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NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

(By Lou Snow)

Hello All,

Primed, signed-up and ready to go for our opener at the Cape this season but due to a family medical issue, it was not to be! Sorry that Lucille and I missed the rally at Peter's Pond, but all of the feedback indicates that everyone had a wonderful time. THANKS, to Linda and Dennis Valenzano for their efforts in putting this rally together. Charlie's message will provide more of the particulars and report on this event.

It was off to the Franklin County Fairgrounds this Memorial Day weekend for our annual get together with the Good Sam Chapters. Sixteen Mass Minutemen coaches and Family members joined together to celebrate and remember those who served our Country and made the ultimate sacrifice. Our blood drive efforts took place on Saturday, was well received, and turned out to be very successful. Dennis Annear, Good Sam State director, provided us with a golf cart again this year and we were able to parade around the Fairground with our volunteer blood droplet to drum up business. As the result of this 9:00AM to 2:00PM effort, thirty (30) units of blood was collected, an outstanding and impressive donation count. Thanks to all that came forward to help and donate during this drive, your efforts are appreciated and noted. A very special THANKS to Bradley Yacino, a twelve year old special guest volunteer, for donning the blood droplet costume the entire five hour schedule.

Sunday afternoon was a time to kick back, relax and sit out under the Big tent with friends and family. Happy Hour started things off, Brian provided his famous grilled steak and chicken on a stick and other members brought over their goodies. This was followed by a Club sponsored "pizza party" as the reward for our blood drive volunteers. As a finale, on Monday morning, the usual Memorial Day parade was joined by many of the attending rally Veterans. Good friends, nightly entertainment and great weather combined to make the weekend a "Memorial Day" to remember. THANKS to Peter Cirelli and Neil Schermerhorn for helping with the coach parking.

As I write to you this Sunday morning it is stunning to realize how important our blood drive effort turned out to be in the aftermath of the recent tornado that struck central Massachusetts. BayState Medical in Springfield treated over 200 victims of this tornado and most certainly received Red Cross blood that had been donated thru our efforts. On behalf of those unknown recipients, THANK YOU. We have also followed up on our members that reside in those tornado effected areas and are happy to note, that to our knowledge, everyone is OK.

As I have mentioned many times before, please be sure to check on our rally schedules and also those of Constitution Cruisers along with Mt Laurels, (included in this newsletter). Updated versions will appear online. In Greenfield, an executive decision was made to authorize the purchase of a website that Leo Ouellette (Mass) has been working on over the winter months. The website will facilitate passing on this updated information.

Looking forward to our Quonset Point Air Show four Chapter rally that's coming up shortly, also scheduled, the Rhode Island Balloon Festival and the Pig Roast at Pepe's shoreline camp in Conn. Please check further in this newsletter for additional scheduling and updated information. Hope to see you at, at least, one of these events.

Lou

Dear Members

We had a great time at the Valenzano's rally at Peter's Pond on May 13-15. For their first time, rally hosts Dennis and Linda acted as pro's putting on this rally. We had nine (9) coaches arrive Friday, safely. We had over-stuffed grinders for the evening meal. There wasn't any rain during the daytime all weekend. The nights were cool - we had to use our heaters to keep the chill out. Full hookups were appreciated this time of year. The sun was out and many took in what the Cape has to offer on Saturday.

Saturday evening we enjoyed a pot luck supper (great selection and better than restaurant flavors). It was Great, no dieting this weekend. Peter's Pond allowed us exclusive use of their club house, with kitchen. Thank you all that attended the rally for your generous help with every task. It was very much appreciated.

It was wonderful to be with you this spring and thank you Dennis and Linda for a great, fun time.

Anne and I have locked down a date of September 23, 24, 25th for a rally at the Herman Melville Home in the Berkshires. This will be dry camping (no campgrounds around here to take us). At this time we are seeking things to do on Saturday. Saturday evening we will be getting an exclusive candle light tour of the Melville Home. More to follow.

Charlie Archambault,
Vice President

Message to members from Sue Sank:

Many of you have contacted me with updates on the mailing list, of your street addresses and e-mail addresses as well. I am attaching it to this newsletter – the latest version with many updates.

Again, please read your name and addresses carefully and contact me with any changes. Please e-mail to bahama.mama55@comcast.net – not my husband's address of Captrich34@comcast.net. Thank you and see you all soon, Sue

Constitution Cruisers Independence Weekend Celebration
June 30th thru July 4th at Hurley Manufacturing Company in New Harford, CT
Friday Evening Hartford Symphony Patriotic Concert and Fireworks

Thursday Evening -- Dinner on your own
Friday and Monday Morning -- Coffee and something
Friday evening -- Make your own picnic supper for the concert
Bring your own snacks, beverages, dessert and chairs
Saturday Evening -- Attitude Adjustment 5:00 Bring light Snacks
Dinner provided at 6:30 with dessert at campfire
Saturday & Sunday Morning -- Full Cruisers Breakfasts 8:30-9:30
Canoeing and kayaking (\$\$) on the Farmington River for the brave at heart
Sunday Evening -- a good meal & dessert will be provided

Travel directions will be sent with confirmation letter

Thursday Check-in after 3:00PM – Any time on Friday - Must leave before 9:00AM on Tuesday

Coach and two people = \$110.00 plus \$55.00 per guest
The dry camping is free -- the money is for meals & a gift certificate for Mr. Hurley
Come with water tank full and holding tanks empty

Please make check payable and mail to:
Sharleen Thayer - PO Box 458 - Hampden, MA. 01036
Home 413-566-8042 -- Cell 413-427-5517 -- Email stpitbull@aol.com

You must order your own concert tickets at 860-244-2999 or HartfordSymphony.org

Constitution Cruisers at Hurley Field, June 30 - July 4

Names _____ **F #** _____

Address _____ **City/State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Email _____ Coach length _____

Coach and two people = \$115.00 plus \$55.00 per guest -- Total Amount Enclosed _____

Don't forget to order your Friday July 1st (rain date July 2nd) concert tickets.
Call 860-244-2999 or go online to HartfordSymphony.org.
Ticket sales begin Monday, May 9th. They sell out fast!

Balloon Festival Rainbows Back in the South County skies

On July 22, 23, and 24th, the Wakefield Rotary will host

The South County 32nd Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival

2011 RV Registration Form

To register, your RV must be self-contained.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

RV Club _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

TYPE OF RV: ☐ Motorhome ☐ Trailer ☐ 5th Wheel ☐ Truck/Camper

Make of RV: _____ Length of RV: _____ Regist # _____

Make of tow or towed vehicle: _____ Regist# _____ State _____

Fee for Weekend - \$60.00 per RV (2 ADULTS) \$20.00 each additional adult

Children ages 14 & older - \$20.00, Children under 14 – free

of Adults _____ (\$60.00 for 2 adults, \$20.00 each additional adult)

of Children _____ (14 & older - \$20.00, under 14 - Free)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY:

I, the undersigned, accept full responsibility for our unit and persons with our unit, while attending the SOUTH COUNTY BALLOON FESTIVAL, and hold blameless the sponsors of the event in any way for any claims for personal injury or damage to my unit or personal property.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Make check payable to: The Rotary Club of Wakefield

Send to: Russell Bertrand P.O. Box 382 Wakefield, R.I. 02880

balloonfest4rvs@cox.net

For more information visit www.southcountyballoonfest.com.



THE GREAT PIG OUT IV

August 19-21, 2011

Ross Hill Family Campground, Lisbon, CT
Hosts: Murielle Madore & Dave Ellis

Rally Fee: \$145 per coach – 2 people/includes water & electric, cable & wifi
\$25 additional guest / Check-In: 12 noon

Friday, August 19

Dinner... Please provide a hearty appetizer to share.

Saturday, August 20

Join your hosts at a family-owned secluded summer haven on the nearby scenic shores of the Shetucket River in Windham, CT (15 miles from campground)
Festivities to start 10 a.m.

Lunch: The Sandwich Scramble...bring your favorite sandwich cut up into quarters, individually wrapped.
Chips and macaroni salad will be provided.

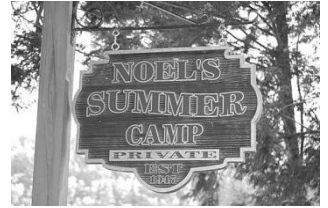
Dinner: Sir Loin Catering will prepare and roast our succulent pig. Corn on the cob, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls and dessert will complete the meal.

As usual a hog-wild time to be had by all, as you engage in the games of sport planned for your enjoyment. Squealing allowed!

Sunday, August 21

Breakfast to be provided by campground.

Directions will be sent once reservation is received.



Reservation Deadline – August 12, 2011
Questions – call Murielle (203) 878-6265 / quen25@yahoo.com

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Number attending _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Make checks payable and mail to: Murielle Madore, 11 White Oaks Terrace, Milford, CT 06460

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

Club Shirts & Hats...

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

Ladies V-neck 'Egyptian Pima' Solid Polo - \$20.00

Men's 65/35 'EZ Blend Pique' Polo - \$18.00
(There is an extra \$2.00 charge alter XL for each additional 'X')

Women's 65/35 'EZ Blend Pique' Polo - \$18.00

'Classic cut Chino' Cotton Twill caps - \$11.00.

'Hamilton Washed' White Ladies Twill Visors \$11.00

I also have a catalogue with numerous other items that can be ordered and I have a limited supply of the above in stock.

Mail your order to;
Neal or Sandy Schermerhorn 41 Bennett Rd Monson, Ma 01057

Make your check payable to
Mass Minutemen RV Club

If you would like direct shipment to your home, please include an additional \$4.00 per item for postage.

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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, 33 Riverview Dr., Norwalk Ct 06850



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