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NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

(By Lou Snow)

Thirty on the 30th

Another great RV camping season is in full stride but, it's end of August, time to start planning for the season's finale, our Chapter's 30th Anniversary celebration. Please be sure to mark your calendars for September 30th and join us at the Dunroamin Country Club in Gilbertville, MA for dinner and a business meeting, which will include election of Chapter Officers. Please note the date change from the initial posting to accommodate those that have come forward, looking to head South in an earlier time frame. We will also continue with our participation in the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program on this date. Please bring in a new, unwrapped toy for a child in need. This will be our Chapter's seventh year of active involvement in this very worthwhile program. The reservation form for our 30th Anniversary party is included in this newsletter.

Good Sam rally in Greenfield, Air Show at Quonset Point, Balloon Festival at URI, and just returned home from Gus and Donna's rally at Country Aire, it's been a great rally season so far. In Greenfield, it was the usual four days of festivities accompanied by some outstanding entertainment. Dan and Mary Clark held a captive audience spellbound as they performed for a good sized gathering on Saturday evening. Many new songs have been added to their performance but the old favorites are still included. A special favorite in Dan's repertoire this Memorial Day weekend was his salute, in song, to the various service branches of our Military. At the rally campsite, under the big tent, our group gathered over the weekend period to enjoy Happy Hour and a Club sponsored hot dog roast. Thanks Charlie, for the use of your grill! Also, and most importantly, as part of our organized efforts, we assisted the Red Cross with their blood donor program on Saturday. Great time, great place, great cause. Thanks to everyone that helped out during this weekend period.

It was off to Quonset Point RI for the air show in mid-June. Work started immediately to get display coaches and vendors settled in within the huge museum hanger. Additionally, after some logistics issues were settled, over 70 coaches were tucked in on the museum grounds, thanks to a great and hard working parking crew. When the dust settled, it was time to have some fun. On Friday afternoon it was a hot dog roast, followed by some wonderful evening entertainment by comedy ventriloquist Sylvia Fletcher, that kept everyone rolling in the aisles with some great comedy routines. Saturday included an outstanding air show event that kept everyone looking to the skies and featured the Air Force Thunderbirds. Around 4:00 PM several grills were fired up and readied for our much anticipated steak fry. With the help of several volunteers, 200 steaks were cooked to order as the lines flowed smoothly along to the salad bar for all of the fixins. Evening entertainment by the Reminisants followed and included an absolutely outstanding performance by a Roy Orbison impersonator. It was a evening that had many up and dancing to the sounds. Lots of people to thank for the weekend, especially Bill and Jean Gavigan.

University of Rhode Island provided a beautiful backdrop for the South County 33rd Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival sponsored by the Wakefield Rotary. Our usual spot was reserved and we had a wonderful view of the weekend events including all of the balloon activities. A great antique car show, vendors and a weekend barbeque ribs cook-off added to this event. In addition, we had our usual Happy Hour get together and a Club sponsored pizza party under our big tent. If you missed the festival this year, it will be on our agenda again next season.

Lucille and I just returned from Shelburne Falls on the Mohawk Trail after another great weekend. Gus and Donna Seehorst were the rally masters for a weekend at Country Aire Campground. It was an easy commute along Route 2 to the campground, located near the Deerfield river. Gus and Donna made a great choice in venues, as it is an absolutely gorgeous area for sightseeing and other activities. Though it rained throughout the weekend, we had the use of a good sized pavilion for all of our get togethers. Saturday morning Gus fed the gang a hearty breakfast before sending us off for

the day's activities. Sandy and Neil Schermerhorn took Lucille and I under their wing and together we explored the countryside, winding up in North Adams. The skies opened up while we were eating dinner at a local McDonalds so we held up there until the rain subsided, about a half hour later. Our trip back took us down the mountain side and back to our campsite. Thanks again Neil and Sandy. Sunday morning's breakfast of French toast and sausage got everyone up and running for the trip home. Oh! Did I mention that after breakfast and towards noontime as everyone was preparing their exit, the sun made an appearance? Thanks Gus and Donna for a great weekend! Special thanks to my wife Lucille for all of the dessert goodies.

Please be sure to check out our Mass Minutemen website and newsletter for updated information on the season's remaining events. Tunbridge VT is on the horizon for those looking to visit the Green Mountain Chapter (Leo Ouelette will post info and registration form on our website - not available at time of this newsletter), and Briarlee in Conn is a scheduled event with the Cruisers. Of course, do not forget to sign up for our 30th Anniversary celebration, business meeting and the election of your Chapter Officers in late September. Contact your Nominating Committee members if YOU are interested in serving as a Chapter Officer.

See you soon!

Lou

Vice President's Message August, 2012

Thank you to those who joined us at this summer's rallies. We know who you are. Yes, the ones with the smiles on their faces and the great memories.

At Quonset this year, the rally and entertainment was better than the air show. A lot of effort went into this rally to freshen up the feeling that it is a must attend event. Thank you, Bill and Jean Gavigan, Mark and Janice Girouard, John and Kathy Wrona. And, we couldn't have all fit in our spaces without Dick Thayer's parking guidance.

The Balloon Festival at the University of Rhode Island was much better this year. Cooler temperatures and we parked on perfectly level turf within a short walking distance to the activities. Best Dry Camping Ever, no ants, weeds, tall grass or dirt.

A special thanks to Gus and Donna Seehorst for stepping up and having a great rally at Country Aire Campground with 50 amp electric and a heated pool that most of us used before it rained.

This is an Election Year for Officers for the Massachusetts Minuteman Club. It is time to get involved. Most of your officers have been in office at least twelve years! It is time for a change in management. When elected, your past officers will help you any way possible to perform your duties. Please step up to the plate and take a turn.

September 30th looks to be a great time to have an election and 30th Anniversary party. This is a new place for us to meet, and I hear the food is worth the trip in itself. We purposely chose this date, not to conflict with other clubs activities, so you can attend. Come for dinner or camping, dinner and golf.

Vice President
Charlie Archambault

Dunroamin Country Club

Rt 32, Lower Rd

Gilbertville, MA

**Massachusetts Minutemen Anniversary celebration,
"Thirty on the 30th".**

Come for the day or come for the weekend. (Sat/Sun, Sept 29th-30th)

Arrive Saturday after 2:00PM to be parked. 5:30 PM Chapter sponsored hot dog roast on site.

Sunday morning coffee and donuts. Make your own arrangements and get ready to tee off at your convenience. (\$25.00, 9 holes includes cart)

Sunday afternoon, 1:00 PM, Anniversary dinner at the clubhouse, choice of prime rib or chicken, includes all the fixins.

After dinner, business meeting and election of Chapter Officers, followed by the cutting of our Anniversary cake and dessert.

Dry camping next to the clubhouse, includes both Sat and Sun nights, leave Monday at your convenience.

We will also continue to participate in the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program on this date. Please bring in a new, unwrapped toy for a child in need. This will be our Chapter's seventh year of active involvement in this very worthwhile program.

Please reply by 9/16 with your meal choice and date of arrival, (coach or car).

Directions:

Mass Tpk to exit 8 Palmer, left onto Rt 32, continue into Hardwick/Gilbertville, approx 15 miles from tpk.

Rt 2 to exit 17, Petersham, onto Rt32 thru Barre into Hardwick/Gilbertville.

GPS address, 262 Lower Rd, Gilbertville, MA. Rt 32

Tel# 413-477-0004

Coach with two people, \$65.00. (Sat/Sun) Anniversary dinner, two people, Sunday only, \$50.00

Reservation form

Please make check payable and mail to:

Lou Snow, PO Box 71, Hardwick, MA 01037

413-477-6939

Names:_____.

Address:_____ . City/State_____ . Zip_____.

Phone#_____ . Cell#_____.

Meal choice : Prime Rib_____ Chicken_____.

Below, please find your ballot for election of officers to be held at the 30th Mass Minutemen Anniversary Rally on September 30th at the Dunroamin Country Club.

September 30th, 2012 Election of Officers

Please check your choice for

President:

Lou Snow

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Vice President:

Charlie Archambault

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Treasurer:

Patty Guthman

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Secretary:

Anne Archambault

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Dave Buker

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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 _____

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, 2012 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**
C/O Patty Guthman, 35 Riverview Dr., Norwalk Ct 06850