



The Granite Stater

Newsletter, March, 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Gus Swanson

As the daylight hours here in New Hampshire get longer we start thinking of our 2010 camping season. At least this week, it was time to put away the snow blower and break out the rubber raft! It's what we love most about our New England weather.

The January get together at the Red Apple in Concord was well attended. Bob and Louise Parsons did a great job of putting it all together. Bob decided at the last minute that hospital food and the care Louise was giving him at home was better, so he sat this one out. We hope Bob is doing better and look forward to seeing them at Sandwich in May.

The Rally schedule appears to be set for the year. Reservations have been made and plans are in progress for most of the Rallies/Gatherings. Bill and Carol Elkins have made reservations for the October Rally at Riverbrook in Rumney. They will unfortunately be out of state so will be unable to host the weekend. If there is someone that would like to host the weekend, please contact me.

Bill Elkins is heading security again this year at the Northeast Area Rally in Essex Junction, VT and is looking for volunteers to help in this effort. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Bill. I am sure Bill will have a sign up sheet in Sandwich.

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.

Our Nominating Committee, Bill Elkins, Bucky Buck & Fred Rhines, 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.

I would like to extend a welcome to our new members. I am sure you will enjoy our Granite Staters family. We look forward to meeting up with you, at our next rally.

FMCA is at again, even bigger and better! FMCA has put a new program in place to help build the FMCA organization and help build the chapters at the same time. With the "**A Dozen Does It**" program, once our members recruit 12 new member families for FMCA, our chapter will receive a Chapter Prize Package filled with gifts for future giveaways. To kick start the program FMCA has given me **five (5) "free" FMCA membership certificates** to give out. If redeemed, these memberships will count toward the twelve (12) needed to claim our Chapter Prize Package. If you have someone that is interested please contact me.

FMCA Bylaws, based on a change made in Bowling Green, Ohio, now require that "a chapter shall hold at least 1 business meeting at which a quorum is present." per year. At present our Bylaws require 2 business meetings per year. We can elect to do nothing or we can make a change to our Bylaws to "hold at least 1 business meeting" per year. An item to discuss in Sandwich.

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

NEAR RALLY Essex Jct, Vermont 2010

The date for this year's NEAR Rally is July 2-5. The Granite Staters have been asked to provide coverage for Commercial Security, Gate Security and Day Gate at the Rally this year. Carol and I are the Team Captains and are looking for volunteers. Last year we had over 20 Coaches and are hoping for a good showing this year.

Volunteers go in early for advance parking as a group. Remember our Chapter motto "Where ever we go, we have fun" volunteering for the NEAR Rally is no exception. If you have not done this in the past, why not try it this year. Carol and I will be at the Chapters May Rally in Sandwich. Sign-up sheets will be available, or you can call us at 603-435-6064 another option is to email us. wdelkins@myfairpoint.net .

May 21-23 we will be attending the Captains pre-rally meeting at Essex Junction and will be able to update those who have signed up as volunteers when we return.

Bill & Carol Elkins

From Barbara Smith, Membership Chair March 2010

We would like to welcome 5 new couples as members since the last newsletter:

David & Colleen Cleveland, Keene, NH
Charles & Catherine Michalenoick, Claremont, NH
Robert & Gail Knowlton, Union, NH
Todd & Sue Pillsbury, Littleton, NH
Rejean & Jacqueline Thibault, Manchester, NH

Fnumbers that need to Renew:

F289007, F140234, F313008, F94272, F210479,
F203761, F285887, F56187, F304575,
F280253, F175693, F227309, F212667, F331076,
F359979, F179788, F175280,
F284870, F301074, F333508, F106778, F343533,
F183106, F106779, F166870, F185346,
F171134, F385314, F218780.

The cost to renew membership is \$15 for one year, five years for \$65.

Ed and I look forward to seeing you at the gathering in the spring in Sandwich, NH. To everyone, have a pleasant "what's left" of winter.

Barbara and Ed Smith
978-772-4870

Sunshine Rport Bev Wasson March, 2009

Sunshine Committee has been pretty quiet lately having sent out only a few cards this year. I hope this means that all have had a healthy and happy winter.

Get well wishes were sent to:

Bob Parsons
Bobbie McCracken
Rae Prentiss
Thelma Buck

Rae Prentiss passed away Sat night February 13. Cards may be sent to Bill Prentiss at:

William Prentiss
c/o Don Sowers
16725 Rockwell Heights Lane
Clearwater, FL 34711

I wanted to take a moment to thank the Granite Staters for their kindness, understanding and prayers extended to me this past year. As most know I have been taking care of my father who's physical and mental health is deteriorating. So at this point, I'm still grounded at home with my care giving duties. I'm going thru camping withdrawal but am looking forward to spring time and perhaps getting on the road again sometime this year.

Wishing you all safe travels. Keep those e-mails coming. Sunshine Committee may be grounded from travel but no one can ground my sending cards (smile).

Bev Wasson
buddybear@peoplepc.com

Southeast Area Rally

This year thirteen Granite Stater coaches were parked at the start of the runway, right by the entertainment tent, because we held our pre-rally on the runway beginning on Friday, January 29th. We sure did have "bragging rights!"

Brooksville's normal weather didn't disappoint us again this year - it was cold and windy and rainy as we expect. Our spirits weren't dampened though. We had a social hour every afternoon and bagels and muffins in the morning. We used cars parked as windbreaks and commandeered the entertainment tent to escape the rain.

We were joined for social hour each day by the Violettes and Heberts who are volunteers for the Southeast Area, in addition to several other members who visited. We were especially pleased to have a visit from Anne Brown and new husband.

Many thanks to Steve and Debbie Ford who stepped in to fill in for Bucky and Thelma who were unable to come to Florida this winter.

We in Florida are now looking forward to the annual winter "Granite Gators" rally, scheduled in two weeks.

Bob Burnham

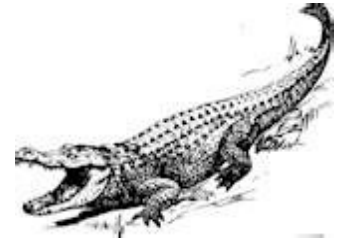
2010 Granite Staters Schedule

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

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

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**Granite Gators
March Madness
GRANITE STATERS MARCH RALLY**



**Tuesday, March 16 - Thursday, March 18, 2010 inclusive
Hernando County Airport, Brooksville, Florida**

**Hosts: John and Louiselle Violette JohninBow@gmail.com 603 512-4292
Bob Burnham burnham@sover.net 603 762-0172**

Tentative Daily Schedule

Every day:

**8:00am (except Friday 7:00) Breakfast. Bring your own coffee or tea.
Lunch on your own**

4:00pm Social hour, Tu/Th odd F numbers; W/F even F numbers

6:00pm Supper: Tuesday, chicken; Wednesday, corned beef.

7:00pm Fun and games, maybe a bon fire

Tuesday: Welcome, registration, set up, friendship

**Wednesday: Chapter meeting, if needed, after breakfast.
Golf (sign up with John for tee time)
Or visit Rogers' Christmas House and Village in North Brooksville**

**Thursday: Visit Homosassa Springs
5:45pm Leave for an evening dinner at the Boston Cooker restaurant in Spring Hill**

**Friday:
7:00am Continental Breakfast, clean up, pack up, move out. Another group is
coming in behind us.**

Water, 30 or 50 amp electric, and sewer.

We have the use of kitchen and meeting facilities in one of the buildings

Important! You will need the keypad combination to open the gate. Send an email and the combination will be returned to you, otherwise call 603 762-0172 when you arrive.

After passing the gate, STOP at the stop sign and look both ways -UP- for approaching aircraft. This is an active runway! Bear to the left, then right, and go straight ahead until you arrive at our rally field. When leaving from and returning to the airport, remember always to STOP and look.

Fees: \$60.00 for three nights of camping, payable when you arrive. An additional fee for food and supplies will be assessed each rally goer. If you wish to stay additional days, call the hosts for available dates.

FMCA Granite Staters

Spring Rally and Business Meeting
Sandwich Fairgrounds
Center Sandwich, New Hampshire
May 14th, 15th & 16th, 2010

Hosts: Your Granite Staters Officers
Contact: Gus & Bea Swanson 603-886-6678 (h)
Bill & Peggy McShea 603-493-6305 (c)

A time to get together and swap winter stories, renew old friendships, and develop some new ones.
Chapter Business Meeting on Saturday morning.

Full and up-to-date itinerary and details on arrival, but plans include:

Thursday – Early Bird arrivals

Friday – Registration;

Social Hour @ 3:30 PM – even ‘F’ numbers please bring appetizers to share;
Dinner on your own.
Socializing, Bingo @ 7 PM with John & Gus and/or games in the hall.

Saturday –

Morning wake up – coffee and English muffins, bagels, etc.
9:30 AM - Business Meeting;
Noon – Flea Market and Book Swap through lunch and early afternoon (tables provided);
Social Hour @ 3:30 PM – odd ‘F’ numbers please bring appetizers to share;
6:00pm – Granite Staters Ham & Bean Supper (BEANO provided!!!!) BYOB, plates and utensils –
coffee and rolls provided. Dessert provided by your officers.
Socializing, Bingo @ 7 PM with John & Gus and/or games in the hall.

Sunday -

Morning wake up – 7:30 – 9:00 AM Pancakes and Sausage with Ed & Barbara

Cut off date will be May 1st. Please make checks payable to G.G. Swanson and mail to: PO Box 3644,
Nashua, NH 03061.

Name: _____ F #: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Unit Type: _____ Length: _____ Plate: _____

Weekend camping: \$72.00 \$72.00
Early Bird arrival: 27.00 _____

Total submitted: _____

FMCA Granite Staters

June Gathering

Circle 9 Campground
39 Windymere Drive
Epsom, New Hampshire
(603)-736-9656

June 11th, 12th & 13th, 2010

Contact: Gus & Bea Swanson 603-886-6678 (h)
Dave & Delores Selvis 603-882-8894 (h)

Check In: 1:00 PM

Full and up-to-date itinerary and details on arrival, but plans include:

Thursday – Early Bird arrivals

Friday – Registration;
Social Hour @ 4:00 PM – even ‘F’ numbers please bring appetizers to share;
Dinner on your own.

Saturday – Morning wake up – 7:30 – 9:00 AM coffee and English muffins, bagels, etc.
Spend your day enjoying the area attractions or sit back and relax awhile.
Social Hour @ 3:30 PM – odd ‘F’ numbers please bring appetizers to share;
Dinner on your own.
8:00 – 11:00 PM – Country Dancing in the Dance Hall
Put on your dancing Boots and give the Texas Two Step a try!
BYOB (set ups and snacks can be purchased inside the dance hall)

Sunday - Morning wake up – 7:30 – 9:00 AM coffee and English muffins, bagels, etc.

Check Out: 12:00 AM

Cut off date will be May 27th. Register early Space limited to 20 coaches! Please make checks payable to G.G. Swanson and mail to: PO Box 3644, Nashua, NH 03061.

Name: _____ F #: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Unit Type: _____ Length: _____ Plate: _____

Weekend camping: \$34.00 \$68.00

Early Bird arrival: \$32.00 _____

Total submitted: _____

GRANITE STATERS OFFICERS

2009 – 2010

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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!

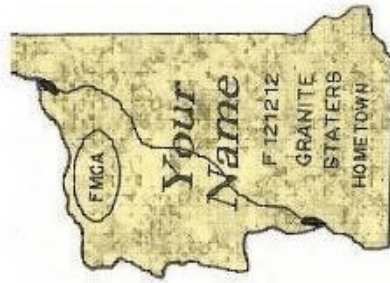
**Mail to:
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Harvard MA 01451**

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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 _____ (11008)

**Granite Staters
 Gus & Bea Swanson
 537 Candlewood Park
 Nashua, NH 03062**

This is your membership expiration date