE TO:	

SALLY SIMMONS
 P. O. BOX 268
 NEWTON, AL 36352
 334-299-3704

CALL YONAH MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND AT 706-865-6546 TO MAKE YOUR CAMPING RESERVATIONS. RATE IS APPROXIMATELY \$42 PER NIGHT FOR 30 AMP SERVICE AND \$45.00 PER NIGHT FOR 50 AMP SERVICE.

RALLY FEE INCLUDES, 2 DINNERS AND 3 BREAKFASTS FOR EACH ATTENDEE, AND A CHEVRON. DINING OUT ON THURSDAY EVENING IS AN OPTION.

You can fill out this form and mail it back to us or you can just call us on the phone (334-299-3704) and we'll fill it out for you.

DUES INFORMATION AND RECEIPTNational Initiation Fee: \$10.00 National Dues: \$30.00 Chapter Dues: _____ Member at Large Dues: \$10.00**Members may join a Chapter, or you may become a Member at Large.** The annual National Dues are pro-rated one-half for new members joining between January 1, and June 30th.

Amount Received \$ _____ Date: _____ Rec'd By: _____ NCT # _____

THIS PORTION RETAINED BY APPLICANT AS A RECEIPT UNTIL DUES CARD IS RECEIVED

***** CUT *****

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**National CampingTravelers****PO Box 136****E. Longmeadow, MA 01028**

National Secretary's use _____

 New Member
 Reinstatement

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

I hereby apply for Membership in Chapter _____ No. _____
or as a Member at Large.

Name _____ LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ WIFE _____

Mailing Address: _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Masonic Lodge: _____ LODGE NAME _____ NO. _____ ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

If Reinstatement, give Chapter name and your NCT No. _____ NCT # _____

Children under 21 years of age: _____

Signature of Applicant. _____ Date. _____

Recommended By: (signature) _____ NCT # _____

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED AND TRANSMITTED TO THE CHAPTER SECRETARY FOR PROCESSING AND FORWARDING TO THE NATIONAL SECRETARY. MEMBERS AT LARGE WILL FORWARD THIS FORM WITH A CHECK FOR DUES AND FEES DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL SECRETARY.

The following certification is to be completed by the applicant's Lodge**Secretary, unless he is recommended by a member of****National Camping Travelers, Inc.****This is to certify that Brother _____****is a member in good standing in _____ Lodge, No. _____****located at _____,****under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____**

PLACE _____

Secretary _____

LODGE SEAL

HERE _____

Date _____

NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC.

P.O. Box 136
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*Hollister,
California*



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