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June 6-July 19, 2017



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October 11-15, 2017



LOUISIANA CAJUN CARAVAN
October 11-26, 2017

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Two People in Unit	\$2,999.00
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Deposit of \$500.00 per person due at time of booking.

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- 2 Register on-line at www.newmarkountryklub.com, click on Special Events
- 3 Call the Klub office toll free 877-639-5582 and register by phone

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA RALLY



5 Days/4 Nights October 11-15, 2017

Join us for this exclusive Newmar Kountry Klub Special Event. The Balloon Fiesta is one of the most colorful events in the world! We will be staying in the Official VIP parking area IMMEDIATELY adjacent to the balloon launch field, within easy walking distance (no running to catch a shuttle) and UNLIMITED access to the launch field. You can view the balloons from your campsite as they float overhead or be on the launch field in the midst of all the balloons! Come experience this spectacular event with your fellow Klub members!

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

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TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE: Payable in US Funds

Two People, One Rig	\$1,350.00
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Ea. Additional Guest	\$ 399.00

Deposit of \$400.00 Person Required at Time of Booking
Reservation Deadline and balance due date: July 21, 2017

SPACE PERMITTING THIS EVENT WILL BE OPEN TO
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Deposit of \$750.00 per person due at time of booking.
 Balance due March 27, 2017

For further information and itinerary call the Kountry Klub office 877-639-5582

NOTE:

The electric service on this caravan may not always accommodate your air conditioner or other substantial electric loads. The itinerary is subject to change without notice due to weather or road conditions. Moderate walking is involved on some of the tours.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES:

White Pass Summit Railroad Tour, Fjordlines Cruise to Juneau with City Tour, Frantic Follies Show, 3 Parks Canada attractions in Dawson City, Prince William Sound Cruise to Columbia and Meares Glaciers, Alaska Sea Life Center, Denali Park Tundra Wilderness Tour, Fairbanks City Tour, Riverboat Cruise. Optional meals, tours and fishing excursions may be offered at additional cost.

SCHEDULED ITINERARY:

June 6-7	Edmonton, AB	June 22-24	Dawson City, YT
June 8-9	Dawson Creek, BC	June 25-26	Tok, AK
June 10	Fort Nelson, YT	June 27-29	Valdez, AK
June 11-12	Muncho Lake, YT	June 30-July 2	Palmer, AK
June 13	Watson Lake, YT	July 3-5	Homer, AK
June 14	Teslin, YT	July 6-8	Seward, AK
June 15-18	Skagway, AK	July 9-12	Anchorage, AK
June 19-21	Whitehorse, YT	July 13-15	Denali, AK
July 16-19	Fairbanks, AK		

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WHEN YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.™

Greetings from northern Indiana where the temperature is hovering in the single digits, and there's white stuff on the ground. Thankfully, we were able to spend a few days in Arizona between Christmas and New Years! It's hard to believe that it's already 2017, does anyone remember Y2K ☺? Our family was discussing that recently and I had to explain it to my children, it made me feel old!

We were blessed to be able to use our demo this past year as we traveled to Minnesota this summer for a fishing trip with my family and this fall we spent a long weekend in Brown County riding the trails with our horses. In December, my son and I and two other friends took our demo to South Dakota for a week to hunt pheasants; there were four men and four dogs and lots of cold weather. I thought it was a great test to see if the Dutch Star would stay warm. The temp dropped to -2 with 30MPH winds one night but we were snug and warm as could be in the Dutch Star! My oldest and wisest dog had no interest in leaving the warm motorhome the next morning at all. I had to drag her out to go hunting ☺ the birds were plentiful; I just wish the hunters were better shots!

I'm so glad the presidential election is over for another four years, and I'm sure I'm not the only one that feels that way. One thing that was talked about a lot this past year was American made goods and American jobs vs. foreign goods and employment. I found that conversation was very interesting because as a high-end Class A manufacturer I know we could never do what we do without the great workforce that we have in northern Indiana. I tell our employees regularly that what sets Newmar apart from everyone else is the people that work here.

Product and innovations can be copied, but you can't copy people. No other manufacturer can do what we do and build the product we build with quality and reliability and parts and service support because no other manufacturer has the dedicated and loyal workforce that we do. We have 98 employees that have been with us for over 20 years and 25 employees that have been with us over 30 years. Our average tenure is nine years. The employees at Newmar are the best in the industry they come to work every day intending to do their best at whatever their job is, sure we make mistakes, and no one is perfect. But the great employees here at Newmar give their best every day whether it's the floor sweeper or the Vice President of Engineering or any of the hundreds of other jobs that are done faithfully every day. I once had a customer tell me that they took a tour of Newmar and one of our competitors and they decided to buy a Newmar unit because they would rather purchase a unit built by happy people than mad people. And that pretty much sums it up, doesn't it!

I'm so thankful for customers like you that appreciate the quality and dedication that goes into building a Newmar unit. Obviously, without you, we couldn't do what we do, and I promise you that we are going to continue to get better in every part of our business. And I hope that we can continue to earn your business in the future.

As this is written in early January Pam and I look forward to seeing you at the Tampa Super Show or the NKK Rally or Hershey or maybe just in a campground somewhere as we explore this beautiful, blessed country! We are truly blessed in this country, and I think too often we take it for granted and don't thank our Heavenly Father enough.

May God bless your travels and grant you safety!
Matthew Miller (8-L)
President Newmar Corporation



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Bob & Bonnie Krieger (12508-L), International Directors
Linda Feece, Klub Coordinator

Greetings! Now is the time to roll on into 2017 and the new, exciting, wonderful, and busy Newmar gatherings. It really is true that "time flies when you are having fun" because the past year has done just that.....zoomed by!

As we write this, the Tampa RV Super Show is well underway. It really seems strange after hosting Tampa for the last 7 years to not be going this year, but we are heading west this year to the Gathering in the Desert at the Newmar Quartzsite Special Event. Our Region 5 Directors, Gary & Wanda Smith, with our new Florida State Directors, Bill & Debbie Smith, will be hosting Tampa this year with a team of eager volunteers. We will miss being with our friends – Tampa is a great Special Event – it's sold out this year with 180 coaches in attendance.

We will truly miss Tampa, but we have always wanted to go to Quartzsite and are really looking forward to that and meeting new people. As always, we will take the opportunity to look for new International Rally sites along the way.

The winter months will have a great deal of activity with rallies and luncheons. Many of you travel west or south for warmer weather so you need to be sure and check out the active list of luncheons in Texas, Arizona and Florida. There are some exciting caravans coming up in Alaska, a Caravan through Cajun Country, and the Calgary Stampede is in the planning stages. Details will be in the Konnection, the Happenings, and on the web site.



We once again had the opportunity to attend the National Dealer's RV Show in Louisville, Kentucky in December. Newmar had a beautiful display area set up with about 16 units on display. We really enjoy this show as it is an opportunity to meet a few of the Newmar dealers, suppliers, and vendors. Before the show begins, there is a meeting of the various RV club directors from all across the nation. A few of the attendees this year included the Airstream club, Tiffin, FMCA, SMART (Military Campers), Escapees, Good SAMS, and several others. This show serves as a great opportunity to exchange ideas, build alliances to solve common problems, and to gain insight into what roles the RVIA plays in the RV industry. Several action items this year included an initiative to develop an interface with the National Fairgrounds Association to provide planning information on our support requirements for large national rallies and to establish relationships with vendor organizations. All clubs agreed to post their rally dates on a common calendar for the larger national rallies so that we could coordinate more effectively.

As you know, last year we put a lot of emphasis on recruiting new membership – boy, did you respond! At the end of 2016, we had almost 600 new members sign up – that is an increase of nearly 16% over the previous year. That is great news, but this year we need to build up our infrastructure to support these new and existing members to make sure that they see the value in continuing their membership in the NKK. We need to build up our chapters and rallies, special events, and offer new and exciting seminars, entertainment, vendors, service experiences, and educational opportunities at our International rallies. The most important factor in accomplishing this is ...YOU! Consider stepping up to host or co-host a rally – you will find that Klub members will eagerly volunteer to help you at any point of the process. Volunteer to serve a year or two as a chapter officer – it can be a very rewarding experience and a lot of fun!

This year, in the Regional Directors meeting, we discussed several things that we could implement to encourage members to step up as State/Provincial Officers and Chapter Presidents. For State/Provincial Directors, the decision was made to include a free subscription to the Konnection Magazine during their term of office starting in 2017. In addition, we made a few changes to the way State/Provincial Director supplements are calculated to allow additional credit for those State/Provinces having more than one chapter when those chapters meet certain requirements. For certain special events and Caravans, we will be allowing discounts to the first State/Provincial Director and the first of any Chapter Officer that signs up. The actual discounts will have to be determined based on the number projected to attend those special events. We certainly want to thank all chapter officers that contribute so much to the Klub and our membership. This will be available for both the Balloon Fiesta and Cajun Caravan.

Until next time, safe travels....

Bob and Bonnie Krieger (12508-L)

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE Ron & Wanda Llewellyn (16303-L)



Just passing through...Louis L'Amour

If you have been reading our articles in the past, you know that Ron is an avid Louis L'Amour fan. He has all but a few of his novels and often re-reads them. He 'passes through' with all the locations in the novels. Well, this past year has found us passing

through many areas in both the United States and Canada. The sights, sounds and even the smells are lasting memories.

Our first full year as Members-at-Large took us to new locations and opened the door to new friends. Since our adventures began in September 2015 we have attended:

- 8 region rallies
- 2 state rallies and 1 joint state rally
- 3 chapter rallies and 2 joint chapter rally
- Hosted the Florida Keys Rally in 2015 and 2016
- Tampa Super Show
- Hosted 5 Southwest Florida Newmar Owners and Friends luncheons
- 2 chapter luncheons
- Began research for a possible Calgary Stampede special event
- Several dealer visits
- 2016 Region Director's Conference in Pueblo, CO
- 2016 International Rally in Pueblo, CO
- 2016 Newmar Kountry Klub board meeting

We traveled a total of 16,369.6 miles. Yes, we were on the road a lot and roughly calculate we met over 1,500 new people. To us, this has been a phenomenal year!

Of course, the purpose of our travels is to not just "pass through," but to be available to the membership, seek input and address issues relating to the Newmar Kountry Klub. By far, the most related concern is the lack of new members in many chapters. The NKK membership is growing, but chapter membership in many areas is waning. It behooves all of us to make our chapters a viable resource for our members. Chapters need to focus on activities that will attract our new, and sometimes younger, members. Having attended many chapter rallies across the continent, we can readily say that they are enjoyable adventures, full of new places, new people and often new recipes. Uh yes, food is a vital benefit of the Newmar Kountry Klub and what better than local food. Getting out the pie irons and sharing various concoctions open the door for great comradery.

In order to encourage members to take their turn as Presidents and State Directors, the International Directors have proposed some benefits for these key personnel. We suggest you read their article to get up-to-date information on these benefits. We encourage all chapter members to consider stepping up to the plate and taking your turn to keep your chapter alive and well.

Perhaps you are afraid of taking on too much when all you really want to do is sit back and enjoy...or just pass through. The key to being a successful officer is to delegate, delegate, delegate!

Asking for help from the membership spreads the work around so all can enjoy your time together.

The same goes for hosting a rally. Delegating certain aspects of the rally to attendees, keeps the host from burning out. It works even better when attendees volunteer! We held a round table on hosting at the International Rally in Pueblo, CO. It was well attended and many ideas were generated. Keep in mind that new members have not enjoyed all of your past adventures. We have enjoyed returning to many past locations/activities/attractions. On the other hand, if you return to the same locations year after year, you risk losing those who are RVing to see new localities. And a new location does not mean that you must include new attractions! Tours are only one aspect of our rallies. An occasional rally with just friendship, tech talk, local faire, games and rest time can really be enjoyable. So, try a 'laid back rally.' Dig out the pie irons, bean pots and grills. Sit back and enjoy! Let us know what you did or didn't do at your 'laid back rally.' Maybe we can share so others can enjoy, too!

If you have issues or concerns that need to be addressed, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always open to discussion of matters that concern the Newmar Kountry Klub.

The 2016 Rally in the Keys was a huge success again this year. Almost half of the units attending had never attended a Newmar Kountry Klub Rally in the past. This was a great opportunity for them to see what we have to offer, generate new Newmar friends and see the world we live in. We encourage you to read our article on the Keys Rally in this edition of the Konnection.

Our travel plans for 2017 began with the Tampa Super Show where we helped with parking, registration, activities and assisting at the Newmar Kountry Klub display at the North Trail RV display. We plan to attend some of the Region Rallies we missed last year, work on the Calgary Stampede special event for 2018 and 'pass through' some state and chapter rallies. Get those rallies posted so we can see if you might be on our way.

The Newmar Kountry Klub office Facebook page is the ideal location to monitor what is going on throughout the Klub. We encourage you to 'like' our page and post pictures of your adventures. Each region also has a FB page where you can find past experiences and future events. Some Region Directors are quite busy and could use a volunteer to help update and monitor the page. If you are interested, please contact your Region Director.

As always, we remain available at wanda_ron67@yahoo.com or by calling Ron at (740)707-7107 or Wanda at (740)707-2063.

We may be just 'passing through,' but we would love to stop and sit a spell with you!

Your Members-at-Large Ron & Wanda Llewellyn (16303-L)

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FULLTIMERS CHAPTER Evan and Debbie Hughes (19771)



It may be hard to see at the moment but, the days are getting longer and the nights are getting shorter. Spring is right around the corner, and rallies are planned across the country and in Canada, so pull out your calendars and start planning, 2017 is

shaping up to be another wonder filled year of fun, friendship and destinations.

The Fulltimers Chapter and the Arizona Sun Catchers are joint hosting a rally in April 6-10, in Benson, Arizona. Our Annual Business Meeting and Rally will be held September 24-29, in Branson, Missouri. We will be again caravanning into the International Rally in Sedalia.

It does not matter if you are a Fulltimer traveling the roads or a part time RV'er we share many of the same roads, campgrounds, open spaces and memories. It's time to check the tires, fill your fuel tank, load up supplies and set course for a new season of travel.

It's time to check out the events calendar and review the rallies scheduled, remember that you can attend any and all rallies and make new friends along the way. There are so many place to see both in the US and in Canada. Life is short and there are so many places to see, it's time to pick a new location to visit.

We hope to see you along the road,
Evan and Debbie Hughes (19771)
Presidents

Join the Fulltimers Chapter by downloading the application form from the Fulltimers web page found at www.newmarkcountryklub.com, or contact Peg & Dick White (15649) at secretary.nkkfulltimers@gmail.com or cell 603-662-8929.

STATE/PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR VACANCIES

>> *listed below by region number and state vacancy*

- Region 2 Idaho, Montana & Oregon
- Region 3 Missouri
- Region 4 North/South Dakota
- Region 5 Tri-State (GA/AL/MS)
- Region 6 Indiana & Kentucky
- Region 7 Pennsylvania
- Region 8 Ontario
- Region 9 Alberta

To be considered you should have strong leadership skills and the ability to work well with others. You must be a resident of the state/province, own a Newmar product, and be in good standing with the Klub.

Some of the duties will be hosting a state/provincial rally once a year and submitting an article for the *Konnection*. You will also work closely with the region directors, chapter officers, dealers and Klub members.

Some of the Benefits of this position are rebate on new unit, automatic membership renewal, titled name badges and vehicle sign for your unit and meeting a lot of new people. ***If you are interested please contact your Region Director.***

SPECIAL NOTE FROM NEWMAR SALES ON PLANT TOURS

In a continuing effort to improve the customer experience at Newmar we are making some changes to our tour facilities. These changes will take place from January 23-March 31. During this time Newmar will not conduct any plant tours and our visit schedule will be dark. We will reopen for tours on April 3rd and start on our regular schedule of two tour per day. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

REGION 1 // AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, UT

Region Directors :: Marty & Marion Marcum (17221)



Welcome to 2017! We hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

We spent much of the winter at our condo in Mesquite, Nevada while Marion spent several weeks recovering from having her other knee replaced. She says she is "out of knees" now. Her recovery sidelined us in December and the first couple of weeks in January so we missed the California Golden Aires Rally in Indio, California. Fortunately she was recovered by mid-January so we were able to attend the "Gathering in the Desert" in Quartzsite, Arizona. On January 26th we flew to Fairbanks, Alaska to cross off a "bucket list" item – the Northern Lights. You can't imagine how many people said "you're going where when" thinking we had to have a screw loose when we told them where we were going. We were joined by Ted & Ruth Ann Hindes (Arizona State Directors) on this 5 night "expedition". We all braved daily temperatures that never topped zero but the "Lights" at night were absolutely magnificent. While we were in Fairbanks we all took a dog sled ride as well as a snowmobile trip.

The first 2017 rally we attended was the "Gathering in the Desert" in Quartzsite, Arizona. It was the biggest turnout in a long time. There was over 100 rigs this year representing more than half of the States and many of the Canadian Provinces. Host couple Ted & Ruth Ann Hindes and their co-hosts Bud & Julie Hawley put together a great event that was enjoyed by all. There were a number of vendors that came in to do seminars covering several topics. If you haven't been to the "Gathering" you need to add it to your list of RVing things to do. It's dry camping but there is so much going on all the time you won't even notice you don't have any hookups.

By the time you read this article time will be running out to get registered for the 3 night Nevada State Rally at Lake Meade in Boulder City, Nevada that begins on March 29th. George & Cheryl have some great activities planned that include a ride on the Linq "Observation Wheel" (currently the tallest Ferris wheel in the world) and a tour of the famous Carol Shelby manufacturing garage and museum. **The following week the Fulltimers/Arizona Sun Catchers joint rally takes place in Benson, Arizona. This is a 4 night rally that begins on April 6th.** This is the first time that the Fulltimers have held a rally with another chapter and we are looking for this to be a success and hopefully not a last for the Fulltimers. Unfortunately the cutoff for this rally was February 1 but if you are interested in attending and missed the cutoff give Chuck Reading or Evan Hughes a call to see if they can still get you in. Their contact information appears in this issue of the *Konnection* in both the Sun Catchers and Fulltimers articles.

Moving along to May the 4 night Region 1 Rally in Hemet, California from May 4-8 at the Golden Village Palms RV Village. The rally fee is \$55 for 2 people and \$40 for a single or extra person and does not include the SoCal package or your RV site. The rally fee includes Sunday night potluck dinner with chicken provided, 2 continental breakfasts, local museum and coffee mugs for all in attendance. We are using the Taste of Southern California Package that the resort has put together plus Thursday and Sunday nights. The SoCal package includes your Friday and Saturday night RV site, Friday night reception with live music and nacho bar, Saturday morning continental breakfast, tickets to the Ramona pageant, transportation to and from the pageant, a catered dinner Saturday night and Sunday morning continental breakfast. **Call the resort direct at 866-477-6154 and let them know you are with the Newmar Rally and want to register for the Taste of Southern California plus Thursday night, May 4, and Sunday, May 7.** The cost is \$265 for the Taste of SoCal package plus Thursday and Sunday nights RV site. The highlight of the rally will be the trip to the Ramona Pageant which has been performed annually since 1923 and is the oldest continuously running outdoor play in the United States. The play is based on the 1884 novel by Helen Hunt Jackson about Ramona and her Indian lover Alessandro.

Mid-May the New Mexico State Rally takes place in Taos, New Mexico. This 4 night rally beginning May 18 and will be Ron & Carmen Ward's first rally since they took over the State Directors position. This is not their "first rodeo" as the saying goes. They served 4 years as Chili Peppers Presidents and have been active in the Kountry Klub since they joined in 2005. Some of what they are planning includes a Native American drum making demo, entry and tour of the Taos Pueblo, and entry into the Taco cook-off during the Lilac Festival. The cutoff date for registration for this rally is February 1 so if you wanted to attend and didn't get your registration in give Ron or Carmen a call. Their contact information can be found in their article in this issue of the *Konnection*.

The California State/49ers Chapter joint rally is set for June 19 in Paso Robles and is a 4 night rally. This Larry & Mary Roberts' first rally since they accepted the Chapter President position in October and we know they will do an outstanding job. They have some exciting things planned so check out their article in the *Konnection*. **The Colorado Krusin Aires will have their 4 night rally in beautiful Steam Boat Springs, Colorado beginning June 22nd.** They are still working out the details.

Don't forget to include the Newmar Kountry Klub's International Rally that begins October 2 in Sedalia, Missouri. Sedalia is approximately 80 miles east of Kansas City. Registration is expected to open in April so keep an eye out. The week following just 800 miles or so west will be the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. This year the group will be attending the second half of the event and the "Special Shapes" are featured each day. Reservations are now open. We will again be the host couple for the fantastic event.

We can be reached at 562-762-8853 or martyanmarion@gmail.com

Safe Travels...

ARIZONA

Greetings from the wonderful winter RVing state of Arizona. At this writing the 2017 Gathering in the Desert has passed. I want to thank Judy & Bud Hawley, our co-hosts, and all the crew leaders and crew members and all other volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a success. This event is growing in attendance each year and I believe it is the largest Newmar rally/special event west of the Mississippi other than the Newmar International when it is held in the west. This year (based on registration data) we had coaches from twenty-seven states and four Canadian provinces plus a large number of full timers.

A quick analysis of the Gathering attendees NKK numbers showed that over forty-four percent of the attendees had NKK numbers over 20,000. And over twenty-seven percent had NKK numbers over 21,000! Additionally we had representation by six rigs with either NKK numbers under 10,000 or Life members. The lowest NKK number was 3107 held by Martha & Roy Willis who are Arizona residents and regular Gathering attendees. The highest attending NKK number was 21674 but there were at least a couple rigs with higher numbers I didn't have at press time for this article as they had joined very recently! We are very encouraged to see so many NKK members with these high numbers as they are the new Newmar family members. We had a special welcoming committee this year at the Gathering who were assigned the task of 'First Timer Welcomes' and tasked with making sure these folks felt welcome and had every question they could think to ask answered throughout the duration of the Gathering whether it be about Newmar, their coach, dry camping or whatever.

Next I want to ask you all to read our Arizona Sun Catchers President Chuck Reading's article as it is very good and covers the next big event in Arizona, the joint Sun Catchers and Full Timers rally in Benson in April. This is a rally you don't want to miss. We will see you there and also at the 2017 Newmar International in Sedalia, Missouri in October.

Ted and Ruth Ann Hindes (19361)

Arizona State Directors

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ARIZONA SUN CATCHEERS

Greetings from Arizona, the land of sunshine, saguaro cacti, ponderosa pines and the amazing Grand Canyon.

It has been a wonderful winter and now many of us are in the process of planning our spring and summer adventures. For those of you who spent the winter/spring with us in our great state we THANK YOU and we look forward to your return again next year. Perhaps we will see each other on the road somewhere this year and remember, the NKK Calendar is a great place to look for places and rallies to include in your travels throughout the year. Check it out. www.newmarkountryclub.com

We had a great time at the Gathering in the Desert! What a crowd, something like a 100 or so rigs. Hats off to State Directors, Ted & Ruth Ann Hindes, and co-hosts, Judi & Bud Hawley, and all the volunteers that helped to make the Gathering a wonderful event.

Next is the "Sharing Western Skies", join rally organized by the Arizona Sun Catchers and the Fulltimers chapters. This first of a kind rally will take place April 6-10 at the Cochise Terrace RV Resort in Benson, Arizona. The cutoff date to

register was February 1 so I hope all those that wanted to attend made the deadline. If you didn't make the cutoff date and still want to attend, call Chuck Reading at 623-377-6249 or Evan Hughes at 707-479-8210. Cancellations sometimes occur and we might have an empty spot that you could fill. We promise to do help in any way we can but we hope you understand that there we cannot make any guarantees at this point.

Lastly, we have a number of owner breakfasts and luncheons that are on the NKK calendar. Please join us.

BREAKFASTS

February 8 Gilbert and Surprise

February 14 Casa Grande

February 22 Gilbert

March 8 Gilbert

March 14 Casa Grande

March 22 Gilbert

LUNCHEONS

February 7 Yuma and Tucson

March 7 Yuma and Tucson

Wishing you blue skies and happy trails,

Chuck and Judi Reading (16581)

Presidents

crrreading@cox.net

CALIFORNIA

Here it is spring; time to clean out the garage and all the things we cannot live without in the bays under the RV. If you have been fortunate to buy a new or slightly used Newmar and move all your treasures from one RV to the next it is UNBELEEVABLE what you find!!! And even when there are more drawers and closet space everything does not fit the same way. It is fun to have a "garage" sale from your RV at a rally, and exchange those special items...

I am sorry to report the presidents to the California Golden Bears chapter, Jim & Valerie McMillan (6899), have resigned due to health issues. Our thoughts and prayers are with them on the journey to recovery. That being said we need to fill that position. The Vice-president and Secretary/Treasurer are in place and are great workers. **The April 17-20 rally is cancelled and will be changed to sometime in either August or September with the exact date and location to be listed on line at a later date.**

We are looking forward to having the Region 1 Rally in Hemet, California May 4-8, and plan to attend the Ramona Pageant.

The California State/49er's rally at Wine Country RV in Paso Robles June 19-23. This is the first rally Larry & Mary Roberts and their team will be doing, so let's all get behind them for a great rally. Food, tours, meet and greet and even time on your own.....

NOW AND THEN IT IS GOOD TO PAUSE IN OUR PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS AND JUST BE HAPPY.....

Steve and Ursie Fisher (15533)

California State Directors

ursiefisher@yahoo.com

714-996-6897 (home) 714-488-8444 (cell)

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN AIRES

As you read this, we hope to have had a well-attended successful rally in Indio. This was our biggest turnout in Indio, with 42

coaches attending. We also look forward to attending the **Nevada State Rally in Boulder City Nevada in March.**

We've rung in the New Year, and are looking forward to another year of RV'ing with all our friends. Leah and I hope that everyone had a wonderful and joyful holiday.

Have a great travel season.

Ken and Leah Wilson (20332)

Presidents

Jazzz1000@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

It is with great regret that medical issues have caused us to resign as President of the California Golden Bears Chapter, further causing the chapter rally scheduled for April 17 – 20 at Flag City RV Resort in Lodi to be cancelled. Efforts were made to find replacements for the President's position but those efforts were so far unsuccessful. We hope that someone will step up soon and that a rally may be held sometime this fall.

Jim and Valerie McMillan (6899)

Presidents

CALIFORNIA 49ers

The New Year is already rolling in high gear and our travel calendar is filling up. We're starting our travels at the Golden Aires Rally in Indio, then the Family Motor Coach Association rally, then on to the Newmar Gathering in the Desert. By the time you read this article our calendar will be filled through to the Newmar International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. Larry's got his *Konnection* open right now and has the calendar and a highlighter ready. How many rallies can we pack in between?

On top of enjoying our Ventana at rallies and on the road, we are also busy planning our chapter/state rally with our Vice Presidents, Dennis & Mari Cole. **We're working on some interesting excursions and seminars for our group to enjoy at the rally June 19-23 at Wine Country RV Resort in Paso Robles, California.** As many of you know Wine Country RV Resort is a great place to stay. All sites are full hook-up with 50 amp service, there's a lovely pool, 2 spas, and a water park across the street. The weather will be great and summertime is when the Central Coast opens its doors to lots of activities. We will leave one day of the rally free for those who would like to go to the coast to enjoy the ocean, see Hearst Castle, or take a tour of the lighthouse at Piedras Blancas or Port San Luis.

We'd like to thank Bob & Lee Johnson for their service to our chapter. They've retired from RVing, having sold their lovely Dutch Star to Ken & Leah Wilson of the Golden Aires. We appreciate your detailed information and recordkeeping as chapter treasurer/secretaries.

See you at the rallies!

Larry and Mary Roberts (21041)

Presidents

Newmar49er's@gmail.com

805.459.1653

COLORADO

The Colorado State Newmar Kountry Klub will host a four day rally beginning September 14th. It will be held at the Lakeside KOA Resort in Fort Collins, Colorado. Please mark

your calendars for this event as well as the **Colorado Krusin Aires rally in Steam Boat Springs in June.** Detailed information will follow within the next few months.

Doris and Murray Brooks (17406-L)

Colorado State Directors

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COLORADO KRUSIN AIRES

The Colorado Krusin Aires finalized plans for a summer rally in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. It will be held at the Steamboat Springs Colorado KOA. The rally dates begin June 22 for 4 nights with full hookup 50 amp service. This area in the mountains is very scenic and offers many outdoor activities.

Randy and Kathy Bohmeyer (19329)

Presidents

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NEVADA

"We are so fortunate!" This is not a phrase that we only use during the Holiday Season, but throughout the year. It just seems like we are reminded just how fortunate we are when we are surrounded by family and friends. Those are the same feelings we get when attending a Newmar Kountry Klub event. Choosing the Newmar brand of recreational vehicle brings us together, but the friendships we develop keep us together. As you read this article, we have attended two Newmar rallies, the Golden Aires' Rally hosted by Ken & Leah Wilson and the Gathering in the Desert in Quartzsite, Arizona hosted by Ted & Ruth Ann Hinds. What a great way to start out 2017!

We are still planning our menu for the Nevada State Rally being held in Boulder City, Nevada inside the Lake Mead National Recreational Area March 29-April 1. The fee is \$90 plus the cost of your site at the Lake Mead RV Village, phone (702) 293-2540. Call the RV Park direct to make your reservations. (The park is a Good Sam member so their discount applies.) We need to receive your disclaimer no later than February 28. Activities include a ride on the Linq, which is an observation Farris Wheel and a visit to the Carroll Shelby museum and install area.

Check the Klub calendar for additional information. Contact us directly if your questions are not answered or concerns addressed.

Wishing you smooth roads and following winds,

Cheryl and George Zellers (19163)

Nevada State Directors

cgzell@cox.net

NEW MEXICO

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and that 2017 brings us all peace and happiness. Ron & I are delighted to be the new New Mexico State Directors. We have belonged to the NKK for 10 years and are members of three chapters in Region 1. We are on our second Newmar and have traveled over 100K miles with our Kountry Klub friends. We were New Mexico Chile Peppers Presidents for four years and Secretary/Treasurer before that. We had the honor of hosting the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Special Event in 2013 and 2014 and co-hosted this last year. But enough about us!

Planning for the New Mexico State Rally in Taos is in full swing. The rally dates are May 18-22 at the Taos Valley RV

Park. This is during their annual Lilac Festival, so don't miss it. The park will hold sites for us until February 1 so please make your reservations using the Kountry Klub's online registration form or directly with us at (505) 296-2207 or email us at cward186@comcast.net. Sites may be available after February 1 on a first come basis.

The rally fee is \$340/per couple and includes your site for 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners and an ice cream social, native American drum making demo, entry and tour of the Taos Pueblo, and entry into the Taco cook-off during the Lilac Festival.

If you want to come in early or stay late, please make those reservations directly with the park at (575)-758-4469 and tell them you are with the Newmar Chile Peppers group. The park is located at 120 Este Es Rd., Taos, New Mexico.

Carmen and Ron Ward (17906)

New Mexico State Directors

cward186@comcast.net

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DATE!



**2017 International Rally
Sedalia, Missouri**

**October 2-7 with early
Parking beginning
September 29th**

NEW MEXICO STATE RALLY

**May 18-22, 2017
Taos Valley RV Park
120 Este Es Road
Taos, New Mexico 87571**

The rally fee is \$340/per couple and includes your site for 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners and an ice cream social, drum making demo, entry and tour of the Taos Pueblo, and entry into the Taco cook-off during the Lilac Festival.

Come early or stay late, please make those reservations directly with the park at (575)-758-4469 and tell them you are with the Newmar Chile Peppers group.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS
FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

Send your rally fee check to:
Carmen or Ron Ward
14325 Skyline RD NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 71283
cward186@comcast.net or (505) 296-2207

CALIFORNIA STATE/49ERS CHAPTER JOINT RALLY

**June 19-23, 2017
Wine Country RV
2500 Airport Road
Paso Robles, CA 93446
805-238-4560**

Rally fee \$310/ per couple, single \$270. This includes parking 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners. Come early one day for \$49.00 with reservation and payment to wagon master. Tours, free time, meet and greet. FUN and GAMES.....

Deadline for payment May 18, 2017.

Register & Disclaimer Online:
Newmarkountryklub.com
Go to Region 1, California, State or 49er's

MAIL CHECK to:
Larry Roberts
9030 Via Tortuga
Atascadero, CA 93422
805-461-8186 • Newmar49ers@gmail.com

REGION 1 RALLY

HEMET, CALIFORNIA
May 4 to 8, 2017

Golden Village Palms RV Village
3600 W Florida Avenue
Hemet, California 92545
866-477-6154

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- Saturday 2 tickets to the amazing outdoor play "Ramona."
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- Saturday dinner California ranch style BBQ with local musicians
- Sunday morning continental breakfast

Taste of SoCal package plus Thursday and Sunday Night RV site - \$265.00 direct to Resort Call Resort direct and be sure to mention you are with the Newmar Group and attending the Taste of SoCal

RALLY FEES:

\$55 for 2 people (\$40 for single) does not include RV Site or Taste of SoCal Package
\$40 for extra person in rig
Sunday night potluck with chicken provided, 2 continental breakfast, museum tour, etc

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 4, 2017

Register Online and Mail Check to:
Marty Marcum
517 W Mesquite Blvd., Unit 2024
Mesquite, Nevada 89027
martyanmarion@gmail.com
Phone: 562-762-8853

PLEASE INCLUDE SIGNED DISCLAIMER (LOCATED WITH OR NEAR THE "CALENDER OF EVENTS") WHEN SENDING IN YOUR RESERVATIONS.

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KOUNTRY KORNER RECIPES

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SAUSAGE DIP

- 1 8 oz cream cheese
- 1/2 jar mild salsa
- 1 lb. cooked and drained hot sausage or sweet
- 1cup Velveeta cheese

Soften cream cheese add salsa, Velveeta cheese and cooked sausage. Warm in microwave and serve with chips. Easy, quick and tasty.

Darlene Bono (20653)

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REGION 2 // AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY

Region Directors :: Position Open

SEEKING NEW REGION 2 DIRECTORS

We are sorry to share that Frank & Jan Hasman are resigning as Region 2 Directors. We thank them for their outstanding service to the NKK and their "first class" approach to all of their endeavors.

If you are interested in the Region 2 Directors position you must be a resident of the any of the Region 2 states and own a Newmar unit. You must be able to lead, possess good communication skills, be self-motivated, be a flexible team player, and like to meet many wonderful people from all walks of life.

This position offers many challenges. You will be responsible for organizing and hosting the annual Regional Rally and for interacting with Newmar dealers in your region. You will work directly with State Directors, Chapters, and all members in the region. You will also work with the International Directors and the Klub office staff.

Benefits: You will be reimbursed for your International Rally fee and expenses incurred within the region including travel expenses. Free NKK membership while in office; rebate on your choice of a new Newmar RV; new name badge with title; and display sign for your RV; special recognition at all Newmar Kountry Klub functions you attend; and most importantly, enjoying camaraderie with your Newmar family.

Please send resume to:

Bob & Bonnie Krieger
Newmar Kountry Klub
PO Box 30
Nappanee, IN 46550
Or email to: kountryklub@newmarcorp.com

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WASHINGTON

We are enjoying our winter here in Casa Grande, Arizona. If you are in the area, please contact us. We would love to see you. Also try to make it to the Newmar Owner's Breakfast which is listed in the "Calendar of Events" in this issue. There is usually a knowledgeable speaker with good information about RVing in general or something that pertains to Newmar.

We hope you have a great Valentine's Day and also enjoy St. Patrick's Day. It is hard to believe that winter is almost over and the snowbirds will be leaving Arizona and heading north for the summer and a new rally season.

We have started planning for the Washington State Rally which will be in the Spokane area. Please set aside the dates of September 10-15 for this rally. We will have to limit the size to 15 rigs. As we get more information, we will pass it on.

The Washington State Evergreen Aires chapter will also have a Rally in Twisp, Washington June 26-29.

We hope to see you this summer at one of the rallies or other Newmar functions this coming year.

Jim and Cheryl Witherspoon (10282)

Washington State Directors

MEMBER ADVENTURES

We are seeking to revive our *Members Adventure* column but we need your help!

Do you have a funny Rv'ing story, memories of a great time on the road or a special place you have visited? If so please share this us by sending an article telling all about it. If you have pictures send those too! Please either email to newmarkountryklub@newmarcorp.com or send by mail to Newmar Kountry Klub, PO Box 30, Nappanee, IN 46550

REGION 3 // AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX

Region Directors :: Larry & Katie Harrington (17407-L)



Well another year has seemed to have escaped us and we are roaring forward in 2017. Doesn't seem possible that time goes that fast. We sure hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We were able to spend time with most of our family over the holidays. What a joy it was.

The rally season is gearing up to be a busy one for 2017. What a good time it will be. **We are starting off with the Louisiana State Rally April 19-23.** Our new State Directors, David & Jan Groce, are working on a fun gathering. **The Arkansas State Rally will be held at Canton, Texas this year on April 26-30.** Our new Arkansas State Directors, James & Ruth Ann Hairston, are planning for a great rally with First Monday going on at Canton. **The Oklahoma State Rally will be held May 4-7 at Long Lake Resort at Poteau, Oklahoma.** Larry & Patsy Wood always have a fun rally so please plan to attend. **This year we will hold the Region 3 Rally at Hot Springs, Arkansas starting June 7 and departing on June 11.** We have a great rally scheduled with tours, food, fellowship, fun and getting together with friends. **After the Region 3 Rally the Kansas State Rally will be at Seneca, Kansas on July 13-16.** Larry & Sherry DeWitt will have some pleasant and fun things going on. Next we have the **Missouri State Rally to be held in northwest Missouri on July 8-11.** Butch & Joyce also have some surprises for us this year. Something about the pony express. I almost forgot about the **Texas State Rally. It will be held in the San Antonio, Texas area May 17- 20.** More information to follow soon.

The International Rally will be held in Region 3 this year at the Missouri State Fairgrounds at Sedalia, Missouri October 2-6. Region 3 will be in charge of parking and registration for the International. We are going to need lots of volunteers this year so don't be bashful, step up and volunteer and have fun. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the rally.

As you can tell we have a very busy Rally season for 2017. What a fun summer we will have.

Please be safe in your travels and look forward to seeing you down the road. God Bless

ARKANSAS

When this is published, we will be in South Texas in a town called Weslaco. This is our first such trip, though we've known lots of friends who've made the pilgrimage annually for years! We have been eager to try "Snowbirding" but have just now come to the point we can, with clear conscience make the move! Lucky for us, there will be several seasoned Snowbirds who have agreed to take us "under their wings" and allow us to fly along with them.

We are excited over our new position of Arkansas State Directors! We can't wait to meet new friends and take on some new and interesting challenges over the next several months! Our motorhome is all fueled-up and we're ready to hit the road! We are fully aware that we will be filling some pretty good sized shoes when we take over the helm from our dear friends, **Dennis & Diane Wood, who have done remarkably well as Arkansas State Director for the past four years!** We expect to call upon them as often as new issues pop up and shake us to the core! Seriously, thanks to the Woods for a "Job Well Done"!

The Arkansas State Rally will be held on April 26-30 in Canton, Texas during the "Canton, Texas Trade Days". The park where we are booked is the I-20 RV Park. Unfortunately, the park is already booked up but wait! There's more! You can call (903) 873-8561 and ask to be placed on their Waiting List. If that doesn't tickle your fancy, try the Rolling Oaks RV Park (903-502-5555) and/or the Bluebird RV Park (903-865-1511). These parks are quite close to the I-20 RV Park, where we will be hosting the Rally. We have driven to Canton and "inspected" all three parks and we liked each of them equally.

We decided to hold the Rally in a neighboring state this time so we could expand our social horizon, meet new friends, and gain a new and refreshing perspective of "how they do things there"! Happy trails, all!

James and Ruth Ann Hairston (17646)
Arkansas State Directors

KANSAS

As I write this February article, it is the fourth week of December, and Christmas will soon be here. We are looking forward to spending time with family and attending our annual Christmas-Eve Church Service. Our 5 grandchildren are ages 23 through 12 now, but it is still fun to get together, catch up with their activities and watch everyone open their presents.

The week after Christmas, Sherry & I will travel to South Texas for January, February and possibly part of March. We look forward to seeing winter friends, doing some bird watching, going to South Padre Island for a drive on the beach and then taking in a meal of some of the best shrimp you will ever eat. Also once each month we attend the Newmar Luncheon to visit with Klub members and other Newmar owners that may not be members of the Klub.

The last Sunflower chapter event of 2016 was on November 5. Brad & Alice Elkins hosted our Kansas Kountry Sunflower annual Drive-In at Montana Mikes in McPherson, Kansas. There were 12 people in attendance including chapter members and guests. It was great to see those who were able to attend, and thanks to Brad & Alice for hosting.

Although winter still has its grip upon us, the Kansas rally season will soon be here. **The Sunflower chapter's first event will be April 20-23 at Chapman Creek Campground in Chapman, Kansas.** The hosts will be Mike & Jeannie Girton. Check the event calendar in the back of this *Konnection* for contact information. We look forward to seeing you at a rally in 2017.

Larry and Sherry DeWitt (11440L)
Kansas State Directors

MISSOURI

As we come to the end of 2016, it is time to look forward to a new year. Hopefully, everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 2016 wasn't the best year for us, but everything turned out very well and we are looking forward to a healthier 2017. Also, we hope to attend more of the MID-MO Wanderlusts rallies.

We are looking forward to the International Rally, in Sedalia, Missouri in 2017 and the opportunity to show off our state and all of its sites. When we go any place we use the Missouri saying, "Show-Me", and now we get to Show-You.

Not much more news to report, the rallies are being worked on, and the Missouri State Rally has been scheduled in Maysville, Missouri.

We will have more information in a future *Konnection*, with all the details and cost. As a teaser, look forward to a wild ride with the Pony Express and watch out for Jesse James.

Butch and Joyce Fiebelman (13813-L)

Missouri State Directors

OKLAHOMA

As everyone has gone to a warmer area or hunkered down for the winter, not much is going in Oklahoma at this time.

As we talked about in the last *Konnection*, the Okie Kountry Klub had a fall luncheon in Oklahoma City on November 12, and 25 attended. We all had a great meal and a great visit. Some past members that almost everyone had known for many years were able to attend. We were very glad they were able to join us for the luncheon.

After the meal, we talked about the upcoming State Rally and about having some Chapter rallies. **The date for the Oklahoma State Rally will be on May 4-7, at Long Lake Resort just south of Poteau, Oklahoma.** Look for the ad in this *Konnection*. Sign up and come join us for lots of fun.

Okie Kountry Klub officers were elected at the luncheon. Lee Allen was elected as Chapter President, and Nancy Allen will be Secretary/Treasurer for the Chapter. We want to thank them for their participation.

The other rally to remember is the Region 3 Rally, which will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas on June 7-11.

The International Rally will be in Region 3 at Sedalia, Missouri, on October 2-7. Because Region 3 is in charge of Parking and Registration for this rally, we will be asking for volunteers to help. Larry Harrington will put out more information on this at a later date, and I will pass it along.

That's all for this time.

God Bless and Travel Safe

Larry and Patsy Wood (12255-L)

Oklahoma State Directors

OKLAHOMA STATE RALLY

**May 4 - 7, 2017
LONG LAKE RESORT
35740 US Hwy 59 S
Poteau, OK 74953**

RALLY FEE:

2 People in RV \$180.00

1 Person in RV \$155.00

FEE INCLUDES:

3 Nights Camping full hookups

1 Wiener Roast

1 Full Breakfast

1 Continental Breakfast

1 Potluck Dinner (Chicken will be furnished)

1 Dinner Out (Dutch Treat)

2 Exploration Trips

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 20, 2017

MAIL PAYMENT & DISCLAIMER TO:

Larry Wood NKK 12255L

12401 S. 12th Street

Jenks, OK 74037

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Larry D. Wood

LOUISIANA STATE RALLY

**April 19 - 23, 2017
LAKESIDE RV PARK
28370 South Frost Road
Livingston, Louisiana 70754
(225) 686-7676
www.lakeside-rvpark.com**

RALLY FEE:

2 People in RV \$320.00

1 Person in RV \$230.00

Additional Guest \$90.00

FEE INCLUDES:

4 Nights camping with full hookups

Several Meals

Admission to National World War II Museum

Admission to Abita Brewery Tour

For early rally arrivals or late departures, contact
campground

RESERVATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

MAIL CHECK TO:

David M. Groce

3810 Moreland Street

Ruston, LA 71270

REGION 3 RALLY

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS
June 07 to 11, 2017

Cloud Nine RV Park
136 Cloud Nine Drive
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901
501-262-1996

INCLUDES:

4 nights camping w/ Full Hookups
For early arrival's or late departures contact
campgrounds @ 501-262-1996
3 Dinners
4 Breakfasts
1 Potluck Dinner with Meat Provided
Area Tours are being scheduled

RALLY FEES:

\$250.00 for 2 People Per Rig
\$170.00 for Single Person Per Rig
Guest \$100.00

RESERVATION DEADLINE
MAY 27, 2017

For More Information Please call:

Larry Harrington (580/512-3641 or
ml.harrington@tds.net)
Katie Harrington (830-730-8352) or
lh.harrington@gmail.com

Register online or mail check w/ registration to:

Larry Harrington
5604 N. US Hwy 77
Schulenburg, TX 78956

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"CALENDER OF EVENTS") WHEN SENDING IN YOUR RESERVATIONS.

Newmar Announces Its 2016/2017 WINTER SERVICE SPECIAL



Newmar is again offering its Winter Service Special. Each customer who has their unit repaired at the Newmar Service Center in Nappanee, Indiana beginning January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 will receive a discounted shop labor rate.

Take advantage of this special offer and get your coach refurbished. For example, have your carpet, floor covering, window treatment, or countertop replaced during the winter months at Newmar. Any units dropped off for repairs will be winterized and stored at no charge.

This offer is only good for those customers who have appointments at the Newmar Service Center between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017. Any appointments after March 31th will NOT receive this discount.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this exceptional offer, contact Phil Stilley, Newmar service writer at 1-800-731-8300, ext. 3195 and set up your appointment today.



WHEN YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.™

REGION 4 // IA, IL, MN, ND, NE, SD, WI

Region Directors :: Del and Lela Nordstrom (14168)



You know that guy in the Newmar Mountain Aire that I have been following from state to state. He finally stopped long enough so I could hop in and ride with him. The base plate is back in and working well.

As you all know when you travel in your RV the world gets smaller. On the trip, out we stopped at the Meteor Crater RV Campground on I-40 in Arizona. Del was out hooking up and the gentleman next to us said, "Looks like they will let anything in this RV Park!" It was George and Juanita Rogers from Michigan. They drive a (SOB), we have been parking beside them for several years when we are in Pueblo El Mirage. We figured they were already at Pueblo El Mirage, and would have been, but they had trouble with their slide when they went to put it in. We are now in Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort at site #570, in El Mirage, AZ. If you are in the area, please stop and say Hi. We had a nice surprise the other day, Del and I were setting out side by our coach and this couple walked up. The lady said: "Newmar", it was Larry and Phyllis Gordon (13394) from Alaska. They spent a week in this park. Great to see them, we had a wonderful visit, went together to the Friday Night Fish Fry at the restaurant here in the park.

On November 17, 2016, I hosted an **80th Birthday Party** here at our site #570 for **Del**. I invited about 35 friends of ours from the park. We had a wonderful time. When **Del**, thanked everyone for coming, he told them that they didn't know it, but they were celebrating **Lela's** birthday also. Her birthday is Thursday next week on **Thanksgiving Day** and that **Lela** was 2 years younger than he when he married her, and she still is.

Hope everyone had a wonderful **Thanksgiving**, as we did. We joined a large group of 'Snow Birds' here in the park for a **Pot Luck Thanksgiving Dinner**. We don't travel back to South Dakota for the holidays or stay there for the snow to show up. **Hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** wherever you are. We enjoyed the Arizona sun and celebrated with those that stuck around here for the holidays.

We are so pleased to welcome **Richard & Donna Ritchie** as new **Illinois State Directors** from Schaumburg, Illinois and are very proud to have **Jack and Betty Moorman** from Boone, Iowa back as **Iowa State Directors**.

The **Region 4 Rally** is to be held August 14-17 at the **Medora Campground** in Medora, North Dakota. We plan to take in the **Pitchfork Steak Fondue and Medora Musical** under the Badland Sky in the 2,900 seat Burning Hills Amphitheatre. Tour **Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center and House, the Cowboy Museum**, etc. The rally fee is **\$130.00**/per person. Send to: **Del Nordstrom - 25519**

475th Ave - Renner, SD 57055. Put this on your **2017** calendar for a **good ole' Wild West experience**. We are limited to **20 sites**, so please don't wait until the last minute to register. The sites are 50 amp, full hookup and are drive throughs for **\$40.00** a night. You will need to make your own reservations at the **Medora Campground, 3370 Pool Dr, Medora, North Dakota 58645**. **Call: 800-633-6721** (Tell them you are with **Newmar Kountry Klub**). The **DEADLINE IS July 14th, 2017**.

If you have any questions about the above rally, please contact the person in charge, they will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. We can be reached at our home phone: 605-543-5527 or Del's cell: 605-310-7900, Lela's cell: 605-310-4768 or del@alliancecom.net

ILLINOIS

Happy 2017! Illinois wishes everyone good health and safe travels for the New Year. We all know without our health our travel plans suffer.

The traditions of making resolutions in January is one we can all practice. For our Kountry Klub we can all make it a priority to seek new members. Encourage our members to go to rallies, even host a rally.

While we are all scattered across the country during the winter months, use this time to talk with other RV'ers and share ideas and gather suggestions to help our Klub grow. Remember to check the Klub calendar for luncheons in your area, or check out an out of State Rally that crosses your travel plans.

From our Southern group, **Illinois Kountry Kuzzins, Ed & Cookie Dierker** are planning to host a rally in **Eureka Springs, Arkansas at the Wanderlust RV Park. The dates are May 3-June 3**. Reservations for the RV Park are (479) 253-7385. They are holding 15 sites until April 15 (all 50 amp full hookups).

Last suggestion - put the International Rally dates on your calendar now, and hopefully we will see you in Sedalia, Missouri in October 2017.

Enjoy 2017! Safe travels!
Richard and Donna Ritchie (16254)
Illinois State Directors
rerritchie@comcast.net

IOWA

We're back! After a 2-year break from being State Directors, we've been asked to return. We were hoping someone else would take our spot. We are looking forward to becoming involved again. We've been working on a State Rally already.

We hope you all enjoyed all the holidays, and Santa gave you what you've been wanting. Enjoy your winter, wherever you may be. For us, it will be Port Aransas, Texas. We're going to a new RV Resort that just opened in July. We're right on the gulf, so Jack will be doing a lot of fishing.
Jack and Betty Moorman (16585)
Iowa State Directors
jack_betty127@hotmail.com

MINNESOTA

Greetings from Minnesota, after experiencing an unusually warm autumn, we had a cloudy and rainy December that morphed into a beautiful snowy winter scene. It was a beautiful winter wonderland. Christmas Day however became warm and slick with sleet. We were ready to head south but had to wait until the shed had a new roof.

Pete & I are looking forward along with the Minnesota Loons to spending the winter in warmer climates. We are also in the process of planning fun outings for next summer.

As usual we are starting our camping season at the Saint Cloud Campground, May 1-4. Miriam & Larry Schuler are hosting the campout.

June 19-22 Pete & I will host the "STATE RALLY" in Beautiful Detroit Lakes at the "Long Lake Campsite and RV Resort".

We are open for our July Rally. Calling all Loons for suggestions! We are desperately in need of a Host.

The Region 4 Rally will be at the Medora Campground in Medora, North Dakota (August 14-17). Hosts are Del & Lila Nordstrom.

We hope everyone had a Wonderful and Blessed Christmas. We wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Best wishes and safe travels to all!

Pete and Joan Neururer (16603)

Minnesota State Directors

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Joan's cell: 763-229-4357

joanneur@lakedalelink.net

NORTH DAKOTA/SOUTH DAKOTA

Del and I are at the Pueblo El Mirage Resort in El Mirage, AZ we arrived on October 22, 2016. The trip down went well except sitting on I-40 east of Albuquerque, NM for 2 hours due to an accident. No, we were not in it nor did we see it, just had to wait until they could get the huge line up exited from the west bound lane and around the accident on a side road, and back on again 5 miles down the road.

North Dakota/South Dakota State and Rushmore Roamers Chapter Rally to be held on **Monday, June 12-15.** The campground is **Bismarck KOA, 3720 Centennial Road, Bismarck, North Dakota.**

Our plans are to tour the **North Dakota Capitol Complex and Heritage Center.** Take the **Lewis & Clark Riverboat Pizza Ride.** Hop on **Ft. Lincoln Trolley**, and of course hold our **Third Annual Holey Board Tournament**, etc.

Most meals will be included. Noon lunches will be on your own. All for \$65.00 per person to be paid upon arrival.

Hope you had a **Happy Thanksgiving** and a very **Merry Christmas.** **Del and I** are wishing everyone a great **New Year.**

Del and Lela Nordstrom (14168)

North Dakota/South Dakota State Directors

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WISCONSIN

Happy Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day! We trust that everyone is having and very enjoyable winter, no matter where you are spending your winter months. For those that are spending your time in the Southern warm regions of the country, we hope it's been warm and dry. They are calling for a colder and more snow for those of us remaining in Wisconsin this winter, we are hoping now they are wrong, but time will tell.

Some of our Wisconsin Northern Aire members have been getting together monthly for a noon lunch and this has been enjoyed by everyone that has been able to attend. These type activities keep the interest of the membership together and builds extended friendships over the years.

It's getting near the rally season and as of this writing in late November we don't have any updates for the rallies, when the information does become available I will forward that out to each of you directly. In the meantime, all the rally dates are listed in the Klub calendar, so be guided by this information.

Continue to enjoy your winter, no matter what the location might be and have safe travels if you're coming back home during the month of March.

Remember to pay your Northern Aires Dues.

Terry and Pat Bengtson (10831)

Wisconsin State Directors

tbengtson7718@msn.com

ATTENTION COOKS!



RECIPES NEEDED!

Thank you for sharing your favorite recipes with us; I know some of those have become my family's favorites!

BUT we can always use more! So please continue to send those in. Remember - when published you will receive a coffee cup, compliments of the Kountry Klub.

Please e-mail to: kountryklub@newmarcorp.com

REGION 5 // AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA

Region Directors :: Gary & Wanda Smith (16540-L)



January started out with a bang. Our first Tampa Super Show, as host, has come and gone. **This was the first Super Show without Bob & Bonnie Krieger as host since 2011. You were missed!! Thank you for all those years of planning and guiding us, great memories to look back on. Thanks again to all the volunteers!! You make it happen.**

It gives us great pleasure to announce the new Florida State Directors as Bill & Debbie Smith (15570). Bill & Debbie have been residents of Florida since June of 2011. Prior to moving to Florida, they were the State Directors for Connecticut from 2006 until 2011. They have volunteered at several Newmar International Rallies. Bill is retired from the Connecticut State Police after serving 21 years. Debbie retired as IT Manager for ADT Security. Both realize the challenges that the position has and know that Florida requires a lot of time in serving the four chapters. They wish to bring a close camaraderie among all the chapters.

We know everyone in the NKK that knows Kent & Nancy Miller were saddened by the need for them to step down from this position in September. Please continue to pray for them and add Bill & Debbie to your prayers. They wish to do a good job in this position and we know that with your support they will be great!

We look forward to seeing you at rallies during 2017. Don't forget about special events and International. **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

We can be reached at Gsmith8800@gmail.com. Safe travels and we hope to see you soon.

Love God Love Others

FLORIDA

Well, as you read this article, it is our first article as Florida State Directors. We are humbled and very pleased to be a part of the Florida Newmar family. This position is exciting as well as a bit daunting. With your help and the guidance from our Region Director Debbie & I will try to fill the shoes of our predecessors Kent & Nancy Miller. We wish them the very best for whatever the future holds in store.

The Tampa show has come and gone. As usual the crowds were busy looking over all the new RV's that Newmar produces. Perhaps, some of you reading this, decided to take the plunge and purchase a new unit. It's always fun to check out all the new RV's and related products.

It is our intention to attend as many Florida Chapter Rallies as possible during the coming year. We were fortunate to be invited to join the Florida Manatees during their outing to the Safari Wilderness back in December. Debbie & I had no idea such

a unique place existed so close to our home. Thanks to Bill & Eileen Berg for the invite.

The Florida State Rally will be held in Winter Haven, Florida at Cypress Campground and RV Park from April 19-23. Some of the events planned include a visit to Bok Tower, Florida Natural Citrus Plant as well as seminars presented by Jeff Gaston of My RV School and SkyMed. There will be a visit from the local Newmar dealer plus products to go through. Don't forget there will be plenty of good food and fellowship. Please join us at the Florida state Rally before you set out for your summer travels.

See ya round the campfire.

Bill and Debbie Smith

wsmith2828@gmail.com

FLORIDA MANATEES

When you read this article, Christmas and the Tampa Super Show will be just memories. But, for now, we are looking forward to both. The Super Show sold out early and promises to be memorable.

We all hated to say goodbye to our beloved State Directors, Kent & Nancy Miller, but we will still enjoy their friendship and fellowship. We welcome Bill & Debbie Smith and look forward to working with them, knowing they are eager and very capable of doing the job.

Our December rally took place in Dade City, Florida. Highlights included a homemade barbecue dinner of smoked pulled pork, homemade carrot cake made by Bill Berg, a tour of the Kumquat Growers, Inc. farm, dinner at the Abbey restaurant at St. Leo's college, a pizza party, and the amazing 265-acre Safari Wilderness Park outside Lakeland. The animals included Zebras, Elands, Gnus, lemurs, the gentle giants, the Water Buffalos, African Watusi cattle as well as Irish Dexter cattle. There was a free afternoon to enjoy the local area where some took a short but lovely drive touring the "mini Alps" of Florida. The elevation surprised some of the "flatlanders".

We hope all had a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to two more chapter rallies during February and March. Sign up for rallies on the Kountry Klub website.

Welcome new members, the Whitman's to the Manatees! We look forward to meeting you at a rally in the near future.

Until then, remember, the best things in life aren't things.

Karen Burnette (16482)

President - Manatees

FLORIDA PELICANS

To kick off the Holiday season, a wonderful Christmas lunch was hosted on December 1 by Vic & Carol Hussey and assisted by Emily & Roger Mercier. The Pelicans spent the rest of the month being Santa's helpers, enjoying the merriment of the season and getting ready for the Big Day.

Our January Pre-Super Show rally was held at Lazydays. The busy rally, which was hosted by Emily & Roger Mercier and Richard & Cathy Queen included, among all the activities, a costume party and dinner with the theme of Hawaiian Luau. Several of the Pelican coaches stayed over after the rally to enjoy the Florida RV Super Show and the Newmar Special Event at the State Fairgrounds. As in years past, the Newmar techs did a tremendous job on repairs at a reduced rate. Super

Show was well attended, and Newmar displayed many new and shiny coaches and had interesting technical and informational sessions.

Usually in February the Pelicans stay close to home. On February 9, the Pelicans will attend a charitable event at the Laugh In Comedy Cafe in Fort Myers. This event, Comedy for a Cause, is hosted by Connie Buchholz and is intended to raise money and awareness for the Scleroderma Foundation.

March 5-10, we will have our Strawberry Festival rally at Lazydays RV Park hosted by Pat & Dean Hartman where we will be able to attend the many special entertainment offerings at the Festival and enjoy those scrumptious strawberry shortcakes.

We would like to welcome our new members: Greg & Cathy Forte, Ron & Mary Lee and Jim & Pat Leiss.

Wish you happy and safe travels.

Bea Hamor (18907)

President - Florida Pelicans

FLORIDA SANDPIPERS

We ended the year on a very positive note with nineteen people at our Christmas Rally. The rally was held at Pine Mountain RV Resort in Pine Mountain, Georgia. We toured the local town and bought a lot of Christmas gifts at the many small unique shops. Several members and guest visited The Little White House in Warm Springs and the museum for FDR. The highlight was Callaway Gardens "Fantasy in Lights". There were five coaches and eight guests, two were wives of past presidents that has passed, one past member and one guest that enjoyed our chapter so much that she joined our chapter.

We held our election for our board of officers.

President: Wilda Audleman

Vice President: Lee Wright

Secretary: Eddie Johnson

Treasurer: Wayne Johnson

Wilda Audleman (16844)

President

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FLORIDA SEA TURTLES

The winter months are here but it is so nice to still have warm weather. The Sea Turtles have begun their winter round of rallies starting in Cocoa, Florida. Sixteen coaches gathered for a weekend in November and had a great time. Activities included dining together, a visit to the Warbird Museum, a trip to the King Center to see comedienne, Jeanne Robertson, and we even found some budding artists in the group while we painted on glass. Two local artists came in to show us how to do it and it was so easy!

Several of us attended the Tampa Super Show. You can never have too many trips there to find some new gadget or device for the coach.

In February, we head to Lazy Days in Seffner for some tours of the area and again great dining!

We head out of state in March. We are going to Natchez, Mississippi to see the antebellum homes and tour a cotton

plantation. We will also view two plays in the area. I am sure there will be some great dining experiences in that area.

As always, we love to have NKK members from everywhere join us at our rallies. Check the NKK website for all the pertinent information.

One of the great things about travel is that you find out how many good, kind people there are!

Karen Terry (19880)

President

GEORGIA PEACH STATE KRACKERS

Our Christmas Luncheon was very successful and we had 17 members who enjoyed southern cooking from Maritza Franks in McDonough, Georgia on December 8. The gift exchange was fun and full of laughter as folks stole gifts and some tried to hide their gifts as excitement was felt in the room. It was good to see Frances Harding who is ready to celebrate Christmas time with her family. We held a short business meeting and discussed our rallies for 2017. We look forward to our rallies this year.

Our Spring Rally will be April 19-23 at Stone Mountain Park Campground, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Our Summer Rally will be July 12-16 at River Country RV Park in Gadsden, Alabama. Details to come later.

The Tampa Supershow is history, and we missed being there. I know our Region 5 Directors, Gary & Wanda Smith, did an outstanding job and everyone had fun.

Happy Valentine's Day Krackers; thanks to all of you for your support and participation in the PSK. I believe 2017 will be an awesome year for the NKK and PSK and we look forward to seeing and having fun with all of you this year.

See you all soon. Keep the faith,

Gary and Tori Bray (19450)

Presidents

678-898-0219

CAROLINA'S (NC - SC)

Welcome to 2017! HAPPY NEWMAR NEW YEAR. Now Becky & I are planning our snowbird trip to Florida to enjoy the warm sunshine from January into March. It's a great trip and provides us a good planning time to layout 2017 rallies and adventures.

Now with the successful Tampa Supershow history, it's time to give another big applause and hug to Region 5 Directors, Gary & Wanda Smith, and to all the other volunteers that made the Tampa rally a success.

Our December rally was also a success thanks to Hosts, James & Gwen Draffin, and co-hosts, Roger & Peggy Weeks. They did a wonderful job and have already volunteered to host again this year. The Draffin's are relatively new members of the Pals. Volunteering is coming back in our two chapters.

The Tarheels have a new and first-time couple as President and Secretary --- Gayle and Carl Webber. They will do a great job and be assured they will have all the support wanted. Congratulations folks!

We hope your Christmas was all you expected and your New Year began on a very positive note. We look forward to seeing you during the year.

HAPPY RVING!

Philip Melvin and Becky Garner (10690)
State Directors- The Carolinas (NC/SC)
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beckygarner@bellsouth.net - 336-269-7885

SOUTH PALMETTO PALS

The 2016 season ended with the joint (South Carolina/North Carolina) "Christmas at the Beach Rally" at Myrtle Beach. The weather had rain early but was good the rest of the rally. The rally hosts were James & Gwen Draffin and Roger & Peggy Weeks. We did not have a Tarheels host this year although Philip Melvin & Becky Garner helped in the end. It was another 5-pound rally.

The annual business meeting was held at the rally and the current officers will continue through 2017 (Roger Weeks President, Peggy Weeks Secretary and Mark Blanchard Treasurer).

James & Gwen Draffin agreed to be the South Carolina co-hosts again for next year's "Christmas at the Beach Rally". **The dates for the rally are December 5 to December 8, 2017 at Ocean Lakes Campground. We are looking for volunteers from the Tarheels to co-host.**

We are seeking hosts to set up a luncheon in the month of April. A couple of members have expressed interest if they can find a location. Once the timing and location is finalized we will post to the membership. **We are also looking for hosts for additional rallies.**

This year's International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri is looking very good with the information that is coming out from Bob & Bonnie Krieger. We attended the 2001 International Rally in Sedalia, but the facilities have improved. We did not have full hookups then. We will try to get a caravan set up for those that want to join us. We hope many Pals will attend the rally.

The fuel prices are still down so let's get those wheels turning. Check the "Calendar of Events" because there are many rallies and special events available this year.

Have a healthy and safe travel year.
Roger and Peggy Weeks (4479)
President and Secretary
(864)710-0795 rpweeks@juno.com

TENNESSEE

Happy Valentine's Day! February brings hearts, candy, flowers, love, and dreams of warmer weather if you are crazy about staying home and not wintering in Florida, Texas, and Arizona! Yep, you guessed it Charlene & I stay home and take care of the cows and all the other farm animals. One of these days we will get smart.

We do have enough early warm days to make the Buttercups bloom and they are one of my favorite flowers. They pop up all over the pastures and fence lines. Spring does come early compared to the northern states.

Charlene & I have signed up for the Alaska Caravan Special Event and hope some of you will be able to join the group. Space is limited so make sure you make your decision soon. While you are looking at Special Events, and there are many, register for our State Rally.

Our Tennessee State Rally will be in early May at Clarksville RV Park, Clarksville, Tennessee. Check the "Calendar of

Events" for details and register. Come join the fun and see The Ole Customs House, the Pratt Museum and learn more about the 101st Air Borne at Fort Campbell.

In the meantime think warm if you are still in Tennessee

Please give us a call, text or e-mail if you have any questions!
God Speed and Safe Travels

Phil and Charlene Budd (9488-L)

Tennessee State Directors

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Tennessee Volunteer Kruisers

For those of you that I may have missed... Happy 2017 New Year one more time!

I hope that you all have successfully made it over the "Holiday Hump". And let me be one of the first to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. About this time of the year the winter months are seeming to drag on and everyone is so looking forward to getting those motorhomes out and dusted off. Hang on, it will be soon.

Not to be outdone by previous years, the 2017 Tampa Super Show was a great success. We had a sellout crowd and I deem this a five-pound rally, only because some of us may have gotten more exercise than normal. The Volunteer Kruisers made a respectable showing at the show and a good time was had by all. It was a great opportunity to make new friends and to check-in with friends we haven't seen for a while from neighboring chapters.

Our 2016 year is history and we are so looking forward to all the events planned for 2017. Please check the latest additions to the Kountry Klub "Calendar of Events on the NKK website. The calendar is showing more events than ever before! Many of our members are still hunkered down in their various locations. We have members in Texas, Florida and a few brave souls that decided to winter at home. Wherever you are, I hope you are warm and well.

Just one quick reminder for our Volunteer Kruisers. Don't forget to put our upcoming Tennessee State Rally on your calendar. Dates for this rally are May 8-11 in Clarksville, Tennessee. Be sure to get your reservations in early at the Clarksville RV Park.

We will see you soon.

Sheryn Ward (18849)

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VIRGINIA

It has been a busy Fall for Betty & me, with travel before the Newmar International Rally, then the Balloon Festival, college football games, and planning the 2017 VIRGINIA STATE RALLY. After celebrating the Holiday Season with friends and family, Betty & I made our way to our winter home in Naples, Florida. The weather was great as usual and renewal of our Silver Lakes and Newmar friendships was wonderful.

We traveled up to the Tampa Super Show and enjoyed having lunch with Virginia Wheels Chapter members wintering throughout Florida. As usual our time as "snowbirds" was busy and far too short, which we hope to remedy in the future!!!

I want to remind everyone of the upcoming rally season which

starts with the 2017 **VIRGINIA STATE RALLY** at Misty Mountain Camp Resort May 11-14 in Greenwood, Virginia; the Virginia Wheels Fall Rally at Mayberry Campground in Mt. Airy, North Carolina September 14-18; the Newmar International Rally October 2-7 in Sedalia, Missouri; the Region 5 Rally at American Heritage RV Park in Williamsburg, Virginia October 23-27. I hope to see many of you while attending these Newmar Rallies.

Until next time we wish you all good health and safe travels!!

John and Betty Warhol (18190)

Virginia State Directors

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VIRGINIA WHEELS

2016 – Full of Treasured Memories as

Virginia Wheels' 25th Anniversary Celebration Year Closes

2017-- More Adventures on the Way!



October 27-30 at Ashland RV Resort in Ashland, Virginia, 31 Virginia Wheelers had a fantastic time at our Fall Rally at Americamps hosted by our 1st time Virginia Wheels' rally hosts, Ron & Sandy Rice and Berkley & Karen Alexander. We played games, raced to put together puzzles, told spooky tales, toured Richmond on a trolley, and much more.

Of course there was lots of delicious food starting with waffles in the morning and then potluck and catered meals.

The tour of McGeorge's Rolling Hills RV was outstanding. It began with a very informative presentation followed by the opportunity to view the new Newmar coaches. The dealership provided us with this Vimeo video of their excellent presentation. Enjoy and learn! <https://vimeo.com/189956932/b4ec832a4d>

Virginia Wheels' appreciates the support we have received this year from McGeorge's Rolling Hills RV Center and especially from Bob Cotney, Motorhome Sales Manager.

Thanks to Suzy Burlock for educating me about Dropbox as a uniform way for members to share their pictures. From all of the members' picture contributions to Dropbox, I was able to put them together with captions on SWAY. Enjoy this SWAY link of our Fall Rally: <https://sway.com/Jq7dReCxc4sv4BKq>

2017 promises more Virginia Wheels' adventures to come, with more in the planning stage.

• **May 11-14- Virginia State Rally** –Misty Mt. Camp Resort, Greenwood, Virginia

• **September 14-18--Virginia Wheels' Fall Rally**—Mayberry Campground, Mt. Airy, North Carolina

We look forward to rallying with you in the future!

Danny and Jeanette Templeton (17203)

Presidents

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FLORIDA STATE RALLY

APRIL 19-23, 2017

**Cypress Campground
7400 Cypress Gardens Blvd
Winter Haven, FL 33884**

**www.CypressCampground.com
863-324-7400**

RALLY FEE:

\$200.00 per rig for 2 people; \$100.00 Single

INCLUDES:

4 breakfast, 4 dinners

Join us for a Western themed night, Florida Natural Museum, Bok Tower tour, & Lake Wales Depot Museum, plus more events.

Campground rate of \$25.00 per night; 2 additional days if you choose

30 sites reserved April 5th deadline

Please register at www.newmarkountryklub.com

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bill & Debbie Smith

Newmar Florida State Directors
203-733-0166 or 203-733-2118

VIRGINIA STATE RALLY

**MAY 11-14, 2017 Bring A Buddy
MISTY MOUNTAIN CAMP RESORT
56 Misty Mountain Road
Greenwood, VA 22943**

Rally Hosts: John & Betty Warhol,
Co-Hosts: Mike & Marcy Vreeland
Reservation Phone Numbers:
540-456-6409, 888-647-8900

RALLY COST:

\$100/couple, \$50.00/single
\$60/night, 50 AMP, Full Hookups, Pull Thrus

INCLUDED IN RALLY COST:

2 Dinners, 1 Lunch, 1 Breakfast,
3 Social Hours, and Tour of Historic Monticello

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

Tour Monticello, Games at Camp Site
On Your Own Possibilities: Tour Blue Ridge Parkway, Hike Trails, Visit Charlottesville, Grand Caverns, & more.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2017

**SEND REGISTRATION, NKK DISCLAIMER FORM,
AND RALLY FEE CHECK MADE OUT TO:**

John Warhol

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Williamsburg, VA 23188

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2016 RALLY IN THE FLORIDA KEYS

Ron and Wanda Llewellyn, hosts

Much to our delight, the 2016 Rally in the Florida Keys was a huge success. Fiesta Key RV Resort had completed many upgrades, the staff was very accommodating and the weather cooperated...for the most part.



We began our rally with 51 rigs registered and an additional couple in one rig for a total of 104 attendees. Almost half were attending their first time Newmar rally. This gave us a great opportunity to share the benefits of the Newmar Kountry Klub and make more lasting relationships.

We gathered on Monday evening to welcome everyone and enjoy a savory picnic dinner. Once again we want to thank Farm & City Insurance for sponsoring our ice cream social. They also provided a drawing for \$20, which was won by Jerry & Shirley Goulet of Titusville, Florida. Tuesday found us



independently traveling to Key West where everyone was invited to ride the Key West Trolley around the island. The drivers were very knowledgeable on the history of Key West and each gave their own research information. The on and off trolley dropped us at various sites around town. Attendees were also given tickets to the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory. Beautiful butterflies, flowers, and birds provided an enjoyable, relaxing atmosphere. We actually watched chrysalises emerge from their cocoons. There were many other sites to see at will.

On Tuesday, North Trail RV arrived with a 2017 Ventana and 2017 Dutchstar for everyone to view. We want to thank them for sponsoring our Wednesday night dinner and sending their sales staff and units for all to enjoy.



Wednesday began our tour of Pigeon Key Island, which was the home of the workers for the railroad which brought a more profitable connection to Key West. The Pigeon Key Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to maintaining the island,



structures and history of the Keys development. Those available met at the Tiki Hut for an afternoon social and to watch the sunset over the western sky before a flavorful pasta dinner. Many played card bingo, most for the first time, thanks to our co-host, Kent & Nancy Miller, who do a great job of organizing.

Thursday found more traveling to Pigeon Key. Again, we met at the Tiki Hut for an afternoon social. These socials gave everyone an opportunity to get to know their new friends and share the day's outings. Those not touring Pigeon Key on Wednesday or Thursday had the day free to visit other attractions throughout the Keys. Dinner was a variety of pizzas and tossed salad. Needless to say, some tried new concoctions and were pleasantly surprised. Card Bingo was so popular; it was played again Thursday evening.



Friday morning we enjoyed a hot breakfast and then all travelled to the Theater of the Sea for a personalized tour. Once again the weather was accommodating and the day was sincerely enjoyed by all. Attendees had the rest of the day to visit more attractions or shop. One couple elected to 'swim with the dolphins.' They reported an enjoyable afternoon and shared with those who weathered the windy Tiki Hut Social. Because of the increasing wind and chance of rain, we retired to the rec hall for our social. Our dinner was Churassco steak. It was a first for everyone and we all enjoyed it tremendously.

Saturday was a free day. We had moved our Key West Trolley tour to earlier in the week because there often are multiple cruise ships over the weekend, making the area very congested. Once again we tried to gather at the Tiki Hut for a social, but quickly decided to enjoy the comforts of the Rec Hall. Dinner was once again, roast pig, which was enjoyed by all.

Sunday found several gather for a quick devotional and continental breakfast hosted by Kent & Nancy Miller. This is the second year they have been our co-hosts and we sincerely appreciate their help.

Soon, those not staying over were on their way back to the mainland. Although we had some showers along the way, the week couldn't have had better weather. We want to thank all of our attendees and hope that you will all join us at other Newmar Kountry Klub events.

REGION 6 // IN, KY, MI, OH, WV

Region Directors :: Jerry and Phyllis Rose (10792-L)



We are happy to announce that we have a State Director for West Virginia. The former West Virginia Traveling Montani Chapter President, Bill White and his wife Beth have stepped up to take on the State Director position. They have already signed up some new chapter members and recruited a new President

for the West Virginia Traveling Montani. We are happy to have you on our State Director team.

Finally our Region Rally is set. We will be in Indianapolis, Indianapolis June 4-8. All of our plans are not completed but the one that kept us from setting the date earlier was the VIP Tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. They received their calendar the first of December and were able to start booking their tours. We will be camping at the Indiana State Fairgrounds with full hookups. More info will be announced as it is all finalized.

This is the first we have been able to leave Ohio for the winter. We are staying in Yuma, Arizona enjoying our first official winter of retirement. Being so close to Quartzsite we signed up to go and became a part of the Gathering in the Desert. We attended the Yuma luncheons hosted by John Alguire at the Copper Miner Restaurant. Since this is our first time in this area we have been doing some sightseeing and we even went out to "Howling at the Moon".

The position of Kentucky State Director is now open. Mike & Marilyn McEvoy have resigned the position. They will remain members of the Bluegrass Kountry Roamers and hold a chapter office. Kentucky has some new members and they are making plans for their summer rallies. Watch the *Konnection* and the Website for dates and places.

Sedalia will be the place to be on October 2, 2017. This is so much closer for our region to travel than Colorado. Let's start making plans to attend the International Rally now. Our region is growing in membership and we hope all of the new members plus the existing members will join us in Sedalia.

Another apology is needed. I left off the Ohio article in the December/January *Konnection*. I think my brain has decided to stop working when it is tired. I will be doing a double check on the articles from now on.

Wishing all of you a Happy Valentine's Day and a very green St. Patrick's Day.

As always if you have a question or need some info just call or email. Jerry 937-470-4306, Phyllis 937-657-1563 or prosecook@woh.rr.com

Happy trails to you . . .

KENTUCKY

We trust that everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season and that family and friends were abundant in your plans. Marilyn & I were in Michigan to celebrate the season with our children and grand-children. The weather cooperated for a change and we were able to visit family and friends without any problems. An early January return to Florida and warmer weather was very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to another great rally season and the expansion of our Bluegrass Kountry Roamers (BKR) membership. A number of our former members have given up the RV lifestyle due to health matters and other issues. We are hoping that each of our current BKR members will attempt to bring one new member to the Newmar and BKR family this year.

Safe travels until we meet again. We can be reached at **(502) 228-4025** or mike@the-mcevoys.com or marilyn@the-mcevoys.com.

Mike and Marilyn McEvoy (15434)

Kentucky State Directors

MICHIGAN

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Now that the holidays are over we can get down to the business of winter. Even setting here in southern Texas that thought is gruesome. One thing I don't mind thinking about is the **Newmar Owners Luncheons. We have already attended a couple and it was great getting together with folks we don't see all summer.** We talked with a couple in Pueblo, Colorado at the International Rally, who own a winter home down here. I was so happy to see them attending our luncheons. **Sometimes people just need to be invited. Sometimes an article in a magazine just isn't enough. Be sure to welcome and invite those you talk to. It just might be what they are waiting for.**

With that in mind, here are a couple dates and times for this summer's activities. Keep watching the Konnection and web site for more. It's a little early and all plans are not finalized. **May 5-7, Pine Ridge RV Resort @ 11700 Gera Rd, Birch Run, Michigan** 48415 phone 989-624-9029 cost per night \$ 39.00 early bird May 4, deadline April 1, 2017. Ron & Rosemary Oakes are hosting and they ask that you call the park to reserve then call them so they have you on their list. 586-336-4567 OakesR2003@yahoo.com

September 8-10, Hidden Ridge RV Resort @ 12th St., Hopkins, Michigan 49328 phone 269-672-9196 cost per night \$ 48.00 early bird Sept 7, deadline Aug 30, 2017. Tom & Linda Pikaart are hosting and they ask that you call the park to reserve then call them so they have you on their list. 616-292-6152 TLPikaart@yahoo.com.

It isn't easy to think about arrangements for a rally while you are busy having "fun in the sun" but as soon as I have more details for the rest of our rallies, I will get them posted. In the meantime, if you have any questions about anything Newmar or otherwise get in touch with me.

John and Carolyn Williams (14030)

Michigan State Directors

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OHIO

(Our apologies this article was missed when entering Dec/Jan articles) Well we made it to and from Pueblo, CO., 2400 mi. and 6 days on the road without any major setbacks, a very pleasant trip indeed. What a great 2016 International Rally. We

arrived early as volunteers to help Reg. 6 Directors Phyllis & Jerry Rose who were responsible for "Stage Prep and Decorations", the "Information Bulletin Board" along with several other projects and duties.

On the way home, on CO 71 North between Rocky Ford and Limon, CO, in the middle of nowhere, we saw a law enforcement car stopped on the opposite side, South bound shoulder. Shortly thereafter we were ordered to stop by Colorado Fish and Game officers at a road block (40 mi away from nowhere). They asked us if we had been hunting or fishing and did we have any fish or game in the RV. Well, we said we weren't hunting and didn't have any game on board, so we were allowed to proceed. Seemed odd that we were stopped, but after we motored on we thought we may have been in violation. Gee, Flash was eating animal crackers and Bev was eating Goldfish crackers and we also had canned tuna and salmon in the refrigerator (good thing we didn't kid around or maybe we would have been "bin searched"). The rest of the trip home was uneventful and nothing to laugh about.

While in Pueblo, CO, we arranged for a luncheon in OH and invited new OH-NKK owners. Several BKT members and one Klub owner came to the luncheon. We must have gotten along with them so well that they joined our BKT chapter on the spot. Our newest members; Jack and Arlene Martin from Maineville, OH, welcome aboard. They expressed interest in meeting some of the other NKK members so we invited them to the Oct. rally.

We also arranged a Buckeye Kountry Travelers "No Host" Rally for October, near the Bob Evans Farm Festival in Rio Grande, OH. We had mentioned a Rally possibility at the Reg.6 rally in Aug. this year. We were pleasantly surprised to have units from WV, KY, MI and OH, join in to make a "No Host" Rally successfully fun. There were visits to Bob Evans Farm festival and The Rarely Herd musical entertainment, funny storytelling at our campfire (by several chapter members), and a pancake breakfast for all.

As is customary with our NKK friends, everyone that attended contributed to making this rally fun. A special thank you also goes to Chuck and Michelle (MI) who helped us in many ways and on such short notice and our limited resources, made this rally a success. Also, the new members, Jack & Arlene Martin met with us at Bob Evans Farms and then returned to the campground with us to spend some time and meet more of their new NKK friends. How nice -- and they didn't ask for their dues back either!! Ha-Ha.

Be safe this winter wherever you may be. Think of us when we are begrudgingly shoveling snow from our driveway here in Ohio. See you next year.

As always,
Flash and Bev Miller (9855)
Ohio State Directors

OHIO

Hello to all our BKT friends and many OH Snow-Birds. We just know everyone is enjoying this winter weather. Winter is here in Ohio and so are we (staying all winter). It is cold but Christmas and New Year's Day were in the 40s. You Snow-Birds are probably getting sun tan while we are huddled up inside our homes getting fluorescent light burns. Oh well, spring is just around the corner for us and RV travel is a sure thing.

A number of our Buckeye Kountry Traveler members have had major medical issues in 2016 that we hope will soon be corrected.

Although we cannot address each member's issues here in this article, we wish for each of them a speedy recovery. Good luck to all. (BKT members and friends please feel free to contact us for any updates or progress reports that we may have and will share with you about each of them.)

On a brighter note: We are wishing our special senior BKT member, Koree Orcutt (2621), a Happy Birthday. Koree turns 100 years young on February 12, 2017. Did you know she was born having measles? Guess it didn't affect her. She is still quite young at heart, enjoys doing jigsaw puzzles and likes to reminisce about travels with her RV friends. Congratulations Koree!!

We have set the date for our first OH State Rally. August 17-20 in the Holmes County Amish area. Please put it on your calendar now.

Bye for now; Safe travels, enjoy life and we hope to see you all in the spring.

As always,
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WEST VIRGINIA WEST VIRGINIA TRAVELING MONTANI

We are penning this article from Independence RV in Winter Garden, Florida as we just arrived today to trade our 2013 Dutch Star for a 2016 Mountain Aire. The weather in West Virginia was cold, about 22 degrees, when we left. It was 84 here today. We spent the night last night in Stagecoach RV Park in Saint Augustine and were parked beside the State President of the Virginia Club, Danny & Jeanette Templeton.

The West Virginia chapter of the Newmar Kountry Klub has a big year planned. We will have four rallies in state plus we will have members attending the Region 6 Rally and the International Rally. Since we are one of the newest chapters in the Klub, we are working hard to show that Mountaineers can be one of the most active as well.

Our first Rally of the year will be on May 18-21, at the Harpers Ferry KOA. Harpers Ferry is the site of John Browns Raid and is near the site of the Antietam Battlefield. There are lots of great activities available in the Harpers Ferry area. More details will be published later.

The West Virginia State Rally will be at Beech Fork State Park which is near Huntington, West Virginia, on July 20-23, so mark your calendars and join us. We will post details of the rally and how to make reservations in the next issue of the *Konnection*. We hope many of the members from surrounding states will join us.

We want to welcome Peter & Nanette McDonald who have just purchased their first motorhome, a Newmar Dutch Star, and have joined the Klub.

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REGION 7 // CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT

Region Directors :: Bob and Jane Hadley (16789)



Greetings from Region 7. It's 2017 already!! Hope everyone had a great holiday. Our holidays were spent back home in Rhode Island with family and friends. We have returned to sunny and warm Florida leaving behind the cold, I mean cold, temps. Boy are we spoiled!! Again we are spending our winter in Naples,

Florida. But have moved to Pelican Lake Motorcoach Resort. It was the right move for us since we know so many people there. Newmar is very well represented here.

As this is written we are in Tampa, Florida for the Tampa RV Show again this year. We will be co-hosts this year with Gary & Wanda Smith, Region 5 Directors. Looking forward to working with region 5. We will be at the North Trail display area at a booth promoting the Kountry Klub after assisting with parking all our attendees. Thanks to North Trail RV for giving us this opportunity, again this year, to talk with Newmar owners and potential owners about our great Klub.

Our New York Directors have been working hard at forming a new New York chapter in eastern New York. An organizational rally will be June 9-11th on John & Nancy Alguire's property on the Hudson River in Mechanicville, New York. A new chapter is greatly needed in the eastern part of New York with our increasing number of new members living in that part of the state. So please plan to attend and support the formation of this new chapter. John & Nancy's property, which is right on the Hudson River, is a beautiful site for a rally. Rally info in the "Calendar of Events" of this issue.

We want to take this opportunity to again thank all our officers both state and chapter and members for all your help and support during 2016.

Pennsylvania we are calling on someone to step up for the position for State Directors. We sound like a broken record requesting someone to come forward for this position. So please give us a call or even contact other state directors if you have any questions. Pennsylvania has a good size chapter with many members that can assist you with this position.

As always we can be reached at bobjanehadley@aol.com or by phone Bob 401-808-9030 or Jane 401-808-9031.

Travel Safe....

NEW ENGLAND STATES

Hello again from New England. As I sit and write this article, Christmas has just come to an end. New Year's Eve is just around the corner. I can't believe how this year has flown. It's hard to believe that we traveled to all the rallies we had, and had

so much fun out in our coach this season. But now the coach is in its "winter nap" garage staying out of the sun and snow, (Thanks, Barb & Brad Wright). Rallies are being planned for the next season and we can't wait to start over again.

We have many rallies in the works right now. June 1-4 will be our New England States rally in Bernardston, Massachusetts at the Travelers Woods campground. The rest of the details will follow in the next *Konnection*. **Billy & Jeannie Silvester have a few rallies in the works, one will be at Hurley Field (dry camping) on the Farmington River in New Hartford, Connecticut,** dates, etc. are in the works.

Our chapter is growing!! Thanks partly to Diamond RV in West Hatfield, Massachusetts. They are doing a great job with sales and letting new owners know about our chapter, followed up by letters we send to each new owner in New England inviting them to join in on the fun at our rallies etc. We are meeting new people at every rally we go to. We have also lost a few members, (but still great friends), due to health reasons. We are sorry to see the Lawlor's and the Barrows' out of RVing.

A big CONGRATUATIONS to our great friends in Florida, Bill & Debbie Smith, who were just appointed to the position of Florida State Directors. Congrats!!!

So, friends, Have a great winter, where ever you may be. Safe Travels to all and we hope to see you soon.

Live Each Day Like It's Your Last
George and Cathy Keith (15055)
New England States Directors
Home phone 860-868-2663

NEW ENGLAND AIRES

As we sit here in warm sunny Florida watching the weather reports for cold and snow in New England we are very thankful for this wonderful RV lifestyle that we are able to enjoy.

2016 was a good first year for the New England Aires. We held two rallies, one at Danforth Bay RV Park, Freedom, New Hampshire in June and the 2nd at Travelers Woods of New England in Bernardston, Massachusetts in September. We had good attendance at both rallies and a good time was had by all.

In November we resurrected the annual holiday/fall luncheon at our home. Eleven of us enjoyed the food (I hope), the conversation and camaraderie that always takes place when a group of RVers get together.

We have a full slate of officers for 2017 - Barb & Brad Wright, Presidents; Russ Merwin, Vice-President, Joanne Merwin, Treasurer and Judy Jones, Secretary.

We are sad to report that two of our members, Winston & Joanne Barrows and Joe & Barbara Lawlor have made the difficult decision to end their RV days and sold their motor homes. We will miss them both but wish them the best of luck and hope they will continue to drop in at our rallies.

If you have any suggestions for places for us to hold a rally that can handle our large rigs and charge a reasonable price, please contact us. We would like to hold our rallies in different parts of New England.

Until next time, stay warm if you're up North and safe travels if you're on the road.

Brad and Barb Wright (12910)
Presidents

NEW JERSEY

Angela & I are hoping you all had a great holiday season with your family and friends! Well the winter doldrums have set in over in our corner of northern New Jersey. Just one mild snowstorm this year so far as of this writing. My coach is sadly sitting silent in our driveway.

I recently spoke with Mike & Barbara Agrati, of the New Jersey Garden Aires, who are on their trip south and became so jealous of those retired folks. Oh, well next year I'll start winding down my business affairs to transition away from full time work. My son will be joining me to eventually take over the reins after he finishes his time with the USMC.

So, planning is underway for our next New Jersey rally season. **It appears we will be returning to Cape May in June: 21 – 25. This is such a fun place to go.** I encourage you all to check it out. Historically a summer getaway for the Philly and NYC elite, now a family friendly beach haven. They have a zoo, the Naval Air Station Wildwood Museum, plenty of shopping and the boardwalk along the beach. Each evening at Cape May Point they have a flag lowering ceremony honoring a veteran. At last year's rally, we all went and some wept during the presentation of the flag to the family. We've been staying at the new and improved facilities at the Cape May KOA. It's only \$35 a night camping, which is a real bargain for the Jersey Shore. More details to follow in the next issue.

We are also in the planning stages of a more adventuresome outing at Liberty Harbor RV. This is an unusual place as it's more of a parking lot than campground. But it has views of the Statue of Liberty and the NYC skyline. This would be a bit more expensive endeavor. I've been working in Manhattan for over 35 years and know how to get around. So, with that said, I'd be guiding attendees into NYC to see a Broadway show and to see the 9/11 Memorial site and or the Statue of Liberty. Dates, cost and events to be determined soon. Stay tuned.

Angela and I are planning to attend the International Rally this year and looking forward to renewing friendships made at previous rallies. As always, we can be reached via email at wmannon@att.net if you have any New Jersey questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill and Angela Mannion (19246)
New Jersey State Directors
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NEW YORK

Hi Everyone. Christmas is just a few days from now. Temperature is a high of 18 degrees, ski slopes are open, snowbanks are getting higher, see what you are missing. This weekend the sleds, toboggans, and skiing will be at its best.

When spring comes the Lakers will have a rally at Southwood RV Park May 19- 21. Call the park and make your reservations. 585-548-9002. Call Christina Foley and tell her

that you will be in attendance. Phone 585-738-1293 or e-mail her at motorhomingchris@hotmail.com.

June - Rally on the Hudson at John and Nancy Alguire's. 725 Hudson River Road, Mechanicville, New York June 9-11. This will be an organizational rally for forming an eastern chapter. Mark your calendars now and save the date. Contact John and Nancy @ 518-423-4464 cell or email jnalguire@yahoo.com. Information can be e-mailed to you.

September 15-17 Lakers will be having their 20th anniversary Celebration at Southwoods RV Resort call the resort for reservations - 585-548-9002. Contact Joan Griswold 627-320-4154 house or 607-316-3734 cell by August 1st for details, joangriswold@stny.rr.com.

In October the Lakers will be having their fall rally at Genesee Country Campground Oct 20-22 with Bill Nixon the host. The 22nd of October will be the annual brunch at Terry Hills Country Club in Batavia NY. Mary Jane Heywood will make the reservations, all 585-343-9111. Plenty of room to park your RV.

Don't forget to plan a trip to the International in 2017, Sedalia, Missouri State Fairgrounds October 2-7.

Plan your 2017 now, any questions call us at 716-226-4048 house or my Cell 716-863-3203. E-mail bobengel@roadrunner.com Remember the days are getting longer, spring is just around the corner.

Travel safe,
Bob and Barb Engel (13547)
New York State Directors



REGION 8 // NB, NF, NS, ON, PEI, QC

Region Directors :: Glen & Marg Bassindale (3387-L)



Welcome to 2017 and another year of exciting Newmar Kountry Klub rallies, both near and far. Even though it is still winter we can turn our thoughts to summer time and our camping season.

A long standing tradition of attending the season opener Muskoka Rambler Spring

Rally will take place at the Milton Heights Campground May 26-28. Hugues & Michelle will host this function and is always a crowd pleaser. We look forward to seeing everyone out for this event.

This year we have taken the opportunity to combine our Region 8 rally with our Aurum Kountry Travelers in New Brunswick at their Spring Rally, Jun 30-July 3, at the Wishing Star Campground in Shediac, New Brunswick. We invite all Newmar owners to attend this event as it is a fun time. Ron & Patsy Allain and Emery & Jackie Melanson have this rally down pat. You will enjoy full breakfasts, a steak dinner and a lobster dinner and a great campground in Shediac. We hope that you will be able to come and join us down east. See the ad in the Konnection for registration details or on line in the "Calendar of Events".

International this year will be in Sedalia, Missouri, land of trains, rag time music and the St Louis Arch to name a few items of interest. Rally dates are October 2-7, with early parking starting on September 28. This one is not too far away, so we hope that everyone will plan to attend.

Have you checked out the Special Events Calendar? Hope there is something that interests you and you are able to take part. These events are planned and hosted by Newmar volunteers so if you wish them to continue, we need to participate.

Until next time.....

REGION 8 RALLY

**AURUM KOUNTRY TRAVELERS
JOINT RALLY**

**JUNE 30 – JULY 3, 2017
Wishing Star Campground
(Etoile Filante)
218 Main St.
Shediac, New Brunswick**

RALLY INCLUDES

3 full breakfasts
3 dinners

Special camping rate of \$40 per night for full hookups paid directly to campground

RALLY FEE - \$180.00

REGISTRATION PAYABLE TO

Aurum Kountry Travelers
c/o Emery Melanson
PO Box 526
Grande-Digue, N.B. E4R 1L1

PLEASE INCLUDE SIGNED DISCLAIMER (LOCATED WITH OR NEAR THE "CALENDER OF EVENTS") WHEN SENDING IN YOUR RESERVATIONS.

REGION 9 // AB, BC, MB, NT, SK, YT

Region Directors :: Dave & Joanne Killey (16152-L)



I saw a sign the other day that said "What is the best time for a RV vacation in Canada?" This got me thinking about the vast area and climates that Canada has to offer. I think most would agree the best time would be June through to August. Although September can

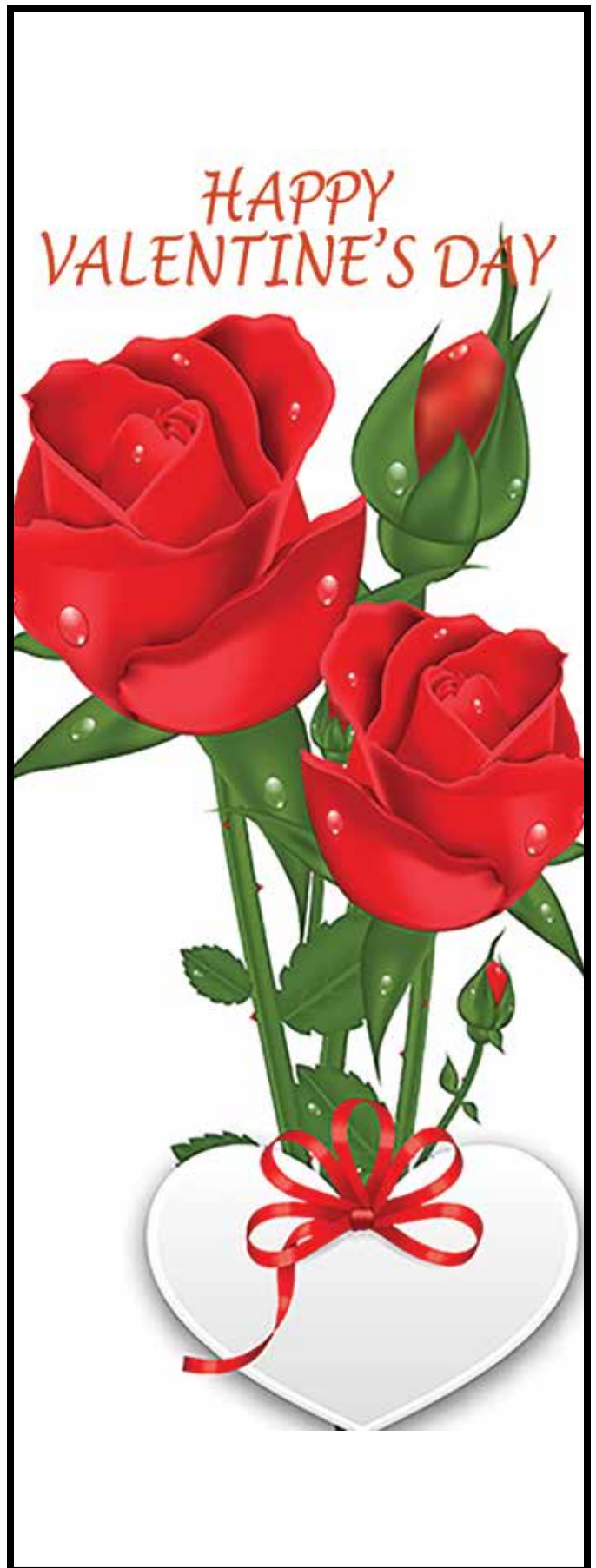
be an extremely pleasant time with the fall colours showing. Weather can turn cold quickly this time of year so be cautious. November to April would defiantly be the off season. Travel still possible with RV's equipped with good snow tires and heater. Watch out for Moose and other wild life on the roads while traveling in Canada at any time of the year. Motor Home Canada (www.motorhome-Canada.com) has a wealth of travel information or check out the two NKK Facebook pages that cover Canada. Region 8 (Eastern Canada) Region 9 (Western Canada) have members who are ready, willing and able to help in your travel plans.

Canada celebrates its 150th birthday this year so on May 9, 2016, the Nation Commission unveiled a special red and white tulip that commemorates Canada's 150th anniversary. Free entry into Canada's national parks in 2017. Parks Canada will be waving all entry fees into the country's beautiful national parks and national historic sites for the entire year. Ottawa Canada's capital is the place to be on July 1st for the country's biggest annual birthday celebration which includes a thrilling performance by the Snowbirds. (Canada's famous air force acrobatic team.)

Where ever your travel plans take you, this summer be sure and take in a Canada Day celebration in a city near you.

Plans are still in the works for the next region 9 rally which will be held at the Irricana Founders Campground and Community Centre which is in Irricana, Alberta from June 14-18. This will be a Wild Rose Chapter 20th Anniversary Rally. An invitation to attend a catered meal at the Irricana Community Centre on Saturday, June 17, will highlight the rally.

We hope you are enjoying your winter and are in the best of health and happiness for 2017. As always our e-door is always open; you can contact us via email at djkilley@firebusters.com.



BE SURE TO READ & INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR RESERVATION FORMS

Newmar Kountry Klub Rally/Caravan Registration and Disclaimer Form

Note: This form cannot be used for International Rally

Type of Rally: _____ Region _____ State/Provincial _____ Chapter _____ Special Event _____
 For Region, State/Provincial or Chapter Rallies, **send payment to the rally hosts, not the Klub Office.**
 For Special Event send deposit/payment to the Newmar Kountry Klub Office.

Date: _____ Event: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____
 Name (s): _____ Klub #: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Unit Information: MH FW TT (circle one) Length____ No. of Slides____ Tow Vehicle Length____ Tow Dolly____
 Is This Your First Rally: _____ Volunteer to Help: _____ Handicap_____

Additional Information is Needed for Special Event Rallies:

Alaska Caravan & Balloon Fiesta – Jacket Sizes Needed. Unisex (men's sizing): S, M, LG, XL, 2XL, 3XL
 His _____ Hers _____
 Tampa Buddy Rally – I am not a member but a guest of _____
 Name Klub #

SPECIAL EVENTS ONLY! – Deposits: Due when registering. See specific ad for deposit/payment.

Send payment to: Newmar Kountry Klub, PO Box 30, Nappanee, IN 46550.
 Paying by Check # _____ or Credit Card: _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____ Discover _____
 Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 digit Code _____
 (See back side of card for code)

Signature: _____

For Special Events you can also register by phone: 1-877-639-5582 or on online: www.newmarkountryklub.com

Disclaimer: All persons attending a Klub rally must sign this disclaimer in order to participate. I agree, in consideration for being able to participate in this Newmar Kountry Klub activity, to release and to indemnify and hold harmless Newmar Kountry Klub and Newmar Corporation, its directors, officers, members, and employees, from all liability for injury or damages to my person or property, or the person or property of persons who accompany me to this activity. With knowledge of the type of risk or harm, which might occur at such activity, I sign this release and indemnity as part of my application. All adult members and their guests must sign and in so doing, assume responsibility for minors in their care. I also agree that any photos taken can be used for Newmar Kountry Klub purposes.

Cancellation Policy: I understand and agree to the Cancellation Policy for rallies, caravans and Special Events.

Signature: _____
 Signature: _____
 Signature: _____
 Signature: _____

Cancellation Policy For Special Travel Events

Please notify the Kountry Klub immediately if you have to cancel your trip. Cancellations will be accepted for Special Travel Events and Caravan Tours on the following conditions:

- a) A \$25.00 per person cancellation fee will be charged anytime you cancel an event reservation.
- b) For reservations cancelled 69 days to 30 days from the start of the event, you are responsible for all non-refundable portions of the financial commitments paid out by the Klub on your behalf for the event plus \$25.00 per person cancellation fee.
- c) If you cancel 29 days or less prior to the event, you will receive no refund until after the event and receive only that portion the Kountry Klub can recover. The \$25.00 per person cancellation fee still applies.
- d) Deposit must be with reservations and full payment must be to be confirmed.

Cancellation Policy applies to the following Events:

- Alaska Caravan June 6 - July 19, 2017
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta October 11-15, 2017
- Louisiana Cajun Caravan October 11-26, 2017

Please Note: The Kountry Klub must pay some non-refundable financial commitments and deposits well in advance of events. We cannot absorb losses on last minute cancellations, and we will no longer do so. These commitments make this cancellation policy a necessity. We thank you for your understanding.

Cancellation Policy For Region, State, Provincial Rallies

Due to the large number of late cancellations, the Kountry Klub has experienced significant financial losses from non-refundable commitments made during the planning stages. A new Region, State/Provincial Rally "Cancellation Policy" is being implemented.

- 1) An administrative fee of \$10/person will be charged. This fee will cover costs associated with processing your rally registration and will be included in the rally fees as advertised.
- 2) Members who register for a rally and then:
 - a) For whatever reason, cancel a minimum of 35 days prior to the start of the rally will receive a full refund, less the administrative fee of \$10/ person.
 - b) Cancel 34 to 8 days prior to the start of a rally will be charged for any non-refundable commitments made on your behalf in addition to the \$10/person fee.
 - c) Cancel 7 or less days prior to the start of a rally will receive No Refund on any portion of the rally fee paid.
- 3) Members who register for a rally and do not advise the Hosts that they will not be attending will receive no refund.
- 4) All refunds will be made at the conclusion of the rally.

PLEASE NOTE: Planning any rally requires long-term organization. Many service providers require non-refundable financial commitments. Because these deposits and financial commitments are often made well in advance of any rally, this policy becomes a necessity.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FEBRUARY

- Feb 6-9** **Florida Sea Turtles Chapter Rally** – Seffner, Lazy Days, 6210 CR 579 – CT: Bill & Debbie Smith 203-733-0166 wsmith0828@gmail.com
- Feb 7** **Arizona Newmar Luncheon** – Tucson, Mimi's Café, 4420 Oracle Rd, Time 1:00 pm – CT: Roy & Martha Willis 520-390-8799 rmcuddles@juno.com
- Feb 7** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd, Time 12:00 pm – CT: John Alguire 518-423-4464
- Feb 7** **Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Lakeland, CANCELLED
- Feb 8** **Arizona Newmar Owners and Guests Luncheon** – Surprise, Golden Corral, 17674 N Litchfield Rd, Time 11:00 am/meal 11:30 am. CT: Del Nordstrom 605-310-7900 del@alliancecom.net
- Feb 8** **Florida Newmar Owners and Friends Luncheon** – Clermont, Golden Corral, 1555 S Grand Hwy, Time 11:00 am – CT: Everett & Julie Israel 815-878-2804 enije@earthlink.net
- Feb 8** **Texas Rio Grande Valley Owners Luncheon** – McAllen, American Legion Post 37, 1305 E Jasmine, Time 11:00 am, Reservation deadline Jan 25, CT: Rose Holschlag 954-579-7794 randrholschlag@earthlink.net (add Newmar to subject line)
- Feb 9** **Florida Pelicans Chapter** – Fort Myers, Laugh-In Comedy Café (comedy for a cause), 8595 College Parkway, CT: Connie Buchholz 239-464-1771 buchholzconnie@yahoo.com
- Feb 9-12** **Florida Manatees Chapter Rally** – Arcadia, Little Willies RV Resort, 5905 NE Cubitus Rd, - Deadline Feb 4 - CT: Tom Priester 813-788-2580 or priester@verizon.net
- Feb 14** **Arizona Owners Breakfast** – Casa Grande, Holiday Inn, 777 N Pinal Ave, Time 8:30 – CT: Tom Conerty 303-638-4998 carol.moyes@gmail.com
- FEB 15-26** **HAWAIIAN CRUISE – CONTACT EDGERTON TAVEL AGENCY FOR INFORMATION OR TO BOOK 574-256-2929 or 800-643-4604.**
- Feb 20** **Florida Pelicans Luncheon** Location -TBD – Time 11:30 am – Deadline Feb 17 - CT: Tim Buchholz @ 239-464-0219 contimb@earthlink.net
- Feb 21** **Florida Newmar Owners and Friends Luncheon** – Ft Myers, Golden Corral, 460 Colonial Dr, time 11:30am – CT: Ron Llewellyn 740-707-2063 or wanda_ron@yahoo.com

MARCH

- Mar 5-10** **Florida Pelicans Chapter Strawberry Rally** – Seffner, Lazy Days Rally Park, 6210 Country Rd 579, 800-350-6731 Call for site reservations mention Pelican Block, Deadline Feb 26 – CT: Pat & Dean Hartman @239-940-0309 dwhartman@comcast.net
- Mar 7** **Arizona Newmar Luncheon** – Tucson, Mimi's Café, 4420 Oracle Rd, Time 1:00 pm – CT: Roy & Martha Willis 520-390-8799 rmcuddles@juno.com
- Mar 7** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd, Time 12:00 pm – CT: John Alguire 518-423-4464
- Mar 7** **Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Lakeland, CANCELLED
- Mar 8** **Florida Luncheon** – Clermont CANCELLED
- Mar 8** **Texas Rio Grande Valley Owners Luncheon** – McAllen, American Legion Post 37, 1305 E Jasmine, Time 11:00 am, Reservation deadline Feb 25, CT: Rose Holschlag 954-579-7794 randrholschlag@earthlink.net (add Newmar to subject line)
- Mar 13-16** **Florida Manatees Chapter Rally** – Bowling Green, Torrey Oakes RV & Golf Resort, 2908 Country Club Dr, CT: Dominic Taurasi 389-451-1595 mardom1@earthlink.net
- Mar 14** **Arizona Owners Breakfast** – Casa Grande, Holiday Inn, 777 N Pinal Ave, Time 8:30 – CT: Tom Conerty 303-638-4998 carol.moyes@gmail.com
- Mar 16-19** **Texas Kountry Lone Stars-South Chapter Rally** – Spring, Rayford Crossing Resort, CT: Randall Hayden 817-598-0409 or rhayden@royaltruckbody.com
- Mar 18-22** **Louisiana FLORIDA Sea Turtles Chapter Rally** – Vidalia, River View RV Park & Resort, 100 Riverview Parkway, make campground reservations with resort 888-628-2430- CT: Kenny & Nancy Griffin 256-762-0982 kegrv@yahoo.com
- Mar 20** **Florida Pelicans Luncheon** Location -TBD – Time 11:30 am – Deadline Mar 17 - CT: Tim Buchholz @ 239-464-0219 contimb@earthlink.net
- Mar 21** **Florida Newmar Owners and Friends Luncheon** – Ft Myers, Golden Corral, 460 Colonial Dr, time 11:30am – CT: Ron Llewellyn 740-707-2063 or wanda_ron@yahoo.com
- Mar 29-Apr 1** **Nevada State Rally** – Boulder City, Lake Mead RV Village, 257 Lakeshore Rd, call resort for reservations 702-293-2540, Deadline Feb 28 – CT: George & Cheryl Zellers 702-363-2113 cgzell@cox.net

APRIL

- Apr 6-10** **Arizona Suncatchers/Fulltimers Joint Rally** – Benson, Cochise Terrace RV Park, 1030 Barrel Cactus Ridge 520-720-0911, Deadline Feb 1st – CT: Chuck & Debbie Reading 623-243-5807 creading@cox.net
- Apr 17** **Florida Pelicans Luncheon** Location -TBD – Time 11:30 am - CT: Tim Buchholz @ 239-464-0219 contimb@earthlink.net
- Apr 17-20** **California Golden Bears Rally** – CANCELLED

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- Apr 17-20** **Texas Lone Stars-South Chapter Rally** - Rock Port, Lagoons RV Park. CT: Randall Hayden 817-598-0409 or rhayden@royaltruckbody.com
- Apr 19-23** **Florida State Rally** – Winter Haven, Cypress Campground, 7400 Cypress Gardens Blvd, Call campground for reservations 863-324-7400, CT: Bill & Debbie Smith 203-722-0166 wsmith0828@gmail.com
- Apr 19-23** **Georgia Peach State Crackers Chapter Rally** – Stone Mountain, Stone Mountain Park, 1000 Robert E Lee Blvd, Deadline Feb 28 - CT: Gary & Tori Bray 678-898-0219 or eeigeb@aol.com
- Apr 19-23** **Louisiana State Rally** – Robert, Reunion RV Park – CT: David & Jan Groce 318-202-3838 or grocedm@suddenlink.net
- Apr 20-23** **Kansas Kountry Sunflowers Chapter Rally** – Chapman, Chapman Creek Campground, 2701 N. Marshall St – CT: Mike & Jeannie Girton 620-282-4371 or mjg@cox.net
- Apr 26-30** **Texas ARKANSAS State Rally** – Canton, I-20 RV Park, 24481 I-20, Call RV Park for reservations by Jan 1st 903-873-8561, Deadline Apr 8th – CT: Ruth Ann Hairston 870-703-0175 rhairston@sbcglobal.net
- MAY**
- May 1-4** **Minnesota State Rally** – St Cloud, St Cloud Campground, 2491 2nd St SE, CT: Larry & Miriam Schuler 320-564-4476 meschuler@gmail.com
- May 4-7** **Kansas Kountry Sunflowers Chapter Rally** – Salina, Salina KOA, call campground for reservations 785-827-3182 - CT: Joyce Brown 785-266-4742 brown0226@cox.net
- May 4-7** **Oklahoma State Rally** – Poteau, Long Lake Resort, 35740 US Hwy 59 So, Deadline Apr 20 – CT: Larry & Patsy Wood 918-630-7470 lwood630@gmail.com
- May 4-8** **California Region 1 Rally – Hemet, Golden Village Palms RV Village, 2600 W Florida Ave, Deadline Apr 1st, CT: Marty & Marion Marcum 562-762-8853 martynmarion@gmail.com**
- May 8-11** **Tennessee State Rally** – Clarksville, Clarksville RV Park and Campground, 1270 Tylertown Rd, call campground to reserve site 931-648-8638 – CT: Phil & Charlene Budd @ 931-638-2015 prbudd60@bellsouth.net
- May 11-14** **Pennsylvania Allegheny Kountry Kampers** – Bethel, Camp Swatara Family Camping Center, 2905 Camp Swatara Rd - CT: Dave Logue 814-643-2501 dlogue@msn.com
- May 11-14** **Virginia State Rally** – Greenwood, Misty Mountain Camp Resort, 56 Misty Mountain Rd, Deadline Apr 10 - CT: John Warhol 757-817-5105 jjwarhol1942@gmail.com
- May 15** **Florida Pelicans Luncheon** Location -TBD – Time 11:30 am – Deadline May 12 - CT: Tim Buchholz @ 239-464-0219 contimb@earthlink.net
- May 16-19** **Wisconsin Northern Aires Chapter Rally** – Oshkosh, Hickory Hills, CT: Dennis Johnson 920-680-0897 awingerwarrior@yahoo.com
- May 18-22** **New Mexico State Rally** – Taos, Taos Valley RV Park, 120 Este Es Road, CT: Ron & Carmen Ward 505-296-2207 cward186@comcast.net
- May 19-21** **New York Lakers Chapter Rally** – Byron, Southwoods RV Resort, 6749 Townline Rd, call RV Resort to make your own reservations 585-548-9002– CT: Christine Foley 585-738-1293 motorhomingchris@hotmail.com
- May 26-28** **Ontario Muskoka Ramblers Chapter Rally** – Milton, Milton Heights, 8690 Tremaine Rd, Deadline May 1 - CT: Hugues & Michelle Lemieux 519-621-0173 lemichug@gmail.com
- May 31-June 3** **Arkansas ILLINOIS Illini Kountry Kuzzins/Arkansas State Rally** – Eureka Springs, Wanderlust RV Park, 468 Passion Play Rd, Deadline Apr 15, CT: Cookie & Ed Dierker 217-454-2243 cookiened@aol.com
- JUNE**
- June 1-4** **Massachusetts New England States Rally**– Bernardston, Travelers Woods of New England, 152 River St., CT: George & Cathy Keith 860-868-2663 cathykeith35@gmail.com
- June 6-9** **Minnesota State Rally** – Detroit Lakes, Long Lake Campsite & RV Resort, CT: Pete & Joan Neururer 763-658-4243 joanneur@lakedalelink.net
- JUNE 6-JULY 18** **ALASKA CARAVAN SPECIAL EVENT – RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN**
- JUNE 7-11** **REGION 3 RALLY – HOT SPRINGS, CLOUD NINE RV PARK, 136 CLOUD NINE DR, CT: LARRY & KATIE HARRINGTON 580-512-3641 ML.HARRINGTON@TDS.NET**
- June 9-11** **New York Eastern Chapter Formation Rally** – Mechanicville, Home of John & Nancy Alguire, 725 Hudson River Rd, CT: 518-664-4552 jnalguire@yahoo.com
- June 9-12** **British Columbia Provincial Rally** – Fairmont Hot Springs, Fairmount Hot Springs RV Resort, 5225 Fairmont Resort Rd, Deadline Apr 25 – CT: Wayne & Doris Erickson 250-426-3754 chipacreek@shaw.ca
- June 12-15** **North Dakota/South Dakota State and Rushmore Roamer Chapter Rally** – Bismarck, Bismarck KOA, 3720 Centennial Rd, call campground to reserve site 800-562-2636, Deadline May 15th – CT: Del & Lela Nordstrom 605-543-5527 del@alliancecom.net
- JUNE 14-18** **ALBERTA COMBINED REGION 9/ALBERTA WILDROSE CHAPTER RALLY – IRRICANNA, IRRICANNA CAMPGROUND, 1ST ST & 2ND AVE, DEADLINE MAY 25 – CT: DAVE & JOANNE KILLEY 604-906-7767 DKILLEY@FIREBUSTERS.COM**
- June 19-23** **California State/49ers Chapter Joint Rally** – Paso Robles, Wine Country RV Resort, 2500 Airport Rd, Deadline May 19, CT: Larry & Mary Roberts 805-461-8186 lkrmj@gmail.com

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- June 22-26** **Colorado Krusin Aires Chapter Rally** – Steamboat Springs, Steamboat Springs KOA, 3603 Lincoln Ave, Deadline May 22, CT: Randy & Kathy Bohmeyer 303-882-4492 rkbhbmeyer@comcast.net
- June 26-29** **Washington Evergreen Aires Chapter Rally** – Twisp, Riverbend RV Park, 19961 SR 20, 509-997-3500, CT: Ben Barker 360-380-2407 bendonnabarker@yahoo.com
- JUNE 30-JULY 3** **NEW BRUNSWICK REGION 8 AND AURUM COUNTRY TRAVELERS JOINT RALLY – SHEDIAC, WISHING STAR CAMPGROUND, 218 MAIN ST, DEADLINE JUNE 1 – CT: EMERY MELANSON 506-227-3824 EMERYMELANSON@YAHOO.CA**
- JULY**
- July 13-16** **Kansas State Rally** – Seneca, Stallbaumer RV Park & Campground, 1701 North St - CT: Larry & Sherry DeWitt 620-437-7325 sherryledewitt@gmail.com
- July 19-23** **Wisconsin State Rally** – Almond, Fountain Lake RV, CT: Terry & Pat Bengtson 480-215-1496 tbengtson7718@msn.com
- AUGUST**
- Aug 8-12** **Missouri State Rally** – Maysville, Pony Express RV Park, 4469 S Hwy 33, CT: Butch & Joyce Fiebleman 573-465-2039 hefiebs@rollanet.org
- AUG 14-17** **NORTH DAKOTA REGION 4 RALLY – MEDORA, MEDORA CAMPGROUND, 3370 POOL DR, 800-633-6721 CALL CAMPGROUND FOR RESERVATIONS TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH NEWMAR KOUNTRY KLUB, DEADLINE JULY 14, CT: DEL & LELA NORDSTROM 605-543-5527 del@alliancecom.net**
- Aug 24-27** **Kansas Kountry Sunflowers Chapter Rally** – Milford, Milford State Park Campground, 3612 State Park Rd, contact www.reserveamerica.com/camp for reservations - CT: Kip & Crystal French 785-307-6565 kefrench@cox.net
- Aug 24-28** **Wisconsin Northern Aires Chapter Rally** – Kieler, Rustic Barn RV Park, 3854 Dry Hollow Road, Call Resort to reserve your site 608-568-7797, Deadline June 23, CT: George & Theresa Korycan 847-226-6391 theresa@terrator.com
- SEPTEMBER**
- Sept 11-15** **Washington State Rally** – Deer Park, Spokane RV Resort, 1205A North Country Club Dr, 877-276-1555, Deadline Aug 1, CT: Jim Witherspoon 509-994-8031 jswspoon@gmail.com
- Sept 14-17** **Kansas Kountry Sunflowers Chapter Rally** - Topeka, Capitol City KOA, 1949 SW 49th, Call 785-862-1081 for reservations – CT: Jim & Vickie Sturgeon 785-249-1081 sparkey57@hotmail.com
- Sept 14-18** **North Carolina VIRGINIA Wheels Chapter Rally** – Mount Airy, Mayberry Campground, 114 Bunker Rd, CT: Charlie & Deane Grebinger 804-920-9684 deaneandcharlie@gmail.com
- Sept 15-17** **New York Lakers Chapter Rally** – Byron, Southwoods RV Resort, 6749 Townline Rd, Call resort for reservations 585-548-9002, Deadline Aug 1 – CT: Joan Griswold 627-320-4154 joangriswold@stny.rr.com
- Sept 24-29** **Missouri Fulltimers Chapter Rally and Annual Meeting** – Branson, Branson KOA, 397 Animal Safari Rd, Deadline July 10 – CT: Evan & Debbie Hughes 707-953-9888 president.nkk.fulltimers@gmail.com
- OCTOBER**
- OCT 2-7** **MISSOURI 2017 INTERNATIONAL RALLY – MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SEDALIA, MO - EARLY PARKING WILL BEGIN ON SEPT 28. RESERVATIONS WILL OPEN IN MID-APRIL**
- OCT 11-15** **NEW MEXICO – ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA SPECIAL EVENT RALLY –RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN**
- OCT 11-26** **LOUISIANA CAJUN CARAVAN SPECIAL EVENT – RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN**
- Oct 19-22** **Texas Kountry Lone Stars-South Chapter Rally** – Kerrville, Buckhorn Lake Resort, CT: Randall Hayden 817-598-0409 rhayden@royaltruckbody.com
- Oct 20-22** **New York Lakers Chapter Rally** – Caledonia, Genesee Country Campground, 40 Flint Hill Rd – CT: Bill Nixon 315-256-7007 wrnix@frontier.net
- OCT 23-27** **VIRGINIA REGION 5 RALLY – WILLIAMSBURG, AMERICAN HERITAGE RV PARK, 146 MAXTON LANE, DEADLINE SEPT 4 – CT: GARY & WANDA SMITH 912-656-8800 GSMITH8800@GMAIL.COM**
- Oct 28** **Kansas Kountry Sunflowers Luncheon** – Salina, Diamaru Steakhouse & Sushi Bar, 3045 South 9th St, Time: 11:30 am – CT: Brad & Alice Elkins 620-341-3717 alelk@hotmail.com
- NOVEMBER**
- Nov 16-19** **Texas Kountry Lone Stars-South Chapter Rally** – Galveston, Sandpiper RV Resort, CT: Randall Hayden 817-598-0409 rhayden@royaltruckbody.com

— Welcome new members! —

21727
Lubinski Bruce & Joyce
Livingston TX

21728
Whitman Mike & Brenda
Gulfport FL

21729
Burdett Rick & Bonnie
Burlington ON

21730
Miller Jerry & Patti
Wautoma WI

21731
Allen Bill & Barbra
Far Hills NJ

21732
Anderson Patrick & Stacey
San Antonio TX

21733
Bernardi Tom & Sally
Odessa FL

21734
Browning David & Gale
Jacksonville FL

21735
Burley Jack & Jackie
Harbor Springs MI

21736
Callaghan Frank & Vicki
Fort Myers FL

21737
Carlson Brad & Rhonda
Naples FL

21738
Doerhoefer Mike & Jackie
Marco Island FL

21739
Groom John & Julie
Bonneau SC

21740
Keith Wayne & Suzanne
Dallas GA

21741
Kern Ralph & Margaret
Winter Garden FL

21742
Lindsay Tim & Kathy
Toledo IL

21743
Marstall Todd & Laurie
Katy TX

21744
Wallace Robert H & Curtiss
Myrtle Beach SC

21745
Boswell Michael & Theresa
Indio CA

21746
Back Doug & Nancy
Lexington KY

21747
Smith Fred & Judy
Forest VA

21748
Fox Jim & Jeri
Oak Park CA

21749
Jowdy Larry & Patti
Ontario CA

21750
Luster Victor & Roberta
Saugus CA

21751
McKinney Ed & Tess
Jackson TN

21752
Nurre Paul & Shirley
Livingston TX

21753
Seagraves Charlie & Betty
College Station TX

21754
Williams Byron & Millie
Rockledge FL

21755
Baker Alan & Jean
Grant FL

21756
Bazemore Bob & Becky
Livingston TX

21757
Stewart Daniel & DeLane
Titus AL

21758
Watters Tommy & Kristi
Coppell TX

21759
Lindsey Kevin & Malia
Livingston TX

21760
Ayers Pat & Amy
Jacksonville FL

21761
Cushman Frank & Kathleen
Taylorsville NC

21762
Downs Mike & Yvonne
Edwards CO

21763
Hicks Danny & Susan
Redmond WA

21764
Lawrence Nathan & Donna
Livingston TX

21765
Solomon Billings Robert &
Teresa
Hemet CA

21766
Soriano David & Linda
Ventura CA

21767
Bacher Ed & Pat
Westerville OH

21768
Cooper Jim & Vicki
Corpus Christi TX

21769
French Bart & Glenda
Minden NV

21770
Johnson Jan & Nancy
St Augustine FL

21771
Fries Scott
Simi Valley CA

21772
Korczykowski Jim & Elaine
Grand Island NY

21773
Owens Jim & Sandy
Waynesville NC

21774
Wood Edward
Redding CA

21775
Gill Tom & Nancy
Maryville TN

21776
Stewart Stacy & Karen
Vernal UT

21777
Moffatt Gordon & Gwen
White Horse YT

21778
Kimberger Nick & Carol
Bakersfield CA

21779
Reynolds Ralph & Sarah
Fredericksburg VA

21780
Rizzo Dave & Robin
Chapel Hill NC

21781
Bello JB & Katie
Vero Beach FL

21782
Sanders Kenji & Deborah
Sandusky OH

21783
Cooke Alex & Cece
Punta Gorda FL

21784
Anselmi Jim & Diane
Whitsett NC

21785
Dowdell Roger & Linda
Bar Harbor ME

21786
Gehm Ken & Mary
Green Bay WI

21787
Harrison Steve & Amanda
Commerce TX

21788
Holt Sal & Susan
Comfort TX

21789
Kern Jerry & Cristie
Orlando FL

21790
Kiely Jack & Pam
El Paso TX

21791
Ternau John & Margo
Reno NV

21792
Turner Dale & Cindi
Canal Winchester OH

21793
Svatek John & Diane
Schaghticoke NY

21794
Wright Ron & Karen
Fair Oaks CA

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