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**NEWSLETTER**

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## President's Message

(By Lou Snow)

Ready, set, well almost!!!!!! Time to send in your registration information for the Greenfield Rally, Memorial Day weekend. I had mentioned it in my last message but it's worth repeating, the Good Sam organizers have gone all out this year in their efforts to make this rally one of the best in the Northeast. Please join us for this patriotic, eventful and entertaining weekend.

Top Gun, the rally at Quonset Point RI, will follow in mid-June. Bill Gavigan and crew have been working diligently in organizing this upscale event. Following our February meeting in CT at the home of John Wrona, things really started to shape up. As a result of our expanded parking area, invitations have been sent to all of the Northeast area Chapters that may like to join us. Also, you may have noticed our Top Gun invitation published in the April issue of the FMCA magazine. Put it all together, good friends, air show, entertainment, secure parking, steak fry, ice cream social and you have "the rally" at Quonset Point, RI. Volunteers will be needed in various areas and as the weekend progresses, please let me know if you would like to assist. Volunteer assistance will be needed in critical areas such as parking and security. Please keep in mind that we will also be sponsoring a blood drive during this weekend period.

Following the very busy month of June, is the South County Hot Air Balloon Festival, July 20th-22nd at URI. We have been again, invited to participate and I have arranged for us to be parked together in the same area as last year. Additionally added to their schedule of events this year, will be the Kansas City Barbeque Society Competition. See registration form attached.

Be sure to plan on attending the rally at Country Aire Campground August 10th-12<sup>th</sup> - hosted by Gus and Donna Seehorst. We all know that Gus will cook up something special and spaces will be limited! Get signed up ASAP. Also in the planning stages, will be our Mass Minutemen 30th Anniversary Celebration rally hosted by your Chapter Officers. We will keep you informed as arrangements are made. As a finale to our season, we will join our Green Mountain friends in Tunbridge, VT for their Columbus day weekend celebration. Not enough!!! Check with our Sister Chapters for their rally schedules and updated events.

I have received the resignation of John Demers as our National Director. John and Gloria have been FMCA and Mass Minutemen members for many years. John has also held office within our Chapter on several occasions and up until recently, Gloria was our cheerperson. John and Gloria are planning to spend more time down South. " THANKS" to both John and Gloria on behalf of our Mass Minutemen Chapter for all of their help and support over the years. Please remember that this is an election year for all of our Chapter Officers. Elections will take place at our business meeting on a date to be announced. If you would like to run for office, please contact a member of our Nominating Committee.

Enclosed in your newsletter is our Certificate of Appreciation for our participation in the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program that took place last October. It proved to be another successful drive to ensure that no Tot was forgotten. This was our sixth year of involvement. Thanks to you, there were many smiling faces on Christmas morning due to your generosity!

Please check out your entire newsletter, reservation forms are included for all of our scheduled events. Let's make a good showing in Greenfield, See you there!

Lou



## *Massachusetts Minuteman RV Club*

*In Recognition of your thoughtful participation in the  
South Central Massachusetts Marine Corps Reserve/Maine Corps League  
2011 TOYS for TOTS Campaign*

12-29-11  
Date

*George Berry*  
George Berry Toys for Tots Chairman  
Detachment # 1094

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### Time to Prepare Your RV for Camping

Don't forget to clean the rust and spiders out of the back side of your refrigerator. This will help keep your food colder with less propane use.

The camping season is here and we have three rallies planned. These are, Greenfield on Memorial Day, the Top Gun Rally for the air show at Quonset RI Air Museum and Charlimont Mass at Country Aire Campground. Thank You Gus and Donna for volunteering.

We still need people to volunteer for at least one more rally this year, more would be better. It's not hard to have a rally, just find a place and time.

I haven't been to a Mass. Minuteman Rally where such a nice group of people haven't helped do any task that needed to be done cheerfully. Your treasury has money to pay all up-front costs for rallies. All that is missing is YOU!

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. It isn't hard to be a club officer. 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.

You're Vice President,  
Still in Florida

Charlie Archambault

**\*\*\* Members please note: When registering for the Good Sam's Lobster Samboree, (registration form below), please ensure that you fill in our Chapter Name - Mass Minutemen - on your form. This will ensure that we are placed together in the campground.\*\*\***

**Also please check our website, as updated info on future rallies should be posted in between newsletters.**

**May 25, 26, 27, 28, 2012**  
**Massachusetts 41<sup>st</sup> Lobster Samboree**

*Emergency only telephone number (978)-821-9914*

**Greenfield, Mass. Franklin County Fair Grounds, 01301**

**Exit 26 from Rt. 91 then follow Rt. 2A East**

**Right at second traffic light GPS N42.34.82 W72.36.66**

**First right then first left. Come to main gate. (89 Wisdom Way)**

**Send registration to:**

**Frances Brown 781 - 447 - 4588**

**109 Hancock Street**

**Whitman, MA. 02382-1117**

Join us in the fun and fellowship of Bingo, Arts and Crafts, Flea Market, Entertainment, Children's Games, Hospitality, Horseshoe tournament, Fry Pan Toss, Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Friday evening Chowder and Crackers, Worship Services, Door Prizes, Food Concessions, Commercial Booths, Chinese Auction, Cribbage Tournament, Raffles, and Ladies Fancy Hat tea to name a few

**CHINESE AUCTION:** Donations to our Chinese Auction will be greatly appreciated, items must be usable, junk will not be accepted, and items should be brought to the Dole Building Saturday May 26th, at 10 AM.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS:** A \$5.00 donation will be charged for an 8 foot space, you must supply your own table. Sign up for arts and crafts across from the Leyden Church Building on Friday May 28.

**EARLY BIRD PARKING:** Parking will begin on Tuesday May 22, 2012 and will cost \$20.00 Per Day.

**HANDICAP PARKING:** We will try to meet your needs at the gate. State of registration issued plate or tag required.

**DINNERS:** Chicken or Lobster Dinners will be served Saturday (4:30 TO 6:00 pm)

**PARKING:** ALL general parking will be done by our parking committee. It is **BOBO STYLE** & to park with someone you must arrive with them! We recommend per-registering so you do not get separated!

**TAB COLLECTION:** If you have collected tabs we pick up Saturday after supper.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Contributions welcome for our food drive non perishable food items will be collected.

**Continued for 2012 Early bird Dinner: Wednesday POT LUCK 5/23/2012**

**Golf outing: Sunday sign up by Saturday noon**

**"T" time Sunday to be announced**

**CUT OFF DATE FOR PRE-REGISTERING IS MAY 15, 2012.**

ALL REGISTRATIONS AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED A GATE REGISTRATION AND PRICED AT \$95.00.

**REFUNDS:** (less cost of meals) **MADE ON WRITTEN REQUEST BY 6-15-2012**

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**PETS:** Your pet is always welcome, proof of rabies vaccination required at check in.

The applicant upon submission of this form accepts full responsibility for the welfare of their unit and persons within their unit, while attending the Massachusetts State Samboree, and holds blameless the Massachusetts Good Sam Club and its officers, for any personal injury or damage incurred to their unit.

Your canceled check will confirm your reservation please allow time for the check to process.

**Please print on white paper black ink**

**all fees must accompany this application**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MASS GOOD SAM CLUB**

**PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE CHECK TO REGISTRATION**

<http://massgoodsam.com>

01/28/2012

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|--|-------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <b>NAME:</b>   |                         | <b>SPOUSE:</b>                                 |                        |
| <b>ADDRESS:</b>  |                         | <b>PHONE:</b>                                  |                        |
| <b>CITY:</b>   | <b>STATE:</b>           | <b>EMAIL:</b>                                  |                        |
| <b>MASS CHAPTER NAME:</b>  |                         | or per-registered groups (10 or more units)    |                        |
| <b>HANDICAP PARKING:</b>   |                         | <b>GENERATOR:</b> ( UP EXHAUST PIPE REQUIRED ) |                        |
| <b>Number of ADULTS:</b>   | <b>Number of TEENS:</b> | <b>Number of CHILDREN:</b>                     | <b>Number of PETS:</b> |
| <b>Weekend Fee (Covers three nights, water &amp; Limited Electric) ----- &gt;</b>                        |                         |  | <b>\$85.00</b>         |
| If you are traveling alone DEDUCT \$10.00 from the weekend fee ----->                                    |                         |  |                        |
| If you have a guest/s traveling with you Add @10.00 per guest/s ---- >                                   |                         |  |                        |
| <b>Early Bird Parking \$20.00 per night (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) ADD \$20.00 per night -- &gt;</b> |                         |  |                        |
| <b>LOBSTER DINNER \$16.00 PER MEAL</b>   | <b>NUMBER</b>           | <b>@ \$16.00 ----- &gt;</b>                    |                        |
| <b>CHICKEN DINNER \$11.00 PER MEAL</b>   | <b>NUMBER</b>           | <b>@ \$11.00 ----- &gt;</b>                    |                        |
| <b>CHILDRENS CHICKEN DINNER \$6.00</b>   | <b>NUMBER</b>           | <b>@ \$6.00 ----- &gt;</b>                     |                        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>   | <b>CHECK #</b>          | <b>TOTAL AMOUNT -- &gt;</b>                    |                        |



# TOP GUN

## Quonset Air Show Rally

NEW ENGLAND'S PREMIER MOTORHOME RALLY  
A Multi-Chapter FMCA Event

*Featuring Thrills & Fun for the Whole Family*

**June 14-17, 2012**

Quonset Point Naval Air Station / Museum

"On The Bay" at 488 Eccleston Ave.  
in North Kingstown, R.I. 02852



### 4 Days of Camping & Entertainment

Tradeshow Booths & Seminars

Motorhome Display Coaches

2 Day AIR SHOW Spectacular

Featuring USAF THUNDERBIRDS

Evening Entertainment by

Comedy Ventriloquist Sylvia Fletcher

& New England's Best Oldies Band

**THE DOMINANTS**

Including Morning Coffee Hours

Hot Dog Happy Hour - Steak Fry Dinner

Ice Cream Social & MORE

**For More Information and more Registration Forms go to [www.massminutemen.org](http://www.massminutemen.org)**

**Arrivals after 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 14th.**

**A LISTING OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEKEND WILL BE HANDED OUT AT ARRIVAL**

**Please Fill Out Form & Return to:** John Wrona, 162 Nutmeg Drive, Somers, CT 06071

***Please make Checks Payable to:*** Mt. Laurel Travelers

For more Information Call: 508-294-6895 or Email: [billygee123@verizon.net](mailto:billygee123@verizon.net)

**NO HOOKUPS AVAILABLE - Generator Stacks (Uppie Pipes) REQUIRED**

Handicap Parking is Available but Limited, at check in you must present an official Handicap Permit to the parking committee.

**Contact the phone number provided if you need special assistance to participate in this event.**

# TOP GUN

## Registration Form: QUONSET AIR SHOW RALLY WEEKEND

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ F# \_\_\_\_\_ Home Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

RV Make / Model \_\_\_\_\_ Toad Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for 2 Adults with Coach & 1 tow vehicle (DRY CAMPING) ..... \$ 125.00

Fee includes 2 kids under 12 for Free / Extra kids @ \$20.00 each \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20. \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Adults @ \$40.00 each ..... X \$40. \_\_\_\_\_

All FMCA Members & Guests Welcome

**TOTAL DUE \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**The South County 33rd Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 Wakefield URI**

**2012 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](http://www.southcountyballoonfest.com).

**MASS MINUTEMEN at Country Aire Campground**

August 10-12, 2012  
1753 Mohawk Trail (Route 2)  
Shelburne Falls, MA  
413-625-2996

(Thursday arrival – Monday departure) - on your own thru Campground

Friday check in time – 1:00 pm  
Friday evening – 5:00 pm – bring a hearty appetizer to share  
Saturday and Sunday breakfast – 8:30 – 9:30 am – full breakfast  
Saturday lunch – on your own  
Saturday supper – 5:00 pm -Spaghetti, meat balls, sausage, salad, bread and dessert

**Directions to Campground:** Campground is off Route 2 – West (Mohawk Trail)  
From I-91 heading North, take Route 2 West. Campground is approximately 14 miles on right.  
Watch for sign and enter campground on right just before the Otter Restaurant.

**Stop at Office to Register, letting them know you are with the MM and pre-paid.**

**SPECIAL NOTE: A copy of your dog's rabies certificate will be required at check in.**

**Fees:** Two adults and coach: \$110.00.  
One adult and coach: \$90.00  
Guests: \$35.00 each  
Electric, water, cable only -- Dump Station Available  
We have use of the pavilion for Sat. and Sun. breakfasts and Sat dinner, as well as fire pit.

Please make check payable and mail to:  
Gus Seehorst, 16 Aloha Drive, Enfield, CT. 06082  
860-745-3697 Email [13el@cox.net](mailto:13el@cox.net)

Please call Donna's cell 860-944-1637 if you are lost.

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Please reserve before July 15th

Names \_\_\_\_\_ F # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Coach length \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Adults + Coach \$110.00, 1 Adult + Coach \$90.00, Guests \$35.00**

**Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

# Mass Minutemen RV Club Officers

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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