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***58th NCT NORTH AMERICAN RALLY***

***Elkhart, Indiana July 16-21, 2023***

**Mark your Calendar**

***July 16-21'st, 2023***

***58th National Rally in Elkhart, Indiana***



## NATIONAL PRESIDENT — Les Hall



Greetings from your President.

At our National Rally in July, in Elkhart, IN, it will fall on the new president, Jim Jackson, and the Board of Directors how to fill those vacancies.

We look forward to seeing you at the 58th NCT National Rally in Elkhart, IN on July 16-20.2023.

Let's all continue to support our Local Chapters and camp whenever you can.

Les & Joy Hall, President.

### **Jim Jackson     1 st Vice President**

Hello Fellow NCT members

We have the summer camping season ahead of us. Penn West already had our first campout in Harrisville, PA. The same site of the PA state rally in June. If you haven't sent in your reservation, please do. I'm sure with Jeff Knox and his leader Tracy a good time will be had by all. This is also the planned site of the 2024 National Campout. Come and check it our.



Now for the National we are looking at options to try and keep the NCT viable organization. I do not know the results or the election but can guess on most since only one person ran for a office. I ask if anyone has any ideas on what to do, please contact me either via email [k3vru1@gmail.com](mailto:k3vru1@gmail.com) or phone 724 448 7447

I hope all is well and most of us are looking forward to the National Rally out it camper building heaven. LOL

Jim Jackson

1 st Vice President

## Cliff Fromm

### NEWS TO CAMPERS LETTER FROM THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Hello from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Ann & I have been home for a month now, and the weather is finally starting to warm up. I hope everyone is having a good 2023 so far.



The 2023 camping season has started. The Pennsylvania/5<sup>th</sup> District Rally is coming up from June 22 to 25 at Deer Hunters Campground in Harrisville, PA. A lot of fun and fellowship will be had. Please plan on attending if you can.

Please support President Les with his plans for a great rally in Elkhart Indiana in July. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Safe Travels,  
Cliff Fromm, Second Vice President

## Straddlers Chapter 47 Nebraska/Iowa

### Camping Schedule Chapter 47 Nebraska/Iowa

June Arrival June 19 Departure June 23  
Campground: Pawnderosa  
City: Pawnee City, Nebraska

July Arrival July 17 Departure July 20  
Campground: Albert the Bull  
City: Audubon, Iowa

August Arrival August 21 Departure August 25  
Campground: City Park  
City: West Point, Nebraska

Sept Arrival Sept 18 Departure Sept 22  
Campground: City Campground  
City: Winterset, Iowa

Oct Arrival Oct 16 Departure Oct 20  
Campground: To be determined  
City: TBD State: TBD

## 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
22435	Bruce & Clairiece Boom	000	
22436	Gordon & Pamela Fraser, Jr	006	22287 Denis Morgan
22437	Richard & Sharen Ames	006	22287 Denis Morgan

## Innumerable Caravan

<i>NAME</i>	<i>DATE OF PASSING</i>	<i>NCT#</i>	<i>CHAPTER</i>	<i>HOME</i>
<i>Joe Daws-Knowles PNP</i>	<i>May 26, 2023</i>	<i>12455</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>Ottawa, ON</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.*

## **Connecticut State Rally and CT Camping Schedule**

### **Pat Kalinauskas, Secretary**

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May 19-21: Travelers Woods District Campout hosted by CT. 152 River Street, Bernardston, Mass. (Call Campground for reservations (413) 648-9105. ASAP. Note: If your camper is more than 10 feet high, ask the campground staff about the alternate route. There is a really low clearance under a bridge on a main route to the campground if you take Exit 50 or 50A off I-91, where you are guaranteed to lose the roof of your camper!

June 11: State Rally (camp-in) at the home of Ray & Sue Geer. 637 Lantern Hill Road, North Stonington, CT. The flyer with details on the menu and cost per person will be emailed soon.

July 16-21: National Rally – Elkhart, Indiana. Details and registration forms are in “News To Campers” pages 18 & 19 at the following link: <https://gonct.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/2023March-N2C.pdf>

August 11-13: Join NCT NY Finger Lakes Chapter. (Call the campground for reservations ASAP. Tell them that you are with the NCT NY Finger Lakes Group) Call the Scenic View Campground, (315) 204-4171, 386 Truax Rd, West Winfield, NY 13491 [www.scenicviewcampgroundny.com](http://www.scenicviewcampgroundny.com)

September: Date TBD, CT Grandview Campground, camp with Mass One Ch 9. Stay tuned for details!

October 13-16: Turkey Roast at Mineral Springs Family Campground at 135 Leonard Rd, in Stafford Springs, CT. A great weekend preparing, serving, and enjoying a super turkey dinner. After dinner, we have a costume parade for the young and young at heart! Then top it off with the long-standing rivalry, rip-roaring guys vs. gals bean-bag-baseball game! A flyer is forthcoming.

December 9: Toys for St. Mary's Trauma Unit. The culmination of a year-long toy drive for St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, where the toys go to help lessen the fear and anxiety that children feel when they have to come to the hospital trauma unit. Staff from St. Mary's emergency department join us for a super lunch prepared by the members of Lady Martha Chapter 103, OES. at the Masonic Lodge, 1 Fan Hill Road, Monroe, CT. After lunch and some brief remarks, we load their ambulance with the toys that have been collected during the year. Grand Chapter OES of CT is a partner with us for this event. A flyer will be sent out for this event

## **ELKHART HERE WE COME! HELP NEEDED!**

Looks like we are going to have a good turnout for our NCT 2024 National Rally in Elkhart, Indiana, July 14<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't already registered, now is the time to do it. The Registration Form and Information are available in the this issue and earlier issues of News to Campers. And as always, if you have friends that you travel with but are not Masons or NCT members, they are always welcome too.

Many of you have said to me that you would like to pitch in and help at the Rally. There will be many little jobs throughout the week that we will need help with and will appreciate your help. In particular the morning coffee social will need to have several people to serve the goodies. It would be a good activity for your Chapter or District for one morning during the Rally. Please let me know if you are interested and I will put you on the schedule.

Don't forget to bring things you need for the Chapter/District Theme Parade and the Pet Parade, along with anything you would like to display or sell for the Craft Judging and Sale.

Thank you all for helping to make this another fun NCT National Rally. See you in Elkhart!

Jack Mulhall, PNP, NCT #30201  
Rally Chairman

**As I close and complete my last News to Campers, I say Farewell to all of you. Thanks for the many-many who have helped me—I am grateful for all of you.**

**Since I began as the Secretary/Treasurer at the Talladega National Rally in 2013 I prepared the Copies of News to Campers as well a few specials prepared when needed..**

**Now I say Goodbye and pass this on to others to complete the challenge.**

**God Bless all - Until we meet again,**

**Dave Fant**





58th National Rally 2023
Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, Indiana
July 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\$)
\$450 per Unit (2 Adults) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\$360 per Unit (1 Adult) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
\$100 per additional person \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Drive-in or in Campground Cabin: Rally Fee \$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 estimated at \$12 per person
\_\_\_\_\_ Das Dutchman Essenhaus Amish Family Style dinner - est. \$ 35 per person

Enclosed is the registration fee for the 2023 NCT 58th 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

Make checks payable to: "Rally Fund 2023"
Mail to: Joy Hall
11015 71st Drive
Live Oak, FL 32060
Phone: 386-364-6400
E-Mail: joyhall@windstream.net



**NCT 58th National Rally 2023  
Elkhart Campground**

25608 County Road 4 East  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
574-264-2914 [elkhartcampground.com](http://elkhartcampground.com)  
July 16 – 20, 2023



**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Directions: I-90 Exit 92, at end of ramp turn right (north) onto Cassopolis Street (County Road 19), 1/10 mile turn right (east) (Walgreens and CVS on corners) onto County Road 4 at light, 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](http://gonct.org) website

3 optional drive-to carpool activities: Sign-up and Pay at Registration Desk

- RV Factory Tour – within 30 minutes – manufacturer to be determined

- RV Hall of Fame – 10 minutes drive - estimated cost \$12 per person

- Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury – 30 minute drive – Amish Buffett -

Estimated cost \$35 per person

***Watch the News to Campers and website [gonct.org](http://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](mailto:jack@themulhalls.net)

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## Get Ready **NOW** for the 2023 National Rally in July

Our National Rally “RV There Yet?” and Annual Meeting of National Traveling Campers is coming up July 17 – 22, 2023, in Elkhart, Indiana, and NOW is not too early to start your planning! Here are some things you should be working on NOW:

1. Send in your registration NOW. This will help the Rally Committee make plans and arrangements for our 5 days in Elkhart. You can always make changes in your registration right up to the last minute if your plans change, even cancel (with a refund) if you have to.
2. If your RV needs servicing, this is the place to get the work done. Whether you want to visit one of the many manufacturers’ service centers or just go to Lazy-Days next to our campground, you need to make an appointment NOW as they are all very busy in the summer months.
3. Talk to your Chapter about caravanning together to the Rally. Plan a route that will take you to some interesting places on your way to or from Elkhart. Doing this as a group will give you interesting stories and memories that you will be sharing around the campfire for many years.
4. Start making plans NOW with your Chapter and District for participation in the Theme Parade “On The Road Again?”. This is a fun event to see the creativity in clothing and skits that our members come up with to impress the Judges.
5. If you have a pet, you need to start preparing a sign or an outfit or a trick that your can perform for the theme “On The Road Again”. (Practicing just a walk around while leaping at the on-lookers is always good.) Your cat, dog, gold fish or whatever, they are invited to join the show.
6. Check out the Elkhart website [www.visitelkhartcounty.com](http://www.visitelkhartcounty.com) for places to go and things to do while you are in the area. There will be lots of info for these things in your goodie bag when you arrive, but it is always fun to have some things in mind that you can be looking forward to when you get there.
7. Most of all, you need to start planning to have fun and gather with our Brothers and Sisters and friends to enjoy the fellowship of Masonry in Elkhart, Indiana, the RV Mecca of the World. Hope to see you there. (Don’t forget the floral and barn quilt trails)

Please call if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you.

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