



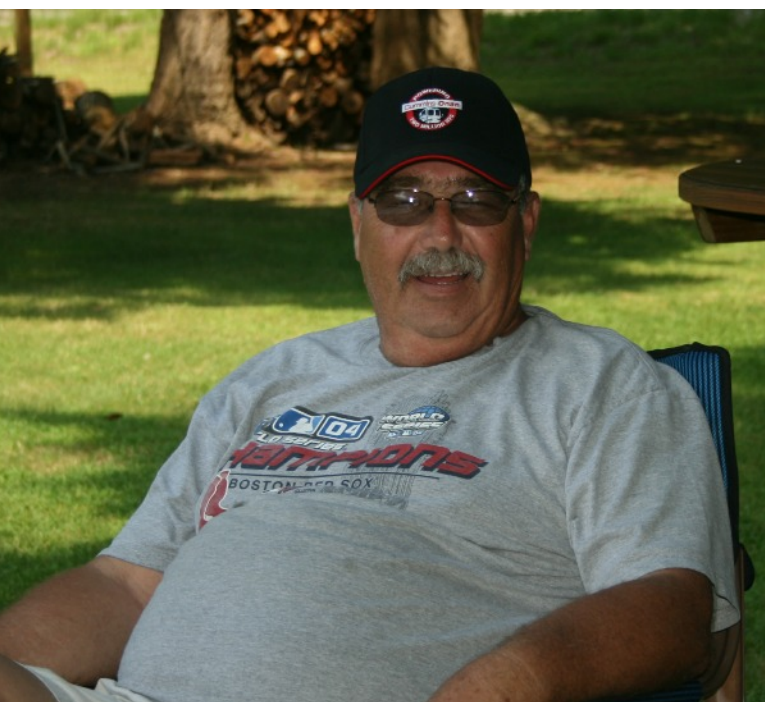
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Presidents Message

Hello everyone,

I would like to start off my message by thanking Leo Ouellette (Worc) for stepping up and offering to provide our Chapter with the latest newsletter. I have been asked by many members about the latest news and schedule and up to now it has only been available via the website. Please be sure to continue checking the site for updated information and keep in mind that Leo could use some help with the newsletter.

Our season kicked off as usual Memorial Day weekend in Greenfield, Mass but the weather did not co-operate. Entertainment was held indoors throughout

the weekend period as was most of the weekend activities. Our volunteer blood drive was held on Saturday morning and resulted in the collection of 25 units of blood for this worthwhile cause, thank you. Our annual business meeting was held in Greenfield on Sunday afternoon with the main topic being the upcoming election of our National President. Dave Buker was asked to cast our Chapter vote for the A & W team. Please find Anne's minutes of the meeting further in this newsletter. Monday morning the sun finally came out for the presenting of the colors and closing ceremonies.

In June it was off to the Good Sam National rally in Syracuse, NY. Met up with Charlie, Anne and Bob and Nancy Heck

and headed West towards mid-State NY. Then the rains came! Fortunately we had scheduled for an early entry date and on arrival we were parked almost immediately on the racetrack oval. Later arrivals were not so lucky as the rains soaked the grassy areas and off-site parking became the norm. The Good Sam team found it necessary to provide an on-site towing service throughout the rally period for those stuck in the mud. When things got rolling it was quite a show and there was much to do. A huge indoor facility provided cover for well over 100 vendors and display coaches were everywhere around the perimeters. Entertainment, well just mention the name Reba and you get the

Pres. Notes (Continued on [page 3](#))

Vice Presidents Notes

My Dear Minutemen:

We have been having a blast at the last two rallies. Syracuse Good Sam Rally besides being wet had the best entertainment on the East Coast this year. There were lots of vendors and all styles of coaches to view and purchase. We were parked on a horse track that was dry and one morning Lou saw ducks just off to the left of his coach in a puddle enjoying NY weather.

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Our Rallies

Dunroamin Country Club

Tentative dates Sept, 27, 29

Giardina and Rosa Rally

October 4th, 5th, 6th See flyer page 11

Oct, Tunbridge, VT

October 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th

If any member has an idea for a place for a rally or would like to host a

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Message. It certainly was a great rally and a good time was had by all despite the weather. Several of our Chapter members made the trip out to Syracuse for this rally and rumor has it that one couple even bought a new coach! I will keep you guessing on that one.

Lucille and I made our annual trek out to the Cape for the fourth of July weekend period for a two week stay. Again the rains came for a couple of days but once that cleared up we checked out the flea markets and the Cape in general, had a great time.

Our NEA Cape Codders sister Chapter held their annual rally at Scusset beach this same weekend period and entertained a very special guest. Our newly elected National President Charlie Adcock was in attendance. I was able to spend

some time with Charlie and much was discussed concerning the NEA during the hour and a half meeting. He assured me that he will do everything in his power to get the NEA back on its feet and running again. He knows that we are here and he is committed to help us out. Thanks Charlie.

Just returned from the URI balloon festival after another great weekend. Nine Mass Minutemen coaches and other family members were in attendance. The balloons had to be tied down for all of the weekend period due to the winds but the vendors and food displays/competition were in full swing. A twenty minute fireworks display highlighted the weekend on Saturday evening. Thanks to Karen (Mahoney) and Russell Bertrand for their help in hosting this annual event.

Looking ahead it is hard to believe but the August is just over the horizon.

Lucille and I will be off to the great State of Maine for a couple of weeks and hope to meet up with good friends at the multi-Chapter FMCA rally in Wells. Of course lobster and steamers will be on the menu.

Please continue to check out our website for updated information and rally registration forms. Lucille and I are working on having another rally at the Dunroamin country club in Hardwick that will include a catered meal and a day of golf, tentative date of September 27th, 28th, 29th,. Columbus Day weekend we are planning to visit our good neighbors in the North, the Green Mountain Chapter, for the Tunbridge rally.

See you soon!

Lou

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URI Balloon Festival was one of the hottest I have attended. nine Minutemen Coaches attended this rally. This was a surprise! We had fun but the generators were running to fight off the 97 degree heat. It was nice to see so many of you. We must do this again.

Anyone with an event or place that we could go to for the end of August-

September Please let us know. We will all help with the event.

Thank You Leo and Barbara (MA) for taking the time for the Web site (where all the news and events are.) It would be a big help if someone comes forward to do a news letter. The News letter does not have to be fancy. We do have a few members that do not have E-mail and want them to come out with us. Leo will temporarily put

something together for them. Thanks again Leo.

Let's have some fun!

Charlie Archambault

New member(s) list unavailable as we went to print.



If everyone signed up
one new member we
will double in size.

Club Shirts & Hats...

All shirts & Caps in MM Club Color Maroon, except as noted.

1. Ladies V-neck 'Egyptian Pima' Solid Polo - \$20.00
2. Men's 65/35 'EZ Blend Pique' Polo - \$18.00
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If you would like direct shipment to your home, please include an additional \$4.00 per item for postage.

Volunteer Needed

Mass Minutemen is in need of someone to step up to be news letter Editor;

In you are interested please contact Lou, or Charlie.

Reminder

Dues are due July 1st. Please check your expiration date.

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National Director's Report

June 2013

Greetings from warm and very windy Gillette Wyoming. We arrived at the fair grounds and after a short wait we were parked next to the abandoned horse stalls. The governing board met with the candidates asking many questions to determine who was best for the job.

Bright and early on Wednesday the governing board started arriving at the meeting hall. We enjoyed coffee and donuts and talking with old friends and some new ones. At 9:02 AM president Charlie Schrenkel called the governing board meeting to order. 327 out of 449 chapters or 73% of the national directors or acting national directors were in attendance.

The finance report was given. All investment funds have been withdrawn from Bank of America and taken by Windsor Group. Windsor did a much better job than Bank of America investing our funds. Two years ago the investments were split between the 2 companies. In 2013 new memberships are up commercial memberships are up and family renewals are down. In 2005 we had 130,000 family members, we are down to 78,000 members in 2013. Magazine advertising is starting to pick up. The rally

in Gillette was budgeted for 2150 coaches and as of the meeting there were more than 2200 on the property. The camp ground in Cincinnati is up. As far as expenses go everything is under budget and we are \$356,937 under budget for 2013.

Several committee reports were read and put on file. Then it was time to look at the proposed bylaw amendments. Proposal

1 had to do with dues and assessments. In 2012 the governing board voted to have the matter of dues on the agenda at every board meeting. This proposal removed the word dues from article IV section 1. The proposal passed.

2 dealt with article VIII section 1, article IX section 8, and article XII section 2. These all deal with replacing the national president if the president cannot complete their term. Now the senior VP

will automatically become president, not acting pres.

Proposal 3 had to do with the way the terms of an office can be held. It was voted down.

Policy and procedure amendments were next.

P&P 2028 deals with campaign and election activities for national offices at national

conventions. Such as where and how campaign materials can be distributed, it passed.

Proposal #2 concerns P&P 3017, Chapter officers. It was approved and now reads that a chapter member may hold either a single office in 2 chapters or 2 offices in 1 chapter. A member may hold the office of national director or alt. national director in only 1 chapter.

Proposal #3 deals with P&P 4002 commercial council responsibilities. It deals with meeting and attendance at these meetings, it also passed. Proposal #4 Failed because the corresponding bylaw change failed.

The last to be addressed was P&P 1016 that deals with awards that can be awarded by governing board and by the executive board. It passed.

More committee reports were read and filed. The next item was to approve actions taken by the executive board. Several items were pulled for further discussion and the remaining were accepted. We then broke for lunch. I think I'll bring my own next time. After lunch a great deal of heated debate pro and con on several pulled items took place. After all was said and done 2 items were sent back to the

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executive board for more work, everything else was accepted. Then it was time for the 2014 Budget to be approved. It was approved with no changes after a great deal of debate. FMCA has a balanced budget and should see a profit in 2014. I will have a copy of the budget with me when we return to the northeast if anyone is interested. Finally the time came to elect new national officers. The results with the number of votes received were as follows

There were 327 possible votes.

President

Charles Adcock 198

Allen Rein 129

Sen VP

Jon Walker 179

Andrew Balogh 104

Ralph Marino 32

Bobby Donald 10

Both the Secretary Vicky Ferrari and Treasurer Percy Bell ran unopposed and were elected by acclamation.

At 4:55 PM Pres Schrenkel adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Buker

National Director

From the Editor

To all members

This is your newsletter I just put it together until we get a volunteer to step up . To insure the successes of our newsletter we need all of our members to be news reporters, if you attend a rally make a few notes then email them to me about the rally. Is there something you would like to see in our newsletter let me know.

Thank You

Leo

leo@massminutemen.org



Massachusetts Minutemen

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

No person may be a member of the Mass Minutemen chapter

Unless they are members in good standing of FMCA.

FMCA # _____ (required) Expiration Date: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME: _____

SPOUSE NAME: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/we have paid my/our dues to FMCA (or have applied for membership). I enclose **dues of \$10.00**

and understand that this is for membership in the Massachusetts Minutemen Chapter, including

newsletters, **through June 30, OR:** 3 years in advance = \$25.00 (Saving of \$5.00)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Dues are due July 1st.

Please make your checks payable to: **MASSACHUSETTS MINUTEMEN RV CLUB, Inc**

And Mail to:

Patty Guthman

35 Riverview DR

Mass Minutemen Badges Order Form

Name on Badge

First Name _____ Last Name _____
(Nickname OK) (Please print clearly)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

FMCA# _____ Town & State _____

Mail address for Badges: _____

Badges (as above, with pin) \$7.00 each # @ \$7.00 _____

Optional Bob Ties \$3.00 # @ \$3.00 _____

Circle color of Bob Tie: RED-BLUE-GREEN-BLACK

S&H (2 badges) add \$3.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Mail order with check to Jack Fahnstock, 55 Loring St. Auburn, Ma. 01501

Email: bluebus55@aol.com

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2013 Massachusetts Minutemen RV Club Minutes

Date: May 26, 2013
Place: Greenfield, MA
Time: 4:10 PM

President Lou Snow calls meeting to order

Introduction of Officers

Secretary's report read and accepted.

Treasurer's report not available:

Sandy Schermerhorn reports \$1089.50 of clothing was ordered, she states she talked to Lou about the order. A treasurer's report will be available when Patty is able to send one, Frank has been ill.

National Director's report, Dave Buker will be going to Gillette to represent our chapter at the Board of Governors meeting. He will be voting on a

new President and Vice President of FMCA, along with Secretary and Treasurer. Dave was given some suggestions and told to vote after listening to the candidates and their vision for the future of FMCA, and the Northeast Area.

Lou reported the club helped to collect 25 units of blood for the pioneer valley red cross. Thank you to all for your help.

Lou introduced Leo Ouellette (MA) as the Web master for our web site. Leo did put the newsletter on the web site as we no longer have a newsletter editor. If any one would like to be the newsletter editor please let Lou know, so for now keep checking the web site for information.

2013 rally schedule is as follows:

1. Syracuse, NY is the next event
2. Quonset was canceled because of the sequester.
3. Balloon Festival in RI
4. October, Tunbridge
5. Someone is looking into Dunromin Gulf club

All suggestions are welcome for rallies, please let an officer know if you are interested in hosting a rally, you will not do it alone.

Dave made a motion to adjourn meeting, _____ second.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Archambault, secretary

Giardina - Rosa Rally

October 4th - 6th

Friday night: Pot luck Dinner:

Hosts to provide dessert and coffee.

Saturday: Breakfast sandwiches, juice and coffee.

Saturday Dinner Grilled chicken barbecued by hosts.

Rolls and Dessert with coffee.

Plates and utensils will be up to the campers.

Sunday Breakfast : Coffee and something.

This is a rally for all 4 chapters so lets get together and enjoy the

Camping together!

Rally is at Riverdale Farm in Clinton CT

111 River Rd Clinton Ct. 06413

860-669-5388

SEND \$30.00 TO TOM ROSA, 192 HAWTHORNE DR.

BERLIN CT. 06037. CUT OFF DATE 9/7/2013. Camp ground only takes cash or checks.

Call camp ground direct for sites, without good sam it is \$42.00 a night and \$36.00 a night with.

**Tell them your with the RALLY BY
GIARDINA AND ROSA**



Fall Foliage in the Vermont Hills

October 11, 12, 13, 14, 2013

Tunbridge Fairground, Tunbridge Vermont

Hosts: Harley and Muriel Soulia

Bill and Luella Soulia

802-483-6405

802-483-6949

Friday, October 11th

4PM Happy Hour: BYOB and a snack to share

6PM Pot Luck Dinner. Dessert Provided

7PM Games, social activities of choice

Saturday, October 12th

8-9:30AM Breakfast; Eggs, bacon, English muffins etc.

10-12PM TBA

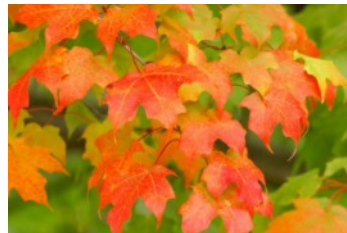
12 Noon Lunch on your own

1-3PM Craft fair, flea market, book swap

4PM Happy Hour: BYOB and a snack to share

6PM Ham dinner with all the fixings. A-L to bring dessert

7:30PM Entertainment



Sunday, October 13th

8-9:30AM Breakfast; Pancakes and sausage with Vermont Maple Syrup

10AM Chapter Annual Meeting

12 Noon Lunch on your own

1-3PM TBA

4PM Happy Hour: BYOB and a snack to share

6PM Dinner; Spaghetti and Meatballs M-Z to bring dessert

7:30PM Entertainment



Monday, October 14th

7-8:30AM Donuts, coffee

Wrap up and good byes until spring.

Safe Travels

Directions: I89 North or South Exit 2. Go approx. 1/8 mile on Rte 132 to Rte 14. Go North on Rte 14 for approx. 5 miles to Jct 110 (right turn).

Go 6 miles to fairgrounds on left. Enter via gate 6 (across from the Post office).

Directions: From North via Rte 302 in East Barre to Rte 110 South to gate 6.

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Extra Person \$23.00 _____

Extra Meals \$7.00 _____

Early Parking \$23.00 _____

TOTAL _____

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