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RALLY COST: (In US funds)

Rig with 2 people	\$2,799.00
Rig with 1 person	\$2,099.00
Ea. Add'l Guest in Unit	\$ 699.00

Deposit Amount \$500.00 per person at time of booking
Reservation Deadline/Balance Due Date: April 9, 2018
Limited to 22 units

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20 days/19 nights camping
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4th of July Fireworks
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Bar T5 Covered Wagon dinner and entertainment
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This caravan will have lots of walking. You will also be at high elevations where it is more difficult to breathe if you are not used to the altitude. Itinerary subject to change without notice.

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CALGARY STAMPEDE & CANADIAN ROCKIES SPECIAL EVENT



July 5 - July 17, 2018



Join us for a fun filled time at the Calgary Stampede and Canadian Rockies Rally. Spend 6 nights in the town of Cochrane, Alberta. The "Newmar Bus" will provide the transportation to all stampede events. There is lots to see and do in this area and there is ample free time to explore. Then get ready for spectacular scenery as you drive your coach into Banff National Park (Entrance fee is NOT included in your rally fee and must be paid at park entrance) then into Jasper National Park to the historic town of Jasper where you will spend three nights in prime wilderness area of Whistler National Park. The distance is 387km/241 miles with an approximate driving time of 5 hours. Here you will enjoy the 5-hour scenic train/bus tour. Your drive back to Banff will be highlighted by a stop at the Athabasca Glacier where there will be a snow coach waiting for you to take you up the glacier and the most spectacular scenery there is. Next stop is Banff Tunnel Mountain RV Park, or a nearby park, for a 3-night stay. A guided tour of the famous Banff Springs Hotel along with a picture session with a RCMP in full scarlet uniform and farewell dinner at the historic Old Spaghetti Factory are just a few of the activities planned for Banff.

Rally Cost: (In US funds)
Rig with 2 people \$2,467.00
Rig with 1 person \$1,549.00
Add'l Guest in Unit \$1,029.00

Deposit Amount \$500.00 per person at time of booking
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Rally Fee Includes:

- * 12 Nights Camping
- * 2 days at the Calgary Stampede
- * Reserved seating for the Stampede Opening Ceremony Parade
- * Official White Hat Ceremony
- * 5 Dinners
- * Calgary Tower Tour
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- * Free time to explore on your own

Note:

Don't forget passports are required for US citizens. If you do not have one, apply early.

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2017 Louisiana Cajun Caravan Report



We met in Lake Charles, La. to start our 15 day caravan. We had a soup supper, introductions and instructions at the camp rally hall. We had a chance to meet and greet everyone and pass out our travel books and rally bars.

The next morning we drove around the Creole Nature trail, to see the alligators in their natural habitat. We then went to town and toured the Mardi Gras museum and decorated King cakes.

The second day we drove to Vermillionville and toured an old plantation with many working building with craft people showing and teaching how to quilt, make candles and making preserves. We of course ate many fine meals throughout the caravan.

We visited the Louisiana Orphan Train Museum. The City of New York sent over 3000 orphans to the State of Louisiana in 1907. Sister Mary Irene Fitzgibbons started a foundling hospital in New City, but due to overcrowding, pleas was sent to many Catholic priests in several states to help find homes for the children. Many of the children were never adopted, but indentured. The one requirement to receiving a child was a promise to raise them French Catholic. Some of the children were adopted to add love to the family and many for the free labor they provided.

We toured the Avery Island Tabasco facility and jungle garden. If you like tabasco this is the place to visit. They have everything from sauce to ice cream. The weather was beautiful and the day was wonderful and relaxing. We sponsored a host provided dinner that evening at the campground, and everyone seemed to enjoy that.

We visited two museums in one day and they were very different but both enjoyable and informative. One was about aviation/sawmill and the second was Mr. Charlie's oil rig.

One of my favorite days was spent at the Greenwood Alligator farm. We saw newborn gators and learned the story of egg collection, incubation, hatching and care of the strange little critters. We even got to hold a baby and to our surprise they are very soft. We went on a swamp tour and saw gators in nature. We learned so much about gators, and I will share with you the most important thing to know. If you are ever chased by a gator, run in a zig zag pattern.

We traveled onto New Orleans. We ate at several restaurants and went on two tours. One was a walking tour through the French Quarter, and the second was a 2 hour bus tour around the city. The World War II museum was another favorite. We watched the movie "*Beyond all Boundaries*," it was well narrated by Tom Hanks.

Another favorite by many of the caravan folks was the New Orleans School of Cooking. We watched a demo and had a great lunch. We took a cruise on the Steamboat Natchez with dinner. The evening air was perfect and the lights along the bank were beautiful.

For a super wonderful finish we went to the Nottaway Plantation for a murder mystery dinner and tour. The food was the best of the tour and the grounds and buildings have been kept in pristine condition.

The last morning we gathered one last time for coffee, donuts and good-byes. We hope everyone had a great time, I know we did.

Our co-hosts, Viki & Randall Goodner did a great job of finding such a complete variety of things to show us the lifestyle of the Cajuns and Creoles. We appreciate their dedication and hard work.

Larry and Katie Harrington (17407-L)
Caravan Leaders

2017 Balloon Fiesta



The 2017 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta was fantastic. This year we had 25 coaches in attendance. All of our sites included unlimited access to the balloon field. The first evening after our pizza and salad dinner we enjoyed a special presentation by balloonist Al Lowenstein. He brought the whole works (minus the balloon) and set up the basket and burners in front of the group. He pretty much covered ballooning from A to Z, answered questions and ended the presentation by firing off the burners. Wow - when he fired them off we could really feel the heat. By having the presentation the first evening the group has a much better understanding of what goes on down on the balloon field.

First thing every morning there is what is called the "Morning Glow". Well before dawn about 12 or 15 crews lay out their balloons getting ready for the spectacular. By 6:00 am these early birds have their balloon inflated and then the spectacular begins. Once the balloons are inflated they remain tethered to the ground and every few seconds the pilot hits the burner to produce a bright flame that lights up the balloon for the "Morning Glow". Imagine all of these big beautiful brilliantly colored balloons all lighting up at the same time all around you. It is really a beautiful sight and you are right there, so close that you can really feel the heat every time the flame is activated. Then these early birds are off into the dark morning sky. Soon hundreds of crews start laying out their "envelopes" as the balloonists call their balloons and go about the task of first filling the envelope using a large fan. Once the balloon is partially inflated with air they then ignite the burner to fill the balloon with hot air. Being down on the field gives you an opportunity to assist one of the many crews getting their balloon ready for flight. Being on the field as all this activity is taking place is an experience you will never forget. Guaranteed! Even after hosting the past 3 years we are still in awe at the whole experience of the Balloon Fiesta.

Once the balloons that participated in the Morning Glow are airborne a balloon with the American flag lifts off to the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner. If that doesn't make

you proud to be an American nothing will. Usually by about 7:00 am there are balloons in various stages of inflation all over the huge field waiting on the officials, called zebras because of the striped shirts they wear, to send them off into the cool morning sky. Over the next couple of hours, the sky was filled with over 650 balloons of various shapes and sizes in every color of the rainbow. This year because we attended the last 4 days of the Fiesta the emphasis was on all of the special shaped balloons. Imagine seeing the Wells Fargo stagecoach as a huge balloon (the largest balloon by volume of air), a giant cow, a monstrous purple dragon, a motorcycle (the largest balloon in Europe) Darth Vader and the list of shapes and characters goes on and on. If you have never seen more than a few balloons at once the magnitude of this spectacular in Albuquerque will literally blow your mind. Photographs cannot do this event justice nor can words describe it - you need to see it in person. If you have a bucket list this event needs to be on the top of your list.

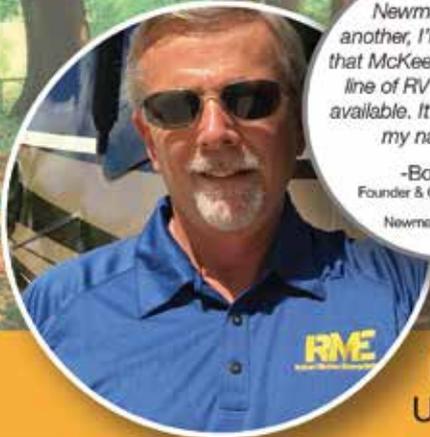
There is a special phenomenon referred to as the "Albuquerque Box" and it is why so many balloonists come to Albuquerque to enjoy their sport. The box is where the air currents at lower altitude tend to blow to the south. Once the balloonist is a mile or so from the launch field they increase their altitude a few hundred feet and to catch higher winds currents that are blowing to the north. The first 3 mornings the box was working and the sky was fairly free of clouds and with the sun on the balloon gave us all some great photo opportunities. The last morning there was too much wind and none of the balloon launched. You can never know what Mother Nature is going to do.

Watch the Happenings and future issues of Konnection for information on the 2018 Balloon Fiesta Special Event.

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As another year comes to a close we reflect back and thank everyone that contributed to making it a great success.

May each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

Merry Christmas!

**Bob & Bonnie Krieger
and
Linda Feece**



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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

"As this article is being written"...how many times have we said that... not going to start this one with that statement so how about...IT IS A WRAP! Yes indeed, Sedalia, Missouri 2017 is a wrap and we have already been to Gillette, Wyoming to get things rolling for the 2018 gathering of our Newmar Family. **There are so many to thank for another successful International Rally and it all starts with the wonderful team of Regional Directors, our Members-at-Large and Linda Feece** at the home base in Nappanee. **These folks then turn to you, our members, who respond in magnificent fashion and become THE VOLUNTEERS** that make the entire show a true happening!! **THANK YOU!!**

Our attendance was larger than the 2016 International in Pueblo, Colorado and once again the number of first time attendees was very high. It must also be stated that our numbers of returnees...those of you who continue to support our Kountry Klub...was also higher!! We had a room full of enthusiastic new owners and new Newmar Kountry Klub members at our First Timers Meeting. At Sedalia, we had classes on all three chassis platforms....Ford, Freightliner and Spartan! You could get your RV weighed, take a personal RV driving lesson, enjoy the pet contest, learn local history, laugh until your face hurts with Bill Lepp, or dance until your feet hurt with Link Union!

The support from the Customer Service and Service Support departments of Newmar was outstanding this year! The introduction of Newgle by the Service Department was a big success and several members of the software development team were in attendance to give seminars and answer questions. **Speaking of service...can we all give a shout out to the Service Techs at the Newmar International Rally!!** They were indeed the **SUPER STARS** of the rally!!



They were fighting rain and accomplished their assigned tasks with very unique and innovative coverings over their work carts. This was stated on many, many survey forms and I shared the term **SUPER STARS** from those survey forms. **Way to go**

Service Techs!!!! We are always blessed with your expertise and hard work at our Rallies.

The Kountry Klub continues to make a significant footprint in the local communities that we visit. Thank you members for lending your kindness and support to all 3 local high schools with contributions to Whitter High through the local pastor, Jim Downing, to Sacred Heart



High and to Smith-Cotton High, to the local Salvation Army, and to the local animal shelter. Yes, Sedalia will remember that our Newmar Kountry Klub family visited their town and contributed to their families.

Newmar Corporation also made a major contribution to the Kountry Klub Membership. As you remember, at the closing ceremonies of our International Rally, Newmar Corporation makes several cash awards to the attendees. The normal awards are of \$1,000, \$800, \$500, \$400, \$300. As a way to celebrate the **50th Anniversary of Newmar**, there were an additional 10 cash awards of \$500! Yes, we did say an additional 10 cash awards of \$500. **THANK YOU NEWMAR!!**

We have reviewed each and every survey form...some by mail, some by e-mail and some delivered on site at Sedalia. It is most appreciated that you took the time to share with us what was good, what was unique, and what was not good. We need to know how to make the seminars better, the entertainment better, and make the overall experience better for you in Gillette, Wyoming in 2018.

Speaking of Gillette, Wyoming, when the Sedalia rally was over, we visited the Gillette Cam-Plex location with Marty & Marion Marcum, who will be handling parking and registration, to review with the Cam-Plex staff our areas of need for the International. We were able to talk with the onsite Events Planner, the Cam-Plex manager, Facilities manager, and the CEO of the Visitors Bureau. All meetings were extremely informative and we are excited to once again be visiting Gillette. It was our good fortune to be on site in Gillette during a trade show. This enabled us to visit with many possible vendors, caterers, and tour the facility and campgrounds. **The Cam-Plex facility is a great rally site, great campgrounds, great seminar rooms, and buildings. All campsites will be full hook-up and there are a large number of 50 amp full hook-ups.** Our rally is the last week of June and there is another RV rally right after ours with the FMCA International several weeks after that, so hopefully our event, in conjunction with the others, will attract many vendors. There are several interesting events that will be going on in the area while we are there including a small rodeo, horse racing, community theaters, etc. There is plenty of parking near the buildings for those who wish to drive their cars to the events and the fairgrounds also allows golf carts. **Reservations will be open online Monday, February 12, at 8:00 am eastern time.**

As much as we love the area, October is not the ideal time to visit – winds were about 30 to 40 mph for 3 days in a row and temperatures were forecasted to be 19 degrees with snow the day after we left!

Don't forget that there will be two excellent caravans leaving right after Gillette – the Calgary Stampede and the Western Caravan – see the reservations forms and information within this issue. Both of these will be very popular events so sign up early!

It is also a WRAP for the year 2017! This past year has been another year of steady growth in the membership of the Newmar Kountry Klub. Thanks to our Regional Directors, Linda Feece in the office, State Directors, Chapter Presidents and seasoned members who continue to welcome, communicate with and mentor our Newbies. We continue to share with them our information about our gatherings, luncheons and rallies. We welcome all of our members to our special rallies, informative seminars and new adventures. Of course all of this will also include ice cream socials, fun, food and Newmar family good times. **We look forward to 2018 and all the new members we will welcome.**

We at the office, Bob, Bonnie and Linda, wish to all of you, a very Wonderful and Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a Joyous New Year. Enjoy your times with family and friends, at home or on the road, and until we meet again...

Safe Travels.
Bob and Bonnie Krieger (12508-L)

RECIPES! RECIPES! RECIPES! RECIPES! RECIPES!

KOUNTRY KORNER RECIPES

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The Klub office staff is continuing the tradition of sharing a few of our favorite holiday recipes. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's spent with your family and friends.

SPICY PECANS: VIVIAN HOWARD "DEEP RUN ROOTS"

- 2 egg whites
- 2 tsp salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp ground chipotle
- 1 Tbsp ground coriander
- 1 Tbsp ground cumin
- 2 Tsp paprika
- 4 cups pecan halves

Pre heat oven 350

Beat egg whites til frothy, slowly whisk in salt and sugar and beat til stiff. Whisk in chipotle, coriander, cumin and paprika. Use a spatula and fold in pecans to coat evenly. Transfer to a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a Silpat. Bake at 350 and turn pecans every 10 minutes til dark for 30 to 40 minutes. Store in air tight container.

Note: The fresher the pecans the longer the bake time. I always just double this...love them!!

Bonnie Krieger (12508-L)
International Director

CHEESE BALL: VIVIAN HOWARD "DEEP RUN ROOTS"

- ¼ cup high quality Blue Cheese
- 1/3 cup (5 ½ Tbsp) butter
- ¼ cup goat cheese
- ¼ cup plus 2 Tbsp cream cheese
- 1/3 cup chop dates (dry whole dates and remove pits)
- 2 Tbsp fine chopped scallions (both white and green parts)
- ½ tsp hot sauce (to your taste)
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1/3 cup salt and butter roasted pecans (roast 2 cups pecans, 2 Tbsp butter, ¼ tsp salt at 350 for 10 to 11 minutes)
- 2 Tbsp chop flat leaf parsley

Combine softened Blue Cheese, butter, goat cheese, cream cheese. Combine all other ingredients except the pecans and parsley. Chill this mixture for 15 minutes (it is loose and sticky now) before you can roll into a ball. Roll this ball in the pecans and then the parsley. Chill again but take out about 30 minutes before you serve. Can serve with peach or fig preserves.

Serve with simple crackers...this cheese ball is full of flavor I just double this!! It goes fast!!

Bonnie Krieger (12508-L)
International Director

ROASTED GREEN BEANS

- 8 oz. mushrooms, sliced in 1/2 inch slices
- 1 lb. fresh green beans
- 1 1/2 T olive oil
- 1 T balsamic vinegar
- salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
- 2 T finely grated parmesan cheese

1. Preheat oven to 450. Lightly spray a large baking sheet with non-stick spray
2. Clean mushrooms and pat dry, then cut into slices 1/2 inch thick.
3. Trim ends of beans and cut beans in half so you have bite-sized pieces.
4. Put cut beans and mushrooms into a gallon size plastic bag. Whisk together olive oil and balsamic vinegar and pour over, then squeeze or shake bag so all the beans and mushrooms are lightly coated with the mixture.
5. Arrange on large cookie sheet, spreading them out well so beans and mushrooms are not crowded.
6. Roast 20-30 minutes, starting to check for doneness after 20 minutes. Cook until beans are tender-crisp, mushrooms are cooked, and all liquid on the pan from mushrooms has evaporated.

Season beans to taste with salt and fresh ground pepper, then sprinkle with finely grated Parmesan. Serve hot.

Linda Feece
Klub Coordinator

CHRISTMAS POPCORN

- 1/3 cup popping popcorn kernels or 1 bag microwave white popcorn
- 9 oz bag Vanilla Candy Melts (about 1 ¾ cups)
- 1 cup broken pretzel pieces
- 1 ¾ cups M&M's (I used the holiday ones)
- Green, red, and white sprinkles

1. Line a jelly roll pan with foil or parchment paper. Set aside.
2. Pop your popcorn. Place in large bowl, add in the broken pretzels, and half of the M&M's.
3. Melt the vanilla candy melts in a microwave safe bowl for 30-second intervals, stirring well after each interval. Microwave until the chips are smooth and melted.
4. Drizzle half of the melted candy into the popcorn bowl, stir until everything starts to look coated. Add in the rest of the melted candy, and M&M's, stir until everything is coated. As soon as everything is coated sprinkle on sprinkles so that they stick.
5. Then spread the popcorn mix onto the prepared pan and let sit until hardened and cooled. Break into pieces, and store in an airtight container.

Linda Feece
Klub Coordinator



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



Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace.
Christie Brinkley

Our adventures into the Newmar Kountry Klub world of traveling has given us many opportunities to smile. And what you give is what you receive. The recent International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri is a prime example. We were blessed with so many smiles, that they brought light where there

was darkness, even on a dreary, rainy day!

Speaking with those we represent has brought us few concerns and many smiles. For the most part, members are content with the Klub and excited about its future. This year we have seen joy at the number of new members who are getting involved, not only on the international level, like volunteering at the rally, but also in joining chapters all over North America.

The international rally offers opportunities for new members that opens the door for more involvement. With 177 new member units in attendance this year and their presence reminds us that there is much to learn and much to share. This requires participation from both the giver and the receiver... and it usually starts with a smile!

Although there were many technical seminars, the Fulltimers Chapter seminars each day are one of the best opportunities to make life easier on the road. New RVers and even those with some experience can gain from these seminars. Great job Fulltimers!

And joining chapters, states and regions for their local rallies is a stepping stone not only to learn more tips for living the RV lifestyle, but offers the current members the chance to share their knowledge. We encourage everyone to attend our rallies not only to learn, but to smile and receive the blessings of friendship.

As long-time attendees, there were things for us to learn, too. For instance, Brian Fuchs of Newmar Service presented a seminar titled "Did you Know..." Questions often asked by customers were addressed, such as recommendations for the Oasis start-up process, full slide extension procedure, and the availability of videos for the Silverleaf program, to name a few.

Once again, Newmar offered seminars on Newgle by Tim Bergman, which was well received. If you needed to log on to Newgle, the team set up in the vendor building for immediate access. If you haven't tried Newgle yet, we encourage you to go to www.newmarcorp.com and sign up so you can have the information about your unit at your fingertips.

Many seminars addressed safety issues, care and maintenance, braking, weight distribution collision avoidance, and more! If you missed the rally, you can still view the schedule of seminars on Grupio, the popular free event app. Just click on the 2017 Newmar Kountry Klub International Rally event, click on schedule and then on training. Move through the days and see what was available. It might encourage you to attend next year for similar rewards.

In this article we won't go into more details about the rally other than to say it was well organized by our International Directors, Bob and Bonnie Krieger, Linda Feece, Klub Coordinator, and the Region Directors and their teams that did an outstanding job. You can tell they 'smile' a lot and gain many friendships. And you can be assured our International Directors and the Newmar Kountry Klub board will review all your comments and suggestions about the rally.

Prior to the International Rally, we traveled to Amish country in Ohio to attend the Ohio State Rally. Ohio State Directors, Flash & Beverly Miller,

took us to Carlisle Printing where our tour ended with a gift of the King James version of the complete bible printed on a poster that could only be read with a magnifying glass, a tour of T@G Teardrop Trailer, Homestead Furniture tour and the 'Mystery Museum.' We also attended a dinner and show at the Ohio Star Theater. Thanks for a great rally Flash and Bev!

From there we traveled to Nappanee for the annual Newmar Kountry Klub board meeting where the International Directors and Members-at-Large gave reports similar to those presented to the membership at the International Rally. A by-laws change was presented that would limit out-going International Directors from applying for the Members-at-Large position within three years of their retirement. It was felt that this would assure the in-coming International Directors would have a better opportunity to implement their plans. This change was presented due to many members expressing concern after the last election. Much discussion was held before the vote by the board. Remember, the International Directors and the Members-at-Large each have a vote on issues brought before the board. They represent YOUR vote, so you do have a say.

From there we traveled to Liberty, Kentucky for the Bluegrass Kountry Roamers rally. Chapter Presidents, Ralph & Nancy Dennis, treated us to a tour of the Tarter Farm and Ranch Equipment facilities and a beautiful boat ride on Cumberland Lake. This was the first rally in several years for the chapter and we were blessed to have had the opportunity to join them for a well-attended rally. Thank you Ralph & Nancy!

We had a couple of weeks at home and then off again to the Region Directors Conference and preparation for the International Rally.

Our travels continue as we join Region 5 at Williamsburg, Virginia for a trip back in our nation's history. We toured Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown and enjoyed an evening trip on the Hampton River to see the naval stations. Gary & Wanda Smith did an outstanding job putting this rally together. Out-going Virginia State Directors, John & Betty Warhol, were recognized for their dedication for their eight years of service. There are several states without directors. We encourage you to contact the Warhols for information on why this is such a rewarding position.

It was with regret that we cancelled the 2017 Rally in the Florida Keys due to the damage from the hurricane, but we are working on plans for another Keys rally in 2018. Keep an eye on the *Konnection* and the monthly *Happenings*!

We look forward to seeing many of our Newmar friends at the Tampa Super Show in January or at one of our luncheons at the Golden Corral in Fort Myers, Florida beginning December 19, January 30, February 20 and March 20. We plan to have speakers for the January, February and March luncheons. There is no need to register to attend, but contact us if you need more information than is in the *Konnection* or the online Calendar of Events.

As always, we thank you for taking the time to read our article and invite you to contact us if you have any concerns to discuss about the Klub or to respond to our comments. We can be reached at wanda_ron67@yahoo.com or by calling Ron at 740-707-7107 or Wanda at 740-707-2063.

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

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FULLTIMERS CHAPTER Evan and Debbie Hughes (19771)



As this is written we journey through fall and approach winter we find ourselves enjoying the colors in Tennessee. From here we will head to the west and warmer climates soon. That is the nice thing about the Fulltimers lifestyle, instead of winterizing we simply move.

Wow - was the International Rally this year in Sedalia full of energy this year. There were so many classes and seminars it was hard to choose which ones to attend. The Fulltimers Chapter saw some growth at the rally and added 37 new members between the Fulltimers Annual Rally in Branson, Missouri and the International Rally. Our Chapter dinner had about 150 attendees. We are excited to see the growth in the Chapter and wish you fun on the road.

We want to thank all those who attended the Life On The Road Seminar that the Fulltimers Chapter members put on at the rally. We hope that whether you are a Fulltimers or you only take your RV out a few times a year you were able to get some value from the seminars. They really were designed for everyone that uses an RV.

We are looking forward to the next International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming. If this past year is any indication, we are sure it will be a great time.

The Fulltimers Chapter will be having our Annual Rally prior to the International, beginning on June 17th in Spearfish, South Dakota. As always, all Kountry Klub Members will be welcome. For more information check out the Events Calendar.

Until we meet again we wish you safe travels.

**Evan and Debbie Hughes (19771)
Presidents**

Join the Fulltimers Chapter by downloading the application form from the Fulltimers web page found at www.newmarkountryklub.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 & Washington

Region 4 North/South Dakota

Region 6 Indiana

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.**

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

Region Directors :: Marty & Marion Marcum (17221)



It is hard to believe that 2017 is almost over. Where did all the days go? We began this year's journey back in January in Quartzsite and ended with a trip to Gillette working on parking details for the 2018 International. In all we traveled 9,292 miles which included a trip back to Nappanee to have some of our 3-year-old oak laminate flooring replaced due

to one of us forgetting to drain the gray water tank while the other one was doing laundry.

The 32nd Newmar International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri was fantastic. There were 45 plus vendors requiring 2 buildings to house all of them. When was the last time you can remember that happening at an International? Newmar Corporation brought nearly 50 service technicians who were seen all day long scurrying back and forth all over the fairgrounds performing repairs to attendee's coaches. There were numerous seminars on every subject imaginable. If you didn't attend you missed out an absolutely great experience.

After the International we had to boggy to get to Albuquerque where we hosted the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Newmar Special Event. We had 25 coaches this year and all had a mind blowing experience. No matter how many pictures you see, videos you watch or have someone tell you about their experience there is no comparison to actually seeing it with your own eyes. This was our 4th time attending and the 3rd year we were the host couple and every time we just are in awe with the hundreds and hundreds of beautiful balloons filling the morning sky. Next year Ted & Ruth Ann Hindes will take over as the hosts. We'd be lying if we said we weren't going to miss being there again next year.

A few days after the Balloon Fiesta we headed north to Gillette, Wyoming with Bob & Bonnie Krieger. Our focus was working on the parking plan for the 2018 International. Based on our visit, there will be more than 350 sites that are 50-amp FHU and another 300 plus sites that are 30-amp FHU. The 30-amp sites will be spacious as we will be able to use every other site like we did in Sedalia, Missouri. We are looking forward to Gillette next June.

The 2018 Region 1 rally season kicks off January 6th with the 4-night California Golden Aires rally in Indio and Indian Waters RV Resort. This rally has been the past several years in conjunction with the FMCA Western Region rally at the Riverside County Fairgrounds. A few days later the **Gathering in the Desert kicks off on January 17th for 5 nights.** While the "official" dates are January 17-22 this is one rally that you can arrive when you want and leave when you want. There is no cost up front to attend but Ted & Ruth Ann Hindes will be asking for a donation once they have the meals costs figured out.

While there are no rallies scheduled in February or March there are several breakfasts and luncheons meetings all the way to the end of March. Please consult the *Konnection* calendar for the dates and locations. The schedule gets busy beginning with the 4-night Arizona Sun Catchers with their rally in Benson, Arizona at Cochise Terrace RV Resort April 5-9. The California

49ers Chapter has their 3-night rally scheduled in Oceano, California at the Pismo Sands RV Park from April 24-27. The Nevada State/Mother Lode combined 3-night rally is being held in Winnemucca, Nevada at the Winnemucca Events Complex Fairgrounds from May 9-12. Check the *Konnection* for all the details for these rallies and to register for any or all of them.

The Region 1 Rally is combined with the Colorado Krusin Aires in Durango, Colorado at Alpin Rose RV Park from May 31-June 4. Planned so far is a night at the Bar D Chuckwagon Dinner Show, lunch at Serious Texas Barbecue and a tour of the Durango & Silverton Railroad museum. We are planning a chili cook-off too. We'd like every couple to cook up a small batch of their favorite chili so we can all have a taste and we'll vote for our favorite. Winner will get a prize. Randy & Kathy Bohmeyer, the Colorado Krusin Aires Presidents will be our co-hosts. Space is limited so if you plan to attend please register early.

We want to say a special thanks to Larry & Mary Roberts (21041) who have accepted the California State Directors position beginning January 1st. Larry & Mary are replacing Steve & Ursie Fisher (15533) who have been the Directors for the past 6 years. We want to thank Joe Murin & Sue Sadler (21301) who have accepted the Nevada Mother Lode Presidents position. They should have been voted on and approved by the Mother Lode chapter membership by the time this is published

Early parking for the International in Gillette will begin on Friday, June 22nd and the rally will officially start on Monday, June 25th. As in the past there will be several tours to choose from on Saturday and Sunday. We will be emailing everyone in Region 1 before the end of the year looking for parking and registration volunteers. If you want to send us an email any time before then end of the year to volunteer our email address is at the end of the article.

Safe travels and we will see you down the road. We can be reached at martynmarion@gmail.com or 562-762-885.

ARIZONA

Hello Newmar Family. Ruth Ann & I have arrived in our winter location Tucson, Arizona. This is our focal point for the winter travels. We had a great Arizona State Rally at the Escapees North Ranch in Congress, Arizona. We filled the three days with many activities and sort of ran the attendees' rigid. We visited many sights in Wickenburg and the vicinity including the Museum, and the Henry Wickenburg House and took a Wickenburg Legends and Ghost Stories evening tour of the town. We also visited the Robson's Mine and Western Town which was a big hit. Ruth Ann & her 'staff' put together a great Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings and we had a very pleasant lunch at the Rancho de Los Caballeros Resort.

I want to plug the Gathering in Quartzsite coming up January 17-22. This year will likely be bigger and better even than last year. Registration numbers are ahead of last year when we ended up with about ninety-five coaches and fifth wheel including many guests. The information is all available in the Klub calendar and all registered will receive more details of the seminars and meal plans in December. All Newmar owners are welcome as are their guests. The rally fee is calculated at the rally and is just a donation to cover the costs of the meals prepared. Last year we asked for \$30 per rig to cover the four evening meals that we organized and prepared. We will likely have a full seminar schedule again this year. If you are in the southwest this winter come and gather with us. This rally is rather informal, and many come early and stay late, and others come late and stay late. The price is right, and the group is getting bigger each year.

Finally, I want to remind everyone of the Arizona Sun Catcher's upcoming rally in Benson from April 5-9 at Cochise Terrace RV Resort, 1030 S Barrel Cactus Rd, Benson, Arizona.

See the details and registration in the Klub calendar.

Have a great winter and drive save. See you down the road.

Ted and Ruth Ann Hindes (19361)
Arizona State Directors

ARIZONA SUN CATCHERS

On behalf of all the members of the Arizona Sun Catchers Chapter, we wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season and we look forward to meeting up with you in the coming year.

Last Call for the Benson, Arizona Rally – April 5-9. Registration Deadline February 1st. Cochise Terrace RV Resort, 1030 S Barrel Cactus Rd, Benson, Arizona. Telephone Number: 520-720-0911 www.cochiseterrace.com. Rate: \$26.00 plus tax per night, every site is full hookup with 50-amp service. Rally Fee: \$120.00 per couple (does not include RV site). Make checks payable to Tom Coffin, 1523 E Tulsa Street, Chandler, AZ 85225. Co Hosts: Chuck & Judi Reading 623-377-6249 and Duane Paige & Laurie Hunt 248-933-1405/248-840-2885 .

The rally will include a Thursday night reception dinner. Friday starts with breakfast and offers many optional tours including Air Museum, Bio-sphere, Bone Yard, etc. then finishes with a group camp fire. Saturday's all attendee, feature event is at the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum and will include the Highlights tour, a box lunch, and conclude with the Sonoran Desert Dwellers tour. Saturday night is date night with dinner and a movie. Sunday, we start with breakfast followed by various presentations, card bingo, dinner and a camp fire. Monday is bon voyage continental breakfast and off until the next time.

Best regards,

Chuck and Judi Reading (16581)
Presidents

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CALIFORNIA

Life is kind of like a party. You invite a lot of people, some leave early, some stay all night, some laugh with you, some laugh at you and some show up late. But in the end, after the fun there are a few who stay to help you clean up the mess. And most of the time they are not even the ones who made the mess. Our party began with accepting the California Director position. Thank you for all attending, laughing, having fun and yes cleaning up the mess!! These people are your real friends, they are the ones that matter most. The new State Directors party starting 2018 are Larry & Mary Roberts. Join them on their journey of rallies, fun, laugh and cleaning up the mess!!!

The 2017 rallies at Indio, Paso Robles, and Vacaville were fun, lots of tours, great meals and friendship.

2018 is underway: Golden Aires - Indio January 6-10, they have a waiting list. 49ers - Pismo Beach April 24 to 27, and California Bears - to be announced

"A negative mind will never give you a positive life."

Steve and Ursie Fisher. 15533
California State Directors

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CALIFORNIA 49ER'S

Wow!! If you have never experienced the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in person you need to move the experience up on your RV bucket list. We thoroughly enjoyed our rally at the Fiesta and being there with the Newmar Kountry Klub group made it all the more fun. Thanks to our rally hosts, Marty & Marion for leading all of us through this wonderful event.

Thanksgiving has now come and gone and we hope all of you truly enjoyed the holiday with family and friends, or even on

the road with new acquaintances. We were fortunate to spend our Thanksgiving with our kids and their spouses in Jamaica at a Sandals Resort. All the sun, food, and excursions you can handle – sounds like a Newmar rally!

As many of you know, Mary & I will be assuming the responsibilities of the California State Directors in January. Steve & Ursie Fisher have done a great job for many years and are now due for a bit of respite. Thanks Steve & Ursie for all you have done for the Klub and we wish you only the best as your journey continues.

Mary & I will still host the April Central California 49ers rally in Pismo, California. In the meantime, **we are asking our members to think about becoming the 49ers Chapter Presidents as we vacate the position.** It's very rewarding and a lot of fun. We liked it so much we decided to continue on as State Directors! **If you're interested in discussing being Chapter Presidents, just give us a call. We'd be happy to show you what the position entails and share with you our experiences.**

We look forward to seeing many of you in January at the Golden Aires/California State Rally in Indio, California.

See you down the road!

Larry and Mary Roberts (21041)
Presidents

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805-459-1653

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN AIRES

Greetings from Southern California. Another year on the road traveling from rally to rally with our Newmar friends has come and gone. Leah & I were unable to attend the 2017 International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. We have been following the events on Face Book postings. We are planning and looking forward to the 2018 International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming.

This has been a bad fire season here in California. Two fires are burning now as I'm writing this article. Many homes, RV resorts and lives have been lost. Our prayers go out to all the families. One should always keep their RV ready to go just in case they are asked to evacuate their home.

We are so excited that our chapter is continuing to grow, and that our rally has been attracting so many first timers. **We will be having our rally January 6-10 at the Indian Waters RV Resort in Indio, California.** We would love to see you there.

Again, we would like to give a big thank you to Max & Penny Nuttall for putting on a wonderful rally in Vacaville, California and all who helped. Great job California Golden Bears.

Safe travels...

Ken and Leah Wilson (20332)
Presidents

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CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

In August the Golden Bears enjoyed another wonderful rally. Penny & Max, known for their wonderful food, planned another great four-day rally.

I wanted to share all the wonderful things that I have done because of the people that volunteer and plan the wonderful Kountry Klub rallies. Our first rally with the Golden Bears was in Bodega Bay. Our outings were a trip to Charlie Schulz Museum and a wonderful lunch at the Coast Guard culinary school.

This year the Golden Bears Rally toured the SS Red Oak Victory National Museum, Rosie the Riveter World War II Museum and National Historical Park, Travis Air Force Base and the Jelly Belly

factory. If anybody had told me I would enjoy a factory tour of the garlic Factory in Gilroy I would have been a surprised but that's another thing I've done.

In Indio in January we went for a hike and found this lovely Oasis. It was beautiful and something I never would have seen without the great people that plan all the California rallies.

The California fires have been devastating! A tough couple of weeks for a lot of people... friends and family.

Janice and Dalton Bilberry (20552)
Vice Presidents

COLORADO

Our annual Colorado State Rally was held in Fort Collins, Colorado on September 14-17 with ten coaches or twenty NKK members attending. Touring in a bus and visiting a number of historic sites in and around Fort Collins was a real highlight and enlightening to all members. The Tour guide gave an excellent presentation at each site. Some of our group were from the immediate area and said they gained additional insight of the history. We also had a private guided walking tour of the Anheuser-Busch Plant with dinner from the menu served on tables reserved for our group. Everyone enjoyed the 4 days, in all cases meeting new friends and revisiting with old friends.

In addition, we attended the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri, along with eight other Colorado NKK members. There were 450 Newmar coaches registered. Another great experience for every participant. The fellowship, seminars, Newmar Suppliers, a 45 Newmar technicians workforce making repairs to our coaches, entertainment, Transwest-2018 display units, etc., etc. Many thanks to the International staff Bob & Bonnie Krieger, Linda Feece (our Klub Office Coordinator) and the NKK Board of Directors. I don't know of another Motorhome manufacturer that provides this kind of customer experience.

In 2018, the Colorado State Newmar Kountry Klub will host a four-day rally. This rally will be held at the Arrowhead Point Campground in Buena Vista, Colorado from Thursday, September 13, departing Monday, September 17, 2018. The address for Arrowhead Point Campground is: 33975 U.S. Highway North, Buena Vista, CO 81211 and phone; (719) 395-2323.

The timing of this event you will experience the fall colors at their height and mountains as a backdrop. The activities include 3 separate hot springs pools, fishing, biking, hiking, golf and more.

We always appreciate your input and suggestions for improving these rallies. Please call or email.

Murray and Doris Brooks (17406-L)
Colorado State Directors

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Murray @ 303-589-2348 or Doris @ 719-272-1375

COLORADO KRUSIN AIRES

As this is written we look forward to our Fall Luncheon in November and plan to collect dues for 2018 and talk about our **summer rally which will be held next May 31-June 4, in Durango, Colorado at Alpin Rose RV Park.**

Our rally will be combined with the Region 1 Rally, being held by Marty & Marion, the Region 1 Directors. This will be a FUN rally as there is lots to do in the southwest part of Colorado.

Randy and Kathy Bohmeyer (19329)
Presidents

NEVADA

A common theme in our Kountry Klub is "where did the time go?" For us we can answer that question, we were busy from mid-summer until mid-fall. We started with the Golden Bears' Rally in Vacaville, California, a trip to the Newmar Factory campus, then

on to our International Rally and finally the Arizona State Rally in Congress, Arizona. We did not want to blink and miss any of the fun we had visiting with our Newmar friends. An added bonus for us is that we did some of our traveling with some of our Newmar friends.

Without hesitation, we can say that each International Rally we have gone to is better than the last and this year the gap from last year was even wider. We were blessed to share the rally with new Klub members from Reno, Nevada, Sue Sadler & Joe Murin (21301). We asked them to be presidents of the Nevada Mother Lode Chapter and they accepted. After the chapter membership votes to confirm them, we will make the announcement in the next *Konnection* article. Another event that made this year's International special was Matt Miller attending a seminar given by Tom & Teri Chelbana (16301). Matt Miller answered as many questions as time permitted. **Our thanks to the Miller Family and the Newmar Corporation for their support of the Kountry Klub.**

The final plans for the 2018 Nevada State Rally have not been made and that means we do not have a rally fee. The rally will be held May 9-12 at the fairgrounds in Winnemucca, Nevada. Our co-hosts will be Sue Sadler & Joe Murin. Rally fee and other updates will be posted on the Kountry Klub calendar, so please check it often. Contact us with any questions or concerns.

Wishing you smooth roads and following winds,

George and Cheryl Zellers (19163)

Nevada State Directors

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NEW MEXICO

We just got home from Sedalia and the International Rally and are already looking forward to next June and Gillette, Wyoming!!!

But before Gillette you may just want to head to New Mexico for our State Rally in Carlsbad, New Mexico. It is being held at the KOA just north of town. The park is very easy to find and has great big sites with plenty of room. All sites are pull-through with 50-amp FHUs. We have reserved sites under the name of Newmar Rally beginning Friday April 13 and departing on Monday April 16th (3 nights).

We are planning a trip to Carlsbad Caverns. We hope this will include the evening bat flight, but the rally dates are just at the beginning of the bat migration back from their winter home so we will have to wait and find out from the National Park ranger how many colonies are in residence. We will also have a short boat excursion on the Pecos River. If the weather cooperates we may do some star gazing one evening with a local amateur astronomer who is staying in the park. See our flyer on the *Konnection* web site under Region 1, New Mexico for all the details on the rally.

The New Mexico Chile Peppers Chapter President's office is still vacant, if you are interested in volunteering please contact us – we would love to see this chapter thrive again. New blood and ideas would be most welcome.

It seems that each month we have a new Newmar member in the Kountry Klub that lives in New Mexico – we would love to have you join us at our rallies. If we have missed getting information out to you about the Chapter, accept our apology and please feel free to contact us about upcoming events or how to become involved with the Chapter.

Safe travels to all and we look forward to seeing you down the road.

Carmen and Ron Ward (17906)

New Mexico State Directors

cward186@comcast.net

NEW MEXICO STATE RALLY

Carlsbad KOA
2 Manthei Rd. Hwy 285
Carlsbad, NM 88220

Site reservations directly with the park, 575-457-2000 ask for Stormie and Newmar rally sites. Cost of Site only with a discount and tax are:

Regular pull through FHU 50 amp site = \$45.80/day
Patio pull through FHU 50 amp site = \$58.76/day
Premium pull through FHU 50 amp site - \$63.76/day

Rally fee is \$60. Includes visit to Carlsbad Caverns, a short boat excursion on the Pecos River and more. 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners. Register on the Klub website. Make your site reservations directly with the park. Send your rally fee to:

Carmen or Ron Ward
14325 Skyline Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87123

Contact: cward186@comcast.net
(505) 296-2207 (home)
(505) 250-8637 (Carmen's cell)
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REGION 1 RALLY

combined with
Colorado Krusin Aires

Durango, Colorado
May 30 to June 4, 2018

Alpin Rose RV Park
27847 Highway 550 N,
Durango, Colorado 81301
877-259-5791

INCLUDES:

2 Dinners, 4 Breakfasts (2Hot & 2 Continental)
Lunch at Serious Texas Barbecue
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Durango & Silverton Railroad Museum
Chili Cookoff (You cook – We all taste)
Free time to explore the area on your own

Rally Co-Hosts – Randy & Kathy Bohmeyer

RALLY FEE:

\$330 for 2 people (\$280 for single)
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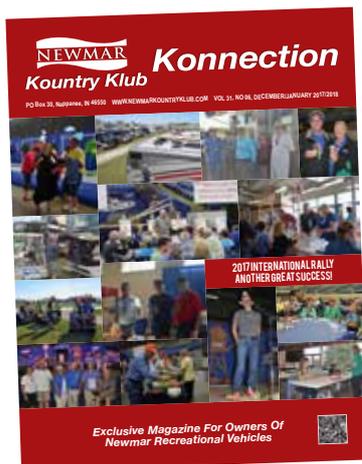
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THIS MONTH'S FRONT COVER



We would like to thank our team of photographers, Denny Selm, Greg Samson and Bonnie Krieger for the cover photos as well as the Llewellyn's and Logue's for the photos used in the Klub office article. Rally photo's being added to website soon!

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

SEEKING NEW REGION 2 DIRECTORS

We are sorry to share that Frank & Jan Hasman have resigned 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

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

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JANUARY 17-22, 2018



Come watch the beautiful sunsets and visit the 'Quartzsite Sports, Vacation & RV Show'.
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ACTIVITIES PLANNED SO FAR

Five prepared early evening dinners. Most of menu provided by the Hosts but some item requested from attendees. Social hours each afternoon weather permitting. Campfires each night weather permitting. Seminars by vendors and attendees.

More details will be communicated in December to all those registered.

Registration is not required and there is no rally fee but if you can please use the NKK registration website above or send us an email or call us saying you plan to attend so we get an approximate planned attendance count. Or just show up!

LOCATION

The same area as in the past – South of I-10 below Quartzsite. Go 6.2 miles south on Hwy 95 (south of Milepost 99). Turn west on 53rd St North (formerly LaPaz Valley Rd) about 200 yards and then go northwest into the desert. Follow the Newmar Kountry Klub signs, the first sign will be where you turn off Hwy 95 to the right south of milepost 99. Come early and/or stay later or just stop by to visit if you can.

GATHERING GPS COORDINATES

114 degrees 13' 40.73" West and
33 degrees 35' 01.32" North

QUESTIONS

Contact Ted & RuthAnn Hindes
tednruth@hindesfamily.net or 231-233-4467

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

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



I can't believe another rally season is about to come to an end. We have been very busy this summer and fall as have many of you. We spent most of the month of September at Sedalia attending the Region Directors conference, getting ready for the International rally and having a great time with all the attendees. It was a great place to be and seeing everyone

again was wonderful.

As Region 3 Directors we were the host region for the rally and it was an honor and pleasure to show everyone the beauty of the state of Missouri. We were in charge of parking and registration this year. We had a great group of volunteers in both departments. Some folks had worked with us before and some for the first time. Everything went together smoothly and we had very few problems. **Thank you each and every one of the volunteers, we would not be able to get it done without you.**

As soon as the International rally was over, we left to meet our Cajun Caravan group at Lake Charles, Louisiana. We had a great two weeks touring interesting and educational facilities. We went to an alligator farm, sugar cane processing plant, three plantations, the World War II museum and many, many places to eat.

The people we met on the caravan were all fun to be with. The weather was wonderful and the roads in good shape. On behalf of Randall & Viki Goodner and ourselves we would like to thank all who joined our Louisiana Cajun Caravan and making it an enjoyable time. I only gained 6 pounds on the caravan. Now it is back to work and try and shed the extra pounds.

Harold & Joyce Fiebelman have been the Missouri State Directors for the past 5 years and have decided to step down to enjoy the Newmar coach, family and friends. It has been a pleasure working with them. They have represented Missouri well. We wish them both the best and look forward to spending time with them at a rally down the road.

Mike & Judy Ward will be taking over the position of State Director for Missouri. I know they will also be excellent leaders and we are looking forward to seeing the Mid-Mo Wanderlust chapter to continue to grow.

As the Holiday season approaches we wish all a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and a blessed, Prosperous and healthy New Year.

ARKANSAS

Well, the International Rally is history. We had a fabulous time in Sedalia, Missouri, visiting with old friends and making new ones! The Newmar products were exciting to see! We were given the opportunity to touch and feel them, as well as walk aboard and get a sense of just how much luxury went into creating them! There were more vendors present this year, which added to the fun! We, as well as many others, received much appreciated product-installation, restoration, and repair work....at a cost-saving rate!

There were many folks in attendance whom we recognized immediately, while others were brand new "First-Timers". Of course, we veteran RVers had to show "the ropes" to all those newbies! Actually, we were reminded of *our* first time to attend a Newmar Rally. We were wide-eyed and overwhelmed by the

amount of love and concern demonstrated by all those RVers, most of whom we didn't even know!

On our local scene, we Arkansas Kountry Klub members are invited to attend our annual Christmas meal and party. It is scheduled for December 3, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, at the China Town Restaurant, 201 Skyline Drive (#26), in Conway, Arkansas. The meal is "Dutch Treat". There will be a "Dirty Santa" gift-swap. James and Ruth Ann Hairston (17646) Arkansas State Directors

KANSAS



August 24- 27 Kip & Crystal French along with Randy & Anna Landreville co-hosted a rally at Milford State Park at Milford Lake, Kansas. This is a neat park and pretty lake and Sherry & I enjoyed the rally very

much. Randy is retired army, and he was able to get those of us who wanted to go, on post at Fort Riley to visit the U.S. Cavalry Museum. What a beautiful fort and great part of our western history. Our hosts also planned a pontoon boat ride up the lake to eat out at a restaurant located at one of the marinas. No one fell out of the boats and all had a good time. At this rally we also welcomed new members Darrell & Jeanette Wehmeier who have indicated the desire to become active members in the Sunflower chapter. Thanks again to the French's and Landreville's for hosting a fun rally.

September 14-17 Jim & Vickie Sturgeon hosted a rally at The Capitol City KOA in Topeka, Kansas. There were nine rigs in attendance, including new Sunflower chapter members Dudley Feuerborn & Carole Gibb and past NKK members Bob & Judy Lamons, and Kenneth Whan. Activities included throwing bean bags, quilt store shopping, and the Combat Air Museum at Forbes Field. Of course there was lots of good food which included Saturday for dinner at McFarland's, a long standing popular place in Topeka. Thanks to Jim & Vickie for hosting a fun rally.

The International Rally at Sedalia, Missouri was well attended by Sunflower chapter members. We had ten rigs including new chapter members David & Debbie Dearth and Bill & Brenda Harris. We were also happy to meet several other NKK members from Kansas, who have shown interest in joining our Sunflower chapter. Congratulations to Nancy Flaherty for a great showing with three items she entered in the craft show, and thank you to Kip & Crystal French for carrying in the Kansas flag during the opening ceremonies. Also, thanks to the chapter members who were able to come in early to help with registration and parking. The photo is Kansas Kountry Sunflower members in front of the beautiful display of Sedalia's history at the north east corner of the fairgrounds.

October 28 was the Kansas Kountry Sunflower Drive-In held at Daimaru Steakhouse & Sushi Bar in Salina, Kansas. A great place to eat if you are through Salina. In attendance were six member couples and one guest couple, Eddie & Carolyn Abercrombie, who own a Newmar and are prospective new members. Thanks to Mike & Jennie Girton for making the arrangements.

Christmas will soon be here, and Sherry & I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Hope to see you at a rally in the New Year. **Larry and Sherry DeWitt (11440-L) Kansas State Directors**

LOUISIANA

The Louisiana September 2017 Rally at Lakeside RV Park was filled with good food, good fellowship and good fun. One of the highlights of the rally was a visit by Mr. Wayne Hudspeth, Operations Manager of Empire Trucks, the local Freightliner Custom Chassis Service dealer in Slidell, Louisiana. Wayne discussed the services that Empire Trucks has available to offer. He answered questions on the proper



service of the Freightliner Custom Chassis for Newmar owners. Empire Trucks sponsored some of the meals at the rally. (See picture)

The next day included a visit to Mr. Mike Fulmer's Berryland Campers of

Ponchatoula, Louisiana, the Louisiana Newmar dealer. Mr. Tony Giannobile, Motorhome Sales Manager, and his staff provided lunch, door prizes, and a tour of several Newmar coaches, including some of the gasoline and diesel pusher product line.

The 32nd Newmar International Rally was fun for all with a variety of vendors and Newmar suppliers. Newmar Tech Service was offered along with the Newmar Parts Department. Louisiana was represented by seven families at the rally.

For November, the Bayou Kruisers celebrated the season at Sun Roamers RV Resort in Picayune, Mississippi. Thank you Bill & Laura Munch for hosting the rally with assistance by Roland & Ronnie Guidry. The election of officers for the Bayou Kruisers is as follows: Rolland Guidry, President; Mose Guzzardo, Vice President; Ira Synder, Secretary; and Laura Munch, Treasurer.

Come join the Bayou Kruisers' January 18-20 rally at Poche's RV Park in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. The rally fee is \$15.00 for members and \$30.00 for "friends of Newmar" guests. Peggy & Carroll Thibodaux (337) 224-9402 are the rally masters with plans for good food and fellowship. Please call Peggy to let her know that you're attending. For campsite reservations, please contact Poche's RV Park at (337) 332-0326 or pochesrvpark@gmail.com. Poche's RV Park is located at 1080 Sawmill Hwy. Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517; GPS 30.3382471, -91.924832.

SAVE THE DATE: Plans are in the works for the combined Bayou Kruisers and Louisiana State Rally to be held on March 5-7. The rally location will be determined in the near future. If your plans include attending the FMCA Rally at Perry, Georgia, join us on your way.

"Laissez les bon temps rouler."
David and Jan Groce (21404)
Louisiana State Directors

MISSOURI

We are writing this in Florida where we are for the winter. This will be our last article as the Missouri State Directors, as Mike & Judy Ward will become the State Directors at the beginning of 2018. It is with mixed emotions as we come to the end. We had a great 5 years, but it was time to take a break and let someone else have all the fun. We plan to continue in the Klub and will assist Mike & Judy in any way they require. The assistance we received from all members of Mid-MO Wanderlusts made the 5 years go by very quickly and very easy to be the State Directors. We always appreciated the assistance, even though we probably didn't acknowledge the fact all the time.

As this is written Missouri's only function left this year is the luncheon in Carthage November. 9. Next year's rallies are beginning to come together. **The first one is in May in Unionville, Missouri and the State Rally will be in Osage Beach, Missouri in September.**

Missouri attendees at the International Rally in Sedalia was very busy with parking and registration. We also had members volunteer for other areas, but I didn't get a list of all of them. I know about Shuttle, information desk, and food service. I know I am probably missing some, but would like to thank all of our members who volunteered.

We are really excited about the fact that Mid-MO Wanderlusts added nine new members at the rally and one more after the rally, and look forward to getting them involved in the Klub. Based on

our experience we know they will meet and find many new friends.

With this, we will say goodbye to the article writing and continue to enjoy all of our Newmar friends at rallies and reading about them in the *Konnection*. We would like to thank Larry & Katie for all they have done for us the last 5 years, especially last year when they had to take over our state rally when I had the medical emergency. They definitely went above and beyond. And finally we wish good luck to Mike & Judy.

Harold and Joyce Fiebelman (13813-L)
Missouri State Directors

OKLAHOMA

Fall has arrived in Oklahoma, and the leaves are turning as the weather gets cooler. Many of our members are heading to a warmer climate for the winter, as are we.

If you missed the International Rally in Sedalia, you missed a treat time. We had such a good time seeing old friends and getting to know new ones. One day we had a pizza party for the Oklahomans that attended the Sedalia Rally and were very pleased to have more than 20 join us. That is a significant increase over the numbers in recent years.

As we write this, we are working on next year's rally schedule. We are working with Larry & Katie Harrington on a location for the Region 3 Rally, which will be held in Oklahoma in 2018. This location and date may be set by the time you read this. We will publish the schedule for Oklahoma as soon as we can lock in the dates.

Until next time, God Bless and Safe Travel...
Larry and Patsy Wood (12255-L)
Oklahoma State Directors

TEXAS

Hopefully fall has arrived in South Texas because we are enjoying the cooler weather. Next month the Winter Texans will be headed for the Rio Grande Valley and specifically: Donna, Edinburg and McAllen and several other small towns in the Valley area, to await the return of spring up north. You all come. **The Texas Rio Grande Valley Owner's sponsor a monthly Luncheon in McAllen, Texas, at the American Legion Post 37, 1305 E. Jasmine Avenue, McAllen, TX 78501. The first Luncheon is January 10 at 11:00 am. The second Luncheon is scheduled for February 7.** If you are interested in attending, please contact Rose Hoschlag at 954-579-7794. My wife Jane and I plan to attend the February Luncheon.

Texas once again had the largest State attendance at the Newmar International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri, in late June. Randall & Kathleen Haydon, Kountry Lone Stars-South Presidents, and Jane & Jim Thomas sponsored a Texas Meet and Greet for the Texas attendees. (The Fulltimers Chapter was the **Chapter** with the largest attendance). The 2017 International broke the record for the number of Newmar Kountry Klub Newcomers and consequently the Kountry Lone Star South (KLSS) Chapter is growing as new Newmar Owners are joining the Chapter and participating in KLSS Rallies. The October KLSS Rally at Kerrville, Texas, was sold out last month and the next KLSS Chapter Rally in Galveston, Texas, starting on November 16th is nearly sold out as well. For more information on the Texas Kountry Lone Star Chapter (KLSS) please visit the website at www.kountrylonestarsouth.com.

In the recent past the Texas State Rally has been in May, sandwiched in between Mother's Day and Memorial Day. However, **for 2018 we are planning to hold the Texas State Rally in September. We haven't settled on a rally site yet but we hope to have the State Rally scheduled soon.**

Jane & I want to wish all of you a Blessed Thanksgiving and wonderful Veteran's Day.
Jim and Jane Thomas (15629)
Texas State Directors
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2018 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE ELECTION

This position is open to any Kountry Klub member in good standing who owns a Newmar Recreational Vehicle. The candidates shall have no ownership in, or be employed with, any RV dealership. It is a three year term starting August 1, 2018.

The Members-at-Large are elected by the general membership. They are also members of the Kountry Klub Board of Directors, representing all members. Members who intend to run for this position must file with the International Directors, IN WRITING, no later than March 1, 2018 to: Bob & Bonnie Krieger, International Directors, Newmar Kountry Klub, PO Box 30, Nappanee, IN 46550 or by email to kountryklub@newmarcorp.com.

All candidates will have the opportunity to submit a picture and an article to be published in the April and June issues of the *Konnection*, on the Klub's website and in the Happenings email. All candidates will also be offered the opportunity to address those attending the business meeting during the International Rally. If for some reason a candidate is unable to attend the International Rally, they may designate someone to read their comments to the membership.

The voting will be done by secret ballot during the Kountry Klub Business Meeting held during the International Rally. If you do not plan on attending the International Rally, and wish to vote, you may request a ballot from the Kountry Klub office. This must be done in writing or by email. Ballots must be returned to the Klub office no later than June 1, 2018. The unopened ballots will be securely kept and taken to the International Rally where the votes will be counted by those appointed. The Members-at-Large will be determined by the candidate receiving the most votes on the first ballot.

As a member of the Board of Directors, you will be working closely with the International Directors, the Klub office staff, Region Directors and other Board Members. You should be available to travel and attend Board Meetings as necessary. You should have a good understanding of the Mission and Goals of the Newmar Kountry Klub and a good understanding of how the Klub functions. You should be a good public relations person with good oral, computer and written communication skills. You will write articles for the *Konnection* magazine. In addition, you will answer any inquiries you receive from the general membership. You are responsible for reporting membership information, ideas and concerns as well as suggested recommendations for review by the Board of Directors.

Benefits: You will be reimbursed for Klub related office expenses, Board Meeting travel and rallies and special Klub functions you attend on behalf of the Kountry Klub. You will receive a rebate on your choice of a new Newmar Recreational Vehicle, renewal of membership and *Konnection* magazine subscription while in office, title and name sign, name badges; and special recognition at all Newmar Kountry Klub functions you attend.

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

Region Directors :: Del and Lela Nordstrom (14168)



After leaving the wonderful 32nd International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri we headed to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. An unbelievable and beautiful sight. Balloons and more Balloons, all sizes and shapes. Everywhere you looked there was a balloon and more balloons!!!! On Saturday,

October 14th, Del & I decided to take our lawn chairs up on the roof of our coach (something we had never done before) to watch the Night Magic Glow and the After Glow Fireworks Show. The balloons were all tethered for the Night Magic Glow Show, but one got away and landed in the fireworks launching area. The wind came up and Del, Lela and lawn chairs came down. The Fireworks display was delayed as they had to get the balloon out of their launch area and check all the lighting assemblies. Put another feather in your caps Marty & Marion Marcum, Region 1 Directors. You deserve it, for another very well organized special event for Newmar. The weather was beautiful and they were able to fly each day except the last one.

We have scheduled the Newmar Owners and Guest Luncheons at the Golden Corral located at 17674 N. Litchfield Rd in Surprise, Arizona. Put these dates on your calendars and come join us. It will be great to see you again. **Wednesday, December 13; Wednesday, January 10; and Wednesday, February 21.** Please let us know if you would like to be on the notification list. We will send a reminder close to each luncheon date.

We are proud to announce that we have scheduled a joint **Region 4, North Dakota/South Dakota State & Rushmore Roamer Chapter Rally at Chris' Campground in Spearfish, South Dakota for June 4th-8th.** The Fulltimers are hosting their **International Pre-Rally** at the same campground following our rally, you are welcome to attend that one also, before heading on to the **33rd Newmar International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming on June 24th-30th.**

If you have any questions about the above rally, please contact us. We 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

ILLIONIS

Merry Christmas and we hope you're near your winter home and enjoying the festivities of the holiday! We're in Texas and enjoying the weather with friends and family. It's so much easier to make reservations than dinner. Don't forget to get together with your Newmar family at a local luncheon in your winter home, it's often posted in the calendar on Newmar Kountry Klub website. Encourage other Newmar owners that aren't in our club to join you at a luncheon or a rally.

Thanks again for all the volunteers at the Sedalia Rally especially Bob & Bonnie Krieger and Linda Feece for all their time and effort that goes in to making a successful rally. We had fun and made many new friends at the International. We want to

thank all those that came for the **Illinois Gathering**, and several couples have joined our local chapters. **Harriet Hagedorn, (662-L), was honored at the Friday evening meal for her longevity in our Klub.** She's from Omaha, Nebraska and we had met her many years ago at the Pine Grove Campground in Greenwood, Nebraska near Omaha. She has attended at least **17 Internationals** in her 5th wheel and Freightliner. Harriet stays busy with her family, dogs and does a beautiful job quilting, where she holds many blue ribbons. Region 4 was in charge of crafts, and our Regional Directors, Del and Lela Nordstrom are a delight to work for. So, think about volunteering at the next rally. **We hope you're making plans to go to Gillette, Wyoming for the June 2018 International Rally. Watch the Konnection and Website for dates. I know a couple of Newmar caravans are scheduled for after the rally that are on our bucket list.** We will be having an **Illinois State Rally August 15-19 in Elgin, Illinois at the Paul Wolff Campground.** Stay tuned for more details to follow as the date grows nearer.

Remember the Reason for the Season and keep your family close. Take care and we'll see you down the road!

Richard and Donna Ritchie (16254)

Illinois State Directors

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MINNESOTA

Greetings from Minnesota, we wish everyone a **Very Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. Pete & I will not be joining fellow Minnesota Loons this winter in warmer climates. We have our house up for sale and are addressing some minor medical issues. The good news is I'm working on Pete and hope to spend a few years as "Full Timers" once we've sold our house.

We will begin our Camping Season this year with the **"STATE RALLY"** at our favorite camp: **"The Saint Cloud Campground"**. We will visit some of the diverse activities in the Saint Cloud area. **The festivities begin Monday, May 7 and end Thursday, May 10. June 11-14 the Loons will be traveling to the "Bagley City Campground"**. Sheryl & Wayne Torgerson along with Jeanette & Frank Shreck will be hosting the rally. Then we have a wonderful opportunity to travel together to the **33rd International Rally at Gillette, Wyoming**, which runs from **June 24-30**.

We are open for both our July and August rallies. Calling all Loons for suggestions! We are desperately in need of some hosts.

We hope everyone has a **Blessed Christmas** and a **Wonderful New Year**.

Best wishes and safe travels to all!

Pete and Joan Neururer (16603)

Minnesota State Directors

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NORTH DAKOTA/SOUTH DAKOTA

Hope you had a **Happy Thanksgiving**. Del & I celebrated our birthdays together again this year in November. We are all settled in our new site #618 at Pueblo El Mirage Resort & RV Park located at 11201 N. El Mirage Rd in El Mirage, Arizona for the winter. If you are in the area, please look us up.

We just returned from a trip to Mexico for our annual dental trip. A cleaning for Del & I have an implant in place of my front tooth which was loose. I did not need the bone grafting as the structure was strong enough. I go back in two weeks to get the stitches out and a temp put in. I am ready for Halloween, all I have to do is smile. I look like a witch!!!

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Please Note: Since Del & I are hosting all three rallies, we are combining the **Region 4, North Dakota/South Dakota State & Rushmore Roamers Rally** all on **June 4-8, at Chris' Camp & RV Park in Spearfish, South Dakota.** (Yes, it is before the Sturgis bike rally). Don't forget it is on the way to the **33rd Newmar International in Gillette, Wyoming in June 24-30.**

The Newmar Fulltimers are hosting their Pre-Rally in the same campground before the International in Gillette, Wyoming. You are welcomed at that rally also. Start making your plans for **2018.**

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Del and Lela Nordstrom (14168)

North Dakota/South Dakota State Directors

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WISCONSIN

MERRY CHRISTMAS and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** This has been another one of those years where we say, **where did this year go?** This was a busy year with rally activities, home remodeling and work. With any luck 2018 will slow a little, allowing more time for some leisure activities and some additional travel time. The **Wisconsin Northern Aires** had a great year with the rallies and with 5 new memberships. It's great having the chapter grow by bringing in many new friendships and allowing everyone to share their time together. We want to **thank** everyone for all your efforts in supporting our activities.

We should have arrived at the ShipRock RV Resort in Apache Junction, Arizona when you receive this issue of the Konnection, if you're in the area, please contact us and share some of your time with us. **We will be attending the breakfast gatherings in Mesa, Arizona while in the area, so plan on joining us and the group at the Golden Corral.**

We had a great time at the International Rally this year and had a great time volunteering while there, this allows you time to meet many of the members and to gain some new friendships. We want to extend a special **Thank you** to **Theresa & George Korycan (18963)** for all their work as seminar coordinators, many hours were put in getting seminar monitors, posting signs and making sure everything was on time. We want to extend a **thank you** to all those members that shared their time volunteering.

Our **2018 Rallies** are still in the planning stages at this point, the **May Rally has been set with a date, location and some of the activities are in place,** so if your available to join us please check the calendar of events. **The July and August Rallies are still a work in progress.** Our **State Rally will be held in September** and is also a work in progress at this time. We will be sending out notices to all the members as each rally plan is completed.

Again, we wish everyone a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Terry and Pat Bengtson (10831)

Wisconsin State Directors

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LUCKY WINNERS AT THIS YEAR'S RALLY:

Early Bird Drawing Winners

Dennis & Janet Dugan	(21857)
George & Ruth Kirtley	(9095)
David & Janet Miley	(21421)
Murray & Doris Brooks	(17406-L)

Newmar Grand Prize Winners

Wyland & Lanie Wright	(14581)
Jack & Janice James	(21293)
Neal Culiner	(22039)
Bill & Angela Mannion	(19246)
Larry & Jeanne Bateman	(21940)
Larry & Lynn Gingerelli	(21978)
Bill Schwenk & Laura Bellis	(21569)
Kip & Crystal French	(20777)
Paul & Marge Schaiger	(20705)
Wayne & Sue Burke	(20367)
Paul & Shirley Nurre	(21752)
Joe & Jean Hattabaugh	(12383)
Rick & Lisa Ross	(22145)
Glenn & Leora Waybright	(17412)
Eric & Anita Clapp	(20674)

NOTE: We would like to thank Newmar Corporation for drawing an additional ten \$500 winners in honor of their 50th Anniversary.

Farm & City Cash Drawing

Pat Genell & Judy Holly Storms (19626)

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the families of our passed on members.

We are saddened to report that Koree Orcutt (2621) passed away at age 100 on November 7, 2017. Koree has been an associate member since the passing of her husband, Tom in 2012. They are past officers of the Buckeye Kountry Travelers chapter of Ohio.

Their son's address is Randy & Edie Orcutt, 7111 Fields Lane, Hillsboro, OH. 45133-9695.

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

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



2017 ended as it began, wide open! After departing Sedalia, we made it home for about a week before leaving for Williamsburg and the Region 5 Rally. Then it was off to the Christmas at the Beach Rally in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. After being home for two days we enjoyed being with friends at the Peach State Crackers luncheon. Now Christmas and New Year's Day

is over and off to Tampa for the Tampa Super Show.

I need to go back to the Region 5 Rally. Wanda & I want to thank all of the attendees for making this a memorable rally. We ended with 47 coaches. I believe that at the end of each day, no one needed to be rocked to sleep. Thanks to all that stepped up to help. There is never a lack of volunteers at Newmar Rallies.

Thanks to our sponsor dealers National Indoor RV Centers, Independence RV and Dick Gores RV World. **Special thanks go to John & Betty Warhol as the co-hosts.** On Wednesday evening we had cake and ice cream, along with several special presentations to this great couple for 8 years of service as Virginia State Directors. This was an emotional time for all that know and love them. They have promised to continue to be active in the Region 5 activities. We intend to hold them to that promise. Another thanks go to the attendees for contributing \$500.00 to the Avalon Center. This organization is an accredited agency for domestic violence serving the Williamsburg area. Great Job!!

The new Virginia State Directors, Michael & Marcy Vreeland, were introduced to the group. This couple is excited about the position and we believe they too will be great Directors. Please give them your support.

We have great news about the Mid-South Tri-State (GA, AL & MS) Director position. Jim & Barb Watson have been appointed to this position. For those of you that know them, you know how talented and energetic they are. They have some great ideas and plans for the area. Please give them your prayers and support.

Tampa Super Show never lets you down. What a busy 5 days. At this time the event is sold out, call the Klub office if you would like to be added to the standby list. Continue to check the "Calendar of Events" on the website for rallies and special events that might interest you.

Wanda & I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take time to be quiet, reflecting on the moment in time that changed our lives as believers.

Safe travels and we hope to see you soon. We can be reached at gsmith8800@gmail.com

Love God Love Others...

FLORIDA

December is upon us already and we are in the midst of the holiday season. We have been the Florida State Directors

for almost 1 year and we've had a terrific journey so far. Unfortunately, for us **the Rally in the Keys was canceled for December due to the destruction caused by hurricane Irma. Hopefully, it will be held in December 2018. We are looking forward to that event.**

October found us in Virginia for the Region 5 Rally which had a very good attendance. We visited the historic triangle of Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown. There is such a wealth of history that surrounds that part of this great nation. As well as the guided tours there was great food, meeting up with old friends as well as making new friends. We ended the rally on the Miss Hampton II Harbor Cruise where we sailed right past the Norfolk naval station. A big thank you goes out to Gary & Wanda Smith for a successful rally.

Following that rally Deb & I finally got the chance to go home since leaving Florida in June. It's always nice to get back to our home base. Speaking of home, be sure to check the "Calendar of Events" for rallies near your home area during the winter months. There are any number of chapter based events going on somewhere near to you.

November was busy with the welcome back rallies. **The Florida chapters are now in full swing. Don't forget the monthly luncheons in Fort Myers and Claremont.**

December, we took the time to reflect on our year and wonderful times we had visiting with our family and Newmar friends. We hope to continue this position next year.

Don't forget January is the Tampa super show. We will again be co-hosting at this rally. Come join us for a Florida social.

April 11-15 will be the Florida State Rally at Compass RV Park in St. Augustine, Florida. We have 30 sites reserved so get your reservations in early.

On another note we want to express our appreciation to Karen Terry for her leadership as President of the Sea Turtles and welcome the incoming Presidents Kenny and Nancy Griffin.

In closing we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

See'ya round the campfire
Bill and Debbie Smith (15570)
Florida State Directors

FLORIDA MANATEES

It is almost Christmas and the Florida chapter rally season has begun. The first Manatee rally was in Punta Gorda at Alligator Park in November and all had a great time. Details for the February and March rallies are on the website and in the "Calendar of Events". The Manatees look forward to making new friends so we invite all Newmar Kountry Klub members to join us. You do not have to belong to a chapter to attend a rally.

We enjoyed the Region 5 Rally in the Williamsburg, Virginia area in October hosted by Gary & Wanda Smith, Region 5 Directors. We toured Historic Jamestown National Park with a very informative and delightfully entertaining guide. Also on the itinerary was Jamestown Settlement, Yorktown National Park, Yorktown Victory Center and Williamsburg, a whole day with a self-guided tour. We all learned a lot that we had either forgotten or never knew. The highlight was the Hampton Roads Harbor Cruise with views of massive warships docked at Norfolk Naval Base.

January brings us the Tampa Super Show. Activities include meals, socials, vendors and entertainment. A perfect chance to see friends from other chapters and schedule work to be done on

your coach. Newmar sends techs to Tampa to work at a reduced labor cost to make repairs and do warranty work. There are lots of RV dealers with new and used RV's on display, as well as vendors with goods for RV's and general items and food.

We want to welcome the Overton's to the chapter and look forward to seeing you at rallies.

Safe travels always. The best things are not things.

Karen Burnette (16482)
President

FLORIDA PELICANS

The Newmar Florida Pelicans that have traveled over the summer and fall are returning to Florida to join our friends, some of them who rode out hurricane Irma. Fortunately, most of our Klub members suffered only minimum property damage.

Our first rally of the season was the well-attended Welcome Back Rally on October 15-19 at the Sun-and Fun Resort in Sarasota. The rally was hosted by Bob & Cheryl Black and offered many great activities and a chance for our members to catch up with each other and recall their wonderful summer adventures. This rally also served as the chapter's annual meeting.

Our next activity will be the Christmas lunch, which will be followed by the NKK Florida Super Show Special Event, during which the Pelicans will hold a short rally. We are looking forward to seeing many of our fellow Newmar owners and friends from the other Florida chapters.

We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and safe travels.

Beatrice Hamor (18907)
President

FLORIDA SEA TURTLES

This will be my last article for the Klub Konnection! What an exciting year this has been! Looking forward to 2018 I see great things happening for the Florida Sea Turtles. In January the Tampa Super Show was a success as always. So many vendors to see and so much information to absorb! Many Sea Turtles showed up to take advantage of the items for sale, the information and the camaraderie of the group.

In February we are headed to Eustis to a rally at Southern Palms. March will take us to Coastal Georgia RV Resort in Brunswick, GA where we will enjoy a boat trip and some delicious southern cooking. As always, when you come to sunny Florida looking for warmth, come and join us at any of our rallies. We love to have company!

Safe travels to all and remember - *One of the great things about travel is that you find out how many good, kind people there are!*

Karen Terry (19880)
President

MID SOUTH TRI-STATE (GA-AL-MS)

As you read this article our Sedalia International experience has come and gone. What a fantastic time we had. Registration and parking was very well organized. We helped in setting up the new coaches, assisted with the store and attended the famous International Dog Show. We held a banana split social for Tri-State and Tennessee state folks. Thank you, Phil & Charlene Budd, for letting us participate. This was our fourth International Rally and every year we say that was the best one ever. **Hats off to Bob & Bonnie Krieger and Team Newmar. The entertainment was great!**

Please mark your calendar for our **Peach State Crackers Spring Fest Rally to be held April 11-15, at the Coastal RV Park in Brunswick, Georgia.** Details to follow.



PSK had three new members join in October. A warm-hearted welcome to Robert & Shirley Winquist, Gary & Catherine Pichon and Wayne & Carole Keith from all.

As a reminder Gary & Tori Bray have our PSK Christmas luncheon scheduled for December 12 at 11:30 am at Silver Bay Seafood in Stockbridge, Georgia.

We are looking forward to the Tampa Super Show in January. We are scheduled to volunteer to help Region 5 coordinate the Newmar Section.

As we have recently been appointed Tri-State Directors we wanted to thank our mentors Jim & Annabell Repp, Gary & Wanda Smith, and Gary & Tori Bray. We are very thankful for their support and guidance.

We have had many fabulous years traveling this wonderful country with the Newmar Kountry Klub. We cherish our friendships, the camaraderie and fellowship with this wonderful organization. We are excited about the new opportunity to become Directors and look forward to many more fun and fantastic years with all of you.

From the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Georgia

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CAROLINA'S (NC - SC)

As you read this article we have recently left the International rally held in Sedalia, Missouri. It was the second time that the rally has been held in Sedalia. There were 448 RVs in attendance.

As volunteer team leaders, we arrived a week early to help set up the Parts Dept. and the Service Dept. We had a great team of volunteers to help us with the set up. We cannot say enough good things about the volunteers that helped with special thanks to Greg Harrop, team leader of the Service department. On Registration day the Parts Dept. sign-up sheets were full of volunteers to work 1.5-hour shifts for the whole rally. Thank you to the North Carolina/South Carolina members who volunteered their time! Many other states' members also volunteered their time—Becky & I are very grateful. We also signed up to drive

rally shuttles (golf carts) and to serve two evening dinners. We had a lot of fun meeting new members and making new friends to spend time with in the future.

We held a social dinner for our North Carolina/South Carolina members. Twelve couples along with our Region 5 Directors, Gary & Wanda Smith, attended. Welcome two new members attending: Wayne & Sue Burke-SC and Roger & Judith Seagar-NC.

The Sedalia rally provided a great place to socialize with old and new members and to make great memories for the rocking chair. On our return eastbound we stopped in Branson, Missouri and Tunica, Mississippi for a few days of R&R.

The Region 5 Rally held in Williamsburg, Virginia the last part of October was fun. Gary & Wanda had a lot of things for us to do and see. We really enjoyed the cruise.

From November 5-9, we attended the Tennessee Volunteer Cruisers at their Christmas at Dollywood rally. We love Dollywood when they have all the Christmas decorations up. They are beautiful. We had a great time renewing old friendships and attending a few shows

Remember to come down to **Myrtle Beach from December 5-8 for the combined South Carolina/North Carolina Christmas rally held at Ocean Lakes Campground**. This will be our last rally for 2017. **We look forward to seeing you at the North Carolina State Rally at Tom Johnson's Campground in Marion, North Carolina from April 17-20**. Look on the NKK website for details.

HAPPY RVING!

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NORTH CAROLINA TARHEELS

Hey y'all! 'Tis the season to celebrate, and with our diverse membership, some may be celebrating holidays many of us have never heard of. Meeting fellow RVers is just one of the things that make this lifestyle so interesting and enjoyable for us. As we enter this season, here are some of the events and celebrations that are observed across these great United States:

• Saint Nicholas Day (Christian) • Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexican)
• St. Lucia Day (Swedish) • Boxing Day (Australian, Canadian, English, Irish) • Christmas Day (Christian) • Three Kings Day/Epiphany (Christian) • Hanukkah (Jewish) • Kwanzaa (African American) • Omisoka (Japanese) • Yule (Pagan)

'Tis also the season to look back at what we have accomplished in 2017 as we look forward to what we want to accomplish in the coming year(s). In a word – WOW! It's been a busy year for many of our members, Gayle & me included. We began our roles as NKK Tarheels president and secretary not knowing what to expect, but excited to learn – and man, have we done some learning! Over the last year, we have been on the road about ten months of it. We have attended six rallies, hosted two member lunches, traveled slightly over 12,000 miles (not including the non-RV trip to London, Scotland and Ireland), met a LOT of new friends, welcomed **TWENTY** new members into the chapter (**WOW**) ... and eaten WAY too much!

SO – what can we do differently and/or better in 2018? I'm so glad you asked that question – because that's where we need your input! Several of our members have already pulled us aside to lend their guidance, as we are thankful for your suggestions. But, we currently have right at one hundred members (that's forty-six couples and two singles), so that means we'd like to hear from a lot more of you.

To get things started, we encourage all who can to simply get involved – attend the functions that are being offered. Our state directors, Philip Melvin & Becky Garner, have scheduled a Spring North Carolina/South Carolina Rally in Marion, North Carolina. Check the [Calendar of Events](#) for details and registration. Gayle & I are **already looking at options for a Fall Tarheels Rally and will be scheduling a couple more member lunches during the summer months. The 2018 Region 5 Rally is also in the early planning stages and will be held in late September or early October.** We completely understand that some people still work (yes – I used that nasty four-letter word), some have health issues that prohibit or limit traveling, some have standing annual travel plans that conflict, and some are just plain not interested. Additionally, **many of you have great ideas and/or suggestions and we beseech your input. What type of rallies/activities would you like to attend? Where would you like the Tarheels to hold those events? Would you be willing to co-host an activity/rally? This is YOUR chapter; we are simply the drivers, but we don't know which direction to go without our navigators ... aka: Y'ALL!**

Gayle & I are excited to welcome and introduce the newest NKK Tarheels, including: Greg & Linda Burke (Bear Creek, NC), Wayne & Sue Burke (Beach Lake, PA), Gary & Mary Beth DeBruhl (Holly Springs, NC), Wayne & Robin Emerine (Summerfield, NC), Tom & Patti Maechler (Waxhaw, NC), James & Carla Miller (Columbia, SC), Tom & Gloria Rezentes (Chester, VA), Jerry & Gale Walton (Kinston, NC) and Jim & Tiki Wittenberg (Walnut Cove, NC).

Thanks for all y'all have done for your Tarheels in 2017 and for all you are going to do to help us continually improve going forward. You are amazing folks and we are proud to be part of such a fun and encouraging group. Gayle & I wish each of you a very merry Saint Nicholas Day, Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucia Day, Hanukkah, Christmas, Three Kings Day/Epiphany, Boxing Day, Kwanzaa, Omisoka and/or Yule ... and a happy New Year!

Y'all travel safe now – ya' hear?

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SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO PALS

This is our final posting on the International Rally. It was a good location and a great rally even with some rainy days. Once again Bob & Bonnie did a wonderful job and all the Klub officials worked together to make it happen. Again, this year when Bob & Bonnie thanked the volunteers and they all stood up you realized how great "volunteerism" is in the Klub. We had eight Pals couples attend and are proud to say that almost all of them did one or more tasks.

When you read this, we will have enjoyed our annual Pals and Tarheels joint "Christmas at the Beach Rally". We were very concerned this year with three Hurricanes coming up the Carolina's coast with the wind and rain damage they caused. Ocean Lakes Resort sits right on the ocean with maybe 15' sand dunes to protect it which is not good with storms this large. We were happy to find that the resort survived with little damage.

Now our attention turns to the 2018 season as we try and set up the rally schedule and get rally hosts to step forward. This seems to be our hardest task each year. Hopefully we will be successful this year and have many hosts come forward.

We wish you the best of holidays and a happy and healthy New Year! May you have safe travels in 2018 and we hope to see you along the way.

Have healthy and safe travels.
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TENNESSEE

Christmas and New Year's packed into a great *Konnection* Magazine. Lots of info and updates and **Special Events** to study so make sure you look through all the pages!

Well, **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** to all the Tennessee Newmar owners and Volunteer Cruisers Chapter 72 members. We all are closing out a wonderful year of travel and rallying! Charlene & I are sure each and every one of us has a story or two to tell of our adventures. **Maybe at The Tennessee State Rally in Crossville's Spring Lake RV Resort we can all sit around a campfire and each tell a story or two. Check the connection for our April 23rd rally and go on line to register. Don't wait, as the reserved spaces lakeside are limited.**

Since our last *Konnection*, Chapter 72, Volunteer Cruisers had a Christmas at Dollywood Rally with over 20 coaches!!! Thanks to the great planning and hosting by Joe O'Connell, past chapter President, we all had a wonderful time. The 4 million lights of Dollywood made the sky's sparkle and eyes glimmer in the starting of the Christmas season.

Chapter 72 led by President, Sheryn Ward, VP's, Jimmy & Reba Seals, and Secretary/Treasurer, Denny Ward did a humongous job of membership recruitment this year. We have many new Newmar owners this year and enjoyed their attendance at our 2017 State Rally and their wonderful turnout at the 32nd Annual International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. Tennessee had 18 coaches in attendance and that is a record for Tennessee. Hoo-Rahh!!!! Plan now for attending the 33rd Annual Rally at Gillette, Wyoming, where Chapter 72 was formed in 2000 at the International Rally! Maybe a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream would be in order! What do you think?

May your health be **Blessed** and your Christmas and New Year's celebrations be filled with **LOVE and HAPPINESS**.

Thank you, each and every one of you for the support and help you have given us this past year.

Safe Travels and God Speed
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TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER KRUISERS

Hello! And once again I would like to start off by welcoming our newest members to the Volunteer Cruiser chapter. Please say HELLO and WELCOME to: Robert & Eileen Bersey (Crossville, TN), Dennis & Mary Carignan (Crossville, TN), Walter & Abbie Coffman (Crossville, TN), Ed & Beverly Shaw (Crossville, TN), Frank & Glenda Victory (Murfreesboro, TN) and Andy & Karen Anderson (Cleveland, TN).

I would like to personally thank all our new members from this year for helping us to meet and **BEAT** our challenge goal of a 10% increase in our chapter membership. We still have two months to go but we successfully increased our membership by **66%**!

I am officially calling an end to the 2017 camping season. As usual the 2017 International Rally in Sedalia was a complete success. Stories were told and a great time was had by all that attended.

The Region 5 Rally in Virginia happened in October and there were even pictures posted to show just what a great time everyone

had. Our Region 5 Virginia State Directors, **John & Betty Warhol**, retired after many years of service and were replaced (never!) by Michael & Marcy Vreeland. We look forward to rallying with you this coming year.

Our final chapter rally for 2017, titled **Christmas @ Dollywood**, was held on November 6 in Sevierville, Tennessee. We had a record turnout and would like to thank Joe O'Connell, our host, and Phil & Charlene Budd, our co-hosts, for putting on such a great rally. The Christmas lights were on in Dollywood and it was beautiful! I want to do this one again.

One or two last items before signing off. . .Our chapter is in the finish planning stage of a couple of great rallies already scheduled for 2018. Our annual **Tennessee State Rally will be held at the Spring Lake Campground in Crossville, Tennessee in April**. If you would like to see Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum in Kentucky, check out the Region 6 - Kentucky entry in the "Calendar of Events" for May 14.

We wish you a family-filled Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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VIRGINIA

This is the last *Konnection* article for 2017 as well as my last article as Virginia State Director. In the previous issue I touched on the International Rally in Sedalia and the Region 5 in Williamsburg. I want to expand on both of those events. We arrived in Sedalia early to receive the 2018 display coaches supplied by TransWest out of Kansas City. As the coaches arrived my Volunteer team inspected them for damage, had them detailed, and placed them in the areas where they were to be displayed. Our Volunteer team was also responsible for opening and closing the coaches daily and removing them from the display area at the end of the Rally. **I want to thank my team:** Jim & Barb Watson, Phil & Charlene Budd, and Carl & Gayle Webber for great support and a wonderful experience. Always VOLUNTEER when you attend a Kountry Klub event and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.

We were happy to host 18 Virginia members, plus Members at Large, International Directors, and Newmar Officials for a pizza and salad gathering. International Rallies are always FUN events.

The Region 5 Rally in my hometown of Williamsburg, Virginia was a great success also, as is to be expected for an event hosted by Gary & Wanda Smith. They were able to stuff a 10-pound rally into a 4-day event for the 47 coaches in attendance. Visits to Jamestown Settlement Park, Colonial Williamsburg, Historic Yorktown, and cruising the Hampton Roads for dinner. Everyone was kept very busy with all the scheduled activities.

As many of you know, Betty & I are stepping down as Virginia State Directors as of January 1, 2018. It is time for new leadership with fresh ideas. Therefore, we are pleased to have Mike & Marcy Vreeland step up as your new Virginia State Directors. We look forward to working with them in the future. Our time as Virginia State Directors has been a wonderful experience spanning 8 years in which we made many friends and had great times with them. We want to thank all the officers of the Virginia Wheels over those years for jobs well done!!

Membership has doubled, keep up the good work!! **A special THANKS goes to Jeanette Templeton for her never ending enthusiasm as President of the Virginia Wheels and editor of the Wheeling Times.**

The Holiday Season was truly a time for GIVING THANKS and being with family and friends.

GOOD HEALTH, SAFE TRAVELS, AND SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD WERE EVER THAT MAY BE!!!

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INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW Virginia State Directors

After applying for the Virginia State Directors job, it was announced at the International Rally that we, Michael & Marcy Vreeland have been appointed to that position effective Jan 1, 2018. Gary & Wanda Smith (Region 5 Directors) suggested we introduce ourselves so here goes.

Hello fellow "Newmarians" (we tend to add "ians" to things like this for example folks from Ontario are Ontarioians, Quebec becomes Quebecians, and of course Virginia becomes Virginians, kind of rolls off the tongue doesn't it) we are extremely honored that we have been selected to replace the current Virginia State Directors – John & Betty Warhol. They have done an excellent job working tirelessly for over 8 years as State Directors helping make the Newmar Kountry Klub the premier RV club that it is. We would personally would like to thank them for all their efforts and especially for helping us get an understanding of what the State Director position entails. They have set the bar pretty high and we will strive to jump as high as we can so we can at least touch the bar. Of course to be honest we have found that gravity has a lot to do with jumping high and as we get older for some unexplained reason gravity tends to pull down a bit more than it used to but we will try very hard to reach that bar.

We have been RVing since 2008 when we bought our first new – at least new to us – Class A to try to figure out what all the hullabaloo was surrounding RVing. It has been and continues to be a very interesting and enjoyable experience. We have been Newmarian's since January 2015 when we took delivery of our new 2015 Canyon Star. At our first Newmar rally get together with the Virginia Wheels Danny & Jeanette Templeton (Virginia Wheel Presidents) introduced us and a couple others. They referred to them as SOBs which I thought was kind of rude and I began to wonder what kind of RV club this was going to be! I later found out that SOB was "Some Other Brand" so we were relieved and have not looked back. Marcy & I have a blended family with 6 kids between us. They are on the east coast from Rhode Island to Florida. We also have 6 grandchildren. Marcy worked in the accounting department for two government contractors in the Washington D.C. area until 2007 when we decided that she no longer needed to work and could quit to be a stay at home mom for our "new kids" - beagles. We currently have 2 beagles – Scout and VAN GO– and they have added a lot of enjoyment to the RVing experience. Marcy has a number of hobbies but really enjoys cross stitch, playing games on her phone, reading, cooking, and surfing the internet for new and interesting recipes. Michael was in the Navy for 10 years and served 4 years on WWII diesel submarines – USS Hardhead (SS365) and USS Cobbler (SS344). The remaining 6 years he served as a Communication Technician which gave me the necessary skills to work for a government contractor for some 28 years. I retired in 2009 and have not looked back. I have often said "this retirement thing is a great gig". My hobbies include online video gaming, taking care of the RV, and doing whatever the "boss" tells me. We both enjoy sightseeing and going to local restaurants, fairs and Renaissance Festivals (when we can find them).

We usually spend the winter in Florida like so many of you and attend rallies whenever we can. We currently live in North Chesterfield, Virginia. We plan on traveling around the country

and will be joining other NKK Chapter rallies whenever we can. We have just come from this year's International Rally at Sedalia, Missouri and we had a great time. This was our 3rd International Rally and we have thoroughly enjoyed each one. We are really looking forward to the 2018 International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming and the following Calgary Stampede Caravan assuming we can get one of the reservations.

As this is written we are currently on our way to the Region 5 Rally in Williamsburg, Virginia (Oct 23-27,) and are looking forward to that one as well. We would like to invite everyone to our **Virginia State Rally in Winchester, Virginia (May 17 – 20)**. Although we have invited all NKK members we only have 20 full hookup sites so **make your reservation now. The rally will be held at Candy Hill Campground – 540-662-8010. You can make reservations now** but any unreserved sites will be released by the campground on Feb 15, 2018. The rally fee is \$50 a person and does not include any tours. There are a lot of things to do and see in Winchester and rather than select one or two of them we thought a better approach would be to provide information on all available tours and sightseeing options and let the attendees select and pay for the tours they are interested in. We will provide more information on these in future Konnection issues.

Marcy keeps asking me if I am writing a book so we will sign off now. We are happy that we have been selected as Virginia State Directors and are looking forward to our new role in the NKK.

Michael and Marcy Vreeland (20733)

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VIRGINIA WHEELS

Virginia Wheelers Wheeling to 2017 NKK Adventures

Virginia Wheelers enjoyed the exciting Tri-State (NC, SC, VA) Mayberry Rally at Mayberry Campground in Mt. Airy, North Carolina from September 14-18. Special thanks to Charlie & Deane Grebinger, Philip Melvin, & Becky Garner for an outstanding job of entertaining us with many fun-filled activities. Everyone enjoyed laughing together during the movie trivia and mini-golf tournament. Exploring Mt. Airy was exciting and we certainly gained many pounds as we devoured food at the variety of restaurants. Even more special was the opportunity to make new friends with NKK members from North Carolina & South Carolina and renew friendships with Virginia Wheels' family.

The Region 5 Rally in Williamsburg, Virginia at American Heritage RV Resort from October 23-27 was exciting. What fun it was to step back in history as we toured Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown. As a grand finale, we had a historical sunset cruise on the Miss Hampton II. Delicious food added many pounds! Fellowship with close to 100 NKK members was fantastic! How exciting it was to greet familiar faces and make many more friends.

Virginia Wheelers made a special presentation to John & Betty Warhol, thanking them for the fun and support they have given us from 2010 to 2017 as our Virginia State Directors. We also welcomed Mike & Marcy Vreeland as our new incoming Virginia State Directors.

We're looking forward to rallying with you in 2018!

Danny and Jeanette Templeton (17203)

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VIRGINIA STATE RALLY

May 17 – 20, 2018
Candy Hill RV
165 Ward Ave
Winchester, VA 22602
www.candyhill.com

Contact park (540-662-8010) to make
your reservations

Rally Fee includes
2 dinners, 1 hot breakfast, 1 continental breakfast,
and 1 social hour

Rally Fee is
\$50 per person
Register online at:
<http://www.newmarkcountryklub.com>
Reservation deadline February 15, 2018

Questions:
Text: Marcy - 540-273-1486
Email: (BeagleRV@gmail.com
Or call: Marcy 540-273-1486

FLORIDA STATE RALLY

April 11-15, 2018
Compass RV Park
1505 State Road 207
St. Augustine, FL 32086
904-824-4574
Compassrvpark.com

Rally Fee
\$380 per rig for 2 people, \$190 for single person

We have 30 sites reserved. Fee includes camping for 4
nights (You don't need to call the campground to reserve
your site), 3 continental breakfasts, 1 pancake breakfast,
1 Potluck with meat supplied, 3 dinners, trolley ticket for 3
days. Pool party on Saturday night. You can book 2 extra
nights at rally rate thru us.

Deadline for Payment:
March 15, 2018
Please register on the Klub web site
www.newmarkcountryklub.com
For more info call Bill & Debbie Smith
203-733-0166 or 203-733-2118

TENNESSEE STATE RALLY

Spring Lake RV Resort
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Crossville, TN
April 23-26, 2018
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Rally Fee \$100 per person
Fee includes 5 catered dinners and
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Select Klub Calendar

Hosts: Phil and Charlene Budd
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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 newmarkcountryklub@newmacorp.com or send by mail to Newmar Kountry
Klub, PO Box 30, Nappanee, IN 46550

Newmar Announces Its 2018 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, 2018 through March 31, 2018 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, 2018 and March 31, 2018. Any appointments after March 31st will NOT receive this discount.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this exceptional offer, please contact the Customer Service Department direct at 800-731-8300 and set up your appointment today.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

This is the 9th year that we have reached out to the local community during the International Rally to see how we can help those in need. This year the charity we were working with was the Salvation Army. Besides the numerous boxes of non-perishable items we donated a total of \$601.00 in cash donations including a portion of the Poker Run proceeds.

We also impacted all three of the local high schools. The Pastor of the First United Methodist Church shared that the collection taken during the worship service would go to a local high school program for at risk students whose families were on the verge of being homeless. A donation was made to the students that helped serve the catered meals to go towards an upcoming mission trip. Finally a donation was made to the coral department in honor of the students that sang the national anthems during the Opening Ceremonies.

Thank you for your continued generosity and sharing with those that are less fortunate.

**WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS**

We would like to take this time again to thank all our volunteers at this year's International Rally. Whether it was the parking crew, registration, information desk, dining crew, parts/service/vendors/new unit set up, seminar and craft set up, stage design, opening and closing ceremonies, popcorn and lemonade booth, caring and sharing collection, and all the other areas where volunteers were needed... you all made the rally a great success.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!!

Congratulations to the following winners of the Craft Contest held during the 2017 International Rally.

CATAGORY	PLACE	NKK#	NAME
Beading	1	19153	Leila Berry
	1	20412	Linda Crowe
	2	9488L	Charlene Budd
	3	19978	Shirley Miller
Crocheting	1	22150	Catherine Pichon
	2	14581	Lanie Wright
	2	6909	Karen Kohlenberg
	3	19978	Shirley Miller
Cross Stitching	1	3365L	Nancy Flaherty
Jewelry	2	19153	Leila Berry
	2	20412	Linda Crowe
Knitting	1	9488L	Charlene Budd
	2	21511	Judy Brohammer
	2	6909	Karen Kohlenberg
	3	21198	Denise Adkins
Most Creative Use of Recycle Materials	2	20147	Steve White
	3	21369	Mary Zadel
Paintings	2	22150	Catherine Pichon
Photography (8x10) – Color	1	20147	Steve White
	1	6909	Karen Kohlenberg
Purses	2	9488L	Charlene Budd
	2	3365L	Nancy Flaherty
Quilted Wall Hangings/ Table Runners/Trivets	1	662L	Harriett Hagedorn
	1	6506L	Cathy Kappel-Simms
	2	601L	Judy Van Loo
	2	19962	Kathy Raleigh
Quilts (machine quilted)	1	662L	Harriet Hagedorn
	1	19962	Kathy Raleigh
	2	601L	Judy Van Loo
	2	14093L	Sharon Fox
Scrapbooking/Cards	2	14093L	Sharon Fox
Sewn and Embellished Clothing	1	21511	Judy Brohammer
Stained Glass	2	16632L	Shirley Graves
Wood Carving (relief)	1	20238	Barb Watson
Wood Working	2	22150	Gary Pichon
Miscellaneous	1	3365L	Nancy Flaherty
	1	9488L	Charlene Budd
	2	19978	Shirley L. Miller

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

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



I sit here writing this article feeling a little sad. The rally season is over and it will be months before we see some of our Newmar family. We truly enjoy all of the new friends we have made this past rally season. We hope to see all of you in May at one of the Region 6 chapter rallies.

International Rally in Sedalia was a blast. Our team of volunteers worked diligently and accomplished all of our assignments while having fun. The stage turned out great and we received many compliments for it. I can only say we have a very creative group in Region 6. The bulletin board, opening and closing ceremonies, and bingo went off without a hitch. We attended seminars, drove golf cart shuttles, and even helped serve breakfast one morning. We got to know some of our newer members better and connected with many people we have met over the years of attending International Rallies. If you didn't make it be sure to put Gillette, Wyoming on your calendar for next year.

We are so excited to have filled two of our State Director positions. After serving as Chapter President for one year for the Bluegrass Kentucky Roamers, Ralph & Nancy Dennis agreed to take on State Director for Kentucky. We had multiple applications for State Director for Michigan and after much deliberation we finally made the decision to name Chuck & Michelle Steenwyk as the new Michigan State Directors. We know both of these Directors will do a great job for their States. Please support them to make their job a little easier.

We have most of the Region 6 Rally for next year planned. The date is September 20-24. The place is Whispering Hills Campground in Georgetown, Kentucky. Some of the activities are a visit to the Thoroughbred Center of Kentucky, the Ark (a life-size Noah's Ark with animated figures), and a visit to Buffalo Trace (the oldest continuous running distillery in the US). We will even have some free time when you can visit some other places in the area or just visit with friends.

May you all enjoy the Christmas Holiday and a wonderful New Year!

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....

INDIANA HOOSIER KOUNTRY KLUB

The season has come to an end for 2017. Our Hoosier chapter has enjoyed participating in rallies with our sister chapters in Region 6. We attended the International in Sedalia, Missouri, and had a great time. I met some new members from Indiana and hope to see them at our rallies next year.

At this time, I am working with the Michigan and Kentucky chapters in organizing a joint rally for next season. So as you see, even when one year ends, another is beginning. I hope you

have a great and restful winter and be ready for the 2018 rallies.

Connie Ault (19315)

President

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KENTUCKY

Today is one of saddest days of the camping season (October 20, 2017). I winterized my coach and put it in the barn. It will not be used again until January when Nancy & I attend the Tampa Super Show.

Many people have written comments about the International Rally in Sedalia but there are a couple of things I would like to make a comment about. "Eye Candy" when used on TV usually referring to something of beauty. Nancy & I have a small dog named Molly Mae, she loves to ride in a golf cart, so about every night while in Sedalia we would take her a ride. We would look at all the beautiful coaches both new and old. The older coaches were well maintained and still looked good and of course the new ones still had the new gloss to them. My compliments to all the coach owners on how well they maintained them.

Nancy & I strengthened our friendship with our volunteer group, our leaders Jerry & Phyllis were a joy to work with. There is only 239 days from today until we leave for our next International Show in Gillette, Wyoming.

Watch for our next rally, Indiana and Kentucky are planning a joint rally. Details are not available today but be assured that we will eat well and have a lot of laughs.

Ralph and Nancy Dennis (20372)

Kentucky State Directors

Kentucky Bluegrass Kountry Roamers

I had my first rally as president of the Kentucky Bluegrass Kountry Roamers on August 24-26. The rally was held at the Central Kentucky Ag/Expo Center in Liberty, Kentucky.

There were nine units in attendance, with 17 members of the Kountry Klub and one guest. Ron & Wanda Llewellyn, our International Members -At-Large, and Jerry & Phyllis Rose, Region 6 Directors, were attendees at our rally.

We toured Tarter Gate Company, the largest farm and ranch equipment manufacturer in the US. Tarter provided two tour busses and transported us to three different manufacturing sites in two different towns. They also provided us lunch at the Bread of Life Cafe. The tour was enjoyed by all of us. If any of the Kountry Klub members are in a Farm and Ranch or Hardware store and in the need to purchase items that Tarter manufactures, please give consideration to the Tarter Brand, as they were very cordial to the members of our tour.

The second day of our tour we boarded a house boat on Lake Cumberland and we were on the water doing a scenic ride for 5 hours which included lunch at a Marina on the lake. Later that afternoon we toured the National Fish Hatchery, below Wolf Creek Dam. The next day we had our Hugs and Hand Shakes as we prepared to leave.

I still have a truck and drive part-time. Sunday after our rally I received a call inquiring if I was available to transport a bunkhouse trailer to the Houston area for disaster relief. I left Sunday afternoon and traveled to South Carolina and picked up the unit and traveled to Rockport, Texas via Dallas and then South to miss flooding and Tornadoes. Rockport is where Harvey's eye made land fall. While at Rockport I was redirected to Victoria, Texas where I delivered the trailer for temporary emergency housing.

I saw a lot of damage both from wind and flooding, I keep wondering if any of the Kountry Klub members were effected by Harvey. News reports cannot give a picture like seeing firsthand the damage suffered.

Ralph and Nancy Dennis (20372)
Presidents

MICHIGAN

FALL. I think fall is my favorite time of year. I really love how the air seems to smell fresher, even with the occasional smell of burning leaves or wood from a fireplace or campfire. I really love the magic of the leaves changing color. My favorite spot for color is on highway 2 in the U.P. just over the Cut River. Standing on that bridge and seeing all the trees in different shades of orange and red and yellow. That is one good reason to take your rig and head for Upper Michigan. Even the color along the way is beautiful. If you haven't done this you are really missing out.

Of course, after the fall comes the winter and my least favorite time of year. That is why I have been spending my winters in South Texas. If you are up for a long ride, you should come down to the "Valley". **We "Winter Texans" have a lot of fun. In place of rallies down here we have monthly luncheons. Our luncheons are open to all Newmar owners. You don't have to be living in your unit to attend.** It's great to see friends you haven't seen since the International or last winter. Sometimes we have guest speakers. A local onion farmer or maybe someone from the Border Patrol. The fellowship is always great and the food is too.

When spring comes back around we will head back to Michigan for our chapter rallies. The first rally of the year is the best because that's when you see your spring/summer family. **May 2018 will be held in Zeeland at Dutch Treat Campground. June has everyone headed to Gillette, Wyoming for the International Rally. July and October are still open as of this writing. August, we will be in Mears at Silver Creek. September will be at our Region 6 Rally in Georgetown Kentucky at Whispering Hills.** All of the rally dates and costs will be in the Konnection. Also look on the website.

Enjoy your favorite season,
John and Carolyn Williams (14030)
Michigan State Directors
carjo315@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN AIRES

Greetings from Michigan. We have had a fun filled summer up here in Michigan. Many of us have been able to host, attend and volunteer this year. We have gone to new places and met new faces. Shared time with old friends and made new friends. Our year started out with our Members-at-Large, Ron & Wanda Llewellyn's, 50th (surprise) anniversary get together and our year ended at the International rally in Sedalia, Missouri.

We have had great turnouts, lots of fun and laughs at our chapter, state and region 6 rallies. We have toured state capitals, one TV station, multiple monuments, the Indianapolis speedway (most of us got down on our hands and knees and kissed the bricks) several restaurants and Jack's donuts!!

We want to again thank everyone who hosted, volunteered or helped at our rallies and at the International Rally this year! Thank you also to our State Directors, John & Carolyn Williams, and our Region 6 Directors, Jerry & Phyllis Rose, for a fun filled year.

We are currently working on putting our schedule for the 2018 season together. We will start the 2018 season in Holland/Zeeland, **Michigan. Our rally will be at the Dutch Treat campground in Zeeland, May 10-13 for the Tulip Time**

Festival. We welcome anyone to join us and enjoy Michigan in the spring and see the TULIPS!

We wish everyone in our Newmar family safe travels and a blessed holiday season.

Chuck and Michelle Steenwyk (20036)
Presidents

OHIO

Here we are back home staying in Ohio, preparing for winter. The International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri was great. Seeing old friends from all over the USA and Canada was special and of course, making new friends is always neat. We enjoyed all the festivities, activities, vendor displays, food and entertainment (especially Bil Lepp the story teller). Beverly went on the Budweiser Tour and Flash had fun at the Golf outing.

We also spent some of our time working with the Llewellyn's – doing whatever they needed us to do as they were in charge of the info desk, lost & found, mail, golf cart assignment/exchange/relocation and several other duties) . We both enjoyed working with our friends Ron & Wanda.

We were home for just a couple of days and then we were off to Gallipolis, Ohio for the BKT "Rally in Gall" and the Bob Evans 47th annual Farm Festival in Rio Grande, Ohio. Ron & Wanda hosted that Buckeye Kountry Travelers Rally and once again we had attendees from several states (OH, WV, KY, and MI) join in. What a great Newmar family we are involved with.

It is that time of year that we must restock our Klub officer positions. All positions are open for new candidates or renewal of existing officers. Our past President (Bob Grimm) and Vice-president (Jack Hayes) had family health issues and requested their removal from those positions. We as State Directors are therefore requesting your help to come forward and fill the vacancies. Donna White (Treasurer) has agreed to continue in her position. Steve White has offered to take on the President's position and Susie Peoples (Secretary) would continue in her role, unless other candidates emerge for either position. Also, the Vice-president position is open for everyone's consideration. Per Newmar Klub Directives, officer elections and assignments should be completed by the end of each year and a yearly Klub officers list submitted to the NKK office by January 10, 2018. Therefore, please contact us by December 25, 2017 if you or any BKT member would be interested in serving as one of our valued Klub officers. We value your interest and can help you get started.

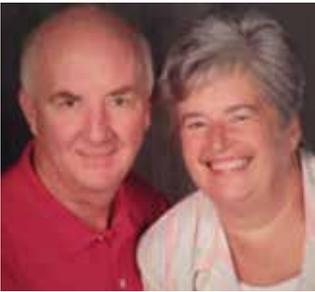
It has been a busy year for our BKT chapter; we have gained nine new couples. Unfortunately we have lost a few members due to health issues. We hope for their quick recovery and wish them all the best.

The May 2018 BKT Rally is being planned by our newest hosts, Joe & Gail Swartz and co-hosts Steve & Donna White; details coming soon. **Our State Rally has been scheduled for August 16-19.** The location, campground and activities are in process and will be announced later. That's all from our desk for now. Have an enjoyable and safe Winter Holiday season, wherever you may travel.

As always
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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 does not seem possible that 2017 is coming to an end. Where did the time go? Looking back Region 7 had a great year! Our chapters were very busy finding new venues for this year's rallies and future rallies. All our chapters showed significant growth in new members and are working hard to retain old members as well. New York

added a new chapter the Hudson Aires which was recognized at this year's International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri during the opening ceremony. The Hudson Aires new Presidents, John & Diane Svatek, accepted their charter at this time.

Our International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri was well attended with over 450 coaches. Everyone had plenty to keep themselves very busy attending seminars, shopping in the Kountry Klub store and in the 37 vendor booths. Many thanks to Transwest for bringing 2018 year models to the rally. We even had the opportunity to view Newmar's newest model the "New Aire". It may be on the small size but it is packed with all the amenities of the bigger models.

Thanks to all our members that volunteered to help make this year's rally a truly great one! Each region has a specific task to bring the rally to fruition. Region 7 was responsible for all the vendors, bringing mail to all our members while at the rally and to the vendors and the ice cream social. We would like to thank Bob & Bonnie Krieger, our International Directors, and Linda Feece, our Klub Coordinator, for the many hours of their time spent making sure it all comes together in a timely fashion to make your rally experience a truly memorable one.

It's now on to Gillette, Wyoming for next year's International Rally to be held June 24-30. Reservations will begin in February 2018. So mark your calendar and register early. Gillette is a great venue for a rally. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

We are now settled for the winter months in Naples, Florida. We are staying at the Pelican Lake Motorcoach Resort again this year. Stop by if you winter in the area. Our door is always opened. If you do winter in Florida or Southwest USA please attend one of the luncheon meetings held every month. Check the "Calendar of Events" in the *Konnection* or on line. It's a fun time to visit with old friends and meet new ones. There is usually a guest speaker attending who will present a program on some aspect of Rving.

Let's not forget the Tampa RV Show January 16-21, 2018. The Newmar Kountry Klub offers this Special Event every year to it's Klub members. This is also a "buddy" rally which means you can bring one guest couple in any type of unit. It's a great way to introduce them to Newmar and show them what a great Klub we are. At this time the event is sold out, but the Klub office is taking a standby list.

We are presently working on a Region 7 Rally for the second or third week after Labor Day in the Rhode Island

area. Contacts have been made and we are waiting for confirmation as this article is being written. More info to come. Check on line and in the *Konnection* for updates.

We would like to wish everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a HAPPY and HEALTHY 2018.

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

NEW ENGLAND STATES

Hello again from New England! Well it's that time of year again. We had our last rally of the season while many of you were pulling out of the International rally. We had 20 rigs, which is large for a chapter rally. In attendance were 10 couples that had never been to a Newmar rally before. Most of them had just purchased their rig within the last 4 months, or were in the process of purchasing, or still trying to find just the right one. We even had a Georgetown (Aire) join our group. We crammed all 40 people into a local diner for the first night's dinner and got to sit and visit with new friends. The whole rally was a great success and everyone had a great time. Thank you to Bill & Jeannie Silvester!

At last count I believe we will be having at least 22 people join us at the annual luncheon being held at Barb & Brad Wright's house for our last meeting of the year and election of officers.

No rallies have concrete plans as of yet, but that info will be coming. Safe Travels to our Snowbirds.

Live Each Day Like its Your Last
George and Cathy Keith (15055)
New England States Directors

NEW ENGLAND AIRES

This will be the last article we write for the *Konnection* as we are stepping down as Presidents of the New England Aires. It has been our pleasure to serve as President for the last four years (2 yrs. Connecticut Nutmeggers and 2 yrs. New England Aires). We would like to thank all our members for the help and support we have received especially our New England States Directors, George & Cathy Keith, and our Region 7 Directors, Bob & Jane Hadley. Both couples were always ready and available to us for anything we needed. We are leaving the Klub in great hands. Jim & Donna McAllister have graciously agreed to take on the position. We know they will do a terrific job.

Our last official rally of the season is now in the books. Nineteen coaches attended the rally at Charlie Brown Campground in Eastford, Connecticut co-hosted by Billy & Jeannie Silvester and Vince & Louise Wessling. As usual a good time was had by all. Our last function of the year is the annual Holiday/Harvest Luncheon held Nov. 4. There were 24 signed up to attend.

We are thrilled that our chapter has seen a resurgence. Our rallies and functions have been very well attended and we have several new members.

For now, we plan to stay active in the Klub and hope to see many of you at future functions. Barbara will continue in the position of chapter Treasurer.

Finally, we would be remiss to not remember those members and officers who have been so skilled and so instrumental in weaving the fabric of this organization and have now passed before us. Of recent vintage we hold in memoriam Ralph Martori, Peter Rinaudo and Joanne Merwin. May we all be cut of the same cloth.

And now may the good Lord ride with you every mile of every trip on this most precious journey we call life.

Brad and Barbara Wright (12910)

Presidents

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey was well represented at the International Rally just held in Sedalia, Missouri. The New Jersey Garden Aires had four coaches present. Not too bad for a somewhat small chapter membership. During the Region 7 pizza party, we picked up an additional two new members. We are growing!

A big thanks to Bill & Arletta Webster for Bill's time as president of our New Jersey Garden Aires chapter. He has stepped down after several years of service.

At the International, we kept hearing about an opening in the Cajun Caravan. Our fellow Garden Aires, Mike & Barbara Agrati were already committed and urged us to consider going too. So, we did and we went. Added two more weeks to my time off and we signed up. It was our first caravan and we had a great time. Did and saw more things, and ate more Cajun food than you can imagine. We were warned it was going to be a 20-lb. caravan and that was no lie! **Many thanks to Randall & Viki Goodner and Larry & Katie Harrington for all the hard work and planning that went into the Cajun Caravan.** We met some wonderful people along that trip who will stay in our memories for years to come.

We are beginning to plan our next year's rally schedule. Possibly the Jersey Shore again or perhaps mid-Jersey sometime in the middle of May. Which should give us time to get out to next year's International. The Garden Aires have been hitting Cape May, New Jersey for several years now and looking to switch it up. One of our newest members, Tommy Gingerelli, is very gung ho and working with his Newmar dealer in New Jersey to sponsor a rally. Stay tuned ...

See you on down the road,

Sincerely,

Bill and Angela Mannion (19246)

New Jersey State Directors

NEW YORK

The International Rally in Sedalia is past with some great memories. The new Hudson Aires chapter received their charter at the opening ceremonies. The Hudson Aires President is John Svatek, Secretary-Treasurer- Diane Svatek. Contact John for more information for the coming year 518-928-6268 or e-mail to jdsvatek@gmail.com.

We had a great time at the get-together at our camp site in Sedalia. We met new members from New York and hope to see more new owners at the coming rallies in 2018.

The planning has started for an eventful year. **The Lakers will have their first rally the third weekend in May at Southwood RV Resort. September the Lakers will be traveling to Ohio to the Amish country.** More details to follow from the Lakers.



The Lakers had 29 turnout at the brunch at Terry Hills Country Club. Good food and fun playing the Wright Family at Christmas. Much laughter, enjoyment and plenty of good

food on a beautiful Sunday in October. New officers are: Joan Griswold- President, John Wihlen - Vice President and Laura Bellis- Secretary- Treasurer.

We are working on a luncheon the end of February in in Florida. We will send out an e-mail with time and place to all New York members, stay tuned for more info. This is open to all Kountry Klub Members.

Merry Christmas to all and to all safe travels!

Bob and Barb Engel (13547)

New York State Directors

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NEW YORK HUDSON AIRES

Greetings from the new kids on the block! At last! Something different! Think of it as a reward to yourself for reading through all the regional and state news and updates! When was the last time you read of a new Kountry Klub chapter being formed? Is your memory so good you can even recall which state? Apparently it is a pretty rare event, and I am very proud to be able to pick up the ball and run with it.

For the record, we are the Hudson Aires, encompassing the eastern half of New York State, formed in early June on the banks of the scenic Hudson River just north of Albany. Thanks go to Bob & Jane Hadley, Region 7 Directors, Bob & Barb Engel, New York State Directors, along with members of the New England Aires for their support and encouragement in beginning this adventure.

We started with 10 charter members, and have already doubled our membership thanks to the excellent exposure at the Sedalia Rally. My wife, Diane (also secretary and treasurer-for-now), and I were included in the opening ceremonies at the International Rally. At the end of the parade of states, the Hudson Aires chapter was officially welcomed and we were introduced to the cheering throng. How could one not be flushed with pride and humility?

Attending the International Rally at Sedalia was definitely an eye-opener! We weren't alone in being new at this - there were about 300 first-timers there out of the 800 or so in attendance. We were in full-time acquaintance-making mode and loving it! Nine more members joined our chapter during the week! Highlights of the week included visiting the Sedalia Depot (a must to learn the history and flavor of the area), biking the Katy Rail Trail, and visiting the Truman Library in Independence.

Here is a heads up as to our rally plans: we are working on getting together in late June on the shores of the Hudson in Mechanicville, then again in late September in Lake George (date to be announced next issue.)

On a personal note - Diane & I feel very welcomed by all, and happy to be heading a chapter of the Newmar Kountry Klub.

Keep it between the lines,

John and Diane Svatek (21793)

President and Secretary

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

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



The end of the year signals it's time once again to renew our Kountry Klub membership along with our Konnection magazine subscription. Also, if you have changed your address or email address, please notify the Klub Office so you don't miss out the Happenings and your magazine. It is also time for the Chapter officers to submit

their year- end Chapter report. You can either submit to me at mbassindale@sympatico.ca or mail to 207 Hwy 5 West, Dundas, ON L9H 5E2.

Don't forget to check out the Special Events Calendar on line (www.newmarkcountryklub.com) for the latest in the features for 2018. At this time the Tampa Supershow Rally has sold out. The Calgary Stampede and a Western Caravan are all planned and awaiting your registration. Don't miss out, see the rally ads within this issue and sign up today.

Next year we will start off with our annual Spring Rally at Milton Heights Campground with the Muskoka Ramblers Chapter. Come join us for a weekend of fun May 25-27. Hugues & Michelle always have some culinary delights in store for us and you won't want to miss that.

If you are headed east next year, you might want to take in the annual spring rally for the Aurum Kountry Travelers. Tentative dates June 29-July 2. If you have not taken the opportunity to attend this function, now is the time. A great time to enjoy seafood and steak and the companionship of our east coast neighbours.

If you are headed west, you are in luck. International 2018 will be in Gillette, Wyoming. Gillette is known as the Energy Capital and when you see the coal production and trains, you will understand why. Bison farms, wide open spaces and ranches are all part of the scenery awaiting you. Date for the rally is June 24-30 and registration will begin in February, so we hope you plan to join us there.

At this time we would like to thank all of our officers for volunteering their time to keep our Chapters going and we would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you soon at a rally near you! Until next time...

NEW KOUNTRY KLUB NUMBER DECALS

With the majority of units produced in full paint we have changed our Klub numbers to White. With this change there is only one number that has the Kountry Klub logo combined. If you have a 5th wheel or a white unit you we can special order the number in dark blue.
Cost: \$5.00 including postage.

WE NOW HAVE TWO STYLES OF KOUNTRY KLUB LOGO DECALS FOR YOUR TOW VEHICLE.

White Kountry Klub original rectangular logo.
Size 9"w x 1-1/4"h.
Cost: \$3.00 includes shipping



Red White & Blue Logo.
Size: 4-1/2"w x 3"h.



Cost: \$3.50 including shipping.

To order replacement a Klub number or Vehicle decals mail in form below with check or credit card information to:

Newmar Kountry Klub
PO Box 30
Nappanee, IN 46550

<u>UNIT NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOW VEHICLE DECALS</u>
Klub Number Standard White <input type="checkbox"/>	Klub White Rectangular Decal <input type="checkbox"/>
Klub Number Special Order Blue <input type="checkbox"/>	Klub Red/White/Blue Decal <input type="checkbox"/>

Charge to MasterCard ___ / Visa ___ / Discover ___
 Card # _____ Expiration _____
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 Name _____ Klub # _____
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 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

All prices quoted in US funds.
 NOTE: If a new unit is purchased there is no charge for the number only. Please complete.
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2018 SPECIAL Events

2018 TAMPA SUPERSHOW RALLY BUDDY RALLY

January 16-21, 2018
SOLD OUT

Hosts: Gary & Wanda Smith

2018 INTERNATIONAL RALLY - GILLETTE, WY

June 24-30, 2018

RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
AT 8:00AM EASTERN TIME

Hosts: Bob & Bonnie Krieger

CALGARY STAMPEDE/ CANADIAN ROCKIES CARAVAN

July 5-17, 2018

RESERVATIONS OPEN DECEMBER 4

Hosts: Dave & Joanne Killey

WESTERN CARAVAN MONTANA & WYOMING

June 30 - July 19, 2018

RESERVATIONS OPEN DECEMBER 4

Hosts: Jerry & Phyllis Rose

2018 ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

Dates to be Determined - October
RESERVATIONS OPEN APRIL 2018

Hosts: Ted & Ruth Ann Hinds

2018 - RALLY IN THE KEYS - BUDDY RALLY!

Dates to be Determined - December

Hosts: Ron & Wanda Llewellyn

Be sure to see the "Calendar of Events" for Region, State, Provincial and Chapter Rallies that may be in your area.

If you are a Klub member reservations can be made on our website www.newmarkountryklub.com once the event is open by clicking on Special Events, then the event you are interested in or call the Klub office 877-639-5582. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the standby lists for sold out events please either email us at kountryklub@newmarcorp.com or call the Klub office.

2018 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM

[Newmar Kountry Klub]

NEW MEMBERS ONLY

First Year Membership and Subscription

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<input type="checkbox"/> April thru June	\$55.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> October thru December	\$35.00	

RENEWALS ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$ 45.00	One Calendar Year
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<input type="checkbox"/> Konnection Subscription	\$ 15.00	One Calendar Year

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Membership in the Newmar Kountry Klub is confined to owners of recreational vehicles manufactured by Newmar Corporation. I am the owner of the following Newmar RV:

Year _____ Model _____

Size _____ Serial # _____

For Office Use Only

KLUB # Assigned _____ Region _____ Date _____

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

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



I saw a sign the other day that said, "Success is achieved and maintained by those who try and keep trying"....W. Clement Stone. When I read this, it seemed apparent this was written for all those that attended a rally. There is so much fun and education in going to a rally but there is a greater satisfaction for those

who volunteer at a rally. Those who are planning the rally achieve success for their efforts and the success is maintained by their continued efforts.

The official count at the 2017 International rally is set at 457 coaches. Bob & Bonnie Krieger did an outstanding job once again and we thank them for their leadership and dedication to the Klub. Of course, we all know that no rally could be held without the VOLUNTEERS and this year there was no shortage of volunteers. We thank them all for doing such a great job including the British Columbia Provincial Directors, Wayne & Doris Erickson, who arrived early to help with the Klub store. This was the second time the Klub has gone to this location in Sedalia and the location certainly was a great fit for a fabulous time with wonderful food and entertainment.

It's time to start planning for the next International Rally in Gillette, Wyoming. June 24-30 are the rally dates. More on this rally will be available in February including reservation forms.

The Calgary Stampede 2018 is on the list of special events for 2018. This is hosted by Joanne & David Killey along with Ron & Wanda Llewellyn. The dates have been changed to July 5- 17. See the rally reservation form within this issue and the Klub web site for registration details.

For those that are heading south for the winter season, the Gathering in the Desert Rally is held just outside Quartzsite, Arizona from January 17- 22. This is, and always has been, a must do event for the month of January if you're in the south.

Region 9 has a great slate of events planned for 2018 starting in the east we have the newly re-formed Manitoba Krocus Klub with the new slate of directors: Don Bromley, President; Stewart Smith, Vice President; and Denise Bromley, Secretary. **The chapter is having a rally May 24-26 at the Forest Hills Cabin & RV Park in Carberry, Manitoba. Next we head to Alberta to the Big T Golf Course in Breton for their rally to be held on May 31 & June 1, 2, & 3.** Just before the Stampede we have the International Rally in Gillette then of course the Calgary Stampede Special Event.

In September will be the Region 9 Rally at the Bridal Falls Camperland RV Resort in Rosedale, British Columbia from

Sept 7- 10 followed by the British Columbia Provincial Rally a short distance away in Merritt, BC at the Claybanks RV Park from Sept 10- 14.

More information on these rallies are posted on the Klub Calendar of Events and will be sent to via email in the spring once the details are confirmed. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to email us at djkillley@firebusters.com.

Feliz Navidad, joyeux Noel, vrolijk kerstfeest, Maligayang Pasko, buon Natale or Merry Christmas. May you be blessed with the best of health and happiness in the New Year. From our family to yours, have a great holiday season and may the best of the New Year come your way.

As always our e-door is always open at djkillley@firebusters.com.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Well, as it is with retirement, we have had a very full couple of months. We attended the Dogwood Klub Rally at Twins Lakes, British Columbia and had a great time. Our activities included a golf tournament, a visit to the Observatory and a very interesting presentation by a local winery owner. Well done Gordon & Linda McKenzie on organizing your first rally.

From there we were home for a week and then we were off to Sedalia, Missouri to the International Rally. We traveled across 12 states in our trip to the rally then back home by way of Parker, Arizona. We met many friendly Newmar owners, checked out new products for RVers at the Suppliers displays. As well, there were several interesting seminars – always something new to learn.

Once we were finished there we dropped our motorhome off near Parker, Arizona, where we will be going in January. From Parker, we headed back home to cold weather and lots of yard work and fruit harvesting.

We have set the place and date of 2018 British Columbia Provincial Rally. It will be at Merritt, British Columbia from Sept 10-14, so mark your calendars. All other details are in the works, but a flyer is hopefully going to be posted on Region 9 Facebook page in the next little while.

In closing, the best thing we like about the Newmar Kountry Klub is all the great people we meet, lasting friendships we make and all the great places we go.

We wish you a very happy and healthy Holiday Season and keep the "shiny side up" and drive safe.

**Wayne and Doris Erickson (20938)
British Columbia Provincial Directors**

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:

- Tampa Supershow Rally January 16-21, 2018
- Western Caravan June 30 - July 19, 2018
- Calgary Stampede/Canadian Rockies Caravan July 5-17, 2018

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.

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DECEMBER

DEC 4-10

FLORIDA RALLY IN THE KEYS SPECIAL EVENT – CANCELLED DUE TO HURRICANE

- Dec 5** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Tucson, Mimi's, 4420 Oracle Rd, Time 1:00 pm – CT: Roy & Martha Willis, 520-390-8799 rmcuddles@juno.com
- Dec 5** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd, Time: 12:00 pm – CT: John Alguire 928-373-4380
- Dec 5-8** **Florida Sea Turtles Chapter Rally** – Okeechobee, Silver Palms RV Resort, 4143 Hwy 441 S 863-467-5800, make own campground reservations, Deadline Nov 15 – CT: Bill & Eileen Berg 407-810-7313 or beberg@att.net
- Dec 5-8** **South Carolina/North Carolina Christmas at the Beach** – Myrtle Beach, Ocean Lakes Resort, 6001 South Kings Highway, 800-722-1451 Make own reservations with campground – Deadline Nov 30 – CT: Roger Weeks 864-710-0795 or rpweeks@juno.com
- Dec 12** **Georgia Peach State Crackers Christmas Luncheon** – Stockbridge, Silver Bay Seafood Restaurant, 5425 Henry Blvd, CT: Gary & Tori Bray 678-898-0219 eeigeb@aol.com, Each person bring an inexpensive gift
- Dec 13** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1868 N Power Rd, Time 9:00 am – CT: 602-819-1460 azbuckwheat@cox.net
- Dec 13** **Florida Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Claremont, Golden Corral, 1555 S Grand Hwy, Time: 11:30, (Note: Klub members please wear name badges) - CT: Everett & Julie Israel 815-878-2804 enijei@earthlink.net
- Dec 13** **Texas Rio Grande Valley Owners Luncheon** – McAllen, American Legion Post 37, 1305 E Jasmine Ave, Time 11:00 am – CT: Rose Holschlag @ 954-579-7794 randrholschlag@earthlink.net
- Dec 19** **Florida Newmar Owners and Friends Luncheon** – Fort Myers, Golden Corral, 4690 Colonial Ave, Time 11:30 am - CT: Ron Llewellyn 740-707-7107
- Dec 27** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1868 N Power Rd, Time 9:00 am – CT: 602-819-1460 azbuckwheat@cox.net

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JANUARY

- Jan 2** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd, Time: 12:00 pm – CT: John Alguire 928-373-4380
- Jan 2** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Tucson, Mimi's, 4420 Oracle Rd, Time 1:00 pm – CT: Roy & Martha Willis, 520-390-8799 rmcuddles@juno.com
- Jan 6-10** **California Combined State/Golden Aires Combined Rally** – Indio, Indian Waters RV Resort, 47202 Jackson St, Deadline Dec 6 – CT: Ken Wilson 951-743-6156 or ken.edward.wilson@gmail.com
- Jan 10** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1868 N Power Rd, Time 9:00 am – CT: 602-819-1460 azbuckwheat@cox.net
- Jan 10** **Arizona Newmar Owners and Guests Luncheon** – Surprise, Golden Corral Meeting Room, 17674 N Litchfield Rd, Time: 11:30 am please wear your name badges – CT: Del & Lela Nordstrom 605-310-7900 or del@alliancecom.net if attending
- Jan 10** **Florida Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Claremont, Golden Corral, 1555 S Grand Hwy, Time: 11:30, (Note: if Klub member please wear name badges) - CT: Everett & Julie Israel 815-878-2804 enijei@earthlink.net
- Jan 10** **Texas Rio Grande Valley Owners Luncheon** – McAllen, American Legion Post 37, 1305 E Jasmine Ave, Time 11:00 am – CT: Rose Holschlag @ 954-579-7794 randrholschlag@earthlink.net
- JAN 16-21** **FLORIDA TAMPA SUPERSHOW BUDDY RALLY SPEICAL EVENT – SOLD OUT – CALL KLUB OFFICE FOR STANDBY**
- JAN 17-22** **ARIZONA QUARTZSITE GATHERING IN THE DESERT – CT: TED & RUTH ANN HINDES 231-233-4467 OR TEDNRUTHY@HINDEFAMILY.NET**
- Jan 18-20** **Louisiana Bayou Kruisers Chapter Rally** – Breaux Bridge, Poche's RV Park, 1080 Sawmill Hwy 337-332-0326 call campground for own reservations – CT: Peggy & Carroll Thibodaux 337-224-9402 peggy@cajunwellservice.com
- Jan 24** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1868 N Power Rd, Time 9:00 am – CT: 602-819-1460 azbuckwheat@cox.net
- Jan 30** **Florida Newmar Owners and Friends Luncheon** – Fort Myers, Golden Corral, 4690 Colonial Ave, Time 11:30 am - CT: Ron Llewellyn 740-707-7107

FEBRUARY

- Feb 6** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd, Time: 12:00 pm – CT: John Alguire 928-373-4380
- Feb 6** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Tucson, Mimi's, 4420 Oracle Rd, Time 1:00 pm – CT: Roy & Martha Willis, 520-390-8799 rmcuddles@juno.com
- Feb 7** **Texas Rio Grande Valley Owners Luncheon** – McAllen, American Legion Post 37, 1305 E Jasmine Ave, Time 11:00 am – CT: Rose Holschlag @ 954-579-7794 randrholschlag@earthlink.net
- Feb 14** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1868 N Power Rd, Time 9:00 am – CT: 602-819-1460 azbuckwheat@cox.net

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- Feb 14** **Florida Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Claremont, Golden Corral, 1555 S Grand Hwy, Time: 11:30, (Note: if Klub member please wear name badges) - CT: Everett & Julie Israel 815-878-2804 enijei@earthlink.net
- Feb 20** **Florida Newmar Owners and Friends Luncheon** – Fort Myers, Golden Corral, 4690 Colonial Ave, Time 11:30 am - CT: Ron Llewellyn 740-707-7107
- Feb 21** **Arizona Newmar Owners and Guests Luncheon** – Surprise, Golden Corral Meeting Room, 17674 N Litchfield Rd, Time: 11:30 am please wear your name badges – CT: Del & Lela Nordstrom 605-310-7900 or del@alliancecom.net if attending
- Feb 28** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1868 N Power Rd, Time 9:00 am – CT: 602-819-1460 azbuckwheat@cox.net
- MARCH**
- Mar 6** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Copper Miner Restaurant, 11375 S Foothills Blvd, Time: 12:00 pm – CT: John Alguire 928-373-4380
- Mar 6** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Tucson, Mimi's, 4420 Oracle Rd, Time 1:00 pm – CT: Roy & Martha Willis, 520-390-8799 rmcuddles@juno.com
- Mar 7** **Texas Rio Grande Valley Owners Luncheon** – McAllen, American Legion Post 37, 1305 E Jasmine Ave, Time 11:00 am – CT: Rose Holschlag @ 954-579-7794 randrholschlag@earthlink.net
- Mar 14** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1868 N Power Rd, Time 9:00 am – CT: 602-819-1460 azbuckwheat@cox.net
- Mar 14** **Florida Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Claremont, Golden Corral, 1555 S Grand Hwy, Time: 11:30, (Note: if Klub member please wear name badges) - CT: Everett & Julie Israel 815-878-2804 enijei@earthlink.net
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- Mar 28** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral Restaurant, 1868 N Power Rd, Time 9:00 am – CT: 602-819-1460 azbuckwheat@cox.net
- APRIL**
- Apr 5-9** **Arizona Sun Catchers Rally** – Benson, Cochise Terrace RV Resort, 1030 S Barrel Cactus Rd, www.cochiseterrace.com, Deadline Feb 1 – CT: Chuck Reading 623-377-6249 chuck@reacoassociates.com
- Apr 11-15** **Florida State Rally** – St. Augustine, Compass RV Park, 1505 State Rd 207, CT: William Smith 203-733-0166 wsmith0828@gmail.com
- Apr 13-16** **New Mexico State Rally** – Carlsbad, Carlsbad KOA, 2 Manthei Rd, Hwy 285, make own reservations 575-457-2000/ask for Stormy – CT: Ron & Carmen Ward 505-296-2207 cward186@comcast.net
- Apr 17-21** **SC/NC State Rally** – Marion, NC, Tom Johnson Camping World RV Park, 1885 US 70 West, CT: Becky Garner & Philip Melvin 336-269-7885 garnerbecky@bellsouth.net, (Call the campground for reservations, 800-225-7802)
- Apr 23-26** **Tennessee State Rally** – Crossville, Spring Lake RV Resort, 255 Fairview Dr, CT: Phillip Budd 931-638-2015
- Apr 24-27** **California 49ers Chapter Rally** – Oceano, Pismo Sands RV Park, 2220 Cienaga St., CT: Larry & Mary Roberts 805-459-1653
- MAY**
- May 2-6** **Arkansas State Rally** – Hope Fair Park RV, CT: Ruth Ann Hairston 870-703-0175 jghairston@sbcglobal.net (More information to follow)
- May 7-10** **Minnesota State Rally** – St Cloud, St Cloud Campground – CT: Joan Neurer 763-229-4357 joanneurer@lakedalelink.net
- May 9-12** **Nevada State Rally** – Winnemucca Events Complex Campground, CT: George & Cheryl Zellars 702-810-6690 cgzell@cox.net (More information to follow)
- May 10-13** **Wisconsin Northern Aires Chapter Rally** – Lake Delton, Country Roads Campground, S1633 State Hwy 23, make own reservations 608-253-2132 – Deadline April 15th – CT: Jim & Dolly Eggert @ 414-294-2018 jdeggert1@yahoo.com
- May 17-20** **Virginia State Rally** – Winchester, Candy Hill Campground, 165 Ward Ave – Deadline Feb 15th - CT: Mike & Marcy Vreeland 540-809-9830 beagler@gmail.com
- May 21-25** **Illinois State/Illini Kountry Kuzzins Chapter Rally** – Sullivan, Forrest W. "Bo" Wood Campground (US Army Corps of Engineers Park), 1060 CR 1025 N, 877-444-6777 (Reservations cannot be made at the campground until Feb 5, CT: Joe & Donna Delaney 815-848-8885 jddelaney5@yahoo.com
- May 24-26** **Manitoba Krocus Klub Chapter Rally** – Carberry, Forest Hills Cabin & RV Park, 21-9-14 Hwy #5 – Deadline April 15th – CT: Don & Denise Bromley 204-761-0448 dhbromley@yahoo.com
- May 25-27** **Ontario Muskoka Chapter Rally** – Ontario, 8690 Termaine Rd, Deadline May 1, CT: Hugues & Michelle Lemieux 519-621-0173 lemichug@gmail.com
- May 31-June 3** **Alberta Wild Rose Chapter Rally** – Breton, Big Tee Golf Resort, 48111 Hwy 20, Deadline May 1st - CT: Lorne & Marlene Pearson 780-672-9616 marinvst@telusplanet.net
- MAY 31-JUNE 4** **REGION 1/COLORADO KRUISIN AIRES JOINT RALLY – DURANGO, COLORADO – ALPIN ROSE RV PARK, 27847 HIGHWAY 550 N, DEADLINE APR 23RD - CT: MARTY & MARION MARCUM 562-762-8853 MARTYNMARION@GMAIL.COM**

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JUNE

- JUNE 4-8** REGION 4/ND/SD STATE/ RUSHMORE ROAMER CHAPTER RALLY – SPEARFISH, SD, CHRIS' CAMP & RV PARK, 704 CHRISTENSEN DR, CT: DEL & LELA NORDSTROM 605-543-5527 DEL@ALLIANCECOM.NET
- June 6-9** Minnesota Loons Chapter Rally – Bagley City Campground – CT Jeanette Shreck 218-280-1505 bagleyhappycamper@yahoo.com
- June 17-22** South Dakota Fulltimers Annual Rally and Business Meeting – Spearfish, Chris' Camp 701 Christensen Dr - CT: Debbie & Evan Hughes 707-953-9888 president.nkkfulltimers@gmail.com
- JUNE 24-30** WYOMING 2018 INTERNATIONAL RALLY – CAMPLEX, GILLETTE, WY – RESERVAITONS WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 2018
- JUNE 30-JULY 19** WESTERN CARAVAN – RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN DECEMBER 4TH

JULY

- JULY 5-17** CALGARY STAMPEDE/CANADIAN ROCKIES SPECIAL EVENT – RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN DECEMBER 4TH

AUGUST

- Aug 15-19** Illinois State Rally – Elgin, Paul Wolff Campground, CT: Donna & Richard Ritchie 847-804-4274 reritchie@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 6-10** Wisconsin State Rally – Nelson, Nelson's Landing Park, E203 Cleveland St- CT: Terry Bengtson 480-215-1796 tbengston7718@msn.com
- Sept 10-14** British Columbia Provincial Rally – Merritt, Claybanks RV Park, 1300 Voght St, Deadline Aug 10th – CT: Wayne & Doris Erickson 250-420-6441 camp-12@shaw.ca
- Sept 13-17** Colorado State Rally – Buena Vista, Arrowhead Point Campground, 33975 US Hwy 24N – CT: Murray Brooks 303-589-2348 or murraybrooks2000@comcast.net
- SEPT 17-22** TENNESSEE REGION 5 RALLY – NASHVILLE, NASHVILLE KOA, 2626 MUSIC VALLEY DR, 615-889-0282 CALL CAMPGROUND FOR OWN RESERVATIONS – CT: GARY & WANDA SMITH 912-656-8800 GSMITH8800@GMAIL.COM
- SEPT 26-30** OKLAHOMA REGION 3 RALLY – EUFAULA, LITTLE TURTLE RV & STORAGE, 114161 US 69 BUSINESS, DEADLINE SEPT 12 - CT: LARRY HARRINGTON 580-512-3641



Rally in the Keys

Due to the devastation of Hurricane Irma we unfortunately had to cancel our 2017 Rally in the Keys. We are happy to report the rally is being rescheduled for December of 2018. Watch for details in future issues of the Konnection as well as the Happenings emails.

SAVE THE DATE!

33rd International Rally
RALLY DATES: JUNE 25-30, 2018
PARKING DATES: JUNE 22 & 23

PRE-RALLY ACTIVITIES:

Saturday Evening Kick off Entertainment
Saturday and Sunday Optional Pre-Rally Tours
Sunday Golf Tournament Meeting
Sunday First Timers Orientation
Sunday Worship Service
Variety of Events Going on in the Local Community

RALLY ACTIVITIES BEGIN MONDAY:

Vendors and Suppliers Booths Open
Seminar Schedule Begins
Newmar Service and Parts Store Open
Plus Lots More!

Reservations will open on Monday,
February 12, @ 8:00 am Eastern Time
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Questions – contact the Klub office
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Welcome new members!

22236 Tallman Doug & Renee Port St Lucie FL	22258 Watterworth David & Margaret Niskayuna NY	22279 Verdonck Karen Des Plaines IL	22300 Hancock Jason & Laurie Anne Lloydminster AB
22237 McDowell Bruce & Debra Chula Vista CA	22259 Copeland Linda & Gary Overland Park KS	22280 Walsh Gary & Carol Cochrane AB	22301 Karst Kim & Ellen Ft Collins CO
22238 Ross Charles & Phyllis Ashland KY	22260 Spencer Thomas & Mary Lynn Port Ludlow WA	22281 Baker Bill & Michele Spring Hill FL	22302 Pontius Darrel & Helen Perris CA
22239 Munholand Galen & Mari Jo Chula Vista CA	22261 Martin Bryan & Lorraine Thibodaux LA	22282 Nazarovitch George & Renner Paula Sarasota FL	22303 Wendel Mickey & Marcia Brunswick GA
22240 Eaton Daniel & Linda New Braunfels TX	22262 Maris John & Trish Canon City CO	22283 Thorne Richard & Calvetti Susan Rohrersville MD	22304 Barfoot Colin & Ruth Whitby ON
22241 Smith Stewart & Patricia Winnipeg MB	22263 Posey Ken & Heather Duncan BC	22284 Prater Jimmie & Heidi Lewisville TX	22305 Foster Erik & Shannon Anne Evergreen CO
22242 Stott David & Karen Moody TX	22264 Legg John & Elizabeth Fayetteville NC	22285 Griffin Tom & Bonnie Berghem TX	22306 Millsbaugh Andrew & Erin Walterville OR
22243 Sisson Thomas & LeRuth Troutman NC	22265 Gronwald Keith & Sarita Wells Sioux Falls SD	22286 Dillard Lee & Vicky Nehalem OR	22307 Sims James & Judy Spring Branch TX
22244 Morrell Monroe & Marge Longwood FL	22266 Haymond Greg & Karen Crestview FL	22287 Fisher Michael & Maureen Gardnerville NV	22308 Lashley Michael & Kimberly Stockbridge GA
22245 Bailey Edward & Louise Gresham OR	22267 Woodward Sal & Quinlivan Julie Phoenix AZ	22288 Dopicco Roldolfo & Maria League City TX	22309 Pittman Todd & Kim St Peters MO
22246 Smith Randy & Connie Cedar Park TX	22268 Kelly Walter & Patti Shreveport LA	22289 Gaudet Elmer & Doe Biloxi MS	22310 Keane Dave & Trish Carrabassett Valley ME
22247 Lampe Richard & Maxine Storm Lake IA	22269 Craig David & Katherine Box Elder SD	22290 Bissonnette Peter & Tracy Calgary AB	22311 Levelton Peter & Jane Richmond BC
22248 Kelley Thomas & Kathy Santa Ana CA	22270 Clark Dale & Carolyn Mineola TX	22291 Emde Charlie & Cheri Jenks OK	22312 Vann Dudley & Janet Flint TX
22249 Lusby Paul & Mackinney Mary LaCrescenta CA	22271 Davis Brent & Cynthia Nipomo CA	22292 McGinnis Bill & Ronnie Jackson MS	22313 Sebia Lew & Mary Jo Plains PA
22250 Chandler Mark & Sue Green Cove Springs FL	22272 Westerback Roy & Helen Shewsbury PA	22293 Damioli Dale & Jodie Livingston TX	22314 Kurnick Paul & Laurie Okeechobee FL
22251 Tamble Tony & Carol Pearce AZ	22273 Pounds Danny & Charlotte Lakeway TX	22294 Becotte Paul & Ruthie Lisbon CT	22315 Lester John & Temple Sharon New Orleans LA
22252 Maske Bob & Sharon Waco TX 76705	22274 Miller Glen & Rita Port Lavaca TX	22295 LaRose Roger & Margaret Canterbury CT	22316 Paynter Ronald & Vivian Orange Park FL
22253 Lyon David & Becker Erin Victoria BC	22275 O'Connell Timothy & Erin Staten Island NY	22296 McLeod Angus & Hammersley Christine Chemainus BC	22317 Dominick Brian & Khristine Three Lakes WI
22254 Perkins Jim & Patsy Aledo TX	22276 Howard Donald & Martha Davie FL	22297 Swetje Wolfgang & Edith Cawston BC	22318 Curran Neil & Grubis Suzanne Lynn MA
22255 Hand Donald & Ashton Gina Wichita Falls TX	22277 Mullin John & Kathryn Westlake Village CA	22298 McNichol Jerald & Darlene Selkirk MB	22319 Groenteman Jacques & Barbara Naples FL
22256 Williams Kelly & Vermette Michelle Placitas NM	22278 Ward George & Colleen Crossville TN	22299 Coleman Greg & Liz Nelson BC	22320 Bridwell Charles & Freda Abingdon VA
22257 Frederiksen Duane & Sandy Maple Grove MN			

Welcome new members!

22321
Marinero Joanne & Fry Cathy
Huntersville NC

22322
Barker Steve & Cheryl
Flowery Branch GA

22323
Reynolds Dan & Shelly
Decatur IL

22324
Grose Dennis & Gerry
Las Vegas NV

22325
Ringerwole Dale & Denise
Hudsonville MI

22326
Christoffer Chris & Carla
Coos Bay OR

22327
Guthrie Jim & Jan
Greenwood MO

22328
Cook Garth & Kelly Shirley
Katy TX

22329
Bieri David & Michele
New London OH

22330
Beatty Scott & Pamela
Gardnerville NV

22331
Allison Bobby & Deana
Watertown TN

22332
Griesmeyer John & Debbie
Corvallis OR

22333
Johnson Michael & Connie
Livingston TX

22334
Edwards Ken & Adcock Suzanne
Brimfield IL

22335
Alford Gary & Brenda-Emerson
Fresno CA

22336
Kobus David & Nancy
Madison SD

22337
Semple Bill & D'Lu
Lake Worth FL

22338
McCaffery Patrick & Karen
Colorado Springs CO

22339
Stringer Jim & Evelyn
Gulf Breeze FL

22340
Van Oss Leland & Pamela
Green Cove Springs FL

22341
Williamson Don & Debra
Moorcroft WY

22342
MacArt Jim & Nancy
Swanton VT

22343
Barfield Coy & Cynthia
Spokane WA

22344
Aymar Wayne & Cathie
Alpine CA

22345
Chick Bob & Ann
Punta Gorda FL

22346
Estrada Danny & Merri
Gilroy CA

22347
Homan Rick & Susie
St Louis MO

22348
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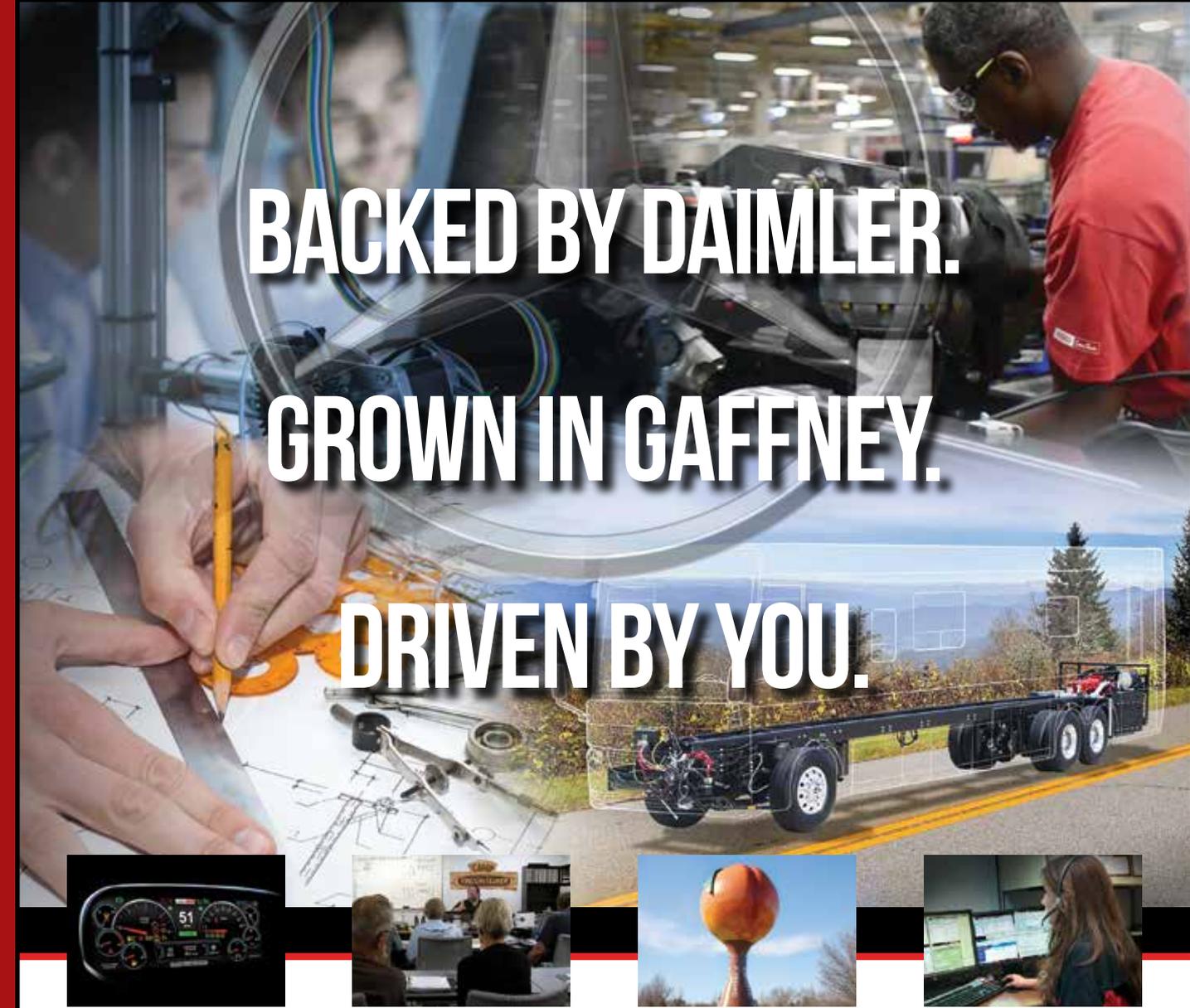
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