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2012 – 2014

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**Special Edition
January 2014**

From the President

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE GRANITE STATERS

We are sending this email, as we no longer have a newsletter editor, and therefore, no newsletter to keep the membership informed.

We have only received 19 responses to the survey we mailed to the members in November. If you did not get one or have misplaced it, one is attached for you to complete and send back to me.

In addition, Bobbie and I are hosting the January Dinner. The information about the dinner was included in the survey mailing. We have received checks from 3 members to date. If you plan on attending,

**The dinner is January 19th
at 12:30
at the Red Apple Buffet in Concord
Cost is \$17.00 per person including tax/gratuity
Send checks to Bobbie by Jan.9th**

Our address is:
252 Burnham Rd
Freedom, NH 03836

As soon as we have more responses, we will email the results of the survey in preparation for this summer and the next annual meeting.

This is a special edition of The Granite Stater. In addition to the January dinner referenced above it contains important information on our rallies in Florida and the FMCA Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase in Perry GA

Granite Staters

Wherever We Go We Have Fun

January Dinner 2014

Hosts: Bobbie & Glenn McCracken 603-539-6236

Sunday, January 19, 2014 12:30 pm

Red Apple Buffet

161 Loudon Rd, Concord NH

Dinner Buffet: With Chinese, Japanese, American & Italian Cuisine

Numerous items to choose from. All you can eat.

Includes tea, coffee and soda

Desert Bar

\$ 17.00 per person - includes tax & gratuity

Deadline: January 9th , 2014

Checks Payable to: Bobbie McCracken and mail to:

Bobbie McCracken

252 Burnham Rd.

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603-539-6236

GRANITE STATERS PRE-RALLY

January 24 - 28, 2014

Hernando County Airport - Brooksville, FL 34604
Hosts: Steve & Debbie Ford

We will again be parked on the runway for our pre-rally, Friday, January 24th to Tuesday, February 28th. General parking for the Southeast Area (SEA) rally begins on the 28th, but if you have not registered with SEA you must either register at the SEA office or leave the premises on then. A registration form is in the November issue of Family Motor Coaching magazine or you can register online [here](#).

For the pre-rally and for the SEA rally, we will have our usual social hour each afternoon at 4:00 except that we will gather after the parade on Parade Day. For the social hour, please bring a dish to share. We will go out for a group dinner at a place to be determined by those who attend. A pizza party is annual favorite for which a collection will be taken. Other activities will be planned day by day. The Granite (Gators) Staters will also be assisting with the driving of the handicap golf carts.

The parking fee for the pre-rally on the runway is \$40.00 and will be collected upon your arrival by the host. You must arrive on or before Saturday, Jan. 25th to be guaranteed a spot with the rest of us....those who arrive Sunday or after will be parked with the general parking. So that we can reserve a runway spot for you, please call or email Steve at 603-801-5508 or sdkkford@gmail.com

IMPORTANT! The east runway may be active on Friday. Be sure to stop at the STOP signs and look both ways, and in the skies, for approaching aircraft.

Fresh water for filling your tank is located adjacent to the runway and the three dump stations are nearby.

During the SEA rally, if you are not parked with us please join us each day for Social Hour.

If you are planning on attending the Granite (Gators) Staters pre rally In Brooksville, FL. could you please get back to me before December 17th. so that I can reserve enough parking for our group.

January 30 - Feb 2, 2014: Brooksville, FL SEA Rally

For those of you who will be in Florida in February, the SEA rally is being held again in Brooksville, FL from January 30th to February 2nd, 2014. Steve and Debbie Ford will be hosting the pre-rally for the Granite "Gators" Stater . The pre-rally will start on Friday January 24th. If you plan on attending the pre-rally you must arrive on the 24th or 25th. If you arrive after the 25th we cannot guarantee you will be parked with the rest of the group. Please respond to Steve if you plan to attend. You can email him at sdkkford@gmail.com or call him at 603-801-5508.

NOTE: the Granite Staters have also been asked again to "assist" in driving the handicapped golf carts at the rally. That activity will be on a voluntary basis.

Thanks / Steve

March 17 - 20

FMCA's 89th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase

Perry GA

See FMC magazine

Granite Staters "Granite Gators Rally"

Lazy Days Rally Park

April 1- 4, 2014

Location: Lazy Days RV Campground
6210 County Road 579
Seffner, FL 33584
Exit 10 off Interstate 4

Hosts: John & Louise Violette 603-512-4292
Bob Burnham 603-762-0172
John's email: JohninBow@gmail.com

Arrive: Tuesday, April 1 Check-in time is 1:00 PM

Depart: Saturday, April 5 Check-out time is 11:00 AM

Reservations: must be made through Lazy Days by calling 800-905-6627 or 813-246-4777. You will need to reserve using a credit card or by check, however, the check must be received by Lazy Days RV Campground prior to the cut-off date of March 1st. You need to let them know that you're with the Granite Staters.

Cancellations: Cancellations up to one (1) month ahead of time with no penalty. Cancellations less than one month ahead of time will incur a one night penalty. No calls or no shows will also incur a one night penalty.

Rate: \$41.64 per night tax included. Same rate will apply for early or late days. (Before or After the Rally)

Breakfast and Lunch: is offered by Lazy Days free of charge Monday through Saturday.

Activities: Swimming pool, tennis courts, recreational hall. Lazy Days also has a variety of instructional seminars held in their main building throughout the day. A Safe-Driving course is offered but you need to make reservations for it ahead of time. And of course if you're in the market for a new or different RV there are plenty to look at and try out. This location is close to Tampa which has a lot to offer such as Busch Gardens or the Casino, etc.

Tentative Schedule: Full schedule on arrival.

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Make your check for \$15 payable to John Violette and mail to:

John Violette 20005 Highway 27, Box 82, Clermont, FL 34715

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March 2014

From the President

From sunny Freedom, NH 3/4/2013 11 AM Temp.16 degrees (in the shade)

Hi Granite Staters, we hope that this newsletter finds you all health and looking forward to camping this season. If you haven't gone out and checked the coach, now would be a good time, if you can get to it through the snow. It's been a long, cold winter, especially since Bobbie and I have been in Florida the past 3 years at this time.

We had a great time seeing everyone at the January Luncheon in Concord. 18 people braved a snowstorm, Louise Parsons and Blanche Roberts joined us and we all had a lot of fun catching up with each other.

The LaBonte's and the Violette's have offered to host the rally at Newfound Lake, June 26-29 and an application should be in this newsletter. The officers of the Granite Staters will be hosting the Sandwich Rally from September 4-7. An application will be posted on this website this Summer. Dick Higgins is trying to put together a rally in July or August and will let you know about this later. We still have plenty of time for 1 more rally during our camping season if anyone is willing to host...or simply willing to pick a campsite and tell the rest of us when and where to go.

We had 20 responses to our survey and the results are ; The Secretary /Membership person, Treasurer as well as National Director and Alternate National Director will continue to serve in their respective positions. One person has offered to be President, and I will assist him as VP. Seven members have expressed a willingness to host rallies; 12 have offered to co-host rallies; and 8 offered to be on the rally committee. We still need someone to volunteer as newsletter editor. (Bob Burnham has graciously done this newsletter and put it on the website for the club) . We're looking forward to warm weather and a great camping season you in NH.

Stay warm and be safe driving Glenn

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Register online at

<https://www.fmca.com/component/fmcafamilyconvention/?view=member&ConvenKey=ga14> See the latest FMC magazine for more details

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fee \$195

Additional fee for 30-amp Electric Only \$175

Passport — 2 people, no overnight parking \$185

Coach with 1 person: deduct \$20 \$ 20

Additional fee for Non-FMCA Member \$ 50

Additional Guests \$ 25 each

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Granite Staters
Newfound RV Park
792 Mayhew Turnpike (3-A)
Bridgewater, N. H. 03222

June 26--28, 2014

Host - Bob & Dot LaBonte 603-321-8065

Co-Hosts – John & Louiselle Violette 603-860-9035

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Dinner on your own

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Please bring Deserts for the "Sweet Table" to enjoy later that evening during social get together at 7:00.

Morning Coffee available Friday, Saturday & Sunday
English Muffins, Breakfast Treats

Newfound RV Park Bridgewater, N. H.
Registration form – due before June 15th, 2014

Name: _____ FMCA# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____

Telephone: _____ First Granite Stater Rally: Yes__ No__

Unit Make: _____ Plate # _____ State _____

Fee for Weekend (Friday & Saturday) \$79.00
Earl Bird Parking Thursday \$37.00
Single Rate for weekend \$74.00

Make Checks Payable to and Mail to: John Violette
12 Woodland Circle
Bow NH 03304



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May 2014

From the President

From Freedom, NH 4/23/14 10 AM Temp.52 degrees (cloudy with occasional showers)

Hi Granite Staters, we hope that this newsletter finds you all healthy and looking forward to Spring and Summer. It's about time to de-winter your coach and start to get it ready for the upcoming camping season. Welcome Home !! to all those members that were enjoying Southern warmer weather this past Winter, it's good to have you back. Just a reminder that our coaches are due for inspection in June, and it might be a good idea to schedule any service you need at that time as well. Don't forget your generator.

Bobbie and I have already registered for the rally at Newfound Lake, June 26-29 hosted by the LaBonte's and the Violette's, and we're looking forward to seeing you there! As we said in the last newsletter, the officers of the Granite Staters will be hosting the Sandwich Rally from September 4-7. An application will be posted on this website this Summer. We still have plenty of time for 1 more rally during our camping season if anyone is willing to host....or simply willing to pick a campsite and tell the rest of us when and where to go.

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Safe driving Glenn

2015 GRANITE GATORS RALLY NOTICE

A vote was taken and passed at April's Granite Gators rally to move the rally to Travelers Rest RV Resort.

We were able to reserve April 6 - 11, 2015 (Monday thru Saturday).

CHAPTER NEWS

May 1, 2014

DUES DUES DUES

Membership Chairman Dick Higgins reminds us that it is dues time at the Granite Staters. If you regularly pay annually your payment of \$15.00 is due by May 31st. If you take advantage of the cost-saving 5-year plan, check your expiration date. If it ends this year and you wish to renew for another five years, the fee is \$65.00, otherwise just pay the \$15.00 annual dues fee.

Please use the Membership Application form in this newsletter, or online linked from the Granite Staters chapter home page at www.granitestaters.org. Use of the application form for renewals helps the secretary (also Dick Higgins) keep his records up-to-date.

The "Annual Contact Roster" will be mailed soon with a notice of who owes \$15 for this year..

Would you add in the Newsletter a Welcome to our newest members, as of Apr. 11th, Craig Stephens & Donna Cemet of Epping, NH. We hope that they enjoy their membership and get to create some new, long lasting RV friendships.

NEW MEMBERS!

Four new members have been added to our membership. Please welcome

Val & Debby DiGenova Derry NH,
Ronald & Patricia Moreau Nashua NH
Bill & Susan Thompson Wakefield RI
Craig Stephens & Donna Cemet Epping NH

Let's look for them at future rallies and give them a warm Granite Staters welcome!

AUGUST RALLY

A rally is being planned,, probably in August, at Gunstock Resort in Gilford. Full details will be available soon on the Web site and in the July newsletter..

PERSONAL NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

As many of you know, I have been hobbling around with a bum knee for almost two years. I'm ready to get it fixed when I get back to New England (right now I'm in Lebanon TN for the International Area rally). It will probably lay me up for several weeks and I will most likely miss some of our rallies this summer. My two fingers will still be able to maintain the Web site and get out the next newsletters.

Bob

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NORTHEAST AREA RALLY

CHAMPLAIN EXPOSITION CENTER
ESSEX JUNCTION, VT
JULY 17-20, 2014
(Getaway day July 21st)

After a year's absence the welcome new management at Northeast Motorhome Association (NMA) will hold the Northeast Area Rally again this year at Champlain Exposition Center in Essex Junction. New NMA president Tom Ziobrowski held a Northeast Area meeting at the FMCA Perry GA international rally attended by Alternate National Director Steve and Debbie Ford and Newsletter Editor Bob Burnham. NMA has been completely reorganized and is actively looking for other sites for NEAR. Because of contractual agreements and time constraints it was not possible to move it this year. Speaking for Steve, too, we were very impressed with Tom and his presentation. Look for good things from NMA.

Rather than add more pages to this newsletter, readers are urged to go to www.nmafmc.org/near2014.html for NEAR information at the NMA Web site. There you will find several pages related to the rally.



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July 2014

From the President

Hi Granite Staters,

It was good to see some of our members at the Newfound RV Park rally hosted by the Violette's and the LaBonte's Bobbie and I had a great time there. This is a very nice campground and the owners have treated us great. Dick Higgins has worked hard and put together a rally in a new exciting location...Gunstock It's scheduled for August 1st-3rd and the registration form is in this electronic newsletter. In case you haven't done it yet, motorhomes were due for inspection in June (it's a good time to schedule any service needs as well). The officers will be hosting the Sandwich rally this year. The dates are September 5th - 7th. Information and the registration form are also in this newsletter. Bobbie and I are looking forward to seeing you at the Gunstock Rally !!

We are saddened to hear of the passing Norman Cote, a longtime member of the Granite Staters, and devoted Husband of Barbara Cote. Norman had a great sense of humor and we will miss him. Please send your thoughts and prayers to Barbara and her family.

Safe travels to all, and take care of each other.... Glenn & Bobbie

Welcome to new Granite Staters members
Bob & Connie Linna
Pittsfield NH
Joined May 21, 2014

The Granite Staters

AWESOME AUGUST 2014 FUN RALLY

August 1 – 3, 2014
Hosted by Dick & Barbara Higgins

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

This Park started as a ski area, added an RV camping area, and has grown to a very active, all year fun resort - - - and still growing. They now offer scenic chairlift rides, a long "Zip Line", "Segway" tours, a rope climbing/activity course, a water park, and other fun things to do. A long weekend is not enough time to enjoy it all.

The Plans:

- Camping in "Poplar" Rally Area with water & elec (7 sites w/50 amp). Unhook before parking. Arrival: not before 1 pm Departure: no later than 11am
 - Friday – Happy Hour(s) gathering in early pm followed by hamburger/hot dog/sausage cookout, all in our camping area. Bring snacks, drinks, desserts. Dancing in the grass possible
 - Saturday – Optional "Scenic Chairlift Ride" - - - info & tickets will be supplied. Enjoy Gunstock's other activities as you desire. Happy Hour(s) begin at our area and continues at the (short walk) Gunstock Pavilion for the Optional Baked Ham & Beans dinner, supplied by Gunstock Catering - - - sides, dessert, drinks included. A fun "Doctors Office" skit will follow, provided by your hosts (+ a few others - - surprise!)
 - Continental breakfast provided Sat. & Sun. (possible Blueberry Pancake w/ sausage/bacon full breakfast on Sun.)
 - Extra days (Thurs & Sun) available @ Rally Rate (\$35) - - - call Gunstock Resort @ 293-4341 ext 155 to arrange on your own.
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COST & RESERVATION [Separate @ line above and mail]

2 nights camping - - - - -	\$70.00
Optional Baked Ham dinner w/all the fixin's @ \$24 p/p X _____ =	\$ _____
Optional Scenic Chairlift Ride @ \$6 p/p X _____ =	\$ _____
TOTAL (payable to Dick Higgins, PO Box 5153, Weirs Beach, NH 03247)	\$ _____

Deadline to register : July 15, 2014

NAME(S) _____

HOW MANY ? _____ 1ST TIME ? _____

NAMES OF GUESTS _____

WANT 50 Amp ? (1st come, 1st served) _____

GRANITE STATERS

19th Anniversary Bash at the Sandwich NH Fairgrounds

September 5th-7th, 2014 (no early arrivals)

Hosts: The officers: McCrackens, Higgins & Hunters

Schedule

Friday, Sept 5 8:00 Morning wake up- coffee, etc
3:00 Social Hour- bring an appetizer to share
5:30 Supper- Sandwich Platters from Subway
7:00 Bingo & a Campfire

Saturday, Sept 6 8:00 Morning wake up - coffee, etc.
9:00 Annual Meeting Election of new officers
10:00 Bonnie's beading class &/or AARP Fraud Fighter Presentation
12:30 Luncheon Buffet at the Bob House Restaurant
4:00 Social Hour- bring an appetizer to share
!! If you're still hungry dinner on your own !!
7:00 Anniversary cake and ice cream and Entertainment

Sunday, Sept 7 8:00 Morning wake up breakfast

SANDWICH Fairgrounds Sept 5th-7th

Complete / detach / and mail

Registration form due by August 27th. After that call Bobbie or Glenn @ 539-6236

Names: _____ FMCA# _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone# _____ First GS Rally: _____ yes _____ no

Fee for weekend (Friday & Saturday) 2 adults \$68.00 _____

Single rate \$60.00 _____

Extra person in Rig (each) \$10.00 _____

Saturday Buffet Luncheon _____ each @ \$14.99 _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Bobbie McCracken, 252 Burnham Rd, Freedom, NH 03836

See next page for more information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SANDWICH RALLY

Bob House is located nearby on Route 25 (we will carpool folks without vehicles)

The menu for the Buffet Luncheon:

- Garden salad with Pesto Vinaigrette & Cucumber Dill Dressing
- Dinner Rolls
- Saint Louis BBQ Pork Ribs
- Chicken Parmesan
- Iced Tea, Coffee, Hot Tea

We have tentatively scheduled Bonnie's Beads to come on Saturday morning and do a Jewelry class if there are enough people interested. The cost is \$10 and you can choose the kit and beads you want to use to make a bracelet. She will also have extra beads for earrings, etc. Please let me know if you are interested in the class so she doesn't make the trip over for nothing. Email me at mrsmac383@gmail.com or call 539-6236 or text 387-3465.

The Hunters are looking into boat rides in the area for the weekend.

Glenn & Bobbie are prepared to do a Fraud Fighters Presentation which they have trained for with AARP.

We will have games and possibly a movie too.

Alan Hunter will take tabs to Concord, so please them if you have some to donate.



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President's Message

As I start this message I would like to take this opportunity to thank Glenn McCracken for serving the past two years as our president and Alan Hunter for serving the past four years as our vice-president. Thank you Glenn and Alan. And thank you to Glenn & Bobbie McCracken and Dick Higgins for continuing to serve as well as Dick White and Steve Ford who are our National and Alternate National Directors.

At our Sandwich rally this past week-end we had fourteen coaches in attendance (one came in late) plus one guest coach and we were joined by seven additional members on Saturday so we had a quorum for our annual meeting.

One of the outcomes of the annual meeting was the recognition of Bob Burnham for his work as our web-master as well as his contribution in putting our newsletter together. Thank you, Bob. Another outcome was the election of officers for the next two years who are: President - John Violette; Vice-President - Glenn McCracken; Treasurer - Bobbie McCracken; Secretary - Dick Higgins.

A lot of conversation regarding our 20th Anniversary Bash which will take place next year. No one stepped up to host it so the officers decided they would do it. It will take place at the Sandwich Fairgrounds on Sept. 10, 11, 12, & 13, 2015. That's the week-end following Labor Day. Hopefully you'll put that on your calendar and plan to attend. We'll try to make it a good one seeing as how it'll be the 20th Anniversary. There are two rallies planned in Florida next winter and spring but none up here yet. We had some conversations about trying to find new places and keeping the rallies more simple. Hopefully some of you will volunteer to help if you can.

Our membership is holding steady at about 75 coaches but it's been a lot higher than that in the past as you know. A number of people have sold or are selling their coaches and getting out of motor homing. The best way to get new people is to get referrals from folks such as yourselves so if you can help us with that it would be greatly appreciated.

John Violette

CHAPTER NEWS

MEMBERSHIP - DICK HIGGINS, CHAIRMAN

Hi all,

Well, having just concluded the Sandwich Rally, it looks like we'll be closing our 2014 rally season of the Granite Staters, unless someone plans a last minute October rally.

Even though our active roster remains fairly steady at 74 (with 7 still unpaid for 2014), our rally attendance continues to be rather sparse, for the 4 Granite Staters rallies held so far this year. In the past, we have enjoyed many rallies with high attendance numbers. Hopefully, we'll see that again, but we realize there are many factors that influence whether folks are able or willing to participate in our events. The motorhoming lifestyle is still struggling nationwide to convince people that ours is the best RVing way to live and travel the USA. Certainly, the economic times influence many decisions on how people will join the RV community.

Anyway, at the Gunstock Rally last month, we had 8 coaches there for the weekend, and two of them were first-time attendees - - - - the Moreau's, Ron & Pat, from Nashua, and Ed Tomashek/ Marti Faulkner from Dalton (Marti loves explaining where that is). Plus we had Steve Ford and Dave & Anne (Brown) Lockwood show up to spend some quality time and meals with us. For Ed & Marti this was not only their first rally, but they are also our newest members (Aug 1st). Dave & Anne renewed their membership at the rally, after a couple years hiatus. So, we all had fun with socializing, mealtimes, some lawn games(the weather cooperated), and some local highlights. And those highlights(Gunstock Resort attractions) were a bit out of the ordinary for us, which made them even more interesting and exciting. It was a good time. We'll go there again soon.

Our annual gathering/business meeting/election rally at the Sandwich Fairgrounds is now a past event and, even though we only had 13 member coaches and 1 guest coach, it was a fun, interesting, eventful, and fruitful rally. Luckily, we had 7 additional members join us for the business meeting on Sat., and that gave us the quorum we needed to conduct the meeting. You'll be hearing the results of the elections and the results of the business meeting, but I wanted all to know that the success of this event was due mainly to the efforts(again) of Glenn & Bobbie McCracken, Alan Hunter, and Beryl Marshall, along with others chipping in, as usual. The rally had some not-so-typical eating gatherings, some fun lawn games, and some interesting and informative social times. I think everyone left the rally Sun. morning feeling good about renewed friendships, restored hopes about the future for our Chapter, and revitalized anticipation about our 2015 schedule, especially because it will be our 20th anniversary year. Good times lay ahead - - - - be sure to be part of them!!

Dick

FROM THE EDITOR

During the recent annual meeting, I was singled out for recognition for my contribution to the chapter through maintenance of the Web site and, more recently, as Newsletter Editor. The recognition came with a substantial gift award. Both are appreciated and I am humbled; however, neither was necessary. We all contribute to the Chapter, whether by serving as an officer or committee member, by hosting and planning rallies, or even by just attending a rally, For my part, I will be updating my Word Perfect application to Version 8. Look for forms in the rally detail pages where you will be able to fill in your rally reservations directly on the screen.

Thank you all,
Bob Burnham



The Granite Stater

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President's Message

I hope this letter finds you in good health as we all get ready for the upcoming holiday season.

A group of us will be attending the Southeast Area Rally in Sarasota, Florida, from February 11th to 14th. Steve Ford is trying to find a place at a reasonable cost where we can have a pre-rally prior to Sarasota. We have the Gator Rally set for April 6th to the 11th at Travelers Rest Resort in Dade City, Florida. Information on it is in this newsletter. The Northeast Area Rally will take place in Essex Junction, Vt., on July 8th to 12th. For that you'll need to sign up with FMCA. One of our members mentioned attending the PemiValley Blue Grass Festival in Thornton the week-end of July 30th to August 2nd and we're still trying to find out information regarding it. We're planning a weekday (as opposed to week-end) rally at Beach Acres campground in Wells, ME, during either July or August. And, of course, we'll be having our 20th Anniversary Bash at the Sandwich Fairgrounds on Sept. 10th to 13th. Details are still being worked out but we've already contracted for musical entertainment on Saturday night. And the McCrackens and Violettes will be attending the Fryeburg Fair from Sept. 26th to Oct. 1st for those of you wishing to join us. We'll have a copy of their registration form in the spring newsletter. This will need to be coordinated so that we can all be together. In the past few years we've had a rally at the Newfound Campground in Bristol in June, which could still be considered, but we're thinking we could attend the Lupine Festival in Sugar Hill (Franconia Notch) sometime in early June instead. We don't have the details on that yet. Another thought is to have a rally at the Oxford Casino in Oxford, ME. Some of these (Wells, Thornton, Sugar Hill, & Oxford) would be dry camping which is what some of our members indicated they wouldn't mind doing. Another thought is to simplify rallies somewhat so the hosts are not saddled with a lot of work.

Here's the hang-up. The Wagon Master position is vacant so right now it's falling on the officers to try to set this all up. We can't do it all by ourselves. We have already signed up for hosting the Sandwich Rally in September. We've got some ideas and we'll do what we can to assist but we need you to help. I know it's not in our nature to volunteer but I'm hoping that a few of you will give me a call and offer to help. It's the right thing to do if you want the Granite Staters to be successful as a chapter. You can reach me at JohninBow@gmail.com, or 603-860-9035 (home) or 603-512-4292 (cell). Please give me a call or drop me a line. By the way, the hosts usually have some or all of their rally expenses paid so there is an incentive to get involved. You may have other ideas for rallies in addition to or in lieu of those indicated above which is fine with us. Let's try to do this together.

In the meantime have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Granite Staters

"Wherever We Go,
We Have Fun"

January Dinner 2015

Hosts: Bucky & Thelma Buck 603-432-5105 - 603-548-7653 cell

Co-Hosts: Bill & Carol Elkins 603-435-6064- 603-491-9596 cell

Sunday, January 11,2015 12:30 pm

Red Apple Buffet

161 Loudon Rd, Concord NH

Dinner Buffet: With Chinese, Japanese, American & Italian Cuisine
Numerous items to choose from. All you can eat.
Includes tea,coffee and soda

Desert Bar

\$ 17.25 per person - includes tax & gratuity

Deadline: January 3rd, 2015

Checks Payable to: Clayton Buck and mail to:

Clayton Buck

327 Mammoth Rd.

Londonderry, NH 03053

603-432-5105 home, 603-548-7653 cell

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of Dinners @ 17.25 _____

Amount enclosed: _____



For those of you who will be in Florida in February, the Southeast Area Rally (SEA) has been moved from Brooksville to the Sarasota County Fairgrounds in Sarasota, Florida and will be held from February 11 to February 14, 2015. Steve and Debbie Ford were unable to find a site for a pre-rally, so the plan now for Granite Staters to meet in the holding area on Tuesday February 10, 2015 no later than 1100 am. This will require an addition \$30 fee for an extra night of dry camping on the rally grounds. If we waited to arrive until Wednesday, the parking people could not guarantee we would be able to be parked together.

Once everyone has arrived on Tuesday, the parking people will park us as a group in the dry camping area. Anyone arriving after this time cannot be guaranteed to be parked with the rest of the group.

Driving Directions Advisory from FMCA for SEA Rally Attendees

Traveling South on I-75: Take exit 213. Turn right onto University Pkwy. Go west to N. Tuttle Ave. Turn left (South) onto N. Tuttle Ave. and go to Fruitville Rd. Turn left (East) to Bink Ave. Turn right into the entrance to the fairgrounds.

Traveling North on I-75: Take exit 207. Turn left onto Bee Ridge Road (State Road 758). Go west to S. Tuttle Ave. Turn right (North) onto S. Tuttle Ave. and go to Fruitville Rd. Turn right (East) onto Bink Ave. Turn right into the entrance to the fairgrounds.

Do not use the Fruitville Road Exit (210) off Interstate 75. This will create major traffic problems and will delay your entry to the fairgrounds.

Granite Staters Gator Rally

Travelers Rest Resort

29129 Johnston Road, Dade City, FL 33523

April 06 to 11, 2015 Arr:4/06 Dep:4/11

Call Marilyn Long 352-585-5203 To Make Your Own Reservation

Be sure to tell them you are with the Granite Staters

The rate is \$22.00 per night including tax.

Rally Hosts:

John & Louiselle Violette 603-890-9035

Artie & Joan O'Neill

JohninBow@gmail.com



Names _____ F# _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Free Golf; Swimming Pool; Hot Tub; Badminton; Shuffleboard; Pool Table; Wii games; Bocce; Exercise Equipment; Tennis Courts; Fishing-No License, catch & release etc.

We're planning a meal on Tuesday evening plus a few breakfasts so please send a check for \$15 to defray expenses payable to John Violette along with this form and send it to:

John Violette 20005 Hwy 27 Box 82 Clermont, FL 34715



2015 Rally and Events Schedule

- January 11** Winter dinner 12:30 at the Red Apple Buffet in Concord NH
Hosts: Bill Elkins and Bucky Buck
- February 10 - 14** Southeast Area Rally
Sarasota County Fairgrounds, Sarasota FL
- March 26 - 29** FMCA's 91st Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase
Pamono CA
- April 6 - 11** "Granite Gators" at Travelers Rest RV Resort, Dade City FL
Hosts John & Louiselle Violette 603-512-4292
Art & Joan O'Neill
- June TBD** Newfound Lake Rally or Lupine Festival (dry camping)
Newfound RV Park Sugar Hill NH
Bridgewater, N. H. 03222
- July 8 - 12** Northeast Area Rally
Champlain Valley Expo
Essex Jct, VT
- July 29 - August 1** FMCA 92nd Family Reunion & Motorhome Showcase
Midison WI
- July 30 - August 2** PemiValley Blue Grass Festival (suggested) (dry camping)
Thornton NH
- September 10 - 15** 20th Anniversary Birthday Bash
Sandwich, NH, Fairgrounds
Hosts - the Chapter Officers
- September 26 - October 1** Fryeburg Fair
Hosts: McCrackens and Violettes

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Note: Some of the rallies listed are tentative. Schedule is subject to change.

11-7-2014

New Mailing Address and Phone Number for:

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