



The Granite Stater

The Newsletter of the Granite Staters Chapter of FMCA
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President's Message

I will be leaving Monday, April 30, from the Masonic Park campground in Wimauma FL for my trip north, I will meet Mark, my son-in-law, in Savannah Tuesday evening. He will ride and drive back to Maine, and we plan to arrive there on Friday, the 4th of May. As I write this message on Friday evening, April 27th, I am also preparing the Bounder for the 1600 mile trip.

It has been a good winter for me in Florida, and except for a brief relapse a couple of weeks ago of the UTI which has affected me for almost two years, I have been well. As noted in the last Newsletter, I attended the SEA rally in Lakeland in February along with four other Granite Staters couples and two guest couples, one of which is a new membership. The first week in March found me at Paradise Oaks in Bushnell FL for a Bounder rally with the Dam Yankees BOA chapter, followed by a 300 mile drive further north to Perry GA for the FMCA convention. Among the Granite Staters I encountered there were Fred and Beryl Marshall, Ed and Barbara Smith, Mike and Donna Matz, and the new members, Bruce and Susan Wiggett. Then, the first week of April the Granite Staters held the annual Granite Gators rally in Dade City FL. We had eight member coaches there at the beautiful Traveler's Rest Camping resort for the six day rally. Co-host John Violette covers the rally in his Membership Chairman's report on the next page.

Our first rally of the summer season will be at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford NH, June 21 to June 24th, Details with a reservation form have been online on our Web site for several weeks and are also in this Newsletter. This promises to be a great four-day rally in the Lake Winnepesaukee region. Don't miss it!

This is election year for the Granite Staters chapter. During our annual meeting in September we will elect a chapter president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and national and assistant national directors. Other officers, membership, wagon master, and sunshine are appointed by the president. The elected officers and membership chairman form the Executive Committee whose role is to operate chapter affairs between stated business meetings.

Other chapter items: This newsletter includes a parking reservation form for the Fryeburg Fair. Please, also, see John Violette's report on the next page for instructions. Fair rally information is on our website. Beryl Marshall, our sunshine chairlady, has asked me to include a request that should you know of a member or family member in illness or distress please call her at 229-535-6154 so she can send a card in the name of the chapter.

"On the road again,"

Bob

CHAPTER NEWS

May 1, 2018

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

MAY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I would like to welcome two new members to the Granite Staters. They are John Gryval IV and Rebecca Walchak of Greenfield, N.H. as well as Ashley Gryval and Spencer Pickett also of Greenfield, N.H. They are the son and daughter of John and Louise Gryval who joined the Granite Staters last year. They are already members of FMCA and their membership in the Granite Staters is conditional on our chapter's approval of the new bylaws which would accept towables in our chapter. This will be voted on at our annual meeting rally scheduled on September 8th at Newfound RV Park.

We had a great "Gator Rally" in Dade City, Florida during the first week of April with nine coaches present. We met each day for happy hour, had a potluck dinner on Tuesday, a cook out on Wednesday and went out for dinner on Thursday. Then we decided to have a left over dinner on Friday. We also met for breakfast each day from Tuesday through Saturday. In addition our members played golf, shuffleboard, cards, Mexican train and enjoyed the pool. We have already made reservations for the same week next year - April 1st to 4th leaving the 5th. We hope you will join us if you're in Florida in the springtime.

We will be having a rally in late June in Gilford hosted by Dick and Barbara Higgins. Dick has a write-up elsewhere in this newsletter.

Another rally that is already planned is our annual meeting rally at Newfound RV Park from Thursday, Sept. 6th to Sunday, Sept. 9th. More info in later newsletters.

Some of us will also be attending the Fryeburg Fair in Fryeburg, Maine, on September 28th. This is an informal rally with a lot of flexibility. Most of us will arrive on Saturday, Sept. 28th and will leave sometime during the following week. The fair opens on Sunday, Sept. 29th and runs through Sunday, Oct. 6th. It's one of the best fairs in New England We have to make reservations by mid-June in order to be located together. There may be a form in this newsletter and I will also send you a form by email sometime in May. It's imperative that all the forms be submitted together by mid-June. You will be billed individually by the Fairground Camping. If your plans change you can always cancel by Sept. 15th to get a refund. All the forms

need to be sent to me at 12 Woodland Circle, Bow, N.H. 03304 by June 15th.

As I have mentioned before, if you have relatives or friends who are RVers we would welcome their membership in FMCA as well as in our chapter.

John Violette
Membership Chairman

FROM DICK HIGGINS, SECRETARY

Hi all, Here we go into the 2018 Rally/Camping season in New Hampshire. Barbara and I are again hosting the June Rally at Gunstock Resort in Gilford. You can find the registration form within this newsletter. So look it over, decide if the dates work for you (June is usually a busy month), and consider joining us for a fun extended weekend with most meals provided. If you're not familiar, Gunstock has become a very popular year-round destination with many exciting attractions. Check out their website for details, www.gunstock.com. We're hoping to have a good turnout for this rally and maybe start a yearly event at this location.

In Secretarial news regarding our Chapter, I've been in contact with FMCA and they sent copies of their Bylaw changes as to the new voted ruling allowing other RVers to join our organization. They sent me a form to fill out that would indicate our Chapter preferences on this issue. FMCA is allowing individual chapters to accept or reject the Bylaw change. Your Executive Committee has agreed to accept the bylaw change for our Chapter, and extends the invitation to you, our members, to express your views on the issue. Please contact any one of us and let us know where you stand. At our annual meeting, the decision will be announced and our subsequent Bylaw change will be indoctrinated or not, based on your vote. In the mean time, please remember that any family/friends who have RVs are very welcome to join us at any of our rallies when accompanied by you. This has been our policy for a long time.

Hope to see you all soon.

Dick

GRANITE STATERS

JUNE 2018 FUNTIME "GUNSTOCK" RALLY

June 21 to 24, 2018, Thurs to Sun, additional days @ Rally Rate available

Your Hosts: Dick & Barbara Higgins

Gunstock Mountain Resort, 719Cherry Valley Rd. (Rte. 11A), Gilford, NH
(603) 293-4341

This park started as a ski area, added a campground area, and has grown to a very popular, active, year-round fun resort - - - and still expanding. They offer scenic chairlift rides to the top of Gunstock Mountain, a Zip Line, "Segway" tours, several rigorous stealth courses (for the younger folks), a water park, and many other fun things to do. As campers, we get a 25% discount on these!

The Plans:

- Three nights camping (or two if you prefer) @ "Poplar" Rally Area with water & elec (7 sites w/50 amp). Unhook before parking. Arrival: not before 1 pm, Departure: no later than 11am.
 - Thurs- - Happy Hour starts 4pm followed by a chicken barbecue, Barbara's yummy potato salad, cole slaw & fixins' in our area. Bring snacks & desserts to share, and drinks (alcohol OK)
 - Fri - - - Take advantage of all that Gunstock has to offer during the day (discount tickets will be available). Happy Hour again at 4 pm, followed by hamburg, hot dog, sausage cook out. Bring drinks, snacks to share, desserts(if desired).
 - Sat - - - Again, enjoy all that Gunstock Resort has to offer during the day. After Happy Hour we will have a catered pizza party, and maybe a couple fun things to do (surprise!)
 - Simple breakfast offerings on Sat, Sun
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RESERVATION FORM:

Cut at line above & mail w/check payable to Dick Higgins, PO Box 5153, Weirs Beach, NH 03247, OR reserve online at nhrvnuts@msn.com and pay at the Rally. Specify 2 or 3 nights.

- 3 nights camping (includes \$ for meals + incidentals) - - \$140 w/50A, \$130 w/30A
- 2 nights camping (includes \$ for meals + incidentals) - - \$95 w/50A, \$85 w/30A
- Activities/rides/ attractions for Gunstock Resort - - - - - Self Pay at Office
- Deadline to register : By mail – June 14th Online –June 17th

NAME(S) _____ \$10 off for
Single

GUESTS? _____ Add \$10/guest. Only 8 50A
sites avail.

GRANITE STATERS
FRYEBURG FAIR CAMPING

Registration and Reservations

2018 _____
__ Year

Name: _____

 Last First Initial

Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Present Site: _____ Requested Site: Trackside

Type of Camper _____ Length _____ Make _____

Any Slide Out? Yes ___ No ___ (Note: Campers must be self contained).

Trackside / Fairview ___ Trackside _____

MEMPER REGISTRATION _____ STATE _____

OTHER VEHICLE TYPE _____ REGISTRATION _____

NIGHTS to be reserved (circle)

S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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Return prior to June 15 to retain site. Reservations for less than 5 nights will be placed as near site requested as reasonably possible.

NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED.WE WILL BILL YOU FOR THE AMOUNT DUE AFTER JUNE 15th.

RETURN TO:
JOHN VIOLETTE
12 Woodland Circle
Bow NH 03304

This page reserved for a
future rally.



2018 Rally and Events

Schedule

January 7, Sunday Winter dinner

Hosts: Bill & Janis Kuch

12:00 noon Red Apple Buffet
Concord NH

February 6 - 10 Southeast Area Rally Hosts: Steve & Debbie Ford
Sun 'N' Fun Expo Campus
Linder Regional Airport
Lakeland FL

March 15 - 18 FMCA's 97th International Convention
Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter
Perry GA

April 2 - 6 "Granite Gators" Hosts John & Louiselle Violette
Leave Apr. 7 at Travelers Rest RV Resort 603-860-9035
Dade City FL Art & Joan O'Neill

June 21 - 24 Gunstock Mountain Resort Hosts: Dick & Barbara Higgins
Gilford NH

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 Note dates correction 1-6-2018
Newfound RV Park, Bridgewater NH
John & Louiselle Violette

September 29 - Fryeburg Fair Note dates correction 1-6-2018
October 7 Fryeburg ME

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 bouderbobburnham@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**

1-6-2018 Schedule subject to change

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4-28-2018

GRANITE STATERS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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 to 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

Dues: \$15.00 to May 31, 2019

Dues: \$65.00 to May 31, 2023

Circle one of the above!

Mail to:

John Violette, Membership Chm
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4-26-2018

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 _____

_____	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.

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