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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just want to say a big thank you to everyone that made the Wells rally such a huge success. Special thanks to Joe Samara, Jeff White and the parking crew for all their hard work. If you were there, you know what a great time we had. If not, you need to put it on you schedule for next year. It started with Chili Dogs Friday night and finished with the best donuts in Maine Monday morning. On Saturday the Jimmy Buffet party was a lot of fun and I thank you all for getting into the spirit of it. On Sunday evening we had a wonderful meal prepared by Jeff & Dianne White and crew. Following dinner was the show. Thank you Tom & Ellen Kinsman for putting it together. There certainly were a lot of laughs. Don't know if I want to buy a coach from that Japanese salesman, though. Beth King did another great job with the wonderful photo show. Thanks to Paulette & Neal Nevin for the fantastic job they did on the raffle. \$550.00 has been added to our Charity & Relief fund due to their efforts. I met with Joe the other day to go over everything and we have already started talking about next year.

We have lots to look forward to for the rest of the year. We have the Barnstable Tri-rally, the Holiday Party and we'll finish our year with the Pumpkin Festival in Keane, NH. I'm sorry to inform you that we cancelled the Deerfield Rally. They have gone through a lot of personnel changes and I have not been able to make contact with the new person handling the camping. Feel free to go on your own—I know that there will be some camping areas provided.

Well this is the beginning of my 4th and final year as President of the Yankee Travelers. How the time flies. All I can say is that I would never have been able to do it without all the great help. As Yankees, we are truly blessed by having such dedicated officers and volunteers. As I always say, many hands make for an easy job. If you were at Wells, you realized this when I asked all the volunteers to stand. Well over half in attendance stood. Thank you all again. See you down the road. Bob Townsend, *President*



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Schedule of Events 2008

BOLD PRINT DESIGNATES YANKEE RALLIES — All dates & locations subject to change

- Sept 19st-21rd** **BARNSTABLE FAIRGROUNDS, Tri-Chapter Rally, E. Falmouth MA**
- Sept 26th-28th** **132nd DEERFIELD FAIR «<«<« CANCELLED »»»**
- Oct 3rd-5th Cape Codders @ Campers Inn, Merrimack NH
- Oct 10th-13th Cape Codders @ Horseneck Beach, Westport MA
- Oct 17th-19th** **HOLIDAY PARTY @ HUDSON ELKS, Tri-Chapter Rally, Hudson MA**
- Oct 24th-26th** **PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, Swanzey NH**

FMCA Conventions & Rallies

Oct 9-13, 2008 Northeast Quadrant, Croton-on-Hudson NY

Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA Membership Application/Renewal

No person may become a member of the Yankee Travelers Chapter unless they are a member in good standing of the National Family Motor Coach Association

This is (circle one) NEW/RENEWAL/CHANGE ONLY FMCA# _____ FMCA Exp Date _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Winter Address (if different) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

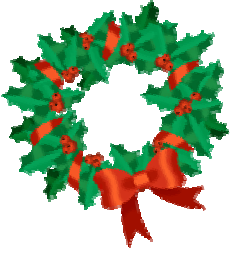
His Birthdate _____ Her Birthdate _____ Wedding Date _____

*I have paid my National FMCA dues or have applied for membership
I have enclosed dues of \$15 for each year & understand this is for membership in the
Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA, including newsletters thru December 31st
Annual dues run from January to December and must be paid by March 30th*

Signature _____ Date _____

Payable to Yankee Travelers FMCA Mail to Membership Secretary Leah Coady 4800 Eloise Loop Rd Winter Haven FL 33884

Join the officers of the Northeastern, Yankees & Cape Codders for



Holiday Party

October 17th-19th

Hudson Elks Lodge, 99 Park Street, Hudson, Mass

Must be a current member of Northeastern, Cape Codders or Yankees to attend

\$90 2 adults in coach • \$70 1 adult in coach • \$20 Children under 18

Each additional adult in coach: Weekend \$45/Dinner & Dance only \$35

SORRY NO REFUNDS

- ◆ Thursday– Early arrival starts at 1pm **NO ARRIVALS BEFORE THEN**
Enjoy Bingo in the hall—**MUST BE PARKED BEFORE 5pm**
- ◆ Friday 7pm Coffee, *Bring goodies to share*
- ◆ Saturday 8-9am Breakfast by the Yankees
- ◆ Saturday 5-6pm Cocktail Hour, Appetizers by the Cape Codders
- ◆ 6pm Catered Dinner hosted by the Northeasterners
Enjoy chicken cordon bleu, salad, potato, vegetable, dessert & coffee
After dinner music to the Illusions
- ◆ Sunday 8-9am Coffee & Sweets hosted by the Northeasterners



In lieu of gift swapping the officers request everyone bring in items for our troops overseas

Suggested items include:

Playing Cards • Chewing Gum • Soap • Shave Cream • Deodorant • Toothbrush • Toothpaste • Combs • Body Wash • Shampoo • Conditioner • Foot Powder • Body Lotion • Hand Sanitizer • Sunscreen • Lip Balm • Saline Eye Drops • Female Hygiene Products

Please try to buy small sizes that store and pack easily as well as shipped safely
For more info & suggestions, check out www.OperationShoeBox.com



DIRECTIONS: North & South: Rt 495 to Exit 26 toward Hudson (Rt 62) Come to rotary, keep rotary to your left to Rt 85, go past McDonalds, Take very next right at State Amory (Park St)
Follow out to Elks on right about 1/2-1 mile

For more info, call Heidi & Terry Trottier 508-477-2460 weekdays, 508-477-4949 nights & weekends

RSVP NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 10th

2 Adults in Coach \$90 ___ Names: _____

Single Adult in Coach \$70 ___ F#: _____ Length: _____

Children under 18 ___ea @ \$20 ___ Street Address: _____

Guest : Weekend ___ea @ \$45 ___ Town: _____ State: _____

Dinner Dance only ___ea @ \$35 ___ Phone: _____

Total \$ _____

Payable to: Northeastern FMCA Mail to: Heidi Trottier 45 Artisan Way, Forestdale MA 02644

☑ Need Your Approval ☑

When the Yankee Travelers approved the bylaw changes in 2005, we inadvertently left out the mechanism for conducting an election. At the business meeting in the spring you will be asked to endorse a change that will return the original language governing how the Yankees conduct elections. The proposal is to insert the following three points after Appendix 2; Paragraph 3, C, the paragraph that discusses when elections are to occur and who is to be elected.

- 1) **The Chapter election is to be conducted by ballot mailed to each member (published in the Newsletter).**
- 2) **Completed ballots may be mailed to the nominating committee Chairman, or placed in a sealed ballot box placed in a conspicuous location at the Chapter Rallies under control of the Nomination Chairman.**
- 3) **The Ballot Box is to be opened and ballots counted by the three (3) person nominating committee.**

Changes to the Bylaws require a 2/3 affirmative vote. The present bylaws can be viewed at www.YankeeTravelers.com. —David LeBlanc

Rally Recaps—Beech Ridge

34 coaches were in attendance for rally—10 more than last year. A big thank you to our parking crew Mike Gilliland & Ray Roche who did a lot of the parking in the pouring rain. As the coaches arrived, hostesses Ellie Townsend & Beth King greeted the race fans with NASCAR mugs full of Maine salt water taffy and various FMCA trinkets. By 6pm Friday the fun was underway as Pauline & Leo Lozeau cooked and served their special Dynamite Sandwiches. After dinner we were treated to hot fudge brownie sundaes with Beth's homemade brownies and Ellie's incredible homemade hot fudge sauce.

Saturday morning started off just right with Joe Samara's special breakfast sandwiches. Thank you to the volunteers who helped. With a great breakfast under our belts, we were off to Maine Indoor Karting for an exciting morning of racing. We were up from 15 participants last year



to 22 this year who suited up and raced. Trophies went to Gary St. Clair for 1st place, Dan Meservey for 2nd and Bob Blake for 3rd. Honorable mentions goes to Melanie Matz & Kim St. Clair for being our first female drivers.

That afternoon, while some loaded up cars and went for a walk on Higgins Beach, others went to the new Cabelas in Scarborough. Later, hosts Bob Townsend & Bob King cooked a fantastic dinner of steak, chicken, potato salad and corn bread. Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help. A very special thank you to Art & Sue Boucher for supplying the cooks with racing t-shirts and hats. The raffle was held after dinner. We raised \$327 for the Charity & Relief Fund. Winners took home chairs, mugs, blankets and other racing paraphernalia. Thank you to Paulette Nevin for her help selling the tickets.

Sunday morning we showed our Yankee Travelers' gratitude by serving Dan Meservey's crew and other workers from the racetrack a special pancake breakfast. Dan, who is not only a Yankee member but also a race car driver, was able to get each of us a Pit Pass. We would like to thank Dan very much for the incredible opportunity to go into the pit, meet with the drivers and get a close up look at all of the cars. It made the races that afternoon much more exciting as we cheered on the drivers that we had personally met that morning. It was especially thrilling to watch Dan as he raced and to hear the announcer tell of the special contribution Dan has made to the racing community.

Once again our rally at the Speedway was a huge success. We have already started planning to make it even bigger and better next year!

THE KEENE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEW HAMPSHIRE

OCTOBER 24TH - 26TH

Hosted by Ellen & Tom Kinsman and Dianne & Jeff White

www.PumpkinFestival.org Cheshire Fairgrounds

247 Monadnock Hwy, Route 12, Swanzey NH 03446



Free shuttle from Fairgrounds to downtown Keene on Saturday from 10:30am to 11pm

Cost \$70 per coach Limited electric (20A) & water

Friday Night: 6pm Soup & Fresh Bread

Saturday Morning: 8-9am **NEW** Yankee Breakfast Sandwich

Saturday Night: 5pm Pizza Party

Sunday Morning: 8-9am Coffee and?

Have you ever seen thousands of jack-o-lanterns all grinning back at once?

At the Downtown Keene Pumpkin Festival that is exactly what you'll see!

Towers of pumpkins fill the downtown skies with grinning, funny and scary faces.

The Pumpkin Festival is clearly the most famous of the Center Stage Cheshire County events.

The Festival has been featured on CNN Headline News as well as many network stations.

The Festival brings record crowds to Keene's Downtown & has won recognition from the Guinness Book for the largest number of lit jack-o-lanterns in one place at one time in the entire World! 2003 was the last World Record breaking year, when 28,952 pumpkins lit up Downtown Keene. That was the 11th year The Pumpkin Festival garnered a place in the Guinness Book.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CHESHIRE FAIRGROUNDS

Take Route 2 West. Take exit 24B onto Route 140 North toward Ashburnham. Merge onto Route 140. Route 140 becomes Route 12. Stay on Route 12 into New Hampshire. Cheshire Campground is on the left on Route 12. Look for FMCA signs.

Reservations must be received by Saturday, October 18, 2008



Names: _____ F#: _____

Address: _____

Coach Length: _____ Phone: _____

Children Under 18: _____ They are free – we just want to know how many are coming

Is this your first Yankee Travelers rally? YES NO

Cost \$70 per coach Make checks payable to: Yankee Travelers Chapter FMCA

Mail to: Tom Kinsman, 638 Plymouth St, Middleboro MA 02346



FOR SALE

Direct from Japan, New Motorhome that will sleep 23 of you closest friends and family, with in-law apartment in basement, Contact Tommy Yee for more detail.



Wells Beach Takes the Cake



Bob Pierro and crew hosted yet another scrumptious contest and the cakes were amazing. As one member said, "THEY WERE SOOOOOO GOOD!" Alas, there can only be one crowned *Top Cake* and Gale Clark took that honor with her Chocolate Refrigerator Cake. This one is so easy, everyone can make it. Rounding out second and third were Pearl Plante with her Chocolate Peanut Butter Torte and Carolyn Petrolina with her Carrot Cake respectfully. Pearl's recipe will be published in a future newsletter.

Chocolate Refrigerator Cake *Makes 12 servings*

1-9oz package NABISCO FAMOUS Chocolate Wafers
 1 tsp vanilla extract 1 pint whipping cream, whipped
 Chocolate curls for garnish, optional

Stir vanilla into whipped cream. Spread ½ tablespoon whipped cream on each wafer. Begin stacking wafers together and stand on edge on serving platter to make a 14 inch log. Frost with remaining whipped cream. Chill for 4 to 6 hours. To serve, garnish with chocolate curls slice roll at 45 degree angle.



Carrot Cake

1 cup sugar	1 cup vegetable oil	1 ½ cups flour	3 eggs
1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon	1 tsp baking powder	1 tsp baking soda	½ tsp salt
2 cups grated carrots	1 cup finely chopped nuts	1 cups raisins	

1. Preheat oven to 300° F
2. Grease and flour two 9 inch round pans
3. In large mixing bowl combine sugar & oil; mix well
4. Add eggs one at a time beating well after each addition
5. Sift together flour cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda & salt.
6. Add dry ingredients to wet, beat together 4 minutes, mixing well. Fold in carrots, nuts & raisins.
7. Divide batter in half and pour into cake pans. Bake in oven for 40 minutes.

Butter Cream Frosting

1 lb. confectioners sugar 3-4 tbsp milk ½cup butter or margarine, softened 1 tsp vanilla
 Combine in large bowl, with mixer at low speed, sugar, butter, milk & vanilla. Beat at medium speed 1-2 minutes until creamy. If desired, add more milk until frosting is spreading consistency.

New Members—Welcome to Yankee Travelers

Ruth & Paul Becotte	Loretta & Leo Bessette	Sue & Mike Burt	Jane & Bob Cady
Jacqueline & Andrew Capponi	Ann & Robert Chick	Bette & Ray Christie	Virginia & Anthony Coviello
Cindi & Alan Denicola	Sue & Bob Fenner	Claudette & Jim Giusti	Elaine & Richard King
Sandie Zern & Fred Lindberk	Lisa & John Landry	Pat & John Mattie	Gail & George Merrill
Nancy & Thomas Mosson	Michael Polakewich	Elizabeth & Paul Rivard	Joan & David Richardson
Charlain & Gary Stocking	Carol & Michael Wenzel	Judy & Arthur Widberg	Laurie & Peter Widmark
Marjorie & Robert Therrien			

Ted & Marsha Robbins sent the following note: We sure appreciated all sending so many cards...I could not believe so many people would take the time and send a card...It really meant a lot. We think of all the club members often...Hope to see you down the road.

A note from our resident photographer, Beth King... I have decided to post all of my pictures in albums on a web site called Picasa. I take many more pictures than you see on the videos (Gallery at www.YankeeTravelers.com) but I can't fit them all in. I also have a lot of requests for copies. By putting my pictures on Picasa, you will be able to see all of them and you can either download them to your computer free of charge or you can order prints. The web site is very easy to use, but if you need help, email me at eking00000@aol.com. This is the link to my albums <http://picasaweb.google.com/eking00000>

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Don't Forget DEADLINES...Holiday Party—Oct 10th...Pumpkin Festival—Oct 18th

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call 800-543-3622, fax 800-547-1219 or email addresschange@fmca.com

Dues run Jan-Dec Your mailing label above denotes when your membership is due

At the end of this year, 159 memberships expire Renewal on page 2

Membership in FMCA must be up to date to maintain membership in Yankee Travelers

Send to Leah Coady 158 Vermont Ave. Somerset, MA. 02726 until Nov. 9th. After Nov. 9th send to
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