



Oct, 2010

(By Lou Snow)

The view from our hillside location next to the clubhouse was breathtaking and colorful.





Golf, sightseeing, wine tasting, shopping and flea markets were the order of the entire weekend period. I would be remiss in not mentioning our menu meals, breakfasts were made to order and included pancakes to eggs. Our seafood, steak and chicken dinners were first class thanks to Mike and his kitchen crew. I also would like to acknowledge and thank **Peter and Diane Cirelli** for a job "well done" as rally masters. Special thanks to my wife **Lucille** for her efforts in working with Diane.

Our annual business meeting, and election of Chapter Officers, was also included in this weekend period and took place on Sunday afternoon. I would like to thank all who attended and took part in this very important meeting. I would also like to thank **Charlie Archambault** and the nominating committee members for their efforts.

Our newly elected Treasurer is **Patty Guthman**; also Leo Ouellette (Mass) will be our Alt National Director. Thanks to you both for stepping up as volunteers to these important positions.

A deep, personal and sincere "Thanks" to **Pete Cirelli, past 1st Vice-President, Marilyn Canary, Past Treasurer and Al Canary, Past National and Alternate National Director. On behalf of our membership I would like to say "Thank you" for your years of volunteer service.** Further thanks to **Neil and Sandy Schermerhorn** as they have volunteered to head up our M/M clothing dept. Also thanks to **Gloria Demers** as our newly appointed "cheer person" replacing **Marilyn Canary**

I would like to echo Charlie's thoughts, from his message, regarding next year's events. It is important that YOU become involved. Help us out, let us know and give your Chapter Officers input on possible sites and events that may be in your area. As in ALL of our past rally events your Chapter Officers will be there to help.

See you in Barre! Lou

Vice President's Message

By Charlie Archambault

We are winding down this RV season in the North. Some of us will be lucky enough to escape to warmer climates for the winter.

We still have our Christmas Party coming up very soon. This will be the last time that we will be getting together this year so please come and have some fun with us.

Elections are over and I want to thank the new officers for stepping up to take positions and the departing officers for their years of service.

We will need volunteers for the nominating committee for the next two years. Please talk to me if you can help. Not a hard job, but very necessary.

We had a good turnout at Scottish Meadows. There was lots of great food, golfing, and local fall activities. A great time of year was had to be enjoyed with friends.

Thank You Diane and Peter Cirelli and Lucille and Lou Snow for all your work.

This is the biggest challenge for next year! We need Rally hosts and places to go as a group. It's time to step up to the plate and help. The officers will help with your rally plans. Seed Money is available so you do not have to use your own money for the rallies. Simple rallies are good, pot luck suppers are good, and anywhere that we can get together and have a good time is perfect. Next year's dates are open sign up now for a time of your choice.

Thanks, Charlie

National Directors Report

From: John Demers, National Director
Date: August 11, 2010 Redmond, Oregon

I am sending this report via email as we are still working our way back from our trip to Alaska. As most of you know, we left after the Greenfield Samboree in MA on May 26, 2010. Sixteen of us had our awnings torn off by an unexpected wind storm during the Samboree and just yesterday, was able to get it replaced here at the Redmond Rally!

The Governing Board Meeting was held August 11, 2010, in Redmond, Oregon. There were 291 National Directors present which represents 61% with 51% needed to have a quorum. There were 9 members from the northeast area chapters present.

It was a very short meeting – the following is some of the major highlights that I thought would be of interest to you:

- The cost of mail forwarding was reduced from \$10.00 to \$8.00 per month.
- The fiscal year for FMCA was changed to Oct. 1 to Sept. 30th in 2011. Presently it is Jan. to Dec. They noted that area Chapters would **not** have to follow suit.
- This year is the last year that you must file your 990 IRS form, if you haven't already done so. This is the end of the grace period that was allowed.
- Starting in 2011, National Officers and area VP's can run for two 2-yr. terms.
- Starting Jan. 1, 2011, FMCA Assist Program will be replacing MedEx. There is a cost saving of \$140,000+ annually. All the information on it will be in the monthly Family Motor Coaching Magazine and on the web in the very near future. This program will cover you worldwide!
- They are hoping to have a Director hired by the end of this year.
- The budget was passed with no discussion!

If you are interested and wish to see any of the committee reports that were passed or sent back to committees (78 pgs.) please contact me and I'll make arrangements for you to see them.

Stay safe and happy travels,
John

PS:

Our trip is going well – approx. 10,000 miles so far. Will be spending some time in California and Texas before heading east sometime in late Sept. We did have to have half of the windshield replaced, due to 3 dings/cracks while traveling through Northwest Canada. We waited until we were in Eugene, OR before replacing!

Secretary's Report Edited Version for Newsletter By Anne Archambault

Massachusetts Minutemen RV Club INC
Date: 10/10/10 Place: Scottish Meadows Country Club, Warren, MA.

Pledge of Allegiance; was followed by
Invocation, Al Canary
Moment of Silence

Lou Snow, President introduced officers

Anne Archambault, Secretary, presented Secretary's report. Tom Rosa made motion to accept, Dave Ellis seconded. Report was accepted.

Marilyn Canary, Treasurer, Presented Treasurer's report (See Attached) Tom Rosa made motion to accept; Diane Cirelli seconded. Report was accepted

Al Canary, Alternate National Director, presented the National Directors report from John Demers National Director. (See above). Diane Cirelli made motion to accept the report, Tom Rosa 2nd Report was accepted.

Motion made by Diane Cirelli to suspend minutes to have officer's election. Roger Merrill 2nd.

Charlie Archambault, Nominating Chair presented the following for officers 2010-2012

President: Lou Snow
Vice president: Charlie Archambault
Treasurer: Patty Guthman
Secretary: Anne Archambault
National Director: John Demers
Alternate National: Director: Leo Ouelette (MA)

Neil Schermerhorn made a motion for the

Secretary to cast one vote for the slate of officers, Tom Rosa 2nd.

Lou Snow welcomed the new officers.

Charlie emphasized that a Newsletter editor was needed for next year (2011) Al has agreed to publish the next 2 newsletters for this year (2010) but a new editor will be needed for next year. Please consider this volunteer opportunity

Anne Archambault proposed that Article VI Section 3 Business meetings be edited to bring into conformity with the recent change in National ByLaws.

Our present bylaw states: The Chapter must hold at least 2 business meetings each membership year at which a quorum is present. Said meetings must be at least 14 days apart and be duly announced in advance to the membership.

The Executive committee proposes to change that by law as follows:

B. BUSINESS MEETINGS: The chapter must hold at least 1 business meeting each membership year at which a quorum is present. Said meeting shall be duly announced in advance to the membership.

Diane Cirelli made motion to table the discussion until the next rally and have business meeting to hear more information from FMCA. Tom Rosa seconded...Motion passed to bring this proposal back to membership at the Christmas party.

Diane Cirelli talked about the Christmas Party in Barre, MA. (See invitation in this News)

New Business: Lou states there is a clean slate for rallies next year. If you have ideas of places to go check into it, let us know and we can help to get a rally together. Nobody does a rally alone.

Dave Ellis and Murielle Madore will be doing the Pig Roast (TBA)

Tom Rosa mentioned Lebanon Valley in NY for Memorial Day Weekend. (TBA)

Walter & Julie Brzoska will host a rally @ Charlie Brown 1st Weekend in June (TBA)

Sandy Schermerhorn asked the rules on "uppie pipes" at rallies, Lou referred to the Standing Rules of MM.

Rich Sank asked that all rallies have printed directions. Depending on GPS may not be accurate. Rich had a problem getting lost and had a small encounter with a stump causing some damage to his coach. Dave Ellis questioned if FMCA would be responsible for the cost of repair.

Tom Rosa had a shelter damaged at a rally and it was replaced, but it was on the grounds of the rally, FMCA may not be responsible coming and going to rallies.

Charlie Archambault encouraged people to host rallies.

Diane Cirelli asked if people would like to come back to Scottish Meadows next year for Christmas party the last weekend in October as there is a great program at Sturbridge village for Halloween. (No decision was made.)

Leo Ouelette (CT) made motion to adjourn meeting. Dave Ellis 2nd

Meeting adjourned @ 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted
Anne Archambault, Secretary

From Art Haytko

I am hoping that we can help my good friends Steve & Betty Loftos sell their Motorhome cover by listing it in the newsletter. They are full timing in their Motorhome and no longer need a cover. Thanks

ADCO 37 - 40 ft Class A Motorhome cover purchased in the fall of 09, it was used one winter. The instruction DVD is included. There are some holes caused by rubbing that have been repaired. The cover will go to the best offer. For questions or more info contact me Art Haytko artnclaire@gmail.com

**From your Editor;
Here's something to think about.**

I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive Lab tests, he said I was doing 'fairly well' for my age. (I just turned 76.)

A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 90?'

He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer or wine?'
'Oh no,' I replied.. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!'

Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?'
'I said, 'Not much... my former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!'
'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?'

'No, I don't,' I said.

He asked, 'Do you gamble, or have a lot of sex?'

'No,' I said.

He looked at me and said,... 'Then, why do you even care?'

Al

Treasurer Report - Last 12 months
10/3/2009 through 10/2/2010

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Clr	Amount
	INCOME						1,187.09
	Interest Inc						9.32
	Member Dues						580.00
	Rally Income less Expenses						597.77
	EXPENSES						-829.67
	CG Advance						0.00
	Club Merchandise						-388.62
	Corp Fee						-15.00
	Misc Exp						-43.07
	Newsletter Exp Incl Postage						-382.98
	OVERALL TOTAL						357.42

MM Balance Sheet - As of 10/2/2010

As of 10/2/2010

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Account	10/2/2010 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking Account	2,144.35
Savings	4,065.65
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	6,210.00
TOTAL ASSETS	6,210.00
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	6,210.00

Shirley Marilyn Conway
Treas. - 2010

*The season is ending it's time for good cheer
The Holiday Party is growing near
You know where it is and you know what to wear
It's in the same place, Barre, MA that's where*

*There'll be Cruisers and Travelers and Minutemen too
And oh yes, that's right, we all expect you.
So pack up your coach with the things that you'll need
Clothing and toiletries, "Toys for Tots" please*

*We make breakfasts and dinners and snacks in between
Entertainment for all will surely be seen
And this year, we're asking for gifts to be swapped
Cuz Santa's not coming, we'll just Yankee Swap*

*The fifth of November on Friday is when
Any time that's convenient, just come ahead.
On Thursday the fourth some come to prepare,
So if you're a mind to, please come full aware.
We cook and we clean and we make the hall pretty
And eat out that night after all is made ready*

*The cost is quite low for all that you get
so send your reservation before you forget
Early responses help us prepare
We ask that you do so and cause no despair*

*The deadline is Friday the 27th of October
But if you forget, and are just a day over
Just call D. Cirelli and tell her your plans
tell her your reservation is still in your hand.*

*She'll grumble and mumble and with a big smile
She might say "Don't worry, I've known for awhile
that people are busy and sometimes forget
You're certainly welcome, so please don't you fret.*

NAME: _____ FMCA #: _____
ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____
LAND LINE #: _____ CELL PHONE #: _____
Complete Weekend: \$60.00 per person (adult or child). No. Prime Rib _____ No. Roasted Chicken Half _____ Total No. of people: _____ x \$60.00 = \$ _____
Christmas Party Only: \$25.00 per person (adult or child). No. Prime Rib _____ No. Roasted Chicken Half _____ Total No. DINNERS ONLY: _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____
Deadline for reservations and refunds is Oct. 27, 2010. There will be NO REFUNDS after this date! TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

Please bring one wrapped gift per couple not to exceed \$20.00 for the Holiday Yankee Swap, a new unwrapped toy for "TOYS FOR TOTS" and a tree ornament for the tree ornament swap.

DIRECTIONS TO BARRE SPORTSMENS CLUB ARE ON REVERSE SIDE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Diane Cirelli, 447 Loring Rd., Barre, MA 01005 FOR ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS, CALL: Home #: 978-355-6508 or Cell #: 508-284-2798

DIRECTIONS

BARRE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB 221 SPRING HILL ROAD, BARRE, MA

FROM WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

1. Take the Massachusetts Turnpike to Exit 8, Palmer, MA.
2. At the end of the ramp, go left on Route 32 north.
3. Follow Rte. 32 north through Palmer and into Ware center where it will merge with Rte. 9E.
4. Follow 32N/9E through Ware center to ABC&D Recycling on the left.
5. Stay on Route 32N into Gilberville center. In Gilberville you will see a Cumberland Farms, go straight passed Cumberland Farms on Route 32A to Hardwick center.
6. Follow 32A through the center of Hardwick for 5.3 miles to Dana Road. You will pass an entering Petersham sign and Dana Road will be at the bottom of a hill on the right.
7. Turn onto Dana Road. *NOTE: From this point, the roads aren't the greatest, travel with care.*
8. You will see Mass Minutemen signs from this point on which you will follow to the Barre Sportsmans Club which will be on your left.

FROM EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

1. Take the Massachusetts Turnpike to exit 9 via Route 84W
2. At exit 3A off Route 84, take Ramp (RIGHT) onto Route 20 East towards Worcester
3. Follow Route 20 East for 2.1 mi to Route 49
4. Turn LEFT (North) onto Route 49 for 7.4 mi
5. At the end of Route 49 turn right on Route 9 to set of lights.
6. Turn left at lights onto West Main Street for 2/10 mile to Meadow Road
7. Stay straight to go onto Meadow Road for 1.2 miles
8. Turn left onto Pleasant Street (Route 31 north)
9. Follow Route 31 north 4.3 miles to Barclay Road which becomes Rockland Road
10. Rockland Road becomes Pleasantdale Road. Follow to Route 122. You will be at a stop sign and there will be a gas station across Route 122 from you.
11. Turn left on Route 122 north and follow 9.8 miles to Barre Center. Stay on Route 122 through the center to West Street (approximately 1/10th miles)
12. Turn left on West Street. You will now be on Route 32/122.
13. Follow Route 32/122 north for 2.8 miles to Old Dana Road on your left. *NOTE: From this point, the roads aren't the greatest, travel with care.*
14. Follow Old Dana Road for 1.7 miles to Spring Hill Road on your left.
15. Follow Spring Hill Road for 1/2 mile to the Barre Sportsmans Club on your left.

FROM CONNECTICUT

1. Take Route 84 West to exit 3A.
2. At exit 3A, take Ramp (RIGHT) onto Route 20 East towards Worcester
3. Follow Route 20 East for 2.1 mi to Route 49 on your left.
4. Follow Route 49 for 7.4 mi
5. From this point follow instructions from #5 above FROM EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS.

FROM VERMONT

1. Take Rte. 91 South to Massachusetts.
2. Take Exit 27 to Rte. 2 East toward Boston for 19.5 miles
3. Take Exit 15, Rte. 122 South toward New Salem/Worcester for 3/10 miles.
4. Turn right onto South Main Street (Rte. 122) for 5/10 miles.
5. Turn slight right onto Daniel Shays Highway/US-202/MA-122 for 9/10 miles.
6. Turn left onto Rte. 122 south for 15.0 miles
7. Turn right onto Pleasant Street which now merges Rte. 122 with Rte. 32. Stay on Rte. 32/122 south into Barre approximately 5 miles.
8. Take a right on Old Dana Road. Watch for the FMCA sign! *NOTE: From this point, the roads aren't the greatest, travel with care.*
9. Follow Old Dana Road for 1.7 miles to Spring Hill Road on your left.
10. Follow Spring Hill Road for 1/2 mile to the Barre Sportsmans Club on your left.



Constitution Cruisers/RoadTrek

Halloween 2010 Party Weekend

Oct 22-Oct 23

**Games
& Prizes**

Brialee Campground
Ashford, CT
800-303-2267

Fun Weekend

- Thursday** May come in Thursday afternoon at no extra charge.
(For additional Nights call Campground)
4:00 PM Happy Hour BYOB
- Friday** Breakfast on your own
4:00 PM Happy Hour (BYOB)
6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner followed by Ice Cream Social & Games
- Saturday** Breakfast - Eggs/Bacon/Home Fries/Coffee by Campground
After Breakfast Pumpkin Carving, Trail Walk
Lunch on your own
4:30-5 PM Happy hour (BYOB)
Followed by: Pumpkin judging contest, Costume Party, Awards
6:00 PM Full Turkey Dinner & Dessert by Campground
After Dinner -Games & Door Prizes
- Sunday** Breakfast - Pancake/Sausage/Home Fries/Coffee by Campground
Farewell & Safe Travels

Fee for coach & 2 adults \$99.00 (W/E & Wifi) - 1 Adult \$85.00 - Guests \$25.00

Directions to Brialee: (Via back entrance. Do not stop at office)

184 North - Exit 69, Rte 74 E ~ 7.5 miles, Rt 44 E ~ 1mile, Rt 89 N~ 2 miles to Westford Hill Rd.

184 South - Exit 72, Rt 89 South to Westford Hill Rd (~ 6miles)

Westford Hill Rd - ~ .5 mile take left into campground. Pull into Safari Field.

Space is limited

Make check payable to John Roy

Mail to: John Roy 18 Winfield Dr., Shelton, CT 06484

Questions: John Roy 203-929-7051 Email: johnroy1@comcast.net

Mail Early

Reservations must be received by September 19

20 Cruisers & 20 Roadtreks sites guaranteed, more may be available
Registrations beyond the first 20 will be determined by extra available sites and postmark date
Please fill out and submit a standard registration form found on the last page of the newsletter
Please also note if you will be coming Thursday afternoon or Friday

(No Arrivals before noon on Thursday)

Rally Registration Form

(Please provide the following information with your rally fee submittal)

Cruiser Rally

10-22, 23, 2010

Rally Name: _____

Rally Date: _____

Number of Persons Attending: _____

Rally Fee Enclosed: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Full name of Guest(s), if any: _____

Coach Model & Length: _____

License & State: _____

FMCA #: _____

Is this your first Rally? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you have Chapter badges? ____ Yes ____ No

Comments / Special Needs: _____

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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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