



The Granite Stater

The Newsletter of the Granite Staters Chapter of FMCA
www.granitestaters.org

November 2017

President's Message

I have mixed feelings about the camping season just past, but looking forward. I am very encouraged. On the plus side, our chapter had a half dozen or more new members added to its rolls, and we have made a good start toward filling our rally schedule for our twenty-fourth camping season next year. I was pleased with the annual meeting and rally at Newfound RV park. There was a lively discussion on the coming season's rallies and some good suggestions. I am confident that we will fill the schedule by the time the March newsletter is published. On the negative side, this past year we had no rallies scheduled in July and August and one poorly attended one in June with just four member coaches. I was also discouraged that the Granite Staters were not represented at the Northeast Area Rally in Syracuse, especially since one of our members, Barbara Smith, had been elected to the FMCA board as President of the Northeast Motorhome Association.

Coming up in the first months of 2018, we have a busy schedule of chapter activities scheduled. Our annual winter dinner will be held again at the Red Apple Buffet in Concord on January 7th, hosted by new members Bill and Janis Kuch. The dinner has become a traditional get together for members and former members and is always well attended. The Southeast Area Rally in Lakeland, Florida is another event which has always been well attended by the Granite Staters chapter. I remember a time we caravanned in with 55 coaches! Steve and Debbie Ford are in charge of rally activities. The first week in April finds us at the Travelers' Rest RV Resort in Dade City, Florida, for another tradition, the "Granite Gators" rally, a name suggested by Anne Brown many years ago. John and Louiselle Violette, with Artie and Joan O'Neill, are hosting. See details for these activities elsewhere in this newsletter. FMCA meets again in Perry, Georgia, in March for its 97th convention, and in June we will have our first summer season rally at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford, New Hampshire, hosted by Dick and Barbara Higgins. Details on these last two will be posted in the March newsletter.

Speaking earlier of our twenty-fourth camping season reminds me that it's not too early to begin planning for our twenty-fifth. Let's all think about ways to observe this important milestone in our history, and with some recognition in the Family Motorcoaching magazine.

Finally, as we close out our camping season, I want to thank all members for your support, and especially John Violette for his work as Membership Chairman. It is through his efforts that we saw our membership increase with additional new members. In the coming holidays season, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Drive safely,
Bob

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Don't forget our old lawn chair slogan: "GRANITE STATERS ALL THE WAY!!!" - Bob Smith

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT
NOVEMBER 2017**

Our membership stands at fifty four as of November 1st and I'm hopeful that some of the letters I wrote to prospective members will bear fruit. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to new members Bruce and Susan Wiggett of Plymouth who were recommended by Ed and Barbara Smith.

As you know, FMCA is proposing to allow RVers with towables to become members and you have the ability to vote your preference on this issue through the end of November. You can find a ballot in the September, October, and November issues of Family Motor Coaching. Please make your preference known to FMCA. Your ballot has to be in by November 30th in order for your vote to count.

We had a very successful rally at Newfound RV Park the second week-end in September which also encompassed our annual meeting. We had meals on Thursday and Saturday and went out as a group on Friday. We gave out three door prizes following the annual meeting and everyone got a door prize following the Saturday meal. We had a lot of socializing and everyone attending had a good time.

Some of us also attended the Fryeburg Fair in Maine starting Sept. 30th and had a good time. Bob Burnham stayed the entire week while the rest of us stayed for part of the week. Fryeburg Fair is one of the best fairs in New England following the Big E in Springfield, Mass. If you have friends or relatives who are motorhomers please have them contact me. We would love to have them as members.

The next Granite Staters event will be the January Dinner which will take place at the Red Apple Buffet, 161 Loudon Road, Concord, on Sunday, January 7th at Noon. Bill & Janis Kuch will be hosting and can be reached at 603-856-0957 or by email at billkuch@gmail.com. The price is \$18.50 including an all you can eat buffet, all drinks except alcoholic, tax and gratuity. Please let Bill & Janis know that you're going.

John Violette
Membership chairman

**FMCA Assist MEDICAL EMERGENCY
AND TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS
(CONDENSED)**

1. Emergency medical evacuation/repatriation
2. Emergency medical reunion
3. Return of mortal remains
4. Return of dependents
5. Vehicle return (limited to trips in North America)
6. Pet return
7. Prescription medication and glasses replacement
8. Discount Drug Card
9. Medical, dental, and pharmacy referral and case monitoring
10. Trip delay and missed connection coordination
11. Hotel and flight rebookings
12. Luggage delay, lost baggage, and stolen or damaged baggage delay coordination
13. Emergency return travel arrangements
14. Lost travel documents retrieval or duplication
15. Currency conversion assistance
16. Interpretation and translation services
17. Urgent message relay
18. Emergency cash advance
19. Legal referrals/bond assistance
20. Travel intelligence services
21. Concierge services
22. Access to WellAbroad.com
(Pre-travel destination information; legal, embassy or consulate referrals; information about local medical and travel advisories)
WellAbroad is Seven Corners' travel portal

(A page with details of the full schedule of benefits on now our web site. Just click where indicated under the FMCA announcement.)

Granite Staters

"Wherever We Go, We Have Fun!"

January Dinner 2018

Hosts: Bill & Janis Kuch 603-856-0957'
billkuch@gmail.com

Sunday, January 7, 2018 12:00 pm

Red Apple Buffet
161 Loudon Rd, Concord NH

Dinner Buffet: All you can eat. Chinese, Japanese, American & Italian
Cuisine

Numerous items to choose from.
Includes tea, coffee or soda and Dessert Bar
\$ 18.50 per person - includes tax & gratuity

Important new and simpler procedures for registering for the Winter Dinner

1. No registry form to fill. Contact the hosts by phone or email to let them know who's coming so they'll have a head count.
2. No advance payment. Just pay the restaurant by cash or credit card.
- 3.. People who decide at the last minute just need to show up.

Directions to the Red Apple Buffet: In Concord (Concord Heights) off of Interstate 393 east or west, take the East Side Drive exit (exit 2, SR 132) toward SR 9, Loudon Rd.. Restaurant is at the corner of East Side Drive and Loudon Rd. on the left. It is easier to get to the parking lot from East Side Drive than it is from Loudon Rd.



Granite Staters at SEA - 2018

This is the second year for the Southeast Area Rally, SEA, at its new venue, a facility at Lakeland's Linder Regional Airport, off of I-4, 21 miles from its intersection with I-75. (Detailed directions below) between Tampa and Orlando

Vice President Steve Ford is hosting again this year for the Granite Staters' SEA activities.

The Granite Staters will be going in on February 6th as a caravan and parking together in the DRY CAMPING section for the Rally. We will meet in the holding area and once everyone has arrived we will be parked as a group.

If you are planning to attend this rally and want to park with the group please get back to Steve ASAP so you can be added to our list.

When you complete and submit your registration form, check off that you will be in dry camping and parking with the Granite Staters Chapter arriving on February 6.

Once Steve gets a list of who will be attending, any further information will be forwarded as it is received. If you have any question please email or give Steve a call at 603-801-5508.

More information will appear on the Web site as it develops. For now, go to the FMCA Website and register for the Southeast Area Rally.

The Granite Staters have a long history of attending SEA, with as many as 55 coaches many years ago. The later years at Brooksville saw us with up to fifteen coaches, when we held our pre-rally right on the runway and immediately adjacent to the entertainment tent.

Directions to SEA. From Florida's Interstate 4, east from Tampa or west from Orlando, take Exit 25, County Line Rd, south and turn East (left) on West Pipkin Rd. and proceed to the Public Parking Area. Follow signage or directions by traffic control officers. It's about a six mile drive from I-4.

Granite Staters 'Gator' Rally Travelers Rest Resort

29129 Johnston Road, Dade City, FL 33523
April 2 to April 6, 2018, Lv Apr. 7, 2018

Co-hosts: John & Louiselle Violette 603-860-9035
Artie & Joan O'Neill

Name _____ Co-Pilot Name _____ F# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Coach Make _____ Model _____ Length _____

Plate # _____ State _____

Phone # _____ email _____

Rally fee is \$28.00 per night total. Full hook-ups. Golf Fees apply separately (\$12.00 nine holes).
Shuffle board...Pool...Golf...Rec Hall.....Grass sites overlooking golf course

You will be pre-registered at the office two weeks prior. All you need to do is stop at the office on the way in to pay your bill. They will assign you your site.

We will have a POT LUCK on Tuesday, COOK-OUT on Wednesday, GO OUT TO EAT on Thursday.

Social Hour every afternoon at 3:30 at campsite.

We'll have coffee and light breakfast (muffins, English muffins, donuts, Danish) Tuesday to Saturday. Please mail \$15 to John Violette to defray expenses.

Mail this form along with payment to John Violette 20005 Hwy 27 Box 82 Clermont, FL 34715 prior to March 20.

Questions: Call John at 603-860-9035(home) 603-512-4292(cell) email JohninBow@gmail.com

Directions: I-75 Exit 293....Blanton Rd West to Lake Lola Rd Left (south) to Johnston Rd Right (west).
Travelers Rest will be on right.





2018 Rally and Events Schedule

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| January 7, Sunday 12:00 noon | Winter dinner Red Apple Buffet Concord NH | Hosts: Bill & Janis Kuch |
| February 6 - 10 | Southeast Area Rally Sun 'N' Fun Expo Campus Linder Regional Airport Lakeland FL | Hosts: Steve & Debbie Ford |
| March 15 - 18 | FMCA's 97th International Convention Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter Perry GA | |
| April 2 - 6 Leave Apr. 7 | "Granite Gators" at Travelers Rest RV Resort Dade City FL | Hosts John & Louiselle Violette 603-860-9035 Art & Joan O'Neill |
| June 21 - 24 | Gunstock Mountain Resort Gilford NH | Hosts: Dick & Barbara Higgins |
| July | Granite Staters Rally TBD | |
| July 18 - 21 | FMCA's 98th International Convention and RV Expo Cam-Plex Multi-Event Facilities Gillette, Wyoming | |
| August | Granite Staters Rally TBD | |
| September 6 - 9 | 23rd Anniversary Birthday Bash Newfound RV Park, Bridgewater NH John & Louiselle Violette | Note dates correction 1-6-2018 |
| September 29 - October 7 | Fryeburg Fair Fryeburg ME | Note dates correction 1-6-2018 |

There is no Northeast Area Rally in 2018, and we have no rallies scheduled in July and August. In order to have a full schedule of rallies this season, we will need volunteer hosts to plan rallies during these months. Please help. Contact Bob Burnham at 603 762 0172 or bounderbobburnham@gmail.com to schedule.

Come to the rallies We do have fun!
Call the host if you are able to attend a rally and the registration date has passed
The most important part of any rally is **FRIENDSHIP and FELLOWSHIP**

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2016 – 2018

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GRANITE STATERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

No person may become a member of the Granite Staters unless he/she is a member in good standing of Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA)

FMCA # _____ FMCA Expiration Date _____

Pilot's Last Name _____ Pilot's First Name _____

Co-Pilot's Last Name _____ Co-Pilot's First Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel # _____ E-mail _____

I / We have paid my / our dues or have applied for membership in FMCA. Enclosed is a check and I / we understand that it is for dues and entitles me / us to membership in the Granite Staters Chapter of FMCA for the period circled below. (No cash please)

PLEASE PRINT MATERIAL IN ABOVE SPACES.

Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to: **GRANITE STATERS**

Mail to:

John Violette, Membership Chm
12 Woodland Circle,
Bow NH 03304-372

Dues: \$15.00 to May 31, 2018

Dues: \$65.00 to May 31, 2022

Circle one of the above!

MR. KEN BADGES 'N SIGNS
 2505 Clintonville Road - Harrisville, PA 16038
 (800) 398-8307 Email: mrkenbadges@rol.com



GRANITE STATERS NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

Badges are \$9.25 each and come with a pin clasp on the back.
 A magnetic "pinless" option is an additional \$2.50. (Not recommended if you have a paramarker)
 Bolo tie and slide are available for an extra \$3.00
NOTE: The pinless option and bolo option may both be used on the same badge

FMCA# _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1st Badge _____ 2nd Badge _____

Name as you want it engraved _____ Name as you want it engraved _____

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|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| _____ | Name Badges @ \$9.25 | \$ _____ |
| _____ | Gray Bolo Ties @ \$3.00 | \$ _____ |
| _____ | Magnetic Pinless Option @ \$2.50 | \$ _____ |
| _____ | Shipping & Handling \$2.00 per badge | \$ _____ |
| | TOTAL | \$ _____ |

Enclose check or money order payable to "Mr. Ken" and mail to the above address or fill out the following information for credit card sale.

Payment by Credit Card: _____, MasterCard _____, Visa _____, Discover _____, Exp. Date _____

Account# _____ CC# (if on back panel) _____

Name on Card _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

You may expect your order within approximately 3 weeks.

