



The Granite Stater

Newsletter -July, 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Gus Swanson

The 2010 camping season got off to a good start at our Spring Rally in Sandwich. Weather was good for the 25 family member coaches that were in attendance. A high point of the weekend was the "Tick Lady" and her "friends". Folks did not hang around late that Saturday night but instead headed back to the coach to check for "Ticks". Thank you to the Officers and other volunteers that helped pull this off.

Responses for the June Rally/Gathering at Circle "9" in Epsom started off slow but we ended up with 11 family member coaches. Thanks to Dave & Delores Selvis for helping host the weekend. Weather did not cooperate for the weekend but we did not let it damper on our social hours and morning coffee. The group enjoyed the Country Western dancing, or maybe I should say we enjoyed watching the Country Western dancing!

The last weekend in July we are going to be back at the **Lake Forest Campground** in Wakefield. September brings us back to the **Sandwich Fairgrounds** for a business meeting and rally to celebrate our "15th Year Birthday Bash". Linda P. with the assistance of numerous other members plan on making this a rally you will not forget. Reservations have been made for an October rally at **Riverbrook** in Rumney that will be hosted by Steve & Debbie Ford and Dick & Peg White. Break out the "Brown Bags" it is time to "regift".

With the repeal of the 9% tax we made some adjustment to the published charges for our first couple of rallies. Note the change on the Lake Forest Rally form. If anyone has sent in a check Bill McDonough will square it away with you at the rally.

We continue to look for an individual to step forward and take on responsibilities as Wagon Master. If anyone is interested and/or would like more information about what is involved, please contact me. **We need to start planning for 2011.**

Bill Ellsworth has volunteered to take over responsibility for the "Can Tab" collection effort that Bob Parsons had done for many years. Bill will be looking for your Tabs in Sandwich.

Fred Greaves has volunteered to take responsibility for photography at our rallies

Our Nominating Committee, Bill Elkins, Bucky Buck & Fred Rhine, are looking for individuals that would be interested in participating as officers in the Granite Staters. Vacancies are, as I know them at this time, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If interested, please contact Bill Elkins at **603-435-6064** or e-mail at wdelkins@myfairpoint.net.

If you have any changes in your contact information contact Barbara Smith our Membership Chairperson. Barbara can be contacted at **978-772-4870** or bsmit59@hotmail.com.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our rallies in 2010.

Gus & Bea Swanson

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CHAPTER NEWS

Don't forget our old lawn chair slogan: "GRANITE STATERS ALL THE WAY!!!" - Bob Smith

Granite Staters Business Meeting May 15, 2010

President Gus Swanson called the 1st Granite Staters business meeting for 2010 to order at 9:36am on Saturday, May 15th, 2010 at the Sandwich Fairgrounds in Sandwich, NH.

Other officers present were the chapter's Vice President Peggy McShea; Secretary Bill McShea; National Director John Landry; and Alternate National Director Dick White. Committee Chairs present included Membership - Ed and Barbara Smith, and Newsletter Editor/Webmaster - Bob Burnham.

25 coaches attended this rally, and approximately 48 people were in attendance for the meeting.

At Gus's request, members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops, and the members we've recently lost, or those who have health issues or are otherwise incapacitated and unable to attend.

After thanking everyone who helped gather the minutes of the September 12th, 2009 Annual Meeting - and especially Lisa Landry - Bill McShea went on to read the minutes of that meeting. It was moved by Bobbie McCracken and seconded by Bill Elkins to accept the report as read. The body voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Speaking on behalf of Betty Robicheau, our Treasurer, Gus reported \$7502.33 in the treasury. A large portion of that amount is held in reserve for pre-paid memberships going forward the next several years, as well as monies for the AED and other purposes. Betty also related to Gus that several Granite Staters had conducted an audit of the books in Florida during the winter. Glenn McCracken moved, and Dave Selvis seconded the acceptance of the report. The body voted unanimously to approve the report provided.

Vice President Peggy McShea had no discussion items.

National Director John Landry related that he would be unable to attend the Governing Board Meeting on August 11th at the International Rally in Redmond, OR and asked anyone interested in serving as the chapter's alternate to make themselves known. Alternate Director Dick White is also unable to attend that meeting. Some discussion followed about the criteria for serving as the chapter's representative, and the role that person might play.

Speaking for the Membership Committee, Barbara Smith related the chapter now lists 117 members. Bill McShea related that he had received a letter from FMCA in April certifying the membership of the Granite Staters as 96 active F and L members - the discrepancy in count being a result of the timing of the membership audit which started last Fall. A discussion ensued about both chapter and FMCA free memberships. Gus related that FMCA will provide another 5 free FMCA memberships

for the chapter in 2010, but that's tied to the FMCA "A Dozen Does It" membership enrollment promotion currently underway. These five free FMCA memberships are designed to help the chapter recruit 12 new FMCA members, and if it does, the chapter will receive a gift box of FMCA logo items that can be used for door prizes

at our rallies.

Speaking as the acting Wagonmaster, Gus discussed the need to fill that position, and upcoming rallies which have been tentatively scheduled:

- a small group gathering at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom in June;
- the Northeast Area Rally (NEAR) in Essex Junction over the 4th of July weekend;
- the Lake Forest rally in Wakefield in August;
- our 15th Birthday Bash back at Sandwich Fairground in September; and -
- our Fall rally at Riverbrook RV Resort in Rumney in October.

Some of these rallies still need help!

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Bob Burnham spoke about the dual position he handles, and brought up the need for someone to take over the on-going can tab project (which benefits the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, MA) from Bob Parsons.

Old Business: (continue reading this report at <http://www.granitesters.org/minutes201005.pdf>)

From Barbara Smith, the Membership Chairperson:

We would like to welcome back a couple:

Fred and Jane Gendron from Pelham, NH

Ed and I hope you enjoy the summer, look for us at the NEAR rally in Essex Junction, VT. Be sure to check out the membership table for a new "surprise". We look forward to seeing you there.

For those of you who need to renew the cost is \$15 per year or \$65 for 5 years.

Ed and Barbara Smith

Sunshine Rport Bev Wasson July 2010

Well, all has been quite for the Sunshine Committee. I hope that is a sign that all are healthy and happy.

Once again, it seems I was the in need of sunshine. Sadly, in April, I lost my precious furry co-pilot Buddy De Bear. I couldn't save him this time and had to fold up his stroller for the last time. He is deeply missed and has left a gaping hole in my Wasson World. In happier news, on Memorial Day weekend, I adopted a happy little pomerpoo (poodle/pomeranian mix) named Gunner. So someday if I ever get ungrounded from my caregiving duties, you'll see me with 2 dogs - Little Gunner and Archie (who was my mother's dog).

If you hear of someone in need of sunshine, please be sure to e-mail me... I may be grounded but that doesn't stop my mail.

Wishing you all safe travels and a happy summer camping season.

Bev Wasson, Sunshine Committee
buddydbear@peoplepc.com

2010 Granite Staters Schedule

- January 10th Winter Dinner – Red Apple Buffet
161 Loudon Road, Concord, NH
Bob & Louise Parsons - 603-648-6104
- January 29-February 1 Southeast Area Pre Rally – Brooksville, Florida
Bob Burnham and Bucky and Thelma Buck
603-762-0172 603-462-5105
- February 1- 6 Southeast Area Rally -Brooksville, Florida
- March 15-19 “Granite Gators” Winter Rally
Brooksville, Florida
John & Louiselle Violette and Bob Burnham
603-512-4292 603-762-0172
- April Open
- May 14-16 Sandwich Fairgrounds – Sandwich, N. H.
Granite Staters Officers
Gus & Bea Swanson 603-886-6678
- June 11-13 Circle 9 Campground, Epsom, NH
Gus & Bea Swanson 603-886-6678
- July 2-5 Northeast Area Rally
Champlain Valley Exposition
Essex Junction, Vermont
- July 30-31, Aug 1 Lake Forest –East Wakefield, N. H.
Bill & Nancy McDonough and Artie & Joan O’Neil
603-476-5056 603-446-7079
- Sept 10-12 15th Anniversary Birthday Bash
Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich, N. H.
Paul & Linda Porazzo, Tom & Betty Robicheau, Joe & Bunny Parolise
617-851-3798 603-882-4755 603-432-7492
- October 1-3 Riverbrook RV Resort- Rumney, N. H.
Steve & Debbie Ford and Dick & Peg White

Note: June 25-27 – NASCAR – Loudon, NH
Sept 18-20 – NASCAR – Loudon, NH

Granite Staters
Lake Forest Campground
"Lake Retreat"
Wakefield, New Hampshire

July 30th, 31st, & August 1st, 2010

Hosts: Bill & Nancy McDonough 603-476-5056
Co-Hosts: Artie & Joan O'Neill 603-446-7079

Come and just relax by the lake and get your sanity back from the mad rush of life.
"Just be in the moment."

- Thursday** – early bird arrivals.
 3:00 Social Hour (Bring something to share)
- Friday** – Registration
 3:00 p.m. Social Hour – Last Names **A-L** bring appetizers.
 Dinner on your own
- Saturday** – **8 A.M.** Morning Wakeup – Coffee, bagels, English, etc.
 3:00 P.M. Social Hour - Last Names **M-Z** bring appetizers.
 Pot Luck Supper. Bring something to share.***
- Sunday** - Morning wake up - Coffee, bagels, English, etc.

SPACE LIMITED

Cut off date July 12th - Make checks payable to: **Bill McDonough**
Mail to: **P. O. Box 318 - Moultonboro, N. H. 03254-0318**

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|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Early Bird Arrivals | \$34.00 | \$ _____ |
| Weekend Camping | \$78.00 | \$ <u>78.00</u> |
| Total Submitted | \$ _____ | |

Name: _____ F # _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Unit Type _____ Length _____ Plate # _____

*** Please indicate what you're planning to bring for the pot luck supper:
This way we can try to avoid too many duplicates.

Pot Luck Supper Item: _____

Granite Staters

Sandwich Fairgrounds, N. H.
15th Anniversary Bash
September 8th – 12th, 2010

Hosts *Paul and Linda Porazzo*
617-851-3798

Tom & Betty Robicheau
603-661-0671

Joe & Bunny Parolise
603-432-7492

- Wednesday Sept 8th** **Setup and Early Arrivals \$25.00 for night, includes free supper Movie**
- Thursday, Sept 9th** **Early Arrivals \$25.00 for night
3:00 Social Hour
Dinner on your own
Movie**
- Friday, Sept 10th** **7:30 Morning Wake up- donuts, muffins, etc.
8:00 Registration Begins
3:00 Social Hour A-M bring appetizers
5:30 Supper "Cup Minestrone Soup and Crackers"
Seafood Salad roll or Cold Cut Platter
7:00 Bingo**
- Saturday, Sept 11th** **7:30 Morning Wake up-donuts, muffins, etc
9:00 Business Meeting
Anniversary Cake & Ice Cream
Dried Flowers by "Greta" "make and take"
"Granite Staters Nascar"
"Human Obstacle Course" Granite Stater Style
3:00 Social Hour N-Z bring appetizers
5:30 Dinner – Chicken Barbeque by Sandwich Fire Department \$\$
Half chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls & chips, green beans, cranberry sauce.
And pudding
8:00 Evening Entertainment – Newlywed game –Participants needed**
- Sunday Sept 13th** **8:00 Morning Wake up – Scrambled Eggs, hash brown, sausage & juice**

All Weekend: ** Book Swap, Video Swap, Cards, Dominos and Games, Cribbage Contest, Horse Shoe Contest (bring your own shoes), 50/50 Raffle (Fri & Sat), Door Prizes, Clothing raffle.

Subject to change, Full itinerary upon arrival.

Directions to Sandwich Fairgrounds

From I-93 – Exit 23 to 104 East to Meredith, Left on US3 North to light. Turn right on 25 East to Center Harbor. At 2nd light, turn left on Bean Road (before the gas station). Eight miles to Fairgrounds, look for Club Signs.
From Route 16 – Take Route 25 West to Moultonboro Turn right on Route 109 north to Fairgrounds look for Club Signs
Water and Electric – Dump station available Bring your Tabs

Registration Form – Due before August 27th.
After that date please call Linda @ 617-851-3798

Names: _____ FMCA # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ First Granite Staters Rally: yes no

RV Plate # _____ State _____ Emergency Notification _____

Unit Make _____ Telephone # _____
ie: Bounder, Winnebago, etc

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| Fee for Weekend { Friday & Saturday} - 2 Adults and Children | \$66.00 | _____ |
| Early Bird Parking Wednesday | \$25.00 | _____ |
| Early Bird Parking Thursday | \$25.00 | _____ |
| Single Rate | \$58.00 | _____ |
| Extra Person in Rig (each) | \$10.00 | _____ |
| Saturday Chicken Barbeque _____ each @ | \$12.00 | _____ |

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: Linda Porazzo

Mail to: Linda Porazzo
8 Taylor Street
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GRANITE STATERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

No person may become a member of the Granite Staters unless he/she is a member in good standing of Family Motor Coach Association (FMCA)

FMCA # _____ FMCA Expiration Date _____

Pilot's Last Name _____ Pilot's First Name _____

Co-Pilot's Last Name _____ Co-Pilot's First Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel # _____ E-mail _____

I / We have paid my / our dues or have applied for membership in FMCA. Enclosed is a check and I / we understand that it is for dues and entitles me / us to membership in the Granite Staters Chapter of FMCA for the period circled below. (No cash please) PLEASE PRINT MATERIAL IN ABOVE SPACES.

Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to: GRANITE STATERS

Dues: \$15.00 to May 31, 2011

Dues: \$65.00 to May 31, 2015

Circle one of the above!

Mail to:

Barbara Smith- Membership Chm

41 Blanchard Road

Harvard MA 01451

MR. KEN BADGES 'N SIGNS
 2505 CLINTONVILLE ROAD - HARRISVILLE PA 16038
 (800) 398-0307 EMAIL MRKENBADGES@CCLCOMA

GRANITE STATERS NAME BADGE ORDER FORM

Badges are \$9.00 each and come with a pin clasp on the back.
 A magnetic "pinless" option is an additional \$2. (Not recommended if you have a pacemaker)
 Bolo tie and slide are available for an extra \$2.50
 NOTE: The pinless option and bolo option may both be used on the same badge

FMCA # _____

Phone _____ Email _____

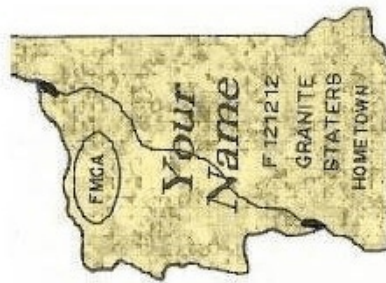
Name _____

Address _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1ST Badge _____ 2ND Badge _____

Name as you want it engraved _____ Name as you want it engraved _____



_____ Name Badges @ \$9.00 \$ _____

_____ Gray Bolo Ties @ \$2.50 \$ _____

_____ Magnetic Pinless Option @ \$2 \$ _____

_____ Shipping & Handling \$1.25 per badge \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to "Mr Ken" and mail to above address or fill out the information below for credit card sale. You should receive your order within 3 weeks.

Payment by Credit Card: _____ Visa _____ Discover
 Account# _____ CVV# (# on back panel) _____

Name on Card _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (1108)

Granite Staters
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This is your membership expiration date