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**59TH INTERNATIONAL RALLY, NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS
BACK TO BASICS ~ MORE S'MORES IN 2024
HARRISVILLE, PA - JULY 14-18, 2024**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS 2023 • FMCA MEMBERS-ONLY BENEFITS



National President - Jim Jackson

Season's Greetings — Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone has a blessed Christmas. Then that leads into a very good new year in 2024.

Pat and I broke down and got another puppy. Don't worry, she is not related to Blue, the last Doxie we had. Her name is Sassy, and she is looking forward to seeing everyone at the **2024 National Rally at Deerhunter's in Harrisville, PA, July 14 to 18.** **Forms and information are on pages 15-18 of this issue of News To Campers.**

We are at the Masonic Park and Youth Camp for the winter. I have been working with Bob Bennett getting the rosters in better shape. Many thanks to Bob and

all the hard-working secretaries out there and all the others involved.

There is a by-law committee also working to get the by-laws and operations manual up to date.

If you check the website, you will find many openings that need to be filled. Anyone that would like to take an office please contact me or Bob Bennett.

*Jim Jackson, 9505
National President
2023-2024*

National First Vice President - Cliff Fromm

Ann and I returned to Florida at the beginning of November for the Winter. We attended several end-of-the-season campouts up North before most campgrounds started to close for the season.

President Jim Jackson and Secretary Bob Bennett are well on their way to getting all our records reorganized and up to date. The website information has also been updated. Please check your listing in the Member Directory and let Secretary Bob know if there are any corrections to be made.

My committee and I are working on some By-laws changes for you to vote on in March 2024. We are looking at clearing up some wording about officers at the chapter level and are also making some revisions on the National level.

In the March 2024 *News to Campers*, there will be a vote taken on whether NCT will join in a partnership with Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA). If any NCT Members have any questions or concerns which they would like to get answers to, please do not hesitate to contact any of your National Officers for



answers. We can also contact the National President of FMCA if more detailed information is needed.

Please contact any of your National Officers if you have any suggestions for improving the NCT experience.

*Safe Travels,
Cliff Fromm,
National First Vice President*

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**Please see the FMCA Members-Only Benefits on Page 7 in this issue of *News To Campers*.**  
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Sickness and Distress

Lisa Daley (CT 1 Ch 6) has had several eye surgeries in the last few months, the latest being last month. She still has pain in her eyes due to high eye pressure. She and Ken were planning to leave CT for TX sooner than later but it looks like they will be in CT a bit longer.

Charlie Escher (Mass One Ch 9) has heart issues and will be having heart surgery on Tues., Nov. 21. They will be adding wires to his pacemaker.

Bob Titterington (Mass One Ch 9) has a rare form of macular degeneration and is scheduled to go to a specialist at a Boston hospital where they will be doing tests and hopefully be able to help him.

National Second Vice President - Dennis Morgan

Hi all!

Madolyn and I finally made it from Maine to Naples, FL by mid November. I was not surprised that we needed a new leaf spring put on the 5th wheel while in CT. A trip would be boring if something didn't break.

We're only spending a few days and then heading north for Thanksgiving. At least we didn't need to trailer the RV through snow this time! We will be back in Naples for Christmas, where we will spend most of the winter.

Please keep NCT and your chapters active through the northern winter season by having campins, campouts, and snowbird luncheons in the warmer climates.

The holiday season is approaching quickly. We hope all had a nice Thanksgiving spending time with family and friends.



Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and other holidays celebrated. May all have a happy and healthy new year!

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



National Chaplain - Robert Steele

Greetings from your National Chaplain,

I wanted to introduce myself. I was born and raised in Slippery Rock, PA. I have been a member of NCT since 1989. I was self-employed most of my life but now I am retired.

God has provided me with a good wife and family. There is something about the saying God will provide.

God be with you as we go through this holiday season.

*National Chaplain,
Bob Steele*



National Secretary - Bob Bennett

Season's Greetings from Your National Secretary.

As we come to the close of our year please remember, all of our young men and women in harm's way. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Your national office and staff have been doing a tremendous job. A big thank you to our president, and his officers for stepping up to the challenge.

We have openings for elected and appointed officers. If you are interested in an elected office, a copy of the **Acceptance of Nomination form is on page 14** and on our website, gonct.org. Per the National President, due to the number of empty offices **the form should be mailed to the National Office by January 15, 2024.** Please contact Jim Jackson or me if you are interested

in filling any of the current appointed offices. Thank you in advance for stepping up to serve your chapter and National.

I would like to suggest to our struggling chapters that there are alternatives available to you. 1) You might want to consider camp-ins. Meet at a restaurant — nothing says you have to go camping. 2) Think about your gold card members and Past National Presidents. Please remind them that they can always become members-at-large. 3) And consider affiliating with another chapter in your district.

We are working on our by-laws and the necessary changes. If you have ideas and would like to help, please contact our 1st Vice President, and offer your expertise.

Finally, Debbie and I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. May God bless you all and keep you safe. Happy Camping...

Bob Bennett, National Secretary

**National Office address is
National Camping Travelers
PO Box 707
Parrish, Fl. 32419**

**BobBennett69@outlook.com
Phone # 716-481-3900**

Innumerable Caravan

Name	Date of Passing	NCT #	Chapter	Home
<i>Roger Watts</i>	<i>November. 12, 2023</i>	<i>011732</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>PA</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.

Schedule
Connecticut 1, Chapter 6
National Camping Travelers,
District 1

- * **Dec. 9, 2023, Toy Drive for St. Mary's kids and Brunch** at the Monroe Masonic Temple. OES is putting on the meal. The cost of \$12 is really reasonable. It's \$15 at the door. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for the little ones in the trauma unit!
- * **May 17-18, 2024, District Rally at Travelers Woods**, Bernardston, MA.
- * **May 31-June 2, 2024: Bailey's Campground** at Old Orchard Beach, Maine.
- * **April Spring Cleanup at Mineral Springs**, Stafford Springs - More to come.
- * **June 9, 2024, CT State Rally** at Ray & Sue Geer's home in N. Stonington, CT.
- * **June 21-23, 2024, Wakeda NH.** This is in the same area as the campout that was planned, then cancelled in 2023 due to hurricane rains.
- * **July 14-18, 2024, National Rally** in Harrisville, PA., Back to Basics - More S'mores in 2024!
- * **Aug. 8-11, 2024, District 11 Camping Rally at Southwoods RV Resort** in Byron, NY. Some should plan on leaving on the 7th due to distance.
- * **Sept. 20-22, 2024, Campout in Maine?** More info to come.
- * **Oct. 2024, Turkey Roast at Mineral Springs**, in Stafford Springs. More to come.

Pat Kalinauskas, Secretary
CT 1, CH 6

Finger Lakes Travelers
District 11, New York

Greetings fellow campers! Come join us for the 2024 **District 11 Camping Rally** which will be held at the **Southwoods RV Resort in Byron, NY** from **August 8 - 11**. A weekend of fun and fellowship has been planned and is being sponsored by the Finger Lakes Travelers. Please refer to the attached flier on page 6 for additional details and reservation form. Take care and see you in August.

Mike Simmons - FLT Master of Travel
Chris Egburtson - NY State Director and
FLT Wagon Master





2024 District 11 Camping Rally August 8th -11th

Sponsored by

Finger Lakes Travelers

Name _____ NCT# _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Emergency _____

Email _____

No. Adults _____ Children _____ Ages _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Type Size of Rig _____

Any Special Needs _____

Registration Fees:

\$ 175 per unit water electric (2 adults) \$ _____

\$150 per unit water electric (1 adult) \$ _____

\$43 extra night camping \$ _____

\$30 per person/per day drive-in \$ _____

No days _____ \$ _____

After April 1st do not mail registration and payment. Contact State Director by email or phone.

Enclosed are registration fees for 2024 New York State NCT District 11 Rally.
I/We hereby release NCT, Inc, New York NCT of any responsibility at the rally.

Signed _____ Date _____

Mail Checks Payable to: New State District 11 Rally

Mail to: Chris Egburtson

3484 Prosser Rd

Branchport , NY 14418

Email: cegburtson@gmail.com

Registration Includes:

Three Nights Camping. Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Breakfast Friday and Saturday Morning

Dinner Friday and Saturday Evening

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday- Arrival. Evening Camp Fire

Friday-Opening Ceremonies, am-bean bag baseball, pm – craft

Saturday– am State meeting, pm Dutch oven cook off

Sunday- Worship service, morning hospitality, Closing

All sites include electric and water; dump station available

Physical Address:

Southwoods RV Resort

6749 Townline Rd

Byron, NY 14422

Chris Egburtson, NY State Director

3484 Prosser Rd, Branchport, NY 14418

Email: cegburtson@gmail.com Phone 585-233-4174

FMCA MEMBERS-ONLY BENEFITS

Join FMCA & Receive Access To Exclusive Benefits (Below)

BENEFIT ASSIST - FMC Assist - FMCA members are automatically covered - no special fees or sign-up. (Medical Assist)

TECH BENEFITS - Tech Connect - Receive Exclusive Tech Discounts and optional rental mobile internet plans.

BENEFIT MAGAZINE - Family RVing Magazine - The RVers' guide! Members receive monthly print and digital editions, plus full access to online archives.

BENEFIT FMCAU - FMCA University - The FMCA University Library combines decades of RV knowledge all in one convenient location. Access the Library anytime, anywhere!

BENEFIT ADVOCACY - Advocacy - FMCA is dedicated to helping you enjoy the freedom and fun of owning an RV. We work to protect RV owners' rights!

BENEFIT ANTI-THEFT - Anti-Theft Decal - As an FMCA member, you will receive an antitheft decal in your New Member Kit.

MEMBERSHIP PLATE - Membership Plates - Show your FMCA pride with your membership plate.

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2023 Chapters National Camping Travelers

Connecticut 1, No. 6

Mass-One, No. 9

East Penn, No. 12

Penn West, No. 23

NW Travelers, No. 38, Washington State

Ramblin' Masters, No. 45, Alabama

Straddlers, No. 47, Nebraska

Hiram's Hobos, No. 51, Michigan

Triple "O" Travelers, No. 58, New York

Trillium Traveler #2, No. 71

Ontario, Canada

West Central Ohio, No. 92

Gold Panners, No. 154, California

Jayhawk Trailblazers, No. 161, Kansas

Shawnee Kookin' Kampers, No. 194, Ohio

WV Pioneer Travelers, No. 200

Georgia Travelers, No. 216

Suwannee River Travelers, No. 229

CSRA Master Travelers, No. 231, Georgia

Middle Tennessee Travelers, No. 233

Finger Lakes Travelers, No. 237
New York

Lincoln Trail Campers, No. 238, Indiana

Members At Large





Pure Mary



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Connecticut 1, Chapter 6

Greetings from District 1

Massachusetts 1, Chapter 9

*Sending All Our
Holiday Wishes Your Way!*



Merry Christmas & Happy Holiday's
Campers From District 11

Thank you for an awesome camping
season. We hope you will all join us
for another next year.

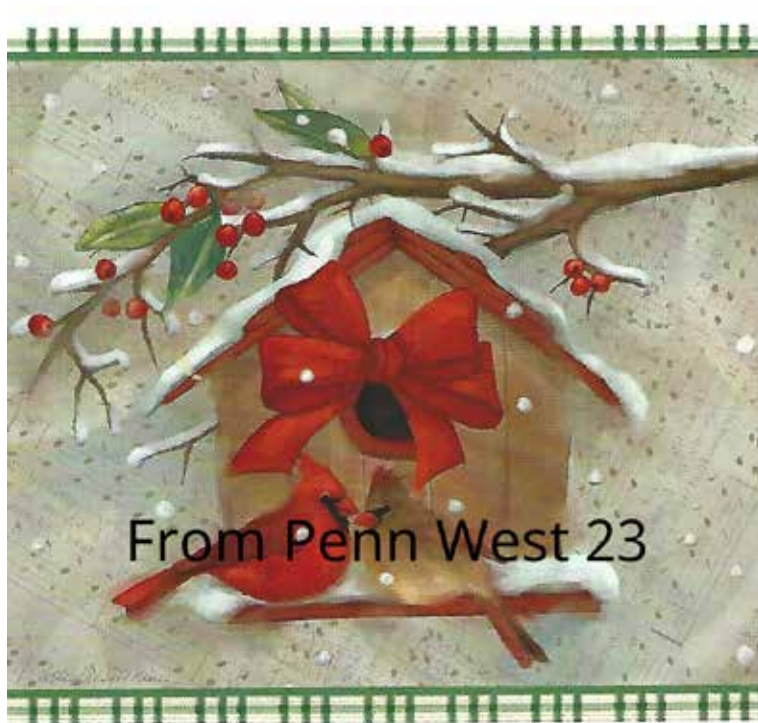
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Chris & Hilary Egburtson



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

East Penn #12



Season's
Greetings





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
WV Pioneer Travelers #200



May Christmas Bring...
Memories of Friends at your Campfire
Joy at the Prospect of Upcoming Campouts
& Wishing you Good Health for the New Year

From all of us in The Finger Lakes Travelers #237



NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I _____, DO HEREBY ACCEPT THE
NOMINATION FOR THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF _____
IN THE NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC., AND DO AGREE TO ATTEND ALL BOARD OF
DIRECTOR MEETINGS IF ELECTED TO THIS OFFICE.

Signed _____ NCT# _____ Date _____

Address _____

Personal Resume

Lodge _____

NCT Positions & Dates _____

Community Affiliations & Activities

Children (Names & Ages) _____

Other _____

(If needed, use backside or attach extra page)

Mail this form to

National Camping Travelers

PO Box 707

Parrish, FL 32419



Hello all,

This is a picture of the tee shirts that will be for the 2024 rally. I will take orders for the tee shirts and deliver them at the rally.

The shirts are \$20 for sizes S-L. XL and larger are \$25 per shirt.

If you want a shirt mailed it will cost an additional \$10.20 per shirt. Thank the USPS for that.

Please make checks for shirts payable to **Harold Jackson,**
620 Grange Drive,
Apollo, PA, 15613.

Make sure to include your name, the size(s), how many of each size, and if you want them shipped, please include your address.

Thank You,
Jim Jackson (Yes, my real first name is Harold.)



59th NCT INTERNATIONAL RALLY
Back to Basics - More S'mores in 2024
Harrisville Deerhunters Association, Harrisville, Pennsylvania
July 14 – 18, 2024

Please Print

Name: _____ Spouse: _____ NCT #: _____

of Adults: _____ # Children _____ Children's Ages: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Chapter Name _____ Chapter # _____ First NCT Rally? _____

Handicapped Parking (with valid permit only): (Yes _____) (No _____)

Present National, District or State Office held: _____

RV type: _____ Length: _____ ft, # of slide-outs _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

PRICE:

2 people/RV \$375.00 _____

1 person/RV – 30 amp \$325.00 _____

Each Additional Person (age 18 and older) \$200.00 _____

Drive-In (per person) \$200.00 _____

Extra night(s) Camping # _____ of nights \$ 35.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

I/we plan to attend the 2024 NCT International Rally in Harrisville, PA and do hereby release NCT, Inc., NCT Rally Committee and the Harrisville Deerhunters Association from all liability or responsibility at this Rally.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Make checks payables to: Tina Krasnansky

Mail to: Tina Krasnansky
Attn: 2024 NCT National Rally
2430 Applebutter Road
Hellertown, PA 18055-3301

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Back to Basics - More S'mores in 2024
Harrisville Deerhunters Association, Harrisville, Pennsylvania
July 14 – 18, 2024

REGISTRATION NOTES:

Make checks or money orders payable in U. S. Funds to: Tina Krasnansky
Memo Line: NCT 2024 Rally

a. Mail to: Tina Krasnansky
2430 Applebutter Road
Hellertown, PA 18055
E-mail: TLKRAS@ptd.net

b. For confirmation, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

DO NOT MAIL any registration forms after 7/01/24. After 7/01/2024, please register at the Rally.

Registration fee includes: Six (6) nights parking (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights); electric, water, one honey wagon dump, catered dinner, two breakfasts, games, chevrons, hospitality, entertainment, door prizes, awards, crafts, ice cream social and goody bag.

There is a dump station on the grounds.

Parking will direct hobo parking. Those who wish to park together must arrive together.

Additional Rally info will be published in the *News To Campers* and on the NCT website.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Tracey Knox, Rally Chairman - E-mail: tjknox@embarqmail.com

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



2023-2024
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Andy Krasnansky
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More Information about the 2024 Rally

The rally is being held at the Deerhunters Sportsman Club and Campground. It is located outside of Harrisville, Pa. Just south of I-80 off Rt. 8.

Important Note: The campground only has 30-amp outlets for our use. They are to upgrade the power but will still only be 30-amp. I have talked to the campground manager and the big rigs can run generators if needed for AC use.

There is a dump station at the campgrounds and we will provide one dump per unit. The going price right now for extra dumps is \$15 payable to the man that runs the pump.

The theme for the rally is "Back to Basics - More S'mores in 2024". We plan on having campfires on most nights when we can sit or stand around the fire and tell lies. We are going to also supply ingredients to make S'mores. Thus the "More S'mores in 2024".

Anyone wanting to play golf, Bob Steele is the man to see. He will set up for games at the rally. We will have a sign in sheet.

Deerhunters will work with us for a clay pigeon shoot. You provide shotgun and shells. They will provide clays and operator for a small fee.

We are also planning a trip to Wendell August Forge.

Grove City is an interesting place and is only a short drive from the campground. I copied a little of the following information about the city.

Grove City is a borough in southeastern Mercer County, Pennsylvania, United States, located approximately 60 miles (97 km) north of Pittsburgh and 75 miles (121 km) south of Erie. At the 2020 census, the population was 7,894.[5] It is part of the Hermitage micropolitan area.[6] It is the home of Grove City College, a private liberal arts college, as well as George Junior Republic. The nearby Grove City Premium Outlets take their name from Grove City. Historically an industrial center, Grove City has manufactured locomotive engines, carriages, gas engines, foundry products, and motor trucks.

Jim, President
Tracey, Rally Chairman

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THE WEB**
www.gonct.org

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