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News To Campers

58th NCT NORTH AMERICAN RALLY

Elkhart, Indiana

July 16-21, 2023

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Les Hall**



Greeting to everyone from the Sunshine State.

I know that David Brigham and Joe Williams worked very hard for our 2022 Rally in Lebanon. It was a real treat for all of us and was great to have all of you in Tennessee

As of right now, we have been working diligently dotting the I's and crossing the T's getting everything prepared for our 2023 National Rally in Elkhart, IN. Our 2023 Rally Chairman, has been very busy and is doing a fantastic job of bringing all of this together. More information will be available

We hope this issue of News to Campers finds you healthy and doing well.

Les and Joy

**NATIONAL First Vice PRESIDENT
Jim Jackson**



Hello to fellow NCT members. The camping season is taking a chill in the northern states and Canada.

As we go camping in 2023 remember to invite someone you know, Mason or not, to camp with us. I know from personal experience that not only can we get new friends to join NCT but we can get new Masons. The Fraternities are the basis of NCT. We need new camping members. Remember to also fly the Masonic flag. Don't have a flag to put in front of camper. Of course Amazon sells them. If you need a new NCT Decal ask for one. Don't forget the ones that have a tent or pop-up camper. Most of us started with a tent many years ago.

Jim Jackson

**NATIONAL Second Vice PRESIDENT
Cliff Fromm** installed at Tennessee Rally—No Photo yet. Watch in December

National Secretary Dave Fant

Since the National Rally, a lot of changes have taken place. The Board of Directors have had a number of meetings and discussions that have reviewed the process to help increase our National Organization. Many different suggestions have caused a delay in the September News to Campers. With all the suggestions delaying the September issue, I made the decision that this September (October) needed to be prepared by the end of October.



We DO PLAN on having a December Holiday issue completed and mailed by mid December. You are encouraged to send Holiday cards to my attention by Thanksgiving and I will have them in the December issue. I Will need to have the cards submitted in JPG format. A completed color printed copy Emailed to me (Dfant19508@aol.com *only*) is acceptable. Please no PDF copies as the rework requires considerable time. The cost of the Holiday Cards will be a flat \$75 per card.

Planned Camping schedule is suitable and will be added to the News to Campers. Also the Events will again be placed on the Website to once again make additional information in News to Campers. Send the information that you would like in the Event Page.

I know that some of the Chapters have submitted information and photos for use in the News to Campers. My apology that most of these were not included. I would like you to have a few photos that I can include in the Newsletter. Please keep your activates to no more than one page—added photos will be included as space allows.

I ask you for your support and your help and understanding for the delay caused from the changes and for our personal situations this past summer. I look forward to a faster and better Newsletter for each and every Chapter and individual member. When you have questions, issues,, or complaints Please let me know. Also please invite new members to your chapter. They are your life-blood of NCT.

I will look forward to hearing from you and for material for the December issue.

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving. God Bless each of you,
Dave and Pam Fant

NCT TRIPLE O'S, Chapter # 58 October 1, 2022 meeting Cortland Country Music Campground's Cortland, NY. 13045.

Attending, Alexander's, Fitzgerald's, P. Ives, R. Morse, and A. Peterson.

The meeting was opened by MOT, Robert Alexander Opening prayer was given by Chaplan, Phyllis Ives Pledge was lead by MOT Minutes were read by Secretary Dorothy Alexander, motion to accept made by Bill Fitzgerald and seconded by Iccy Fitzgerald passed. Treasurer's report was given by the secretary, accepted.

Sunshine and Sickness Wayne and Flossie have colds so will not join us in Cortland. They will be going to Arizona next week. Good luck, we will miss you.

New business, Bob Bennett has had a truck accident, is okay. He has sent in his dues. Party for Annabelle Slover went very well. She was presented with a shrine shirt,.

New Business Bill Fitzgerald and Ray Morse have set up our November campin. Thank you very much.

Chapter has decided that the first and last camp out for 2023 will be at Styshs because of weather and having a place to get inside for meeting, dinner and church.

Our next camp in is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 2:30 pm Carmella's Cafe 8530 Seneca Turnpike New Hartford, NY. 13413 Phone 315-797-3350 All welcome to join us, no reservation necessary, just let Bill Fitzgerald or Bob Alexander know. Donation will be given to Utica area charity this year instead of bringing gifts. Christmas card exchange will take place.

Dorothy Alexander, Secretary

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
22409	Benjamin (Ben) & Tee Lane	045	19255 Jim L Fuhrman
22419	David Tischart	000	Golden Role CA 479 Lodge
22420	John & April Hines	023	16641 Robert Steele
22421	James & Julie Clancy	237	22292 Michael Simmons
22422	Kenneth & Sri Cox	000	Fremont, NE 15 Lodge
22423	Louis & McFarland	194	21548 David Fouch

Innumerable Caravan

NAME	DATE OF PASSING	NCT#	CHAPTER	HOME
<i>Don LeFavour</i>	<i>March, 2022</i>	<i>7076</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>FL</i>
<i>Tom Dow</i>	<i>October 16, 2022</i>	<i>21939</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>Paul Curry</i>	<i>September 2, 2022</i>	<i>21247</i>	<i>06</i>	<i>CT</i>
<i>Dick Pries</i>	<i>August 29, 2022</i>	<i>21900</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>NY</i>

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those whose members have been called to the Celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. Our Thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you during this difficult time.

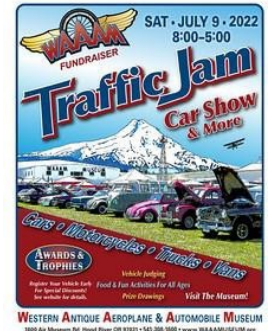
Pacific Northwest Chapter 38

Greeting from the beautiful Pacific Northwest! Not a better place to be during the hot summer months.... a few 90 degrees days coming up but then back to our normal 75-degree weather! A great time to go camping! NTC#38 has been busy the last few months. We started our camping season in May just as the weather was teasing us that spring might be on the way! Spring can be different than in the rest of the county, one day can bring a bright, warm, and sunny day, the next day cold and rainy! That, however, doesn't stop us from heading out. If there isn't any ice or snow on the highways and passes, we are gone! Most of us have cabin fever since we have been locked in all winter and Covid didn't help either.



We headed to Eastern Washington to Wenatchee River County Park which is located on the Wenatchee River. An absolute beautiful, well-maintained park. The park is made up of several cul-de-sacs off the main road, which makes it convenient for us to all camp together in one area. Our group has gotten good at finding a large area to set up 2-3 large pop-up canopies, attach them together, including the sides and doors. Once you add a few small heaters we can all be together warm and dry for meals, meetings, and fellowship! There aren't many parks that have reopened their clubhouses, so we must make do. Our group is growing so we normally don't have a big enough rig for all of us to fit in together. So far this season we have had anywhere from 12-20+ people show up. Who really cares if it rains? If you live in Washington, you don't care.... you make the best of it! This is one of the only campgrounds that we make annual reservations at before we leave the campground to come back the following year before the heat begins there. We went to the City of Cashmere (home of the World-Famous Applets and Cottlets!) had a fantastic Mexican dinner where some Eastern Star ladies that live in area joined us for dinner and friendship. So nice to see them and catch up. We did go back the next day and sampled the many varieties of Applets candies. YUMMY! Since June brings us Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Session in Washington State we chose not to hold a campout this month. A few of our members however did their own outings. On that note of Grand Lodge, we are all very proud of one of our young members, Sean Heath from Steadfast Lodge in Bremerton, WA who won the Senior Warden Ritual Contest. His award was present to him by the Grand Master at Grand Lodge this year. What a great job Sean did, and the club is extremely proud of his efforts.





July found the group at Gorge Base Camp RV Park in White Salmon, WA on the Washington side of the mighty Columbia River. If you like the sounds of trains and love water this is definitely the park for you. Again, our Wagon Master and Master of Travel have done a fantastic job this year of picking new places for us to travel to. Since the weather was “perfect” this trip we chose not to set up our canopies but just to put 3 picnic tables together in the shade. This worked ideally. Several of the group went to visit the WAAAM Air Museum and Car Show, that was a very enjoyable time. The Traveling Gnomes (our Theme this year) were out in full force to watch over us as we eat and eat some more. Naps seem to be popular also. We are starting to have a “Seafood boil” once a season and this was the outing for it. Frank Rinehart, Merle Smith, and Arly Buchanan are our chefs for this outstanding meal that we all contribute something too. (Potatoes, corn, shrimp, crab, crawdads, scallops, and any other fish we can think of). This again didn’t disappoint. Karen Ekrem also makes a yummy chowder for the next day with the leftovers (leftovers? Really). Since we have some great techy people in the group, we are learning a lot of great things from them about our computers and are able to put in many of them to good use. We are also learning about how to do things with our pictures instead of just leaving them on our phone or cameras. Thank you, Todd Johnstone and Frank Rinehart!! Guess we are NEVER too old to learn new tricks!

The August campout will take us to Seaside, OR. The Oregon Coast is a beautiful area with lots to do and see. Don’t know what’s planned yet for this trip but whatever it is it will definitely be fun! We will share that fun time in the next newsletter.


On a side note.... are you a CRUISER?? Several in our group are planning a 7-day cruise to Alaska next year from Seattle. Here is some brief information: August 25th to September 1, 2023, on Royal Caribbean’s Ovation of the Seas. Ports include Sitka, Skagway, Endicott Arm & Dawe’s Glacier, Juneau, Victoria BC and arriving back in Seattle. You have a whole year to plan this, and we have the absolute BEST travel agent that will make all your arrangements for you. You can start making payments on it now and still get a full refund 30-60 days prior to sailing if you chose not to go. (But why would you??) We recently did a group cruise in April together to the Caribbean and had an amazing time together. Hope that you would consider making arrangements to join us on the trip. NO sorry you cannot bring our RV!! If you have any interest, questions or want to find out more about this trip please contact Mindy Downing, email: medcgal@msn.com or cell phone 206 200-7251. She will be happy to provide the travel agents name, contact information or answer questions.

HAPPY CAMPING EVERYONE!!

SHAWNEE KOOKIN KAMPERS
#194
National Camping Travelers, Inc.
“A MASONIC FAMILY CAMPING CLUB”

09/10/2022

Late again, as usual. I have got to start getting these out right after our campout! Next year I will (try to) take my laptop with me and do the newsy part as it happens. Then maybe I can get this out right after our campout! Time will tell. Just don't hold your breath waiting for that to hap-

pen,  *Anyway, on to other things....*

We had our October campout from September 9-11 at Dillon State Park. Our meeting was opened by MOT Dale, Prayer given by Chaplain Pat, and the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag was given by everyone.

We had no Dignitaries this month and no guests.

Motion to dispense with the Secretaries report was made by Dave and seconded by Louis, Motion carried. Treasurers report was given. Motion made by Deb and seconded by Louis to approve. Motion carried. No bills to pay.

Report on illnesses... Deb is having hip surgery on Sept 20, keep her in your prayers. Diann (Wentz) is having hip surgery on Oct 18, or thereabouts. Keep her in your prayers. This will be the 2nd hip surgery for each of these gals.

We set our campout schedule for next summer. Motion made by Dave and seconded by Pat to approve. Motion carried.

We plan to have our Camp-In Dinner at Lucasville Lodge on November 4 at 6 pm. Dale will contact Butch or Dennis to confirm the date and we will let you know for sure that it is on.

Our next campout will be October 7-9 at Hocking Hills/ Deer Creek. It was originally set for Hocking Hills but the road in is very narrow so some of the group decided to go to Deer Creek instead, which is fine. But then the rest of the ones planning on going to Hocking Hills could not make it that weekend so there will be no one from our club at Hocking Hills and only 2 members and a former member at Deer Creek.

Closing Prayer was given by Chaplain Pat. Motion to adjourn made by Pat, seconded by Donna. Motion carried

Members in attendance - Dale & Judy, Dave & Deb (and Sophie), Pat & Donna (and Katie), Louie and Linda.

Shawnee Kookin Kampers

(Cont.)

Now for the good stuff.

Dale and I leave to go camping on Wednesday, as does Dave & Deb and Pat & Donna. Anyway, as we were finishing up packing the camper, I needed Dale to take the mule over to the house to help me get the water jugs. He had parked the truck in front of the office garage and then realized that he needed to move it to get the mule out. So, he just backed the truck over in front of LillyToo's house and went back over to get the mule. Welllllll, he got on the mule put it in reverse and went tearing out of the garage like a mad man. I was just starting to turn around to see how close he was to the truck when I joltingly found out by a sudden stop and a crashing noise. Dale looked at me and said, "What did I hit?" "YOUR TRUCK!!" I very calmly (NOT) replied. He dented the cow catcher middle bar and skinned some paint from it. All he did to the mule was knock off a very teeny tiny bit of red paint. Thank goodness he hit the cow catcher and not the side of the truck! He says he is now going to call it a mule catcher instead of a cow catcher. lol As soon as he did it, I told him that he had made the newsletter for this month, and we weren't even at the campground.

Thursday - We decided to fix the beans over the fire tomorrow night since Louie and Linda would be with us then. So, I soaked the beans overnight tonight. I made a 31-card game holder using one that Deb and one that Donna had. They were the same. It came out nicely. Now I just need to get some "old people" cards to put in it.

Friday - Borrowed the Dutch Oven from Pat and Donna since I do not have one. Pat and Dale did a marvelous job cooking the beans. The new bean spoon got a good first workout. They started out by cooking the pork jowls until they fell off the bone, then added the beans. By doing it this way the beans seemed to cook quite a bit faster than the last time. Guess this is the method we will always use. They were delicious! We also had cornbread, hot rolls, fried taters, & onions. Then we had brownies for dessert. VERY good eating. We should make this a monthly event, or until we tire of them.

Saturday - Had our meeting and set our camping schedule. Went to Texas Road House for our eat out dinner. When we got back, we played 3 games of 31, Donna, Dale and Judy won. It is unusual for Dale and me to win. It started to rain so we all retired to our campers for the evening.

Sunday - It rained quite a bit, but we still had a nice day. It was an intermittent rain, so we were able to still sit out from time to time. Some of us went down to the camp store and got ice cream. It was delicious. Played 31 again. Pat, Donna, and Judy won.

Monday - Everyone was up early and headed on home. Safe travels to all until we meet again.

Shawnee Kookin Kampers Campout Schedule for 2023

May 5-7	Rocky Fork State Park
June 2-4 -	Stone Lick State Park
July 7-9 -	Shawnee State Park (We are hoping the new park will be ready)
August 11-13 -	Maumee Bay State Park (\$30 a night - 30 amp service - water)
September 8-10 -	Scenic Hills
October 6-8	Paint Creek State Park

West Virginia Pioneer Travelers #200 Summer Camping 2022

Despite bad weather and illness, we were able to camp a couple times this summer. We sure did miss going to the National rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. Our club has lost several members this year, but we continue to stay active. We made our yearly contribution to Erie Shriners Hospital for Children during the Erie Gives day in August with monies collected during our church services. Looking forward to Fall camping.

July at Kick Back N Camp in Belington



August at 5 River Campground in Parsons



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July



56th National Rally 2023
Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, Indiana
16 – 20, 2023
REGISTRATION FORM



Name _____ NCT # _____

Co-pilot Name _____ Other Adults' Names: _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Emergency Contact & Number _____

Children: Name, Age ____

Handicapped Parking? _____ Special Needs (explain) ____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Type Unit & Size _____

Chapter Name, No. & Location _____

National, District, State or Local Office Held _____

Registration Fees: (US\$)

\$400 per Unit (2 Adults – before March 31, 2023) \$ _____

\$450 per Unit (2 Adults – after March 31, 2023) \$ _____

\$335 per Unit (1 Adult – before March 31, 2023) \$ _____

\$360 per Unit (1 Adult – after March 31, 2023) \$ _____

Drive-in or in Campground Cabin: \$100 per person No. _____ \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please indicate your interest in attending these "drive to" events:

_____ RV Factory Tour (company to be determined) – no charge

_____ RV Hall of Fame – Group rate est. \$12pp

_____ Das Dutchman Essenhaus Amish Family Style dinner – est. \$35pp

Enclosed is the registration fee for the 2023 NCT 56th National Rally.

I/We hereby release NCT, Inc., 2023 NCT Rally Committee, & Elkhart Campgrounds of any responsibility at the rally.

Signed (all adults must sign) _____ Date _____

Mail-in reservation deadline June 30, 2023
After June 30 contact Joy Hall directly

Make checks payable to: "2023 National Rally"

Mail to: Joy Hall

11015 71st Drive

Live Oak, FL 32060

Phone: 386-364-6400 E-Mail: joyhall@windstream.net



NCT 56th National Rally 2023
Elkhart Campground
25608 County Road 4 East
Elkhart, IN 46514
574-264-2914 elkhartcampground.com
July 16 – 20, 2023
REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Directions: I-90 Exit 92, at end of ramp turn right (north) onto Cassopolis St (County Road 19), 1/10 mile turn right (east) onto County Road 4 at light (Walgreens and CVS on corners), 1 mile Elkhart Campground on the right

Registration includes: up to 7 nights camping (Friday, July 14 to Friday July 21) regardless of your arrival and departure dates, one dinner, morning hospitality, evening programs, 3 optional drive-to activities

Upon arrival stop at office to register

All camp sites are 30/50 Amp full hookup

Extra nights: Contact the Campgrounds Office

Cabins: Contact the Campgrounds Office for possible Cabin reservations

Mail: Name, Elkhart Campground, 25608 County Road 4 East, Elkhart, IN 46514

Rally theme: RV There Yet?

Parade theme: On The Road Again

Pet Parade theme: On The Road Again

Tee Shirts: Order form available in News to Campers and on gonct.org website

3 optional drive-to carpool activities:

- RV Factory Tour – within 30 minutes – manufacturer to be determined
- RV Hall of Fame – 10 minutes drive - est. cost \$12 pp payable at registration
- Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury – 30 minute drive –
Amish family style dinner – estimated cost \$35 pp payable at registration

Watch the News to Campers and website gonct.org for Rally updates, Registration and Tee Shirt order forms.

Questions: Contact Jack Mulhall, Rally Chairman
Phone: 508 878 7990
E-mail: jack@themulhalls.net

Mail-in reservation deadline June 30, 2023
After June 30 call or email Joy Hall

Make checks payable to: “2023 National Rally”
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Elkhart National 2023 Rally Special Events

Sign Up Now – It's Never Too Early

Especially if you are interested in staying in a Cabin! Contact the Elkhart Campground directly (574-264-2914; elkhartcampground.com) and tell them you are with the National Camping Travelers Rally in July, and you will need to set your own dates.

If you are staying in your RV just complete and mail in the Registration form in this News to Campers or on the Website gonct.org . You will have a site reserved for you when you arrive, close to the rec hall where our activities will be occurring.

Let me know if you have any questions. This is a great area with lots of services and things to do, including the RV Hall of Fame and many RV manufacturers.

Jack Mulhall, NCT #20301, jack@themulhalls.net



2023 NCT National Rally Photo Op

Be sure to travel around Elkhart and the surrounding towns with your camera handy. The area provides a unique opportunity for photographers, quilters, and flower lovers alike – Floral Quilt Gardens. These are flower gardens laid out in quilt patterns, viewable from your car or a VERY short paved walk. Each garden provides a sign post with a description and a schematic of the layout, great for those of us who don't know a daisy from a daffodil.

While out looking for gardens you can also follow another "Quilt Trail" on these same highways and byways are also several Barn Quilts, visible from the road.

Refer to the map in your goodie bag for directions. Spend an hour or an afternoon. Have fun on the Quilt Trails, one of my favorite things to do in the Elkhart area.

Pat Mulhall, NCT #20301, pat@themulhalls.net

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