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61ST INTERNATIONAL RALLY, NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS “Making Memories Together” ~ July 19 to 24, 2026, at Mineral Springs Campground, Stafford Springs, CT

National President - Dennis Morgan



Dennis and Madolyn (Lyn) Morgan

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello from your newly installed National President! Thanks again to John Lehmann as Installing Officer and Ron Cobes as Installing Marshall! Even with smaller numbers at the National Rally, it appeared all had a nice time there.

Thanks to the NCT membership who had the confidence in me to get me to this position. I will do this job, as President, to the best of my ability. I want all members to have fun and enjoy the company of others at as many events that can be attended.

The discussion at the National Rally of the future of NCT: The consensus of those in attendance felt they want to keep NCT going.

- Communication/Retention of existing members:
 - Some members email addresses were missing from distribution. Identified errors were corrected.
 - Recommended ‘Blast’ emails to keep members up to date in between the News To Campers editions.
 - Mailing of Ballots - reach out to members who do not use electronic media.
 - National office will work on getting the website up to date

Acquiring new members:

- Members asked if ideas from growing Chapters can be communicated to the Board so they can be shared with other Chapters.

- Update the goNCT.org website with current information on promotional documents/videos.

Many details were discussed and as ideas come to the Board, communication will be distributed to the membership.

At the Annual Meeting, the membership voted to raise the price of the option of receiving a hard copy News To Campers (N2C) from \$10 - \$15. Please use this option if the emailed electronic copy does not work for you. Contact the National Secretary, Jim Jackson.

The following appointed National positions have been filled:

- National Treasurer - Ray Geer, PNP - 1 year term
- National Trustee - Mike Walker - 1 year term
- National Trustee - Art Spencer, PNP - 1 year term

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, continued

- National Chaplain - Bob Steele
- National Historian/News-to-Campers - Pat Kalinauskas
- National FirstAid Co-Directors - Sue Geer/Janeen Spencer
- National Rally Chairperson - Sharen Ames

We have opening in positions at the National level: 3rd VP, National Director, Representative of Past National Presidents Association, National Parliamentarian, National Photographer, National Organist/Music Director. Please let me know if interested in one of these vacancies.

In order for NCT to continue to exist, the membership needs to support the club by stepping-up to fill the empty National Offices.

Please use my new email address for quicker response: nctdmm61@gmail.com

Travel safe this camping season and *be kind!*
Dennis Morgan - (860) 202-7113
National President

SPECIAL NOTES

The **Acceptance of Nomination** form for those who would like to hold an elected National office **on page 6 of this issue of News To Campers**. Please forward it to the National Secretary when completed.

If you are interested in filling a vacant **Appointed Office**, please reach out to the National President. His contact info is at the end of his message in this issue of *News To Campers*.

The **Registration Form** for the 2026 International Rally is **on page 7 of this issue of News To Campers**. More details about the National Rally will be included in the next issues of *News To Campers*. The Registration Form is to be mailed to the National Treasurer.

National Secretary - Jim Jackson, PNP



Harold (Jim) and Pat Jackson

Hello to all from Pat, Jim, and Sassy,

I will try to fill the shoes left by Bob Bennett (large shoes). Bob did a really good job as the National Secretary, and I

hope to be able to pick up where he left off.

I'm trying to get all the files and the rest of the office stuff fitted into my radio room/office. According to Pat, I might be someone who has too many radios.

Speaking of radios, we used to have a list of all amateur (Ham) radio operators in NCT. We also had a list of people who had set ups for our brothers on the road, 30 or 50 amp electric, etc. If you have either, please contact me at k3vru@k3vru.com I will make up a list and get it on website.

- Jim

**National Office address is
National Camping Travelers|
620 Grange Dr., Apollo, PA 15613
email: k3vru@k3vru.com
Phone: 724-448-7447**

National First Vice President - Keith Manbeck



Keith and Carrie Manbeck

Carrie and I had a wonderful time at our 2025 National Rally in Roxbury, PA. Thank you to Immediate Past President Cliff and Lady Ann for the hard work that they put into their rally. Also, congratulations to newly installed President Dennis and Lady Madolyn. We look forward to continuing to work with you and the rest of the Board of Directors.

During the rally there were several opportunities to discuss the current state as well as the potential future of our wonderful organization. As a member of NCT, you should be aware that we as an organization are teetering on a precipice. Our national membership has decreased to the point where it is very difficult to fill our national offices. This also influences our ability to continue to do things as “we have always done them in the past.”

We are currently working on our membership list to verify what our actual membership is. After verifying the membership, we will be working hard to reach out to the members in hopes to reengage with them. We realized that most of our membership, including some that were at the rally last month, don't receive our current information. As we all know, snail mail has become very expensive, and we do not have the funds to mail out our quarterly *News To Campers*. Electronic mail is also much faster and reliable than snail mail.

Carrie and I are already laying plans for our rally July 11-16, 2027, at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Our rally's may look different in the future and still live within the guidelines that are laid down in our bylaws.

We need to make an effort to make Master Masons from throughout the United States aware of our organization in hopes that they will want to join us in our mission. I am currently looking at several opportunities for us to accomplish this in time to incorporate it into our rally. We would like to hear from you, the members, about what you would like to see and participate in during the National Rally.

Lastly, I continue to encourage you to promote NCT within your Masonic bodies. Invite brethren to your campouts to experience what NCT has to offer and extend to them the opportunity to join with us.

Safe travels to everyone until we meet again.

Keith Manbeck



National Second Vice President - Chris Egburtson



Chris and Hilary Egburtson

Greetings from the Finger Lakes Region of New York!

This year's camping season went by fast, and we are already planning for next year's camping events. It was great to connect with old friends and to meet new ones as well.

I am excited on being elected Second Vice President and look forward to working with the NCT Board and hope to bring new energy and ideas that will

help NCT grow and prosper. Growing NCT will not happen overnight, it will require time and effort to achieve this goal.

One area we need chapters to reflect on is communication. How do we communicate with our members, with our Masonic lodges, our Eastern Star chapters, other cocordinate bodies, or other NCT chapters?

NCT is a very well-kept secret, and we need to change that by getting the word out on who we are and the fun we have. An example is, all Masonic districts have a Blue Lodge Council or Master and Wardens association that meets regularly, and those minutes are read in open lodge. If you can get on the meeting agenda and give an update on what your NCT chapter is doing/planning it will get out to the lodges in your districts.

There's more to come so buckle up. Any questions, comments, or snide remarks please reach out to me.

Fraternally,

Chris Egburtson

cegburtson@gmail.com

Innumerable Caravan

Roger Simmons, PNP, NCT #15467, Passed January 25, 2025
Ramblin Masters No. 45, Alabama

Hiram Robinson, Jr., NCT #21652, Passed June 3, 2025
Middle Tennessee Travelers No. 233, TN

Anne-Marie M. Arnold, NCT #13390, Passed August 21, 2025
Connecticut 1, Chapter No. 6

Appointments for 2025-26 by National President Dennis Morgan



*National Treasurer Ray Geer, PNP,
and National First Aid Co-Director
Sue Geer, RN*



*National Trustee Art Spencer, PNP,
and National First Aid Co-Director
Janeen Spencer, RN*



*National Chaplain Robert Steele
and Mary Sue Steele*



*National Historian Pat Kalinauskas
and Vin Kalinauskas*



*Rick Ames and
2026 Rally Chair Sharen Ames*



Around the Campfire... Welcome the New Folks

Richard Gordon, NCT #22455, West Central Ohio No. 92, Ohio

Gary & Lynn Visconti, NCT #22456, Finger Lakes Travelers Chapter No. 237, NY

Kevin & Patti O'Donnell, NCT #22457, Mass One, Chapter No. 9, MA

Gary & Heidi Webster, NCT #22458, Connecticut 1, Chapter No. 6, CT

Charles & Shirley Raymone, NCT #22459, Finger Lakes Travelers Chapter No. 237, NY

NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I, _____, DO HEREBY ACCEPT THE
NIMONATION 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 and dates:

Community affiliations and activities:

Children (names and ages):

Other:

Mail this form to the National Secretary:

National NCT Secretary
620 Grange Dr.,
Apollo, PA 15613

(use back side if needed, or attach extra pages)



61st NCT National Rally 2026
Mineral Springs Family Campground
Stafford Springs, CT
July 19-24, 2026
REGISTRATON FORM



Name: _____ Spouse/Partner _____ NCT# _____

Other Adults Name(s): _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Emergency # _____ Email _____

of Children ____ (Please list the name, age of each youth) _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Type Unit & Size: _____

District # _____ Chapter Name _____ Chapter # _____

Handicap Parking? _____

Special Needs/Food Allergies _____

Current Officer (Nat/Dist/State/Providence) _____

Are you a first time Rally attendee? Yes ____ No ____

REGISTRATION FEE: (USD)	# Persons	Price	Amount
2 Adults – deadline June 30, 2026	_____	\$ 400.00	\$ _____
1 Adult – deadline June 30, 2026	_____	\$ 310.00	\$ _____
Extra nights (per unit, per night)	_____	\$ 45.00	\$ _____
Drive in (per Adult)	_____	\$ 90.00	\$ _____
Trip to Sturbridge Village 7/22/26	_____	\$ 25.00	\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

REGISTRATION AFTER JUNE, 30, 2026 – Call or email Ray Geer, Rally Finance Director, Phone: 860-608-5265, email: NCTDistrictOne@gmail.com

I /we are Interested in a tour of Shriners Children's Hospital in Springfield, MA Yes ____ No ____

District One is looking into having a post Rally in Southern Maine: Details still being gathered. Would you be interested? Yes ____ No ____

We will be collecting toys for Saint Mary's Hospital, Emergency Pediatric Department, any donations will be greatly appreciated.

I/We plan are planning on attending the 2026 NCT National Rally and hereby release National Camping Travelers, Inc. and Mineral Springs Family Campground of any and all liability or responsibility at the 2026 Rally.

Sign: (all adults must sign) _____ Date: _____

Make checks Payable to: "National Camping Travelers, Inc."

Send to: Ray Geer, P.O Box 4, North Stonington, CT 06359

Photo Array National Rally, 2025, Holiness Campground, Roxbury, PA



Photo Array National Rally, 2025, Holiness Campground, Roxbury, PA



Triple O's Recap of District 11 Rally National Camping Travelers District 11

Triple "O" Travelers and the Finger Lakes Chapter held District 11 Rally for 2025 at Stysh's Brown Bam Campground in Boonville, NY. We met for pizza and wings for dinner on Friday night followed by a campfire with snacks later that evening.

Saturday morning, we met in the barn for breakfast, followed by the district meeting lead by heir Chris Egburtson, District Director. Our national president was introduced and welcomed. Art Spencer was named a trustee, and Chris is the new third vice president. Mike Simmons will become the new district director and Hillary is taking on numerous duties. She has calling for attracting new members.

Outdoor games followed and ladies enjoyed making some Halloween crafts in the afternoon. A chicken BBQ followed for dinner, a judging contest for unit decorations followed with Bill and Icy Fitzgerald winning. Phylis Ives won best costume award. Mr and Mrs Valois won a prize for being for sending in their registration first and Art and Janeen Spencer came the furthest. Our gift basket was won by Pat Waters. Trick or treat candy was passed at the campfire.

Sunday morning church service was led by Hillary Egburtson. Prayer was given by Finger Lakes and they provided breakfast. We want to thank all of our members for coming, helping and being wonderful friends.

Submitted by Dorothy Alexander, Secretary

Triple "O" Travelers, Chapter No. 58,
6121 Sleepy Hollow Rd Rome. NY. 13440

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2025 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

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



District 1

Connecticut 1, Chapter 6 & Mass One Chapter 9

Camping Schedule 2025

Sept. 19-21, Mass State Rally, Travelers Woods, Bernardston, MA

Oct. 17-19 Last Official Campout of the season with dinner, Mineral Springs Campground, Stafford Springs, CT

Nov. 8, Camp-in, Publick House Historic Inn, 277 Main St., Sturbridge, MA

Saturday, Dec. 6, St. Mary's Brunch & Toy Drive Brunch at Lady Martha Chapter, OES Monroe.

Tentative Camping Schedule 2026

* **MAY 2026** - TBD. Cleanup at Mineral Springs? Dennis to speak with Monica.

* **MAY 29-31, 2026** - Baylees in Scarborough, Maine, is already on the schedule with the Camel Caravan. (Added by secretary: Some of us have made our reservations in advance. I'm in site C-34. I'm going to ask Jack Mulhall if he would be the keeper of site numbers for our group.) He's already made reservations, as well as the Ames's and the Morgans. Everyone, when you make your reservations, please email Jack with your site number.

* **SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026** - Camp-in at Restaurant. Ray Geer to set up and take reservations.

* **JUNE 12-14 2026** - Wakeda Campground, Hampton Falls, NH. Dennis to call for a block of sites. He needs to know how many to ask for.

* **JULY 19-24, 2026** - The National Rally (with Dennis as National President) will be at Mineral

Springs in Stafford Springs. Sharen Ames is the Rally Chair. Post Rally possible in Maine?

* **JULY 31-AUG. 2, 2026** - Ferenbaugh Campground, Corning, NY, is the District 11 Rally.

* **SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026 ??** - Goose Hollow. Camp & RV Park, Thornton, NH. Sharen Ames to call.

* **OCTOBER 16-18, 2026** - Mineral Springs. PatK has a call and email in to Judy Behler to see if she will be able to come to Mineral Springs. That will determine if we do a turkey dinner or not. Judy will get back to us.

* **NOVEMBER 2026** - TBD. Camp-in at restaurant. Jack Mulhall to choose restaurant and set-up.

* **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026** - St. Mary's Brunch & Toy Drive Brunch at Lady Martha Chapter, OES Monroe.

CT 1, Ch 6 2025-26 Officers

Master of Travel - Gordon Fraser
e: pfraseru@gmail.com

Wagon Master - Vin Kalinauskas
e: vkvk1390@gmail.com

Secretary - Pat Kalinauskas
e: patk4labs@gmail.com

Treasurer - Ray Geer, PNP
e: nctdistrictone@gmail.com

Mass One, Ch 9, 2025-26 Officers

Master of Travel - Donna Howard
e: donnaphoward@gmail.com

Secretary - Jack Mulhall, PNP
e: jack@themulhalls.net

Penn West #23 Camping Schedule

Camping Schedule 2025

September 12-14 - TBD

October 10-12 – Deerhunters Association,
Rt. 58 East, Eau Claire Rd, Harrisville, PA
Phone: 724-735-2666
Managers: Mary & Mike

November 8, lunch at 11:30 at The Villa Grande,
183 New Castle Rd., Butler, PA

December 13 - lunch at 11:30 at Villa Grande
183 New Castle Rd., Butler, PA

Camping Schedule 2026

May 8-10 -Deerhunters Association, RT58
East, Eau Claire Rd., Harrisville, Pa. 724-735-2666

June 19-21 - Tionesta Corps of Engineers Campground, Rt 36, Tionesta Pa.
877-444-6777

MAKE YOUR OWN RESEVRATIONS
Loop 2, Recreation.gov

June 25-28 - PA STATE RALLY Deerhunters, Harrisville, Pa.
State Director Jeff Knox, Reservations to: Tina Krasnansky, 2430 Applebutter Rd, Hellertown, Pa 18055-3301 Checks PA State Rally



July 19-24 - 61st Rally, Stafford Springs, CT
See gonct.org for information

August 14-16 - Tionesta Corps of Engineers Campground. Make Your own Reservations

September 11-13 - Deerhunters Harrisville, Pa

October 9-11 - Deerhunters Harrisville, Pa

November 7 -11:30 Lunch at Villa Grande,
183 New Castle Rd, Butler.

December 12 - 11:30 Lunch at Villa Grande

Pennn West #23 2026-2026 Officers

Master of Travel: Jeff Knox t: 724-735-2769 c: 724-992-2185

Wagon Master: John Hines t: 724-290-9902

Secretary: Nancy Reinhardt t: 724-373-8362 c: 713-373-7168

Chaplain Bob Steele



West Central Ohio, Chapter #92

Camping Schedule 2025

September 11-14, 2025
Scenic Hills RV Park
 4483 Township Rd. 367
 Millersburg, OH 44654

October 9-12, 2025
Darke County Fairgrounds
 800 Sweitzer Rd.
 Greenville, OH 45331
November 1, 2025
Der Dutchman, 4 p.m.
 445 Jefferson, Ave.
 Plain City, OH 43064

Suwannee River Travelers

NCT Chapter #229

Les Hall, Master of Travel – 386-364-6400
 John Lehmann, Wagon Master – 386-984-6070



Joy Hall, Secretary/Treasurer – 386-364-6400

Suwanneerivert travelers@hotmail.com

Tentative Travel Schedule – 2025

September 12 – 14
 Camping in the Pecan Grove
 Cecil Bay RV Park
 1787 Old Coffee Road (I-75 - Exit 32)
 Cecil, GA 31627 Junita
 229-794-1484 (w/Good Sam) \$36/Night

November 7 – 9
 Bluegrass Music (FOTO Weekend)
 Twin Oaks RV Park
 401 Twin Oaks Drive
 Hoboken, GA 31542 Sharon Crawford
 912-458-2365 \$25/\$30 per night

October 10 – 12
 Pioneer Days in Mayo
 Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort
 828 NE Primrose Road
 Mayo, FL 3206 Frank Page
 386-294-2510 (w/PsprtAmr Discount) \$40/night

December 5 – 7
 Christmas with FOTO (Friends of Twin Oaks)
 Twin Oaks RV Park
 401 Twin Oaks Drive
 Hoboken, GA 31542 Sharon Crawford
 912-458-2365 \$25/\$30 per night



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