



# News To CAMPERS

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## New National Officers Installed in Elkhart, Indiana at the NCT 58th National Rally, July 16 – 20, 2023

### National President - Jim Jackson



Hello to all NCT members,

Time for the *News To Campers* to come out. Pat K is doing the *News To Campers* for us and I am sure doing a great job. Now if the person that is trying to upgrade the web page (me) can get it posted, that will be great. If you have checked the web page recently you might have found some improvements. We are trying to get things in order. I thank Bob Bennett and Ray Geer. They are trying to keep me honest but it's a big job. Seriously, please check everything on the web page and let me know where stuff needs to be fixed. k3vru1@gmail.com is a good email for me.

Please look though the membership roster and let me or Bob Bennett about names that need to be removed. I know from going through the list for my chapter we have several deceased members still listed. With so many chapters folding and no way to contact people we need all the input we can get to get the membership list up to date.

Listed on page 4 are the newly installed elected National Camping Travelers National Officers and Trustees. Congratulations to those new leaders on whom I will depend to assist me this year. And thank you to all the appointed officers who agreed to fill the various important positions.

Now on another subject I would like input from everyone about the NCT becoming a chapter in FMCA. Please go to their website and check out what they offer. Couple of points that have been brought up. One is "are we able to keep our by-laws?" The answer is "Yes." We can so we can still limit the membership to Masonic members.

The second is being checked out now. It is about anyone with a tent or popup not belonging to the FMCA unless the Pop-Up is self-contained. As it now stands, those campers could still be in our club just not members of FMCA. I'm sure there are a great number of other questions that the membership has. Again, please let me know. We have included "Six Benefits of Belonging to FMCA" in this issue of *News To Campers* that may answer some of your questions.

One other thing would the membership like to have a Zoom meeting with me and 1st and 2nd vice presidents. I would like to have input from everybody to help the club survive in the coming years.

*Jim Jackson 9505*

*National President*

*2023-2024*

*(Phone number is listed on NTC's website.)*

## National First Vice President - Cliff Framm

Ann and I have just returned home last week after completing two months travelling around the Mid-West. We started at the NCT National Rally in Elkhart in July, then the NCT District 2 Rally in Ohio in August and finished with the Grand Design National Rally in Elkhart in August. It was a great adventure, and we made a lot of new friends and saw plenty of fantastic destinations in between each Rally stop.

The 2023 National Rally is now a memory. It was great seeing old friends and making new ones. President Jim Jackson and Secretary Bob Bennett are working hard to get the new systems in place and get the website updated and more member friendly.

We were very pleased to have representatives from Family Motor Coach Association at the NCT National Rally. They spent the week getting to know NCT and our members. They explained to us about what FMCA is all about and what our partnership with them can do for us individually and as a group. If any member has questions about FMCA, or just wants to talk about their experiences and insights, contact any of the National Officers and we would be glad to talk with you.

Please contact any of your National Officers if you have questions or comments toward improving the NCT experience.

Safe Travels,  
Cliff Fromm, First Vice President



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## Sickness and Distress



Bill Fitzgerald, Triple "O" Travelers Wagon Master, has fallen and has a neck injury. Our secretary, Dorothy Alexander fell and broke her leg. All Triple "O" campouts scheduled for this fall are canceled.

Thoughts and prayers to all.



## National Second Vice President - Dennis Morgan

Hello from the newest member of the line-up to National President. We're back home in Maine after what seems a very busy camping season this year! CT1 Ch6 had 2 campouts early in the year, one to promote NCT membership. We gained 2 new members from this event!

Madolyn and I attended the Nat'l Rally in Elkhart, Indiana, when I decided to fill a Trustee position. Since those were filled and there was concern about our voids in the VP positions, I decided to fill 2nd VP. With NCT leadership needing to help decide where our future is headed, I thought this would be the best position for me and the club. I love this NCT group and want to see its future continue. I thank all of you who have the confidence in me and voted for me.

In Elkhart we received much information about FMCA and I will assist the board with presenting the same to the membership for ballot. This seems like a good option for NCT, but there is much to consider. Meanwhile, we ask each NCT chapter to stay active and join each others camping events.

In August, District 1 chapters attended the District 11 Rally. The nasty forecasted weather missed us on Saturday and we had a great time at Scenic View Campground in New York.

Stay tuned for more details from the CT1 Ch6 campout in May to promote NCT. Other chapters may want to plan an event similar to ours.

Stay safe and travel safely,  
Dennis Morgan, 2nd Vice President





**2023-2024**  
**National Officers**  
**National Camping**  
**Travelets**

**National President**  
**Jim Jackson**

**1st Vice President**  
**Cliff Fromm**

**2nd Vice President**  
**Dennis Morgan**

**Secretary**  
**Bob Bennet**

**Finance Director**  
**Ray Geer**

**Past National President**  
**Les Hall**

**National Director**  
**Ray Geer**

**Trustee**  
**Larry Aylestock, PNP**

**Trustee**  
**Andy Krasnansky**

**Trustee**  
**David Fouch**

**Trustee**  
**Chris Egburtson**



**National**  
**Secretary -**  
**Bob Bennett**

I want to personally thank all of you for putting your trust and faith in me as your new national secretary. I look forward to serving you all.



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As most of you know our computer and gonct.org web site has needed some major updating. Our President, Brother Jim Jackson, and I are working hard to update all of our info. Please be patient.

I need all MOT's and chapter secretary's to please send an up-dated roster. If already sent thank you. Please send all future correspondence to our new office here in Florida.

I have asked Brother Ray Geer to be our National (Treasurer) or finance director to keep track of all monies. He has agreed, and all of our accounts are now in his hands. Thank you Brother Ray.

At our rally in Elkhart our out going Secretary gave out (yellow dues cards) I need them back so that they can be signed by the National Secretary. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Sister Pat Kalinauskas has volunteered to put our *News To Campers* together. You can send your info to me and I will forward it to Pat.

Thank you  
Sincerely & Fraternally  
Bob Bennett  
National Secretary

# Connecticut 1, Chapter 6

## National Camping Travelers

### District 1

Connecticut had a successful Friendship Rally this past May with a focus on inviting non-NCT members to join us. Massachusetts members assisted us with this membership drive. We had three non-members join us and we ended up with two new Connecticut members for our effort. Dennis and Madolyn Morgan spearheaded this campout and their effort was extremely successful.

For those who attended the 58th North American Rally, we saw our Jack Mulhall (Mass 1 Ch 9) a bang-up job as National Rally Chair. He had to make several last minute changes because the campground overbooked the building. Although things were a bit different and a little crowded, Jack got it worked out and we were able to have our meetings and our catered dinner. The dinner, by the way, was excellent! There was supposed to be an annual theme parade, and District One was prepared... but were the only ones who signed up! Sadly, there was no parade. Maybe next year, that will not be the case.

Dave Fant (Mass 1 Ch 9) retired after ten years as National Secretary/ Treasurer. He was presented with a plaque in recognition of his years of service.

Newly installed officers included some from Connecticut. Dennis Morgan (CT 1 Ch 6) is now 2nd National Vice President! Woo-hoo! Way to go,



Dennis! Thank you for helping to keep National Camping Travelers going. And a special thanks to Madolyn Morgan for doing the work behind the scenes to keep him pointed in the right direction.

Ray Geer (CT 1 Ch 6) was installed as National Director, and his wife Sue was installed as National First Aid Director. Ray was appointed by the National Secretary to be Financial Officer Congratulations to both Ray and Sue, and thank you for your continued



service to National Camping Travelers.

CT 1 Ch 6 Schedule includes a weekend campout at Wakeda Campground in New Hampshire September 15-17. We plan to attend the Applecrest Orchard's Harvest festival and listen to Blue Grass music. It's free! Starting at 7 p.m. there is also a fire show at Hampton Beach. It too, is free.

After the Wakeda weekend, Mass 1 Ch 9 will be going to Travelers Woods in Bernadston, MA, from Sept. 17-20 and all are invited to join them.

Our Annual Turkey Roast weekend is at Mineral Springs, Stafford Springs, CT, October 13-15. The turkey roast dinner is October 14. It's a full dinner with all the fixins. After dinner there might be a rip-roaring game of bean-bag-baseball for all to enjoy. Anyone interested in joining us for our Annual Turkey Dinner, please contact me at [PatK4Labs@gmail.com](mailto:PatK4Labs@gmail.com).

Thanks, Pat Kalinauskas,  
Secretary, CT 1 Ch 6,  
National Camping Travelers



# National Camping Travelers

## West Central Ohio Chapter #92

### Camping Schedule 2024

April 14, 2024 Dine In.

April weather was too iffy for us.

Rob's Restaurant, Brookville, Ohio

4:00 PM

705 Arlington Road

Brookville, OH 45309

May 16-19, 2024

Maumee Bay State Park

1400 State Park Rd.

Oregon, OH 43616

Kristi will remind you to get online

November 16, 2023

June 13-16, 2024

Caesar Creek State Park

8570 OH 73

Waynesville, OH 45068

I'll remind you to get online December 13, 2023

July 11-14, 2024

Scenic Hills RV

4483 Township Rd. 367

Millersburg, OH 44654

I have contacted Scenic Hills to review their reservation process, but we are planning on the lower grassy level.

National Rally (I will follow up on.)

August 8-11, 2024

Poor Farmers

7211 Lostcreek Shelby Rd,

Fletcher, OH 45326

We'll be around the shelter house and along the creek

District 2 Rally. 2024 plans will be announced soon.

September 12-15, 2004

Shipshewana Campground South

1105 S. VanBuren Street

Shipshewana, IN 46565

October 10-13, 2004

Darke County Fairgrounds

800 Sweitzer Rd.

Greenville, OH 45331

November 2024 Dine In will be at Beer Barrel, St.

Marys, Ohio

Date TBD

The group also decided not to use hosts in 2024. Once the group gathers outings will be suggested and reservations made.



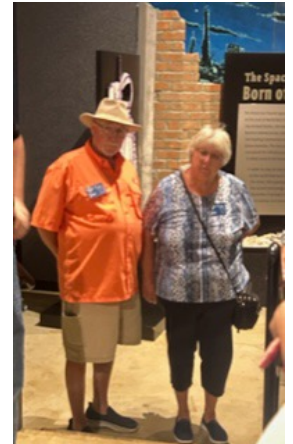
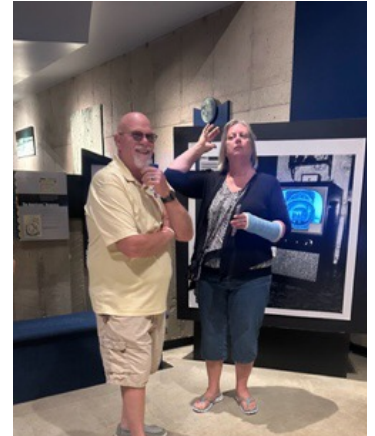
Larry and I represented WEST VIRGINIA PIONEER TRAVELERS #200 at two District Rallies this summer. It was great reconnecting with NCT friends that we hadn't seen in a while and making some new friends. The District 5 /PA Rally was held at the Deer Hunters Association in Harrisville, PA. As always, great food and fellowship. Penn West did a great job. Our tour was at the Wendell August Forge. We were able to hammer out a design to keep. We also celebrated PNP Art Spencer's birthday one evening. The Harrisville Community Band provided our evening entertainment.

## District 5 Rally



In August, we attended the District 2 in Wapakoneta, Ohio at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds. Had a wonderful time visiting with NCT family from Ohio and Michigan. We all went to tour the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum. Finally got to see a Moon rock and learn about Neil Armstrong's space travels as the first man to step on the Moon. It was a very educational tour and really worth visiting if you are in the area. Mike and Mary Jane Walker taught us how to play a new game and we brought some of their tasty Maple Syrup. Wapakoneta is a beautiful area and wish we could have stayed longer to look around at some of the other areas of interest.





Larry and I are looking forward to spending the Winter in Florida. See you at the Winter luncheons.  
- Janet Aylestock, Secretary.





## Six Benefits of Belonging to FMCA

Adventure and community are among the most coveted aspects of the RV lifestyle, and RVTrader is committed to sharing resources to enhance the experiences of RV enthusiasts in these areas. For this, FMCA is discussing the benefits of joining the Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA), which has issued more than 500,000 family memberships to RVers. Many who look to the association as another source of information about all facets of RV ownership and travel.

FMCA has three levels of membership: Family membership, which is for any person who owns a qualifying RV; Associate membership, which is for any Family member who no longer owns an RV but wants to stay connected and take advantage of benefits; and Commercial membership, which is for any business that serves RV owners or the RV industry.

Over the past 59 years, FMCA has been able to add numerous great benefits for RVers to enjoy, with many included at no additional cost beyond the membership dues.

### 1. FMCAssist Medical Emergency & Travel Assistance Program

One of FMCA's current leading benefits for Family members is the FMCAssist Medical Emergency & Travel Assistance Program. Valued at \$200, this program was designed with RVers in mind. FMCAssist provides you peace of mind knowing that your family, pets, RV, and car will be returned home safely if something unexpected happens to you while away from home.

### 2. Family RVing Magazine

Since the beginning, FMCA has offered its members a magazine – which started as a quarterly publication in 1964. Now known as Family RVing magazine, the publication offers great monthly content for RVers, covering RV maintenance and repair tips, product reviews, travel inspiration, and so much more related to the RV lifestyle. Plus, many FMCA members have had their photos showcased on the cover.

### 3. FMCA University

RV education is key to owning an RV. Whether you're new to RVing or a veteran, there's always something to learn. FMCA University, created by FMCA Academy, houses decades of RV know-how in an online library that consists of articles and videos in one convenient location. With 24/7 access to these materials, you can test your

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knowledge and earn virtual badges as you complete topics. You can become an “RVer Extraordinaire” and earn \$10 off your next year of FMCA membership!

#### **4. Advocacy**

As the largest nonprofit RV association, FCMA is dedicated to helping RVers enjoy the freedom and fun of ownership. FCMA works to protect RV owners’ rights, as traveling in an RV can present unique situations. While most concerns may stem from rig size, this benefit helps alleviate any issues that may arise.

#### **5. FMCA Campground**

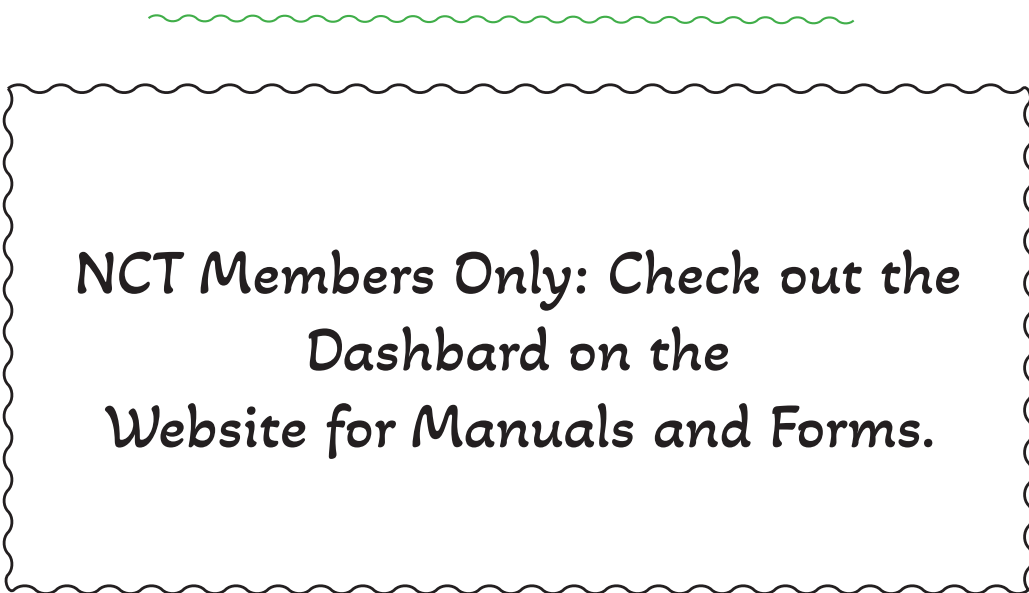
FMCA members are invited to stay at the member-only campground in Cincinnati, Ohio, which offers great nightly rates on full-hookup and electric-only sites. A dump station is available 24/7. Plus, the campground is pet friendly, with a large fenced-in dog park, providing your furry friends a place to stretch their legs, too! Just minutes away from Cincinnati’s major highways: Interstate 275, I-75, and I-71. Come and stay a week or stop in on your way through town for a clean, quiet, comfortable night’s stay.

#### **6. Membership Plate**

All FMCA family members receive a membership plate and a window cling when they join. FMCA members take pride in displaying their plate, making it easier to spot other FMCA members on the road or at campgrounds. The membership plates also serve as a great way to let other RVers know about FMCA, and they open the door to any conversation.

These are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to all the great benefits FMCA provides to RVers. FMCA also offers a variety of discounts and savings for RV owners. To learn more about FMCA and all the benefits and discounts the association supplies RV owners, visit the FMCA website. If you’re an RV enthusiast considering FMCA membership, enter promo code TRADER18 at checkout to save \$10 off your first year.

And, if you’re searching for an RV to use while you enjoy all of the benefits FCMA has to offer, browse our nationwide inventory for RV deals on RVTrader.com.



**NCT Members Only: Check out the  
Dashboard on the  
Website for Manuals and Forms.**



Photos from the National Rally...  
Trustees, Board Members, and Appointed  
Officers, and spouses.



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