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

National President - Dennis Morgan



Dennis and Madolyn (Lyn) Morgan



‘Tis the season for greetings from your National President!

It's been a very busy camping season this year. Madolyn and I generally camped two extended weekends each month. This meant many items at home and other commitments couldn't be completed. Most campouts were NCT, but we also had family/friend camping events. Even though we were stretched at times, we enjoyed every outing.

The National Board has been busy with individuals working on the membership database cleanup and other projects. Thanks go to Keith Manbeck and, especially,

his wife, Carrie, who did the majority of the work on the membership confirmations. This effort helps when we need to mail and send communications to all of our members.

The updated Operations Manual should be completed soon and ready for Board approval. Information on the NCT website continues to get updated as work progresses and items are identified. I have formed a Bylaw Review Committee to handle any proposed bylaw changes submitted.

Work on the 2026 National Rally continues, and additional details will be communicated, especially in the March *News To Campers*. The reservation form is included in this issue. We are exploring the possibility of offering rental trailers as an option for those who do not plan to use their RVs this time. We have a lot of entertainment planned, along with dinners. We have corrected the available campsites to 51. As noted on the reservation form, we ask that those attending bring new/unwrapped toys for children of all ages. These are donated to St. Mary's Hospital Pediatric Trauma Unit in Waterbury, CT. This toy drive is the CT1 CH 6 community service project that is held every year.

Update from the November 16 National Board Meeting: A motion was made and second to “email the Ballots to Chapter Secretaries to disseminate to their chapter members.” The motion passed with the majority in favor.

Apparently, this motion was made regarding the petition received by the board in September. The

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petition stated that our membership felt the 2026 Ballot should be mailed (USPS) from the National Office to "reach out" to the membership. We may possibly get a better return on the ballots. We still have members who do not use email and social media. Action on this item was originally tabled until our membership database was cleaned up.

I voted against this motion for the following reasons:

- This would put an unnecessary burden on most chapter secretaries to get the ballots out to each of their members. They would need to print the copies, get envelopes, and postage. Some chapter secretaries do not have computers or printers, and do not use email. The printing and mailing of the National Ballot should remain with the National Secretary, who has the equipment, funds, and mailing list to print and mail it.
- Sadly, the resulting vote did not address the petition that was received by the Board from concerned NCT members.
- Many Board members were not in attendance at the National Rally this year. They missed the lengthy discussion, which included much feedback from the membership. Members ask: What are they getting from their \$30 National dues?

- Postage is always brought up as a concerning expense. We had an anonymous donor who offered to pay the postage for the National Ballot. The National Office would need to pay for the printing of the ballots. The National Treasury has approximately \$24,000 in its funds.
- District 1 had volunteered to process any (USPS) mailings to lift the burden from the National Secretary. They would have the Ballots printed, would purchase envelopes, and prepare them for mailing. The National Secretary would supply mailing labels. The National Office would pay for postage, printing, and material costs.

We continue to have an opening for a National 3rd VP. For NCT to continue, we need support from the membership and to fill the open positions. We need nominations for a 2nd VP and 3rd VP for the March Ballot.

We hope everyone had a very nice Thanksgiving with friends and family. Happy holidays to all and best wishes to all for a safe, healthy, and enjoyable new year!

- Dennis and Madolyn Morgan

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Around the Campfire... Welcome the New Folks

**Earl & Tina Ebert, NCT #22460,
Connecticut 1, Chapter 6**

**Charles & Shirley Raymone NCT #22459
Finger Lakes Travelers Chapter 237**



National First Vice President - Keith Manbeck



Keith and Carrie Manbeck

Membership, Membership, Membership!

Over the past 8 weeks our National Secretary and my lady Carrie have spent many hours working to validate our membership list. There have been numerous phone calls and emails sent to clubs we have not heard from in several years. We have heard back from a number of them, and they have mostly disbanded due to age and the fact that they are no longer camping.

We still have not heard from Straddlers #47 (Nebraska), Jayhawk Trail Blazers #161 (Kansas), Georgia Travelers #216 (Georgia), CSRA Master



Travelers #231 (Georgia), and Middle Tennessee Travelers #233 (Tennessee). If you happen to know anyone in these chapters and you would have contact information, please forward it to me at k.manbeck@hotmail.com.

What have we learned thus far? The national membership that we can verify is 120 active members including Members at Large. We have had discussions at our board meetings as to what is the best method to engage the members we have remaining. These discussions are ongoing as we work towards distributing our National Ballot in the spring.

I believe we must also have some of the difficult and uncomfortable conversations about the future of NCT as a national organization. Is this number of members on a national level a viable number to keep NCT afloat as a national organization or would we better off to disband as a national organization? What benefits can the national organization, in its present state, offer to the chapters that they cannot achieve on their own? Can we take advantage of partnering with another group to help with growing our membership and can that partnership provide opportunities to provide benefits to our local chapters and members? I'm sure there are other questions that we need to ask, but these are the ones at the top of my mind. I would appreciate any input you may have as we look forward to the future.

As we approach the travel and holiday season, Carrie and I would like to wish all of you safe travels and a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Keith and Carrie Manbeck

Appointments for 2025-26 by National President Dennis Morgan

Les Hall, PNP - National Director



National Second Vice President - Chris Egburtson



Chris and Hilary Egburtson



Greetings!

The camping season has come to a close, the camper has been winterized, and while we anxiously await the new camping season. Remember that recruitment doesn't stop

(insert groans and eye rolls from the mention of recruitment).

Recruitment seems to be a daunting task that takes a lot of time and energy, and most of the work falls to the secretary. Recruitment is the responsibility of every NCT member; here are two easy steps.

1. Create an email list of the Masonic lodges, concordant bodies, Eastern Star Chapters, and Masonic publications in your districts, to which you can send updates and information about your camping events.
2. At every Masonic and Eastern Star event, there are opportunities to socialize with members. This is an excellent opportunity to ask if they are campers and exchange emails. Invite them to a camp-out and keep them informed of chapter activities.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Fraternally,

Chris Egburtson

2nd Vice President

SPECIAL NOTES

The **Acceptance of Nomination** form for those who would like to hold an elected National office **on page 7 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 16 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



**Merry Christmas and
Happy Holiday Season
from the Jacksons.**

The camper is now winterized and ready for next season. Pat, Sassy, and I are spending the winter up in Pa. Not to bad. Twenty-seven years

retired and we only spent two winters north.

Ok, now down to business of the NCT. We need information on anyone that still belongs to the NCT. Carrie Manbeck has been updating the master list for us. She has made many phone calls and sent tons of emails out. It's been many years since we have had a master list

of all active members. Us old folks remember the file that you could get from the National Office of active members. If you paid a small amount, you could even get a printed copy. We are trying to get back to having that list. When we get that list, I will post it on the website. I know the website is out of date for members. I hope to update the information on the website during the winter.

If anyone out there has a idea how to get new members please contact me or the National President, Dennis Morgan. We have received five applications for membership in the last five months. I for one would like to see more applications come in. I have lots of decals and numbers to send out. Speaking of that, if anyone needs decals or numbers, contact me at k3vru@k3vru.com. I will get them in the mail to you.

We hope everyone has a great Christmas.

Jim, Pat and Sassy

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

Sickness and Distress

**Ken Howard, Massachusetts 1 Chapter 9,
99 Anawan St, Rehoboth, MA 02769-2801
Bro. Ken is suffering with GI issues.**



National Chaplain - Robert Steele

Hello Campers!

Chaplin Bob Steele here, wishing you a great Thanksgiving! With all the good food and fellowship, let us not forget all of the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us.

As the snow falls and the cold wind blows, Christ is with us to warm our hearts. Let us never forget this.

Have a great winter! Whether you are in the cold or the south, remember that spring is only 5 months away. We will be on the road to camp again soon!

God bless!
Bob Steele



Robert and Mary Sue Steele

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**

**Robert I. Moore, NCT #15053, Passed August 18, 2025
Suwannee River Travelers Chapter 229,**

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

**Dennis W. Dendler, NCT# 19332, Passed August 30, 2025
Penn West Chapter 12**

**Earl Van Wayne Gillenwater, NCT# 00563, Passed September 13, 2025
Member At Large**

**Florence Barber Aldrich, NCT# 21277, Passed September 15, 2025
Triple "O" Travelers, Chapter 58, New York**

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)



*Wishing you
fun and laughter this Christmas
and may Joy be with you all year long!*





Jim, Pat and Sassy Jackson



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

WV Pioneer Travelers #200



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Chris and Hilary Egburtson

NCT 2 VP

Season's Greetings from the Mulhalls



Pat & Jack



Past National President



Merry Christmas and a happy, and healthy New Year!
- Dennis & Lyn Morgan

**PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR
District 2 Campout
August 13 - 16, 2026**

PLACE: Camp Turkeyville Rv Resort
18935 15 1/2 mile Rd.
Marshall, MI. 49068

Call to make your own reservations

Phone # 1-269-781-4293

(Tell them you are with District 2 NCT)

1 night deposit to hold your site.

Cost is \$65 a night. (Discounts if we have 10 rigs. \$55)

We have 10 sites on hold until JULY 13, 2026

Dinner Show on Saturday, August 15, 2026

(Jimmy Buffett - Escape to Margaritaville.)

Dinner is full turkey feast with all the trimmings & dessert.

Cost of dinner & show is \$62.50 per person.

** If you are planning on attending the dinner show with us. **

Please send payment to:

Mary Jane Walker

5889 Falkenbury Rd.

North Branch, MI. 48461

We need to have our reservations

for the show turned in early to get our seats, so

please have your money to me **BEFORE JUNE 1, 2026**

Hope to see you in August in Michigan!

Any Questions please call

Mary Jane Walker at 810-614-6605

or Mike Walker at 810-614-6607

**2025-26
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of Directors
National Camping
Travelers**



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National Trustee

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District 1

Connecticut 1, Chapter 6 & Mass One Chapter 9

Tentative Camping Schedule 2026

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

* **MAY 29-31, 2026** - Bayley's Camping Resort, 275 Pine Point Rd., Scarborough, Maine, with the Shrine NorthEast Camel Caravan camping club. Make your reservation directly with the campground - phone 207-833-6043. Inform them that you are with the Shrine club to receive the special rate.

After you make your reservation, please be sure to notify Jack Mulhall at jack@themulhalls.net with your site number, so he can inform the Shrine club accordingly.

* **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.

* **OCTOBER 16-18, 2026** - Mineral Springs. . OES Road Rally & Turkey.

* **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.

CT 1, Ch 6 2025-26 Officers

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Master of Travel - Donna Howard
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Secretary/Treasurer - Jack Mulhall, PNP
e: jack@themulhalls.net



Penn West #23 Camping Schedule

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



Officers - Penn West #23 2026-2026

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



Hiram's Hobos, No. 51, Michigan, 2026 Schedule

May 15-17, Finn Road Park
Essexville, MI

June 5-7, Wolverine Campground
Genesee County Parks, Columbiaville, MI

July 19-24, Mineral Springs Campground
National Rally, Stafford Springs, CT

August 13-16, Camp Turkeyville RV Resort
District 2 Campout, Marshall, MI

September 11-13, Walker Wood,
North Branch, MI

October 2-4, Lake of Dreams Campground
Merrill, MI



West Central Ohio, Chapter #92 Camping Schedule 2026



April 19--Spring Dine In-TBD

May 14-17-Indian Lake State Park
(Reservations on November 14th)

June 18-21 Hueston Woods State Park
(Reservations on December 18)

July 9-12 Grand Lake St. Marys State Park
(Reservations on January 9)

August 6-9-Poor Farmers Campground
Fletcher, OH (No reservation needed)

August 13-16-District #2 Campout Camp
Turkeyville RV Resort Marshall, MI

September 10-13-Alum Creek State Park
(Reservations on March 12)

October 8-11-Darke County Fairgrounds
(No reservation needed)

November 1st-Fall Dine In-TBD





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



Happy Holidays!
Vin & PatK



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