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Newmar Update

Kevin Bogan
V.P. of Operations, Newmar Corporation
President, Kountry Klub Board

To the Newmar Kountry Klub:

I trust that you are safe and well. To say that the last few months has been different and unexpected would be an understatement for me. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Tampa Super Show Event in January. That was only about 16 weeks ago, but seems like much longer than that. Who would have known that the COVID-19 pandemic would alter our personal lives, businesses, and daily life as it has over the last few months? I had never heard of 'social distancing' 6 weeks ago.

We have all been impacted by this. On March 23rd, Indiana Governor Holcomb asked all Hoosiers to "hunker down". Our last day of production was on March 24th. I am happy to say that after more than 5 weeks of shutdown, we restarted production on May 4th. That was the longest production shutdown we have ever had at Newmar, but our team was more than ready to get back.

We have business processes that we work to every year in every part of our business. As always, when unexpected events occur, we lead and manage through them as a business and as an overall Newmar team. The safety of our employees, customers, and visitors is paramount, and during the shutdown key staff worked diligently to implement protocols to keep them safe and protect our business, including:

- Daily temperature checking for every employee and visitor that comes into our facilities
- Daily cleaning and sanitizing common areas and each department
- Wearing protective masks in areas where social distancing is not achievable
- Increased building security

Newmar Service Operations are open and operating. Customer plant tours continue to be suspended in the

interest of the health and safety of Newmar employees and visitors. Notices will be posted on Facebook and the Newmar website when the company plans to resume plant tours and it is deemed safe to do so.

Unfortunately, numerous state and regional Klub rallies and special events have been cancelled, and the cancellation of the 2020 International Rally in Wyoming was a difficult decision for the Board. We all look forward to 'normal'.

Gary Shuder, Executive Vice President of Newmar, has decided to retire this month after 38 years with Newmar. I have been blessed to be able to work closely with Gary for the last 18 years. Gary has been a huge supporter and contributor to the Newmar Kountry Klub, as he has been a Board Member and the Klub Secretary for over 31 years! Thanks Gary for your service and dedication, and we wish you and Darla many happy and healthy years in retirement.

It is events like this that make me very thankful for all the first responders, health care workers, military, and essential workers that I tend to take for granted. Thanks to all who serve us!

Thanks to all Newmar employees and their families and to Winnebago Industries for their leadership and support to Newmar for helping us navigate through this different and difficult experience. Thanks to the Klub leadership, and to all of our customers and dealers for their support of Newmar and the Klub. We are working to come out of this even stronger. When you are able to and feel safe, I encourage you to use your Newmar to get back into Kountry Klub get together, rallies, and events.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Tampa and Lewisburg in 2021! Stay safe and God Bless!

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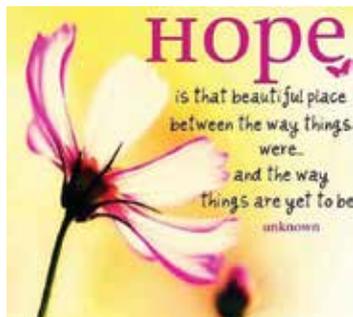
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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Ron & Wanda Llewellyn (16303-L)



The way things were, and the way things are yet to be... life changes and we must change with it. That is a big statement. Most of us would prefer things remain the way they always were. Change is inevitable. What does the future bring for us? We cannot yet answer that question. Each day, each week, each month brings changes. We find ourselves not in control as we would like. Cancelling the 2020 International Rally in Rock

Springs was a huge disappointment for us as we know it was for many of you. Not just for the time spent finalizing plans and trying new adventures, but we, too miss the closeness of our traveling friends.

So where do we go from here? Well of course we are planning for the 'the way things are to be!' This we have a start on. **As reported, the 2021 International Rally is in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Many of our newer members have probably never been to the beautiful state of West Virginia.** Yes, it is almost heaven! There are mountains to climb and valleys to roam. There are vistas that will dazzle you. And that is just in the getting there. Greenbrier County is home to the Greenbrier Hotel and Bunker, Lost World Caverns, Carnegie Hall, and much more. **You will be seeing more about 2021 in West Virginia as the year goes by. Mark your calendars for July 17-24, 2021.**

As for 2022, we are fulfilling our dreams in Rock Springs, Wyoming. We know many looked forward to a season 'out West'. Rally dates will be July 16-23 and our parking days will be July 15 and 16.



For those of you who think Ron only practices his 'veto' option, we can assure you he is quite busy at his own desk on the dining room table. Working from home is not new to us. Hope continues as he works towards not only 2021 and 2022, but also 2023.

We want to give special recognition to Linda and DeAnn for adjusting their routines during the COVID-19 restrictions. Keeping the office work up to date during the pandemic has not been an easy task. New member registrations

continue as do oversight of special event changes, the website updates and the *Konnection*. There are daily and weekly duties that do not go away. Working from home may have some advantages but keeping up outside of the office has many challenges. Thank you, ladies for a great job!

In addition to the cancellation of the 2020 International Rally, several special events for 2020 have been cancelled. See a list of cancelled special events on page 9. There is still HOPE for a few this fall. We have made the

decision this year to give all currently registered guests for their cancelled specific special events priority registration for the next planned event. Some will be held in 2021, but some may not be held until 2022 because of venue availability and the location of the International Rally. After we hear from these registered attendees, we will then open the registration to the membership.

We want to applaud our Special Event Hosts/Wagon Masters/ Coordinators. They are volunteers who spend many hours, days, weeks and even months putting together these events. To have to cancel or reschedule takes tremendous effort and time. They are truly dedicated to the RV lifestyle and the Newmar Kountry Klub. God bless you all!

We also want to recognize the Region Directors and Provincial/State Directors who have also had to cancel their planned rallies. They too put a lot of effort in to offering a great opportunity for all their attendees. As of this writing we do not know if any are trying to reschedule for the fall. It is simply too early to make that decision or too late to make the arrangements for larger groups. Just another reason why you need to keep an eye on *The Happenings*.

Have you thanked your Chapter officers and hosts for all their efforts? We certainly do and encourage you to reach out not only with your appreciation, but with your offer to help where needed.

We see many chapters are staying in touch through Google Groups and Yahoo Groups. With groups, everyone gets the message and responses. It goes a bit beyond emails with additional options as you learn the processes. If you are familiar with these options, perhaps you can volunteer to educate your chapter officers and members. This is the way of the future and we need to adjust.

We are all anxious to get back together in small groups and larger groups as the restrictions are adjusted throughout the summer and fall months. Yes, we expect restrictions to continue for some time. We encourage all of you to practice safety wherever your travels may take you. It may be necessary to limit ourselves to smaller gatherings for some time. It is reported that we may need to wear face masks until a vaccine is readily available and utilized in all areas of the country. Hopefully, that will be sooner rather than later as some states are dropping the requirement. However, as travelers we may be more prone to contacts that might put us at risk, and we encourage you to continue safe practices wherever you go. Our HOPE is that we can adjust in light of the safety measure. We are sure that none of you want to share this dreaded virus not knowing you were/are contagious. Keep your distance, wear your mask and of course, wear your Newmar Kountry Klub name badge so we know who you are! Who Dey?!!! As you can see, we are wearing our masks, but would you know us without our name badges?



Also, handwashing and hand sanitizers continue to be a must safe practice for you and others. It might be a good idea to take your temperature before venturing out. We could go on and on, but you get the picture.

The Grand Circle, Black Hills, Christmas in Branson, and Florida Keys special events are still in the go mode. It is important that you monitor the status of these events on the website, in the *Konnection* and more frequently in *The Happenings*. Only 2/3 of the membership opens *The Happenings* email announcements. Be sure you add kountryklub@newmarcorp.com to your contacts. This should assure *The Happenings* does not go to your spam or junk files. If you still do not receive *The Happenings*, call or email the office with the email you want used. Sometimes they get changed, but the office does not get a notice.

As of this writing in May, Linda and DeAnn are back in the office, but the Klub office is still closed to visitors. Watch *The Happenings* for updates.

Be safe out there,
Ron & Wanda



NEWS FROM THE KLUB OFFICE

Linda Feece and DeAnn LaMaine

We're beginning a new article from the office staff. As this is being written in early May we are just now back to work in the Klub office. The past six weeks we've been working remotely or coming in for a couple hours a week to handle mail. Let me tell you, it feels great to be back!

Besides the International Directors, Ron & Wanda Llewellyn, the office staff is a mighty force of two! Linda Feece, Klub Coordinator, has been with the Klub for over 20 years; DeAnn LaMaine, Office Assistant, joined us 2 years ago.



As Klub Coordinator I handle the administrative and financial side of the Klub working closely with the International Directors and Region Directors. I also communicate with the Special Event Hosts on rallies and caravans that are being offered as well as with vendors and suppliers for International. I compile the Konnection magazine, the monthly Happenings email sent to our members and update items on Facebook and the Website. Most likely if

you have called in or visited the Klub office I have spoken with you.

My husband Dale & I have three sons and two grandkids. In our spare time we are both involved in our church, enjoy spending time with family - especially during the summer going out on the lake with our oldest son's family or with my dad. Vacation time we usually take trips out west to go hiking or head to the coast and relax on the beach.

DeAnn is our part-time Office Assistant, and her main responsibilities are processing new members, processing renewals, and handling the mailings to our prospective members. She also helps with special event registrations, International, answer phone calls and emails.



DeAnn's husband's name is Ed, and she has one daughter who is in her final year at Ball State University and who will be getting married a year from now. So one of DeAnn's main activities outside of work will probably be

wedding planning. She also loves to read, loves the beach, and loves to spend time with her family. Ed & DeAnn are also active in their local church. They like to travel in their RV as well as go on cruises. DeAnn's dream vacation is to go anywhere with lots of sun, a beach, and a good book.

We were disappointed in the necessary decision to cancel the 2020 International Rally as well as several of our special events this summer and early fall. As you are reading this we began taking reservations for the September 9-16 Black Hills Special Event in late May. Our remaining two 2020 events, the November 8-15 Christmas in Branson and the December 6-12 Rally in the Keys, opened on June 1. If you are interested in any of these events go to our website newmarkcountryklub.com and click on Klub Calendar. There you can see the complete details, pricing and if the event is still open or sold out. If an event is sold out and you would like to attend please email us kountryklub@newmarcorp.com or give us a call 877-639-5582 and we'll add you to our standby list. We usually do have cancellations due to medical or family situations and fill the cancellation from these lists in the order they were added.

Also just a reminder due to the time lag between the Konnection being printed and received there may have been some changes to Klub Calendar. If you are unsure of an event status please contact the rally host to verify.

2020 SPECIAL EVENTS CANCELLED

In response to the COVID-19 health concerns and travel restrictions we found it necessary to cancel the San Antonio Spring in Texas Rally, the Lewis and Clark Caravan and the Calgary Stampede Special Events.

Due to these circumstances we will give the members that were registered when we cancelled the event first priority. Before the event is opened we will contact those members to see if they would like to register. After that we will then open the event to our members.

We anticipate both San Antonio and Lewis & Clark will be held in 2021. At this time we have not confirmed if the Calgary Stampede will be held in 2021 or 2022.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE Evan & Debbie Hughes (19771)



Life is full of surprises and changes, but we'll get through. We all expect that there will be surprises and changes in our lives, but the last few months have changed us in ways we are still to discover. Our travels have been limited, our rallies, caravans, and meet ups have been cancelled. We have sheltered in place and taken stock in what is important.

We have rediscovered the joy of spending quite time together and just being. What we miss the most is visiting with family and friends. We miss our Newmar Family a lot.

As we go forward as a Klub, things may look and feel different with social distancing in mind. But we will go on. We will meet again, we will laugh, and eat, and travel. We will visit with friends and meet new friends. Life will continue and we will be involved. It just may take some time and patience.

It is exciting to see Chapters, States, and Provinces planning events for the fall, and rescheduling cancelled rallies for the same dates in 2021. Keep those plans coming. Our Newmar's have wheels, and when things are safe we hope to see them moving.

We would like to thank all of our Newmar Kountry Klub Family that have reach out to us in Facebook comment, and through emails, and phone calls to check up on us to make sure we were O.K. and to make sure we had what we needed during this pandemic. Thank You!! You are all so wonderful. We encourage you to continue to reach out to those you have met along the way to make sure they are alright as well. A phone call or email is a welcome thing as we move back into a new normal. Be patient with those who are unsure of gathering and continue to invite them.

As your Members-at-Large we want you all to know that even though we cannot see and meet with you at rallies right now, we are still available for you to share with us your ideas and suggestions so we can pass them onto the International Directors and Kountry Klub's Board of Directors. Please feel free to PM or email us any ideas you may have that would make your experience in the Kountry Klub better. You can reach us at newmarkountryklubmal@gmail.com

We wish you health, peace and joy going forward,

**Your Members-at-Large
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FULLTIMERS CHAPTER Tom & Roni Lehmkuhl (20913)



I learned there are troubles of more than one kind. Some come from ahead, others come from behind. But I've bought a big bat. I'm all ready, you see. Now my troubles are going to have trouble with me. ~ Dr Seuss
(We are using some quotes from one of our favorite authors, Dr Seuss, in this article.)

So, how's everyone holding up? These definitely are trying and unprecedented times. After much consideration, and with the common safety and health of our members in mind, we have cancelled the Fulltimers Rally and Annual Business Meeting that was scheduled to occur in August in Heber City, Utah. We followed the lead of the Kountry Klub cancelling the International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Everyone registered for the event and those that were on the wait list have been contacted and we were able to refund all rally fees. We want to thank Mountain Valley RV in Heber City for all their assistance and understanding during this process and hope that we can visit their area sometime in the future.

This pandemic has no doubt touched each and every one of you in some way. Personally, we had extensive travel plans this year that have been put on hold for the unforeseen future. We were really looking forward to being tail gunners on the NKK Lewis and Clark caravan starting in June and it is postponed to 2021. All the plans we made for the Fulltimers Rally in August in Utah were crushed when the International Rally was cancelled, and we found it necessary to cancel the Fulltimers Rally as well. Visits to Freightliner and Newmar for service have been rescheduled. We have no idea when it will be safe to visit our children and grandchildren again. We're sure you all have similar stories of disappointments and cancelled plans.

So all we could do was to Sit! Sit! Sit! Sit! And we did not like it. Not one little bit. ~ Dr Seuss

We've taken this opportunity to clean, purge and rearrange. We've Facetimed, Zoomed and Google Duo'd. We finally wrote up some genealogy research for the family, read some books we've been meaning to read. Watched countless old Star Trek episodes and Disney+ offerings. Worked puzzles, made bucket lists and dreamed about being on the road again.

One of the activities that is keeping us busy is the planning of the 2021 Fulltimers Rally and Annual Business Meeting to be held July 11-16, 2021. We are looking at a campground in Virginia that will accommodate our group in an interesting area we can explore. We hope to throw one heck of a party! The International Rally is scheduled for July 17-24, 2021 in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Mark your calendars.

On the bright side - We are lucky enough to have a secure and safe location to shelter in place in Central Florida and we're staying put, practicing social distancing and spending 'quality

time' with each other. Our family is safe and healthy and making the best of the stay at home orders. It is our sincere wish that you and your families are safe and well also.

So love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said it'd be easy, they just promised it would be worth it. ~ Dr Seuss.

As soon as this crisis is over and we are free to travel again, we will all appreciate our freedom and health even more.

Wishing all of you peace of mind, body, and soul. Thanking all those that are serving others in essential jobs. And looking forward to seeing our friends again. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

We'd be happy to hear from all of you and can be reached at president.nkkfulltimers@gmail.com

Join the Fulltimers Chapter by accessing the application form from the Fulltimers web page at www.newmarkcountryklub.com or contact Tom & Barbara Palmer at secretary.nkkfulltimers@gmail.com

TAMPA SUPERSHOW RALLY January 12-17, 2021

Due to the increase of reservations and selling out earlier over the past two years we have made the decision to open this event to MEMBERS ONLY on August 3, 2020 at 10:00 am eastern time.

Reservations should be made thru our website newmarkcountryklub.com. Simply click on Klub Calendar and then 2021 Tampa Supershow Rally in the drop down box.

Space permitting we will take buddy units reservations as of September 14, 2020. Guests should also register thru the website.

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As we slide into summer of 2020 all of our lives have been altered a great deal in many aspects. Whereas our last *Konnection* article talked about the year starting off with fun and exciting rallies, now the most important job for all of us is to remain healthy and to avoid the pandemic that has encompassed the world. The

rhythm of our day to day lives will return along with our RV world, even though the new normal may be slightly different for a while. Mary & I wish to express our profound gratitude to all who have worked to protect us.

On a lighter note, there are still a few **region 1 rallies scheduled for later this year: Colorado's State Rally and the California Golden Bears Chapter Rally. Please stay current with the Klub Calendar on the website for the status of these events.**

I realize we all truly enjoy the freedom of our travels and I do believe we will be back in our RVs well before airplanes and cruise ships are once again considered safe. The popularity of RVing can only increase as people realize that the safest, most enjoyable way to travel is in our home on wheels, our RVs!

God bless, stay safe, and we'll see you down the road soon. We can be reached at email lkroberts17@gmail.com, or cell 805-459-1653

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Ted and Ruth Ann Hindes (19361)

Arizona State Directors

Hi to all from Arizona. We are writing this short article for the *Konnection* in late April when we are still very much in unknown territory as far as the virus shutdown. We are experiencing 100-degree heat in Tucson as we stay put waiting for a better idea of how our travel plans for the summer will be affected. We are getting real caught up on little things we can do around the house and motorhome. YES, we did get our coach back March 12. We cleaned it up, restored a lot of 'stuff' to its proper places and took a shakedown round trip of about 500 miles to Ajo and Yuma, Arizona and back to Tucson. We stayed two nights in Ajo and three nights in Yuma. We did some 'safe' visiting and checked out the performance of the engine rebuild to be sure all looked well for when we take off for the summer. It seemed to pass this test. We think late May will be about right. At least that is our hope. We sincerely hope you all have weathered this well but are sure some have not. All we can do is keep praying. I guess I will stop now before I get in trouble since I am not famous for being politically correct.

HAPPY Summer Travels???? You all drive safe and be safe.

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CALIFORNIA

Robert and Teresa Solomon-Billings (21765)

California State Presidents

Hello from California. For all of the Newmar Kountry Klub members who do not live in the great State of California, we have good news! No, we did not have a major earthquake that dropped California into the ocean, and yes, we have had rain this winter. But the best news of all, (drum roll please,) Larry & Mary Roberts have moved on to take charge of Region 1. So, you ask, what does this mean? Well, let me introduce you to the new California State Directors.

We are Robert & Teresa Solomon-Billings. Happy Newmar owners in our 2017 Dutch Star 3736. We claim past residency in the SoCal area known as Hemet. But now we are fully retired as of June 30, 2017. So, this leaves us the opportunity to travel as we choose until the grandchildren fever hits (guess who). We have made the last three Newmar international rallies and many local, state and region rallies. We enjoy the comradery and learned to really enjoy the Newmar gatherings, we had to get involved and started by volunteering. (Hint, hint!)

Robert, yours truly, was raised in Long Beach, California and graduated from Millikan High School in 1974. I spent just under 28 years of active and reserves U.S. Air Force and retired from Law Enforcement after 33 years. I have no hobbies as Teresa would say, but I do have a big urge to make Teresa's life more "Exciting" and travel as much as I can.

Teresa, my better half, was born in Kings County, Washington, and transplanted to Yucaipa, California. Upon graduating high school, Teresa spent over 22 years of active and reserves U.S. Air Force. She worked for and retired from Child Protective Services after 28 years. Teresa's hobbies are many, and anything she wants to get involved in. But I believe her favorite hobby is to make me happy and travel with me. (Guys, don't choke.)

Anyway, our goals as State Directors are very simple: attend as many rallies as we can and have fun! We want to meet each and every one of you, hear your travel stories and find out what simple things in life you enjoy.

As of this writing, the CoVid-19 is in full swing across the nation. We hope and pray by the time of publishing, this virus has been eradicated from the face of this earth. We pray all your love ones, friends and unknown strangers, good health with God's speed. We pray for the sick to get healthy and for those who have passed-on, we grieve of their loss.

But in this time of uncertainty, we have to learn to cope and move forward in a positive and productive way. From a current reading of Health Net, I leave you with this; practice gratitude and ask yourself what are you grateful for, look for the positive and say how is this good for me, maintain physical distancing by staying connected with family and friends, get outside into the fresh air and exercise, practice affirmations and write down a positive or reassuring phrase, choose to have a positive impact and smile, look for opportunities for personal growth, help others when you can and volunteer at local charities or events and practice self-care by getting plenty of rest and eating healthy meals.

So, until the next and exciting article, stay safe and healthy, and keep those tires rolling on the road.

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CALIFORNIA GOLDEN AIRES

Ken & Leah Wilson (20332)

Presidents

Greetings from Southern California. I'm sure everyone is exhausted with the COVID rules and guidelines and we know this is affecting everyone differently. These are difficult times for all of us but we will all recover from this.

We have been focusing on getting various things done around the house and trying to be positive this will end soon. Our kids have been calling often to check on us and to see if we need anything. Our son always takes the time to take pictures of flowers to send to his mom. We are so grateful for them. All of our Newmar family is special to us so let's all stay safe.

The California Golden Aires are planning our rally for March 8-11, 2021. It will be held in Temecula at the beautiful Pechanga RV Resort & Casino. If you enjoy golfing, they have a beautiful golf course. We have 45 sites reserved for our group. For those of us that have been staying at home, this is your chance to get out in the New Year.

White clouds and safe travels to you all. We can be reached at email Ken.edward.wilson@gmail.com, or cell 951-239-9224.

COLORADO

Pat & Marilyn Gaffney (22216)

Colorado State Presidents

While we all practice our social distancing, most of us look forward to being able to travel and visit people and places as soon as practical. With that as our goal, **we are still planning to hold the 2020 Colorado State Rally at Mountain Views RV Resort in Creede from September 17-20.** Reservations can be made by calling 719-658-2710 or see their website www.mountainviewsrv.com. We have reserved 18 sites and the site price is \$128.88 for the four nights. Please make your reservations as soon as possible to ensure a spot.

The historic silver mining town of Creede offers a variety of activities including a repertory theater, the Silver Thread scenic byway, Wheeler Geologic Area (4-wheel area) and the Last Chance Mine among other activities. We should also be lucky enough to view the changing fall colors in this beautiful area of Colorado. Fortunately, most of these activities can be done in small groups in the great outdoors. The repertory theater is currently closed and the schedule is unknown due to the limitations caused by the virus.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the state rally. We will be in contact with those who will attend to keep them up to date on any updates as we move forward into summer.

We can be reached at email jpgaffney@earthlink.net or cell 719-488-0618 or 719-331-2817.

NEVADA

George & Zellers (19163)

Nevada State Directors

We are happy to be writing this article and thanking God for our many Kountry Klub friends that are healthy. Along with that good news, we are proud to have Robert & Teresa Solomon-Billings (21765) appointed as State Directors of California. It is a blessing

to have them as members of the Region 1 team. We are looking forward to working with them.

Can you relate? The neglected boxes of puzzles are being used, never knew there were so many versions of solitaire, so thankful we can download books from our library system, way too much time to fix all the desserts that have too many calories but not enough time to exercise to burn those extra calories. Just a few of the things that we have experienced while staying at home. With your input, I bet our list will grow to many pages. All of us that travel know the challenge of living close from day to day. This is especially true of all our members that are Fulltimers. "This too shall pass", is a phrase that we all know and believe. For us, it is comforting to know that in addition to our family, we have our Newmar Family for support.

Praying for your good health. We can be reached by email cgzell@cox.net, or cell 702-810-6690

NEVADA MOTHER LODGE

Mike & Mickey Fisher (22287)

Presidents

It looks like if we do any traveling this year, it will be limited. We pray that all of you are and remain healthy.

Yes, all of our lives have changed significantly in recent months. For some of us it constitutes only minor inconveniences and delays in our daily routines. For others it has meant considerable stress, disruption and changes in daily lives and even existence. Much of the effect is related to specific demographics, or where people live, whether in heavily populated or rural areas.

Fortunately, modern communication methods have eased what could make life extremely difficult and reminiscent of a century ago. Constant updates and reports help keep us all safer than possible at any other time in history. Contact devices allow us to easily check the status of loved ones and obtain physical necessities for life.

As Matthew Miller said: "we can support and encourage one another- even in these times".

The RV community tends to be much more resilient due to living in smaller relocatable (interim) residences (RV's) for shorter periods of time than most others and having more social interaction than many others. This group's flexibility is due in part to having to continually make changes in their lives to accommodate unforeseen changes in location, weather, roads, health, as well as vehicle status. Having to plan for days, weeks or more with minimal external support requires organizational skills.

Instead of being "bored" make a written list of things you can do or have done now on the RV. This can include mechanical checks and upgrades, component replacement, normal servicing requirements, filter and fluids replacement, as well as interior and exterior cleaning and waxing. Reviewing of all the items stowed is a good idea to make sure it is still necessary to bring all of the items along on each trip.

Mental exercises such as route planning, mapping, as well as reading, computer use, television, games, mechanical/servicing, as well as driving are all stimulating.

We are excited to have started our initial route planning for the 2021 International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia on July 17-24. Our plans will include NKK chapter and regional rallies when possible.

In these difficult times, we need our pets more than ever to keep us company and help us stay calm. They will be here for us through this disruption, and they'll be here for us when all of this is finally over.

FYI: Harmful Disinfectants: Bleach is corrosive and can be harmful to paws, if ingested or fumes inhaled. Lysol and Pine Sol both contain phenols and can cause respiratory damage and liver failure in animals. Pets can ingest cleaning products by walking across the wet floor after you mop, then licking their paws immediately afterwards.

We can be reached at email fishermic5@comcast.net, or cell (775) 781-9794.

Safe Travels.

NEW MEXICO

Jim & Lorie Landers (20761)
New Mexico State Directors

It's the end of April as we write this. Covid-19 all the time. So thankful that friends and family are doing well so far. Meanwhile our hearts go out to those who have suffered. Hats off to the medical community and first responders. Heroes! We have convinced my 85 year old father in law to park his RV next to our house and ride this out with us. Hooray for RVs!

As we watch rallies being cancelled we also cancelled our June New Mexico State Rally. We are determined to resume traveling as soon as possible. We really miss it and the comradery that is so much a part of it.

Stay safe everyone. We can be reached at email jplanders22@gmail.com landers@comcast.net, or cell 505-508-9353.

NEW MEXICO CHILE PEPPERS

Ron & Cindy Miller (20819)
Presidents

By the time you are reading this article, we hope that you are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, the economy is starting to rebound and we pray that all of our New Mexico Chile Pepper friends have fared well with the coronavirus pandemic. We have stayed home since the end of January. We kept our grandkids a couple of nights at the end of January and ended up with bronchitis for several weeks. We are doing well now, but we have eye strain from watching too much TV. We have worked hard getting our yard ready for spring time. This was probably the earliest we have ever planted spring flowers. Please be safe! We miss seeing all of you.

We can be reached at email rmiller@dfn.com or cell 575-420-8578.

SPECIAL *Events*

GRAND CIRCLE CARAVAN

August 29 - September 19, 2020

Hosts: Jerry & Phyllis Rose

SOLD OUT

BLACK HILLS CARAVAN

September 9 - 16, 2020

Hosts: Jerry & Sue Argabrite

Reservations Now Open

CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON RALLY

November 8 - 15, 2020

Hosts: Jerry & Sue Argabrite

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE

JUNE 1 @10AM EST

RALLY IN THE KEYS

December 6 - 12, 2020

Hosts: Gary & Wanda Smith

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE

JUNE 1 @10AM EST

TAMPA SUPERSHOW RALLY

January 12 - 17, 2021

Hosts: Gary & Wanda Smith

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE

August 3 @10AM EST

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

SOLD OUT!

Grand Circle Caravan
August 29-September 19

We do have a standby list in case of emergency cancellations. To add your name to the list please email us kountryklub@newmarcorp.com or give us a call 877-639-5582.

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

Region Directors :: Mark & Leslyanne Weiss (21042)



What a year 2020 is turning out to be! We had so many plans for traveling in our RV to explore our Region further and we were looking forward to making new friends and meeting up with so many of you. Now, we are busy making changes to help keep us all healthy and safe. Don't dismay however, we still

welcome 'get togethers' and keeping the fun intact with the Kountry Klub.

Mark & I spent our 'social distancing' time on our RV site in Las Vegas. All of the amenities were closed (club house, pools, gym, pickle ball/tennis courts, etc.) so we had to make our own fun. One of our activities was to make some fun face masks to wear for our weekly golf cart parade in lieu of gathering at the club house for social hour.



All of our neighbors in 'lock down' were very helpful to each other. Nobody would go to a store without checking on their immediate neighbors to see if they needed something too. The cooperation was a wonderful thing to see.

We also took some walks in the countryside and in the 'ghostly' downtown areas of Las Vegas. We found some things that we had never seen before when things were so crowded with tourists. Art work and other landscapes that weren't visible normally.



Even though large rallies for this season are dissipating, there are still some events that will take place in a modified format. Some SPURs are still being planned and you are welcome to join in. We just advise that you gather in small groups and continue to follow good health guidelines.

The Memorial Day weekend event "Back to the Bayou" at Seven Feathers in Canyonville, Oregon has been rescheduled

for September. Please check their website directly for more information. Contact your Kountry Klub friends and join each other for what promises to be a fun time.

The Labor Day weekend, 'Annual Sheep Run' in the town of Reed Point, Montana will also still be held and they would love to have you attend. Contact the local campgrounds in the area directly and meet up with some of your favorite camping buddies! Host your own SPUR together.

Mark & I are now headed east to attend the annual meetings for Regional Directors in Indiana and to visit some family members that we have missed so much. Life has changed for so many of us. Don't let that stop you from using your coach to get out this season. There is likely more campground availability than last year and camping is so much easier and healthier than traveling by air or staying in hotels. Let's get out and get back to normal as much as we can!

Be sure to post photos of your get-togethers on our Facebook group page so we can all see how you are camping this season! **Let us know (in advance) where you are going to camp to give others a chance to possibly join you for some much needed comradery.**

We hope to see you down the road soon. We can be reached at email: Region2directors.nkk@gmail.com

OREGON

Andy & Erin Millspaugh (22306)

Oregon State Directors

These past few months certainly have been very interesting! Our Governor Brown has been encouraging residents to exercise outdoors, while social distancing. We hope you've been taking advantage of this! Our focus has changed from planning trips all over the western US to day trips in our 'toad', in our county, and around western Oregon while leaving our Baystar at home.



We've started focusing on the little things, while kayaking, walking, and bicycling. For instance, how many creeks empty into Leaburg Lake? How are the leaves and flowers budding out on the trees changing daily? We noticed that the finches came early, but the blue jays showed up late to the feeders this year... and we saw how much the blackberries overtook our hill and yard, a problem I know at least some of you are familiar with!

At this time, the State Rally hasn't been rescheduled. We may plan a mini rally like we had last year at Junction City, at a different location this fall pending the Governor lifting the social distancing orders. Meanwhile, we encourage you to use Zoom, or some other way of remotely getting together for socializing with your Kountry Klub friends and travel buddies.

Stay well, and know that we are all in this together...apart. We can be reached at email: Orstatedirectors.nkk@gmail.com

OREGON PIONEERS

Andy & Erin Millsbaugh (22306)

Oregon State Directors

There have been a couple changes within the Pioneers this year. As you may have heard by now, Jim & Rachel Schlepp, co-Presidents, have decided to settle down permanently in Arizona to be near their family and Lucie Ferguson, the Treasurer, informed us that life has taken her path elsewhere as well.

We are lucky to have George & Sally Doersch, VP, step up as Interim co-Presidents and the Logan's are still serving as Secretary. Thus, we are interested in hearing from you if you'd like to be an officer in the Pioneers! Please email us if interested Orstatedirectors.nkk@gmail.com.

WASHINGTON

Ben & Donna Barker (20884)

Washington State Directors

As humans we were created for community, we need social interaction. God never intended us to be alone, vulnerably isolated. (Ecclesiastes 4:12) We need relationships with each other for encouragement, refreshment, and growth.

During these extraordinary days of the "virus" we have had to practice physical distancing, but now we look forward to the time when we can once again get together with our RV friends and enjoy the RV lifestyle.



We are focused on the upcoming summer months to get out there and enjoy life on the road again, we hope you are too, and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Washington State Rally will now be held as a SPUR. Same location and same dates – June 1-6. Although rally fees have been refunded, we have not canceled our own reservations at Horn Rapids RV Park in Richland, Washington. We welcome you to join us. There are plenty of things to do in the area and we can split into small groups to do things while each participant pays their own way.

Check the NKK Calendar online for updates and to register so we know that you will be joining us.

Many blessings to you and your families. We can be reached at email: newmarwastatedirector@gmail.com

EVERGREEN AIRES

Mike and Linda Waller (21921)

Presidents

Hello and best wishes to everyone during these interesting times. We are many individuals with many differing views on "Now What"?

Many of the NKK regions and chapters have determined they will cancel their upcoming rallies and events. **The Evergreen Aires have given it much thought and after many deliberations, we have made a decision to move forward with our gathering**

with some alterations to what our Chapter's "normal" rally format would typically look like.

Operating under the guidelines for a SPUR, we can let each attendee make decisions for themselves and what they would or would not like to participate in. We can still enjoy the beach together and make our own sand castles or fly kites while maintaining good health practices. We can still visit museums in small groups and enjoy local activities.

So please join us and call Andersen's Oceanside Resort to reserve your site for July 19-23.

Check the NKK Calendar online for updates and let us know you will be joining us. We look forward to seeing you down the road, hopefully sooner, rather than later.

Take care, be safe and enjoy the journey. We can be reached at email: law1950@me.com.

IN MEMORIAM

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

We are saddened to report that Joseph Callanan (22632) died unexpectedly on April 14, 2020. Joe and his wife, Joanne, were active members in the New England Aires Chapter.

**Joanne's address is
695 West St,
Stoughton, MA 02072**

We are sorry to report that Brad Elkins (20102) passed away on April 22, 2020. Brad and wife, Alice, have been members since 2013 and are the Secretary and Treasurer of Kansas Sunflower chapter.

**Alice's address is
1325 Woodland,
Emporia, KS 66801.**

We are saddened with the news that on March 2, 2020 Lorne Pearson (10028-L) passed away. Lorne and wife Marlene, who preceded him in death in 2019, had been members since 1999 and are past officers of the Alberta Chapter.

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

Region Directors :: Larry & Patsy Wood (12255-L)



Like most of the people we know, we are not doing any traveling right now. We have been staying at home with just a few trips to the grocery store and to Lowe's. We have learned how to shop for groceries online, and all we have to do is wait in the designated parking area for them to bring the groceries to us.

Our grandson and his wife are temporarily staying in our motor home in our driveway. They had planned to travel all summer up the East Coast in their VW van. They were near Washington, D.C. when they found the first national park closed because of the coronavirus. Realizing that traveling had just become unrealistic, they gave us a call. We are thrilled to have them. We practice social distancing, but get together with them on the patio. Their own home was being leased out while they traveled, so this worked out well.

So far, Larry has stayed busy with projects around the house. He has refinished all the baseboards and kitchen cabinets. He has helped the grandson build a new deck. Today he was on the tractor mowing 10 acres that we own. I have also managed to find plenty to do, except my hobbies don't require as much physical labor. I enjoy working on my genealogy projects. I also recently had some old slides and home movies converted to digital media, and I'm trying to figure out how to organize and share those items. I love reading. The cat and I go for walks in the backyard. Naps are a good thing. So far, I haven't been bored.

We hope you are all staying well and that we are able to see you soon. **We can be reached at email: lwood630@gmail.com or pwood299@gmail.com Larry: 918-630-7470 Patsy: 918-640-9024.**

MISSOURI

Mike & Judy Ward (19332)

Missouri State Directors

Sorry, we have nothing to report. All of our chapter rallies are indefinitely suspended or cancelled. We have collected a few late dues and O'Neal, Bertrum and I have worked on updating our membership list.

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OKLAHOMA

Bill and June Aduddell (21490)

Oklahoma State Directors

We are sitting at home like everyone else trying to figure out some things. After lots of thought, I think I have it: we are to stay home unless we need to go out. We are to wear our masks even though they don't protect us from getting the virus. We are to wear gloves.... sometimes.....even tho the virus can live on different surfaces for 2 hrs.....or 4 hrs.....or days....?. We can't travel unless we need to. We can't get a haircut, but we can go to the liquor store. We can't get our pups groomed even tho pets can't get or spread the virus. And lastly, we can't go to work unless our job is "essential". I'm wondering why would anyone have a job if it wasn't essential?

I'm not making light of this virus. I know it's extremely contagious and we all need to be vigilant and use common sense. We are Americans!! We live in America! We are smart enough to kick this. As stated in the paragraph above, the rules are sometimes confusing and hard

to understand. We have a saying in Oklahoma called "Oklahoma Strong". We've been through tough times, and we are praying every day for our Country, our friends and our family.

In closing, I would say that this is a good time to make traveling plans. Fuel is cheap, not much traffic and this country is still beautiful. June & I will be traveling over the summer and I hope you consider that also. May God Bless America and all of her people!

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Bill: 405-209-5012 June: 405-822-7027

Happy Trails...

OKIE KOUNTRY KLUB

Lee & Nancy Allen (20198)

Okie Kountry Klub Chapter Presidents

Hello fellow OKIES how you guys doing? Praying that this finds you all well and staying healthy. Lee & I have been doing what we have been told and staying home. Only going out when we have to. I am almost recovered from that darn total knee surgery.

Oklahoma is slowly beginning to open back up; I do have a hair appointment in a couple of weeks. We have decided to take the DS out next weekend for Mother's Day going down to Lake Eufaula to check out a new RV park that has opened up. I haven't been this excited since my kids were born! The MH has not been moved since we got back from Galveston at Christmas!

I feel like my brain and body is slowly waking up from a bad dream! I actually am looking forward to do stuff again. I have badly neglected my sectorial duties, things have kind of piled up, just didn't have my heart in it! I am beginning to let myself think about some stuff we can do this summer. We have signed up for the Grand Circle Caravan so far it is still a go.

Hopefully we OKIES can get together for a BBQ or something before too long. Just know that Lee & I think about you guys often.

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Lee: 405-613-7286 Nancy: 405-642-8065.

TEXAS

Randall & Kathleen Haydon (20196)

Texas State Directors

Well, Newmar Family, I know it's been a very disappointing spring so far with the cancellations of almost all of the chapter rallies and the postponement of our Texas State Rally. We were sure looking forward to making the trip to Wyoming this summer for the International as well, but that got cancelled too. I'm sure ready for this thing to get behind us and for life to return to normal, whatever that may be.

We did get to attend the March rally with the KLSS group in Kerrville, Texas before everything got shut down. Old River Road and is a very nice RV park with a super rally hall. We had a great turnout, and met lots of new people. The Kountry Lone Star South chapter has a great group and always has a nice rally.

Like most of you, Kathleen & I have had all the maintenance done on our rig and I am about tinkered out. We are just waiting on the COVID-19 thing to get behind us so we can hit the trail again. Let's all pray that this happens sooner than later, or we may all go crazy sitting at home.

Make plans for our Texas State Rally the first weekend in October in Mineola, Texas and more info will be forthcoming as we get closer and the travel restrictions are lifted.

We can be reached at email: rhaydonjr@yahoo.com. Randall: 817-598-9606

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

Region Directors :: Paul & Judy Swing (21932)



To my mind, the greatest reward and luxury of travel is to be able to experience everyday things as if for the first time, to be in a position in which almost nothing is so familiar it is taken for granted.
Bill Bryson

At this time Paul & I are still in south Texas enjoying the warm weather.

We spent the Easter holidays with Richard & Donna Ritchie, Illinois State Directors. We have all been in the same RV Park since November enjoying the warm weather. We have enjoyed several Newmar Luncheons in our area last one being in March.

We will be heading north shortly to spend some time near our children and grandchildren and now we have been blessed with a new great grandson who was born in November.

We have been in contact with Del & Lela Nordstrom and they have arrived back home safely in South Dakota.

I know a lot of our fellow Newmar members are or will be heading home and we hope all are safe and healthy and arrive at their destinations safely.

We look forward to crossing paths with as many Newmar friends as possible in the upcoming months. We can be reached at Paul's cell 815-263-6362 Judy's cell 815-370-2513 or by email to pswing1@comcast.net Boykinmomjs@gmail.com.

ILLINOIS

Richard & Donna Ritchie (16254)
Illinois State Directors

As most of you our way of life has changed. We decided to stay in Texas longer this spring due to the virus. Mother Nature played tricks on everyone with spring snows all over the country. That with the tornadoes made us glad we postponed our trip home.

All our rallies in Illinois have been cancelled as have the International Rally in Wyoming.

We will definitely have a different summer, and maybe finish a few projects at home that we have put off because we are usually on the road. We will miss seeing our Newmar friends but hopefully it will make reunions next year more exciting.

Have a safe summer and keep in touch. We can be reached at Reritchie@comcast.net.

IOWA

Bill & Pat Schmidt (19321)
Iowa State Directors

Hello from Iowa! Hope this finds everyone safe. We have been working in the yard trying to stay busy. Hope this goes away soon. Stay safe. Hope to see everyone later this year.

MINNESOTA

Bear & Robin Abraham (22482)
Minnesota State Directors

Hello from Minnesota. Hope this finds you safe and well wherever you are. Life here in Minnesota is changed in many ways, and yet not so different. Early spring here in the northland usually involves a slow awakening from hibernation therefore sheltering in place, only leaving home for groceries and medicine, didn't feel all that unusual. People have willingly complied with our stay at home orders but with improving weather we Minnesotans have suffered "cabin fever" in a big way and we want to enjoy outdoor activities again. Many people using walking paths around our beautiful lakes have violated social distancing rules to the point where Minneapolis decided to close some roads so they can be used by pedestrians instead. After much lobbying, our golf courses were allowed to open but you must remain 6 feet away from anyone else. Many of us had full calendars planned with travel, camping, family visits and other activities to look forward to. It's only natural to feel disappointment and sadness that we will miss these activities.

Our Minnesota Loons chapter rally in May sadly had to be cancelled. We have no information yet on when camping will be allowed in Minnesota. **At this writing the Minnesota/Wisconsin joint rally at Stoney Creek Campground in Osseo, Wisconsin has changed from a rally to a gathering. This means there will be no tours or dining as a group, and no rally fee will be charged. Dates are Thursday, June 25, leaving Monday, June 29. We believe it is possible to enjoy camping while social distancing. Please contact the campground directly to reserve your campsite.**

Our Minnesota State Rally will be held in southern Minnesota's historic Bluff County. Known as the "driftless area" this region was left untouched by glaciers and features gently flowing rivers and streams, and limestone bluffs that turn crimson and gold during leaf peeping season. This is also known as Amish country and it is common to see friendly folks wave to you as they travel along in their horse and buggy conveyances. **Our rally takes place Thursday, October 1st-Sunday, October 4th at Eagle Cliff Campground in Lanesboro, Minnesota.**

Highlights include a local guided Amish country tour and a matinee theater performance by Lanesboro's professional theater company. We will have a potluck dinner, a catered dinner and a catered breakfast. A lefse factory tour is being worked on. Register for this rally on Kountry Klub website and make campsite reservations with Eagle Cliff directly, phone: 507-467-2598. Let them know you're with the Minnesota Loons. Don't hesitate to call us should you have any questions.

Please look after yourselves and your loved ones and stay safe. Hope to see you soon. We can be reached at 651-470-8864 or dabraham965@gmail.com

NORTH DAKOTA/SOUTH DAKOTA

Del & Lela Nordstrom (14168)
North Dakota/ South Dakota State Directors

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter, good thing we couldn't go anywhere as we were getting our 6.5 inches of snow that morning. We watched a church service on TV and stayed safe.

Del & I made it home from Florida on April 7. When we left Clearbrook RV Park in Clermont, Florida on March 31, there were 50 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Lake County where we were. Del had registered all the RV parks we planned to stay at on our route home with no problem. They were all still open. The traffic was lighter, as most of you found when traveling back from the south. Even going through Atlanta, Georgia we breezed right on through on the West Bypass. Only problem we had was Saturday morning, at Basswood RV Country Club Resort in Platte City, Missouri, the coach would not start, it would turn over but not kick in. Del called Sam's Road Side Assistance, they could not find anyone to help us out as it was the weekend and of course the coronavirus. On Monday they still were having trouble, Del gave up on them and called Cummins in Kansas City, Missouri. Del told him to bring filters and gave him the part numbers as that is what he felt the problem was. They sent out a young man, he arrived at 12:52 pm, changed the filters and had it running by 1:25 pm. He showed Del that there was Algae in the filter. Which he said happens some in the southern states. Suggested when we park for any length of time to have a full tank of fuel. Our next stop was to be at home by Renner, South Dakota. The decision was made, that we would stay another night as it would be dark when Del would have to back the coach across SD-115 to get to our home as we live right along the highway. Not a good idea!!! The speed limit by our home is 65 mph if they abide by it, most do not.

When we got home, the report was 50 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the whole state of South Dakota, most of them in Minnehaha County which is the county we live in. But, as most of you know if you have been watching the news that the Smithfield Processing Plant had most of that. Thank heavens they are closing that facility until further notice. As of April 15, there are now 999 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in South Dakota. Fortunately, there have only been 6 deaths so far due to the coronavirus in South Dakota at this time.

We have been self-quarantined since we got home. Our Grandson Andy, works at the Walmart where we go, so he does our grocery shopping for us. I have been getting a lot of cleaning and scrapbooking done with all this time on my hands. I have been scrapbooking of all our travels in the coach since we started in 2002. I am up to the end of 2008. Yes, I have a long way to go yet. Del has been cleaning the garage and he even mowed some of the lawn before the snow on Easter Sunday.

Sad to say we had to cancel our 2020 North Dakota/South Dakota State Rally and Rushmore Roamers Chapter Rally that was to be held June 22-25, at the Brown County Fairgrounds in Aberdeen, South Dakota. We will try again next year.

Del has not been able to schedule his surgery for his severe spinal stenosis, because they consider it a non-essential surgery. Plus, don't even want to think about going to a doctor's office or hospital at this time, because of the coronavirus.

Our plans to meet with Paul & Judy Swing, your new Region 4 Directors, at Pine Grove RV Park and Campground in Greenwood, Nebraska to transfer the Region 4 property will be rescheduled.

Hope you all have been safe and no one has gotten this dreaded disease that has infested our world. By the time you read this,

we are hoping everyone can be out and enjoying a wonderful 4th of July.

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WISCONSIN

Terry & Pat Bengtson (10831)

Wisconsin State Directors

What a year this has been. We hope everyone has been safe and well in these trying times.

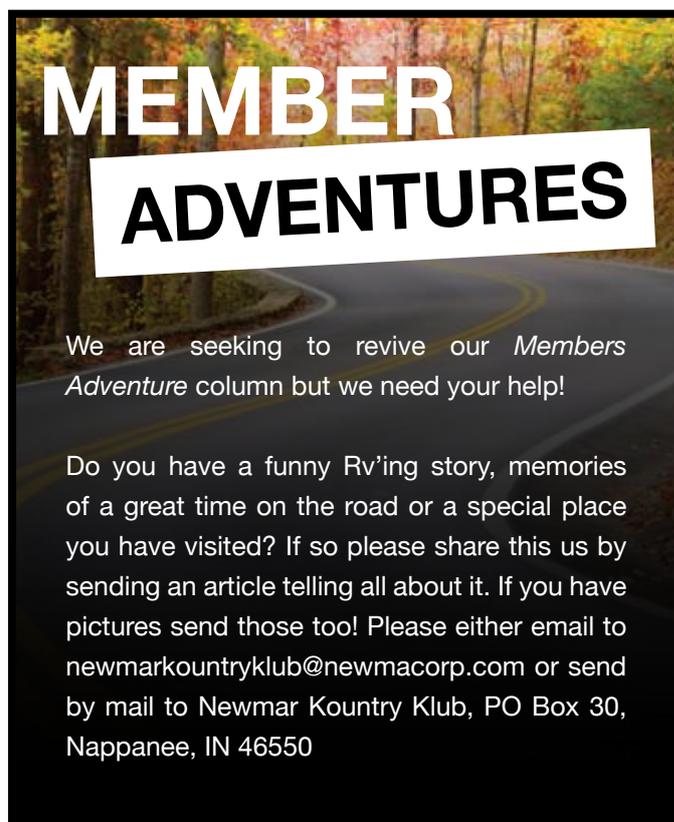
It sounds like everyone that has been traveling had safe trips, this is great.

The decision was just made to cancel the June rally at Stoney Creek RV Resort due to the Corona virus. It would have been a great time. **We want to give a big thank you to all the hosts that were involved in the planning of this rally.**

We are currently planning on holding our State Rally at Indian Shores RV Resort at Lake Tomahawk. The rally will be held without the normal meal arrangements that we have done in the past. This year we will sharing meals as potlucks. So follow the reservations process, contact the campground for your reservations by September 1 and let us know if you will be joining us.

Remember, this is being held in conjunction with the Eagle River Cranberry Festival. So we hope to see many of you at the rally.

Everyone stay safe and healthy. We can be reached at Terry's cell 480-215-1496 Pat's cell 480-262-0432 or email tbengtaon7718@msn.com.



**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

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

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



I have started compiling the articles received from Directors and Chapter Presidents. What a refreshing and enjoyable time this is. As I read the articles I feel as if I have reconnected to my friends. Like all of you we miss the camaraderie at rallies. Thank you for your words.

Plans for the Region 5 Rally, October 13-18 in North Georgia are still a go. As I write this, we are 6 months out. I pray that we will be back to some normalcy by then. The club house at the resort is rather large. According to the resort staff and our number of attendees, we will be at less than 50% capacity. This should allow us to continue some social distancing.

I want to thank everyone that had volunteered to help at International this year. We look forward to your help next year in West Virginia.

I also want to thank Ron & Wanda for their efforts in preparing for the Wyoming International. Months of hard work in hosting their first International and not see it to fruition. What a letdown!! Our prayers go out to them, Linda and DeAnn, Klub leaders and members as we work through these hard times. We will be back and stronger than ever.

I cannot remember a time that the coach stayed idyl for three months and no evidence of it moving anytime soon. We have a family vacation planned for June at a State Park. Five campsites in all. We are hopeful that it will happen.

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May God bless all of you and know that we MISS YOU!! Love God Love Others

FLORIDA

**Greg & Margie Harrop (20694)
Florida State Directors**

Well, as stated in our last NKK newsletter we had the Florida State Rally all set up and ready to go. Lots of welcome gifts, packets, prizes, tours, games and of course FOOD. And most of all fun and fellowship with our NKK members. Needless to say, that got put on the wayside due to our country going through our current pandemic (COVID-19). This pandemic has the whole country in turmoil with stay at home orders everywhere. Our first responders, doctors, nurses, grocery stores and so many more keeping AMERICA afloat. Our teachers, trying to teach via the internet and ZOOM or whatever else they can do to keep our children and grandchildren educated from their home is amazing. Being Retired US ARMY, I cannot say enough about our military working in hospitals, hospital ships, and still protecting our

country from afar. There are many, many more trying to keep our country safe. It just shows what we can do together when a crisis hits of this nature. I could go on but I'm sure like me you hear the stories, so enough said.

Margie & I had a great trip planned out west (just like most of y'all did) prior to attending the now cancelled 2020 International Rally, Rock Springs, Wyoming. Not sure if we will get out west this year, depends on when it is safe to travel. Needless to say, the coach (brand new 2020 Dutch Star) has been talking to me (Hey You, we leaving anytime soon, getting tired of just sitting here looking pretty) every time I walk by it, and now I find myself answering back.

Well we re-scheduled our 2021 Florida State Rally, at the Emerald Coast RV Resorts, Panama City Beach, Florida. Margie & I liked what we had planned so we re-booked for 2021. We hope y'all will think about attending and register on the NKK web site. We already have a few takers, so don't wait, register now.

Margie & I are registered for the **Florida Manatees, Sea Turtles & the Pelicans back to back rallies in November** and let me just say we are looking forward to attending them. We just hope that this pandemic will be under control by then.

Well, until we meet again, Margie & I would like to suggest that y'all grab your Chapter rosters and reach out to your members, say hello, how y'all doing, is everyone ok. It only takes a minute of your time (besides what else do we have to do). Stay connected to your NKK family.

So, until we meet up again, take care and stay safe. Remember, "The best part of any journey is the people we meet along the way".

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FLORIDA MANATEES

**Laura Baker (19643)
President**

The Manatees have had a quiet spring as I'm sure many of you have had as well. A few hardy souls set out for the Americus KOA at Brickyard Plantation in Americus, Georgia. Summary: In the end, there were three units at the rally, Tom & Barbara Palmer, Rolf & Anne Kuhns, and Charles & Diane McCullough. Due to the Corona Virus issues, all planned group events and gatherings were cancelled in advance. Those in attendance practiced social distancing during social gatherings. Also, members enjoyed several rounds of golf, plus others learned how to play disc golf. Rolf was very proud that he only lost one disc on a water hazard during two rounds. The staff at the KOA were extremely friendly and helpful. The azaleas had just burst into bloom and were beautiful.

Only two units (the Kuhns' and the Palmer's) made it to the SPUR Rally (Simple Pop-Up Rally, formally a No-Rally-Rally) at the Sugar Mill RV Resort. Thomasville, Georgia. The area is packed with history and American Heritage. The group enjoyed an auto tour of historic buildings and homes in the downtown district, plus

a visit to the two-hundred-year old oak tree in their downtown park. They also had a nice farmers' market. Unfortunately, due to social distancing guidelines, it was difficult to spend much time walking the streets and visiting the many shops and eateries there. One side trip was to Thompson Farms, home of happy pigs. They have over 200 brood sows that roam a free-range farm where they had rave reviews for the pulled pork.

Having originally intended to continue on to the State Rally, which had been cancelled, they decided to return home. **Once the Stay-at-home order is lifted, we hope to have a least one more SPUR Rally during the summer and look forward to seeing many of you then.**

We are looking forward to activities in the fall, including the Region 5 Rally at River Vista RV Resort in Dillard, Georgia, October 13-18. Then, November 6-9 we will gather at The Sun & Fun Resort in Sarasota, Florida. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Watch for details and registration information on the Newmar Kountry Klub website.

Stay safe and well, and we hope to see you again soon.

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FLORIDA PELICANS

Tim Buchholz (12344)

President

Our Pelicans should have been in the midst of leaving our rally, however most of us are settled in at home riding out the current pandemic. I suspect the effect is minimal on most of us as we are retired. However, it has got to be unsettling for those folks in the working world that are without a job and no income to pay bills.

Newmar "NKK" has just announced that they have cancelled the International Rally scheduled for August 24-29 due to the current virus pandemic. So, many of us that had planned to explore Wyoming and the Western part of our country, will now have to make other plans. **The 2021 International is scheduled to be held in Lewisburg, West Virginia starting July 19.**

Connie & I are doing well. We are mostly at home here in Fort Myers. Our "to do" list has most everything scratched off. Our trips are mostly limited to going out for groceries and doctor appointments. We miss having interaction with our friends in the Pelican community. The only contact I have had is with your VP, Roger Mercier. He is in the midst of installing a wheel chair lift at his home. He & Emily are doing well.

I hope all of you are staying well and are taking this pandemic serious. I am not an easy person to get alarmed with events but this pandemic has gotten my attention. I am therefore doing all I can to keep safe and be vigilant of my surroundings at all times.

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Our best to all.

FLORIDA SEA TURTLES

Steve Terry (19880)

President

The Florida Sea Turtles remain "hunkered down" with the rest of the country, but that isn't a reason not to share what we are looking forward to in the not too distant future.

Our November rally is scheduled from November 3-6 at the Fun n Sun RV Resort in Sarasota, Florida. Our hosts will be Bill & Eileen Berg, with Amy O'Brian & Jeff Markey as co-hosts. **We will be holding our annual meeting at this rally, with the election of officers for 2021.** Activities planned for this rally include a tour of Southeastern Guide Dogs as well as a trip to the Big Cat Habitat. Many of us are really looking forward to this event as it will be the first time that the Sea Turtles have had a chance to rally since February.

Our December rally is scheduled from December 9-12 at the Blueberry Hill RV Resort in Bushnell, Florida. Our hosts will be Rich & Eileen Schlieper. Participants will be treated to an Old Fashioned Christmas at the Baker House in Wildwood, as well as lunch at the Rose Plantation in Fruitland Park. The Schlieper's will also be providing a lot of holiday music and a chance to make your own tree ornament!

Both of these rallies are listed on the NKK website and are open for registration. Please consider joining us for a fantastic time.

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

Jim & Barb Watson (20238)

Tri-State Directors

Well, so far this year we have seen three of our planned rallies cancelled. We sure do miss seeing all our Klub members and close friends. We do know that this too will pass and we'll get through this period of hibernation and appreciate our RV lifestyle that much more.

We decided to take our planned Mid-South Tri-State Rally for this year and roll over to next year in Natchez, Mississippi. After talking to many that were signed up, the common consensus was let's do it in 2021. The Natchez Pilgrimage Tour is only on-going for five weeks next year. We are reserving venues for thirty coaches and sixty people. **Registration is now available online at the Kountry Klub calendar.**

Opening, welcome and registration is March 22 and will be highlighted with our signature shrimp boil followed by high rolling card bingo. The rally will include the Natchez Pilgrimage Tour of Antebellum Homes along with a working plantation, tour Windsor Ruins and watch a great play, Steel Magnolias. Free time will include a Klub sponsored golf outing and access to Magnolia Bluffs Casino.

Our rally park is just across the river in Vidalia, Louisiana. Please call for your reservation – River View RV Park and Resort 318-336-1400. We will be departing the morning of March 26. Great food, great entertainment, lots of fun. Please register now, we expect this to sell out quickly.

We are planning a trip to Charlotte, Michigan in the last week of May for our three-year warranty inspection with Spartan Motors. Depending on COVID-19, we would like to travel out west this summer to see friends and family.

From the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Georgia. Be Safe!!! We can be reached at jwatson@summit.us 404- 915-2713

PEACH STATE KRACKERS

Donna Jones (20599)

President

We had a great time visiting with Newmar friends at Betty's RV Park, in Abbeville, Louisiana for a week in February. During the time there we ate some good food, went to a couple of Mardi Gras Parades, watched a Chicken Run, went to a Crawfish Farm and made some new friends. It was a great time.

Betty, our host of Betty's RV Park always made sure we knew where the best Mardi Gras parades were going to be, the best restaurants to eat at and where the best local entertainment was being held. Happy Hour for all of Betty's patrons was held every afternoon and you were expected to be there with an appetizer to share unless you had a good excuse.

We chose to go to the Mardi Gras Parade in Youngsville, Louisiana. This was our very first Mardi Gras Parade and we knew very little about what we were going to see. We had to get there about three hours before the parade started to get a good place to set our chairs and we had to layer up our clothes. It was pretty chilly.

There were a lot of marching bands from the area, a lot of young girls from the local dance schools marching and there were a lot of floats. Most of the floats were built on trailers for a single story, but some of the floats had a second story. The floats were decorated with the purple and gold colors and filled with a lot of people having a good time throwing beads. Some people even threw packages of Ramen Noodle Soup and small toys. Most of the floats had some type of music playing and large speakers so the music could be heard. I think the thrill of the parade is trying to catch as many beads as you can; that is what we did anyway. I came home with three plastic bags half full of beads and there were many beads left lying on the ground. Some of the beads were being thrown out by the bagful.

We attended another parade in Church Point, Louisiana. The parade route went in front of Miss Kate and her husband's house. They hosted a Pig Roast at their house and the patrons of Betty's RV Park were invited to come enjoy the food and music and bring a covered dish. Miss Kate enjoys dressing up in her Mardi Gras gown and plume hat for this annual event.

Part of this parade was filled with a lot of people dressed up in whimsical costumes ready to participate in the Chicken Run. Some of the costumes were elaborately made with matching fabric and others had fringe looped around their arms and legs. The Chicken Run dates back to the 19th century when riders would go from house to house soliciting donations of food for the community-wide gumbo. The highlight of the event was when a chicken was released and the riders would try to catch the chicken that would go into the pot of Gumbo. The one to catch the chicken won bragging rights for the year. We saw a

group of men participate in a Chicken Run for fun and the kids participated in a Chicken Run too. It was a lot more fun to watch the kids chase the chicken. Oh, that poor chicken.

We also got a chance to see a crawfish harvest at Crawfish Haven at Mrs. Rose's Bed and Breakfast in Abbeville, Louisiana. We went out in the pond in a small boat that was equipped with a grate to sort the crawfish. The driver would empty the traps onto the grate that would allow the small ones to drop through and go back into the water. The large ones went into a bag that was rinsed and ready for market, or to cook. The crawfish that was caught while we were on the boat was cooked on site and we ate a little while later. The crawfish was served with corn on the cob and sausage that was cooked with the crawfish.

Our next trip was to Belle Chase, Louisiana. We had been there before, but we do enjoy going back to walk around French Quarter during the day and eating their food. One day we rode the ferry over to the French Quarter and ate at The Central Market, which is known for its Muffuletta. Those sandwiches were huge. We ended up splitting half of a sandwich. Before we left the French Quarter, we went to Cafe Du Monde for beignets and coffee. The beignets were so good. We were back at the RV Park before dark.

We had plans to tour The National WWII Museum the following week. That is when we started hearing a lot of talk about the Corona virus. Then we started hearing about how serious it was in New Orleans. That was when we decided it was time for us to leave and go back home. I thought they could impose some kind of restrictions that would prevent us from leaving the area. We began making our way back home to Florida and were back home in two days.

Life has really changed for us but we are making the best of it. We only go to the grocery store and when we do, we wear a mask and we social distance ourselves. We don't go to the curbside pickup or drive through restaurants. We cook all of our meals at home. The beaches and parks have just opened in Florida as long as you practice self-distancing. We are trying to take advantage of this time to get some things done that we have wanted to do in the past, but were not able to due to traveling in our motorhome. We are trying to patiently wait for States to open up so we can begin traveling again, even though we know we are going to have to remain vigilant about social distancing. We look forward to that day.

If you live in Alabama, Mississippi or Georgia and would like to join the PSK or just want information on the Chapter, please get in touch with me by email at NewmarPSK@gmail.com. We would be happy to have you.

Be safe and stay healthy.

CAROLINA'S (NC – SC)

Philip Melvin & Becky Garner (10690)

State Directors- The Carolinas (NC/SC)

I have been a Registered Nurse for about 60 years, Nurse Manager of a busy Emergency Department, Nurse Educator and the last 10 years of my career as Director of Nursing in a Public Health Department. I have some idea of what the First Responders, Nurses, Doctors and all other medical personnel have been involved in. The dedication, commitment and caring

they have shown is outstanding and commendable! Nurses are wonderful! (And all others.) I thank them all for what they have done and continue to do!

The North Carolina/South Carolina State Rally was scheduled for April 20th and of course was cancelled due to our Governor closing our State! That rally will be rescheduled for the spring of 2021! Philip & I are in the venerable category, so we have hunkered down at home and not gone out much. We have our masks as we venture out to the grocery or drug store, he drives and I do the shopping!

I have cooked more meals this last 3 months than all of last year! Philip likes for me to cook and eat in, so he is in heaven! Me, I like to eat out, no meal planning, no cooking and no clean up! I have spent a lot of time doing yard work, planting flowers, cleaning out the pantry and a closet or two, all needed to be done, had plenty of time for that!

I am concerned about many of my friends, one had to postpone Hip replacement due to no elective surgeries and is very much in pain. Another Needs an MRI of her lung, also postponed. My Son-in law has cancer and is having Chemotherapy, another had emergency surgery and no family could be with her, she has been moved to a Rehab center and can have no family or visitors and is down in the dumps! This situation is causing so many other problems for our community!

At this writing North Carolina/ South Carolina is still closed! There are many who are protesting against the closure! They want to return to work! Hopefully soon, things will begin to change for the better!

I am looking forward to the North Carolina /Tennessee joint rally, and hoping it will not be cancelled. Hopefully, the Region 5 Rally will still be on the schedule for October! Our RV is missing us! Both Chapters have added new members, hopefully we will get to meet them soon!

I am wishing all the Mothers a wonderful Mother's Day and the Dads a great Father's Day! Hope we can all have a great summer!! A special prayer for everyone to take care and stay safe!

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NORTH CAROLINA TARHEELS

Carl & Gayle Webber (20143)

President and Secretary

Hey y'all. Recently, while talking with a friend, I mentioned things "getting back to normal" post-COVID-19. She quickly told me that "Normal is only a setting on the dryer." WOW...that put things in perspective, doesn't it?

What is "normal" for us could very well be considered very strange to some of y'all...and vice versa. Then again, this pandemic has shown us that we don't necessarily WANT to get back to some of the things we previously considered normal – even for us! I believe we have learned to appreciate our freedoms to wander at will, the "essential workers" who are too often overlooked and underappreciated, the words "Do you prefer a table or a booth?" at a restaurant...and toilet paper!

One thing we have learned though is, being on a "fixed income" isn't necessarily a bad thing! While our retirement income isn't going to make us rich (by any stretch of the imagination), we are thankful it is something we could count on. It breaks my heart to see so many small businesses and people who were financially impacted, some to the point of no reparation. We are definitely blessed, y'all.

After three weeks of being "safe at home" (as opposed to "stuck at home"), I sent an e-mail to our Tarheel members, just kinda checking in, and asked them what they were doing to pass the time. The responses ran the gamut. There have been a LOT of closets and file drawers cleaned out, lawns landscaped, board games and cards played, ZOOM (video) meetings with friends and family members, reading, sewing/knitting/crocheting – and the list goes on. Mostly however, even though many plans had to be canceled/rescheduled, people are showing their love, compassion and concern for others who have truly been impacted by this pandemic. Our Tarheel family has once again demonstrated why we feel blessed to be your president and secretary. Y'all rock!

We are excited to welcome the following folks to the Tarheel Kountry Klub family: Larry & Joyce Humphreys (Littleton, NC), Fred & Glenda Liese (East Flat Rock, NC), and Mike Sanders & Sharron Riley (Stanfield, NC). We look forward to getting to know all y'all!

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns and/or suggestions relating to your Tarheel Kountry Klub. We can be reached at dc3carl@gmail.com /younggrammygayle@gmail.com
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Gayle & I hope you enjoy HAPPY TRAVELS to wherever your Newmar takes you.

SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO PALS

Steve & Darcy Martin (21411)

Presidents

Howdy from the South Carolina Pals Chapter! We hope you are all safe and "tucked away" at home as our governor has requested. With the weather concerns of rain/thunderstorm, and tornado watch/warnings, our area of South Carolina has avoided any real damage. Prayers to others in our state who have been involved in rougher weather -- hoping none of you have experienced any weather-related issues. The weather is currently be-U-tiful our way. Spring is here as all the budding trees and plants will attest to. And home we all sit. Hopefully all of you have stayed (and WILL stay) well through this Covid-19 pandemic. We could all be so much worse off than just trying to keep our hands and minds busy and away from anything sharp aimed at out "housemates".

Some of us were planning a trek Westward for the International Rally in August that was recently cancelled. I know those of you who had similar plans are just as disappointed as we are. We are looking ahead and trying to make plans for later in the year to keep our 'travel muscles' busy. **Our hope is that the Region 5 Rally will be able to go on as planned and we can at least get a look at each other! You are all missed!** Keep your chin up (after all this time home-bound - that might be "chins") and remember that "this too, shall pass". I love, love, love Thomas Rhett's new song "Be a Light". It gives me a little boost and really

suggests the good I hope we can make happen all around us during this scary time. Look it up. You might like it, too! We can all be a light to others.

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TENNESSEE

Phil and Charlene Budd (9488-L)

Tennessee State Directors

WooHoo!! I bet we know what y'all are doing as we write our *Konnection* article today! Or at least **"WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING"**! Yep staying safe, staying healthy, washing your hands, and [Praying for our Country, Our Families, Our President.](#)

We are excited about what lies ahead for all of us. We have been renovating our minds, our dreams, our ambitions, our goals, AND some things around our house. Even some things on our antique Newmar RV.

We won't spoil the fun of showing off the RV renovations, y'all will need to come to the **Region 5 Rally this fall in Dillard, Georgia, for some show and tell! It will be a great rally and time to see the leaves turning and enjoy the fall festivals.**

We are excited about getting back together with all of you and just sitting around and telling stories of 2020!! Enjoying a hot dog roast, a campfire, a social distant hug or two and seeing your smiling faces.

LOOKING AHEAD: If you have not looked forward to 2021 and your road trip adventures, check out the *Konnection* Calendar of events for [May 31-June 5, 2021.](#)

Yep, we already have six units registered for our 2021 Tennessee State Rally, at Spring Lake RV Resort, Crossville, Tennessee. Watch the resort come alive on Memorial Day 2021. If you have never had the opportunity to enjoy the quiet comfort and beauty of this resort you are in for a treat. If we can figure out how to do a catch and release fishing tournament, owners Jeff & Marge Regan have given us the green light to bait the hooks. Bring your fishing pole!

Crossville is on the Cumberland Plateau located about 60-70 miles west of Knoxville. The Resort Club House is spacious; has a beautiful covered deck with fire pit, and commercial sized grill. The weather will be perfect for y'all to stop in on your way either leaving town or enroute to far away destinations.

You will have time to wander over to Muddy Pond, visit the Hidden City, have a chance to enjoy some Mayfield Dairy and Creamery products. There is history galore from the Great Depression Days and the CCC, to the beautiful Cumberland State Park, to an afternoon matinee at the world renowned Cumberland County Playhouse. There is more but you will have to register and show up to enjoy the fun.

We have 35 sites reserved, pretty much split on the lake or overlooking it, until 15 March. Those sites not reserved will then be returned to Jeff's inventory. We planned the rally for an extra day to fit in these Tennessee adventures, plus time to [eat.](#)

Charlene just encouraged me to tell you about an exciting phone call I received last evening about 8:30. Always something when you live out in the country and on a farm. "Mr. Budd, your cows are out" came the voice on the phone! This is not the first time we have had such a call in the 36 years we have been raising cattle, but always a **"No, not ours"** as thoughts race through one's mind. You grab your jacket and slip on your boots. Out the door and head into the blackness of an overcast night. As I fired up the Kubota RTV, a car came into the barnyard over the cattle gap saying, "Mr. Budd a whole bunch of cows are out down the road". Living in the country, folks always watch out for each other. In our particular case the highway we live on is a well-used two lane U.S. Highway on a curve, no streetlights and a 55 mph speed limit which is mostly **ignored**. As I started down the highway, keeping one eye in the review mirror for 70 mph traffic closing in on me, and watching for cows with my other eye, my headlights and double bright roof mounted work lights picked up the silhouettes of cows and calves. **They're not mine-what a relief**, but it makes no difference, they are my neighbors who live 15 minutes away. As I ease the Kubota along nudging the cows toward the side of the road and into an open field I see in the rearview mirror, headlights racing toward me. I start flashing my rear mounted work lights to get them to slow down while trying to dial my phone to call for help. Slow and easy is the name of the game so you don't spook the cows into the middle of the road. A car hitting a 1200-1500-pound cow can easily kill the driver not alone wipe me out. I reach Keith, the owner, call 911 and ask for **"Blue-lights"** to come help slow down traffic. More traffic from the opposite direction, oh boy. But I need to get ahead of nearly 30-40 cows, calves and bull, to get a gate open and get them headed toward it. Now you need to realize when cows get out and you work to get them in, **"THEY"** seek to go back to where they came through the fence. Yep, I got the gate open, but they all turned back and headed north! Now I am back on the road headed north when help arrives. The word had gotten out, Mr Budd and Keith needed help! At this point, this old geezer was able to give my Kubota to Keith's son, and several other cowboys showed up with four wheel drive trucks and got the cows off the road into the hay field and headed toward the hole in the fence they had escaped through. Time to head home for a bowl of late night nourishment, a big bowl of Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla!

Yep, you all might be wondering what we have been doing with all of our spare time!!

Y'all be safe, stay healthy and Keep Washing Your Hands! See you at Region 5 Rally in Dillard, Georgia October 13-18. Sure will be glad when we get to take a shower since our only "orders", at the present, are to "Wash Our Hands"! **HAAAAHA!**

We can be reached at 931-638-2015 or prbudd60@bellsouth.net

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER KRUISERS

Sheryn Ward (18849)

President

First of all, I would like to genuinely thank all those volunteers that spent soooo much time working on the International 2020 rally, only to have it cancelled due to no fault of their own. Many, many hours, days and weeks of effort goes on behind the scene to put together these rallies and we are grateful that so many are willing to support the effort. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Now, looking on the bright side, there are still many rallies and events listed on the calendar for everyone to attend. I'm sure that everyone can use a different form of relaxation so take a few minutes to review the Newmar Kountry Klub calendar to see if there is anything you might have missed and want to attend later in the year.

The Tennessee folks are looking forward to the travel season kicking off for real. We got a light flurry of snowflakes yesterday (April) and I, for one, hope that is the last of that white stuff for this year so that we can go camping!

Speaking of camping, where did everyone spend their winter months? Can you recommend any new parks or locations that should be checked out by others? If so, let your chapter officers know in case your fellow chapter members are looking for new locations. Dennis & I toured a new RV park located in Summerfield, Florida. "Sun Kissed RV Park" is located on the outskirts of The Villages, Florida and had only been open for 5 months when we toured. It was beautiful and well done. Google it and look at the pictures, you will like it.

Now in closing, one final word of congratulations to the Tennessee/Volunteer Cruisers Chapter (#72). Our chapter was formed on June 29, 2000 and we just completed our 20th Anniversary! Our first President was Phillip Budd, our first Vice-President was John Mikell and our Secretary/Treasurer was Charlene Budd. Phil & Charlene are still very active in Tennessee and are currently our State Directors. Not to forget our list of wonderful members. They are a great bunch of people and we are happy they are all with us to enjoy this lifestyle.

More next time! We can be reached at SherynWard@gmail.com

VIRGINIA

**Michael & Marcy Vreeland (20733)
Virginia State Directors**

Wow how things change in a few weeks. We are all dealing with the Covid 19 Virus and with the "Stay in Place" direction. We were still in Florida when Governor shut down the whole state. If you were staying at a Thousand Trails Resort you got lucky. You got to stay till the Florida shutdown is lifted. Unfortunately, we were in Lake Magic which is a retail resort that has a "deal" with Thousand Trails to let Thousand Trails members reserve two weeks in their resort. We had just moved to Lake Magic to start our two weeks so we missed out on the Thousand Trails deal. On April 12 Lake Magic called and asked us if we were leaving. As it turns out we had to pay till the end of April to stay in the resort – there goes part of the money the government was giving folks to help with costs due to the virus. As we look at our path to get back to Virginia, we noticed a lot of campgrounds are shut down so guess we will stay in Florida till June or July. Not a bad thing but we always look forward to going back to Virginia to see the kids, etc. Oh well all of our normal lives have been impacted so "don't worry, be happy."

Ok update on the washing machine, it has finally been repaired – yeah! Marcy is really happy which means I am a "Happy Camper too". You don't realize how you become accustomed to having the convenience of having a washing machine readily available until you don't. Everyone that has a washer and dryer should go to your washer and pat it on the front and thank it for being there – what else you got to do right now.

We had planned on going to a couple of rallies that are happening in April and May but have cancelled our participation in them as much as we would have like to attend. As you know the 2020 International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming has been cancelled. We would like to thank the NKK board for making this decision when they did – that way we can re-plan late summer and fall travel. Fortunately, **the 2021 International Rally had already been scheduled for July 19-24, 2021 in Lewisburg, West Virginia and we are really looking forward to this rally.**

We all know how much fun a rally is but there are a lot of "behind the scene" folks in each chapter that are part of the Chapter's success. We would like to take this time to recognize the Virginia Wheels Chapter Officers and thank them whole heartedly for their efforts:

Presidents – Danny & Jeanette Templeton

Vice- Presidents – Ron & Sandy Rice

Secretary & Treasurer – Ron & Ulaine Pelton

Membership Recruiters – Tom & Gloria Rezentes

These officers and of course the volunteer hosts are what allows us to function as a chapter and provides the necessary support for all Virginia Wheels to attend and enjoy the Rallies. So, to paraphrase a movie line "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You."

As this is written the Virginia Wheels Rally Eastern Shore scheduled for May, is a "wait and see" event. It should be a great rally but we will still be in Florida and will not be able to make the rally – bummer. We are sure everyone will have a great time and a big thank you to Pat McGee and Ron & Ulaine Pelton for hosting this rally.

The Virginia State Rally will be held at Misty Mountain RV Resort in Corzet, Virginia from September 10-13. As of right now it is still a go, so please do not forget to register. We will not be cashing any checks for this rally until the last minute in case the rally has to be cancelled. If the virus is such that we have to cancel the rally we will destroy the checks unless someone wants them sent back. We will not do anything with the checks – cash them or destroy them – until we let everyone know. Hopefully September will be far enough in the future that the virus is under control or a vaccine has been developed – time will tell.

The Region 5 Rally will be held October 13-18, in Dillard, Georgia at the River Vista RV Resort hosted by Region 5 Directors, Wanda & Gary Smith. Dillard is in the north east corner of Georgia just south of the North Carolina border. A great location for a rally with lots to see.

Looking ahead we are investigating several campgrounds for the 2021 Virginia State Rally. We have investigated the annual Bluegrass Festival as one possible location. Several others are under preliminary investigation as well. More information will be provided once we have more details one way or the other.

Last thing on the virus, wear you mask and gloves, wash your hands, do social distancing so we will see your smiling facing when we start rallying again.

Safe travels to all and Happy Rving. We can be reached at beagleRV@gmail.com or 540-2731486 (hers) 540-809-9830 (his)

VIRGINIA WHEELS

Danny & Jeanette Templeton (17203)

Presidents

Virginia Wheelers Wheeling to 2020 NKK Adventures



After a sunny Florida winter shared with many NKK members and Virginia Wheelers, Danny & I are now home in Virginia. We are excited about our upcoming 2020 rallies, making new friends, and renewing friendships.

Our Virginia Wheels' membership is rapidly growing. What fun it

will be to welcome the new members of our Virginia Wheels' family as we rally together!

January 16 kicked off our 2020 Virginia Wheels' season with our Y'All Come Gathering at Tampa at Florida's RV Show. What a wonderful time the 25+ attendees had together in sunny Florida! We always enjoy the fun and fellowship we have when we get together with our Virginia Wheels' family.

February 14 Virginia Wheelers enjoyed a delicious Valentine's Day Luncheon at Fresh Country Café followed by a dessert get together at the Emerald Pointe pavilion in Zephyrhills, Florida. What a special time all 16+ attendees had being together. Thanks to Tom & Gloria Rezentes for hosting this special event!

Now, as I write this article in April for the June *Konnection*, our nation is in a COVID-19 pandemic. We are praying our nation gets back to normal and all of our NKK friends are safe and healthy. Rallies are all now on a wait and see basis, but we are hoping we can get back together for the following events:

May 14-17 we hope that we have rallied with other NKK members on Virginia's Eastern Shore at Tall Pines Harbor Campground in Temperanceville, Virginia. Our hosts, Pat Magee and Ron & Ulaine Pelton, have an action-packed agenda awaiting us for this exciting rally adventure!

September 10-13 promises to be an exciting Virginia State Rally at Misty Mountain Campground in Greenwood, Virginia. State Directors, Mike & Marcy Vreeland, are planning many fun-filled activities for that rally.

October 13-18 the Region 5 Rally will be in Dillard, Georgia at River Vista RV Resort, Region 5 Directors, Gary & Wanda Smith. Lots of fun is being planned for our fellowship there.

We're look forward to rallying with you in the future! We can be reached at 540-520-8845 or pupstempleton@aol.com.

REGION 5 RALLY

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RALLY COST:

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HOST:

Gary & Wanda Smith

gsmith8800@gmail.com

Jim & Barb Watson

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

Region Directors :: Chuck & Michelle Steenwyk (20036)



Hello from Region 6!! It has been a very wait and see period of time for all. Lately life has been more like our childhoods. We are home for dinner every night, neighbors are talking and children are out in their yards. Puzzles and board games are the new form of entertainment. People are picking up a book with a cup of coffee while sitting on their front porch

and watching the world go by. There is a feeling of community and family. **In general, life has slowed down.**

Planning your summer travels will be more challenging with social distancing this year. With the **International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming being cancelled we are looking forward to the 2021 International Rally July 17-24 in Lewisburg, West Virginia!** We encourage everyone to keep an eye on the **calendar of events or contact the rally host to check the status of upcoming rallies.** Several of our **Region 6 chapters** are considering **pop-up rallies** if restrictions are lifted. We will be posting all dates and information for any **pop-up rally** on our **Region 6 Facebook page.** We will also send out emails to members.

As of the writing of this article there are still several rallies on the **calendar of events for this fall** for our region. We will be monitoring the situation along with the rally hosts and making decisions as we get closer to those rally dates. We are working closely with the campgrounds and planned tour locations.

On an administrative note we want to apologize to Flash & Bev Miller (Ohio State Directors) and the Buckeye Kountry Travelers for the error in which their Ohio State Rally ad was accidentally omitted from the April/May Konnection issue. We hope this did not cause any confusion to anyone looking for information on this rally. **This rally has since been cancelled.**

We want to wish all of our Newmar Family a very safe and healthy travel season.

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INDIANA

**Steve & Phyllis Thornburg (22044)
Presidents**

During these times of quarantine and social distancing we are all trying to do our best to maintain our health and that of everyone around us. Unfortunately, that means that our camping and socializing with our Klub members has been put on an indefinite hold. We are sorry to see all of the rally cancellations and changes of plans we have all made for how we want to spend

our spring and summer with our Newmar “toys” and family, but we understand the necessity.

In hopes that the CV-19 will have run its course and the world will be sane again, we are trying to postpone rather than cancel our **Rally on the River. Our hosts are working with the campground to reschedule our event for some time in June. If we still don't have the “all clear” by then, we will continue looking forward to finding a date when we can have our rally.**

No doubt there are several rigs like ours, still in winter storage as they have no place to go. We are experiencing the good old cabin fever and longing to bring our “Chocolate Charlie” home and clean up, load up, fuel up and get going to SOMEWHERE.

Until we hear the “All Clear”, stay home, stay healthy and stay safe. We'll see you down the road.

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KENTUCKY

**Ralph & Nancy Dennis (20372)
Kentucky State Directors**

I think everyone I know has gone through some major life changes during the pandemic that we are now experiencing. Who would have predicted that this number of rallies would be cancelled? I cannot remember that during my adult life of not being able to attend church and or a religious service on Easter.

I have put a new phrase in my vocabulary (social distancing). I used to think it meant you stayed out of someone's face because of what you had eaten. Onions, garlic or pizza or something else to give you bad breath. I think we all know the meaning of social distancing now I never thought I could walk in a bank with a mask on and ask for money and they would give it time, and not get arrested (lol).

I used to have a job where the term of home incarceration would come up often, never did I think it would happen to me. I have been at my Florida home for three weeks, not being allowed to leave except for essential things. We are planning to go to Kentucky in a few days where we will be under a 14 day quarantine.

This past Sunday I got up early and was having my first cup of coffee trying to get my eyes open looking up the street. I noticed something coming out the fog, I could not recognize what it was. It began to get closer and I noticed it had a mask on and was short, it continued on toward my house. It was the Easter Bunny bring my Chocolate Easter Egg. (lol).

I know I am supposed to write this article describing future and past rallies, new members etc. I thought I would try to share with you some things you would get a chuckle out of and may be uplifting for you. I know we all have had some major changes during this pandemic. Nancy & I have not been sick nor any of our family that I know of. I hope each of you can say the same.

We can be reached at email: rdenn61378@aol.com or Ralph cell 502-598-1007.

MICHIGAN

Marv & Von Visser (22141)

Michigan State Directors

Hello all. How our world has changed in the last few months due to all the restrictions within our state and many others; limited travel, no open camping, rallies canceled. From April into May many of us came home after our winter stays just to find everything closed up.

We were able to take a 2 week trip to Texas the first part of March and it was great! We stayed about 1 ½ weeks at **Bentsen Grove RV Park in Mission, Texas** and were able to connect with some friends at the **Newmar Luncheon**. Then we went to Waco to see the Silos, went to the Magnolia Table for lunch which was amazing.

We did two Waco Tours, one van and river cruise, very informative and fun. We also went to the Spice Company which is like two floors of indoor Flea Market vendors, toured the Dr. Pepper Museum and missed out on the Texas Rangers Museum because of shut down. Then we had to have some awesome **Joanna Gaines cupcakes and Sweet Tea and Brisket! We would definitely recommend a trip to Waco!** We stayed at the I-35 RV Park, they serve breakfast every morning which is included in your camping fee! Hopefully we have rebounded a bit from all of the restrictions and had the ability to camp/travel and use our units as planned.

Keep an eye out for rallies being held or just maybe some pop ups that just might happen. As of now our state rally is scheduled in October it is in the planning stages. We will be at Hidden Ridge in Hopkins Michigan. Early arrival on the 15th rally starts on the 16-18th more details to follow.

Please be safe traveling around and if you planned on that big trip to the west just maybe you should think about doing it anyhow, just to see the beauty of this great nation we live in. After all it might have been on your bucket list and fuel prices just might make it worth the drive.

A huge Thank-you to Chuck & Michelle Steenwyk for helping us get acclimated to what being the State Directors is all about! **Safe Travels and May God Bless.**

We can be reached by email: mvisser@att.net or Marv 616-836-3271, Von 616-836-4280

MICHIGAN AIRES KAMPERS

Carolyn & John Williams (14030)

Presidents

As we have entered into our rally season for 2020, we find ourselves home bound and growing tired of TV and computers for entertainment. John doesn't like playing cards with me because he says I always win. NOT true...well mostly true. But anyway, this is a rally season we will remember for some time. We miss our **Newmar family** and we are hoping there will be some time this summer that we can all get together.

Because many scheduled rallies are being cancelled, we need to keep in touch with each other. Remember to check **Facebook for updates and changes. There is the Newmar page and the Region 6 page and then individual postings.** Plus, there

are always funny things to watch and crafts to make. And let's not forget the recipes. I like to watch the person cooking and I would like to be there for taste testing, but if you know me you know I won't be making anything.

Not much else to say except, stay safe, wash your hands, and we will see you when we can. We can be reached by email: carjo315@yahoo.com.

MICHIGAN GREAT LAKERS

Joe & Gail Swartz (20562)

Presidents

Hello to everyone from the **Great Lakers chapter which is a renewed chapter for Michigan**. We currently have six Michigan couples and five out of state couples in our chapter. **Since we are a small group we are trying to plan rallies with the Michigan Aires. We had a chapter rally planned October 16-18 at Hidden Ridge in Hopkins, Michigan.** We have offered this rally location to our new Michigan State Directors, Marv & Von Visser and **this will now be the Michigan State Rally!**

Well so much for a happy spring of camping as we are all hunkered down in our homes. Hope everyone is well and staying safe. Gail & I are currently camping in our driveway and the neighbors think we are crazy, but I think they are jealous! When things return to somewhat normal we might have a pop-up rally. **Don't forget that when things do get better to support other Region 6 chapters and attend their rallies!**

If you have any questions about our chapter or our rallies please feel free to contact us. We can be reached at email: gswartz29@gmail.com or (440) 476-4936 Joe

OHIO

Flash & Bev Miller (9855)

Ohio State Directors

Hi all, this has not been a particularly good start for our 2020 camping season. Like most people in the world and hopefully in NKK, we are staying at home except for absolute necessities. We are wearing masks and obeying safe distancing.

By now you should be aware of the MANY rallies that were cancelled due to COVID-19 health problems here in Ohio and around the country, the biggest one for NKK, the August International Rally in Wyoming. It only made sense not to have large gatherings from around the U.S. and Canada.

We had mixed feelings **cancelling our Ohio State Rally scheduled for July 15-18, in Lima, Ohio.** We had several tours lined up, activities and meals planned. In early April we contacted those locations and were told all facilities were closed or on hold until further notice. The planned tours we had arranged were also not expected to resume for the remainder of 2020.

We made the decision to cancel the Ohio State Rally for July, only after NKK announced cancellation of the International Rally for August. The health and safety of NKK friends (and our own) was more important than having the rally. **Although our State Rally plans for 2020 have been scrapped, we do expect to reschedule THIS rally again next year, possibly in the fall (2021).**

Before the 2020 rally season is over, we hope COVID-19 will be in our rear-view mirrors and we may be able to have a “**pop-up**” Rally in Ohio. Also, the **BKT Rally is still scheduled for October 9-11 with Jim & Dianne Fry and Jeff & Mary Edington. Other rallies and events may still be scheduled, so be sure to check the Region 6 News for any changes, additions or last-minute cancellations.**

Looking forward to seeing all our Buckeye Kountry Travelers and friends. That’s all for now folks, hope to see you soon.

We can be reached at email: Mlips2213@roadrunner.com (Bev) Mtm2213@roadrunner.com (Flash) by phone: 513-932-8352 (home) or 937-478-9850 (cell).

BUCKEYE KOUNTRY TRAVELERS

Rick Fox (21684)

President

Greetings BKT members! I am sure by now, all of us have the itch to get out and get using our coaches. A few weeks ago, Jeanne & I took our coach out for an hour drive just to keep everything lubed and moving. We have waxed, polished, cleaned and performed routine maintenance on everything humanly possible. So, the coach is all dressed up with nowhere to go.

COVID-19 has wreaked havoc with our 2020 rally schedule. Unfortunately, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel our May and June rallies. This is a big disappointment for all of us as we were looking forward to seeing all our old friends and meeting our new members.

I’m sure we are all trying to figure out what our new “normal” is going to be at our future rallies. Hopefully, we will be able to squeeze in a rally this year, perhaps donning face masks and having a larger than normal ring sitting around the campfire. Who, in their wildest imagination would have thought we would be going through something like this.

Now for some positive news! We have redesigned the BKT logo and we hope to introduce a selection of **BKT swag** for members to order in the near future. As soon as everything is finalized, I will have Jeanne send out an email to everyone. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the chapter.

So, for now, stay well and I hope to see everyone soon.

Rick Fox can be reached at email: rgfox09@gmail.com or Rick’s cell: (513) 617-8914.

WEST VIRGINIA

Bill & Beth White (20471)

West Virginia State Directors

Hello fellow Newmar Kountry Klub members. It’s a beautiful spring day to be cooped up on the farm in West Virginia. The social distancing gives us time to enjoy the singing birds and the morning turkey calls. I can watch squirrels scurrying in the woods out my office window and, on occasion, deer will walk by and stare in at me. Although we are staying close, there is much to enjoy in the hills of West Virginia.

Beth has kept me busy as she does the spring house cleaning. We bought a new vacuum cleaner and it’s been put to good use. Beth has cleaned the patio with the power washer and we are

growing a flower pot garden. The old place hasn’t looked this good in years.

Bill bought a 3-D printer and has had great fun making gadgets for our home and for our friends. My 7th soap dish is printing as we compose this. It’s fascinating to watch it work.

We also bought a new red Ford F-150 and set it up to tow so we can bring our mini golf cart to rallies. It has all the new technology and Beth likes it. The electric running boards were the key factor in the purchase making access easier for both of us.

We are missing all the folks at church and the soup kitchen, as we suspended it in March. We all stay in touch and are now having church by Zoom. Zoom is a great technological innovation providing a wonderful way to see smiling faces while social distancing.

We also miss our Newmar Family and look forward to getting to see them in the future. We keep in touch with Region 6 on Facebook.

In a little over a year, we look forward to welcoming the 2021 Newmar Kountry Klub International Rally to beautiful Lewisburg, West Virginia at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds. It is a beautiful location about 135 miles south of Jane Lew, our home town. It’s about a 3 hour drive over the mountains to get there, but it’s always a beautiful drive.

Over the next few issues we plan to give you suggestions of places to go and things to see while you are in West Virginia. West Virginia has some of the most spectacular scenery around and we would love to share it with you.

Make your plans now to visit our Wild Wonderful state next year. See you then!

We can be reached by email: janelewbill@gmail.com or (304) 884-7623 (home) or (304) 871-7330 (cell)

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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:

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CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON



November 8-15, 2020

Get into the holiday spirit by joining us for the Christmas in Branson Special Event. We will be staying at the Americas Best Campground with full hookups. Some of the highlighted shows are Dolly Parton's Stampede, The Dutton's, Brett Family Christmas, The Texas Tenors, Oh Happy Day, Sight & Sound Theatre presentation of Noah, Clay Cooper, Haygood's, Hughes Brothers, and the Showboat Branson Belle. We will enjoy a tour of the College of the Ozarks, the Ralph Foster Museum, and lunch at the Keeter Center. Other delicious delights will include Getting Basted, Montana Mike, Uptown Café, and The White River Fish House. Free time has been added this year so you can enjoy exploring the many attractions this area has to offer. We will car pool to many of the venues, and you will want to explore the area on your own, so we strongly encourage tow vehicles.

TOTAL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights camping with full hookups
- 5 Dinners
- 2 Lunches
- 5 Breakfasts
- 10 Shows
- 2 Tours
- Experienced Event Hosts: Sue & Jerry Argabrite
- Includes all taxes and gratuities

Note: The itinerary is subject to change.

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1 Person in Unit	\$1,235.00
Add'l Guests (ea)	\$ 774.00

Deposit of \$200.00 per person due at time of booking. Balance due August 28, 2020.

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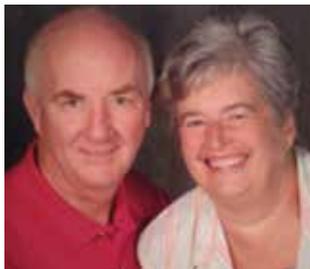
We are offering a 10% discount to the first State/Provincial Director to register and a 5% discount to the first Chapter Officer to register. To qualify you must be in office at least 6 months. As a State/Provincial Director you must have held a rally in the past year or have one scheduled. As a chapter officer it must be an active chapter with at least one rally held in the past year. You must identify yourself as such upon registering to receive the discount.

YOU CAN REGISTER THREE WAYS:

- 1 Fill out the Registration Form and Disclaimer found on page 37 and mail to the Klub office**
- 2 Register on-line at www.newmarkountryklub.com, click on Special Events**
- 3 Call the Klub office toll free 877-639-5582 and register by phone**

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

Region Directors :: Bob and Jane Hadley (16789)



Greetings from Region 7. It's May 1st as we sit here in Florida trying to figure out what to write about for this June/July issue! Hopefully we're all healthy and this new virus has not knocked on anyone's door. We're all doing our part to help stop the spread of this deadly illness. Yes, our lives have been turned upside down,

inside out and we don't know what tomorrow will bring. Yes, it's scary but we will get through it. Sometime this year we will all welcoming a new normal with open arms being thankful for what we have and not what we had a few months ago. Our RV life style will soon begin. Looking forward to sitting around a rally campfire sharing stories of what we all just went through. We sure will have lots to talk about!

Yes, we're still in sunny Florida and look forward to traveling home soon. Our grown "kids" keep telling us to stay put! Rhode Island is sandwiched between Massachusetts and New York and Rhode Island is holding its own. We do expect to be issued a stay in place order when we cross into Rhode Island. No problem, we had already decided to do it anyway. Thank goodness for the RV. Only stopping for fuel and sleep in rest areas. Looks like Jane will be doing more driving this trip. We usually switch every few hours at rest areas! Before you know it we'll be checking off the list- fuel full, full fresh water tank, empty holding tanks, slides in, jacks up, aired up and dingy hooked up! Oh - Co pilot on board very important!!!!

Region 7 has had to cancel some rallies but some are still pending. Questions on rally cancellations - call rally hosts and check Klub Calendar on line or in the *Konnection!*

This summer looks quiet but you may find "pop up" rallies. A pop up rally is when someone mentions they're going away for a few days and shares the dates and location. You make your own reservations and bring your own food. You'll be surprised at the number of people that will show!

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

Travel safe!

NEW ENGLAND STATES

**George & Cathy Keith (15055)
New England State Directors**

Hello again from New England. We are living in a very crazy world right now. This pandemic has turned our world upside down. Life as we knew it is gone (hopefully not for long), but for now we will try to adapt, social distance, and wear our masks.

So our first rally of the year has been canceled. No trip to Quechee, Vermont as planned. We are missing our friends and fellow Newmar family. **Our chapter has another rally planned**

for September in Canterbury, Connecticut hosted by Roger & Margaret La Rose with Bill & Jeannie Sylvester as co-hosts. If interested please check the calendar of events.

Also we have a New England States Rally planned at our favorite campground, Travelers Woods of New England, in Bernardston, Massachusetts for September 24-27. If all goes well, this will be an Apple Harvest Rally - apple pancakes, apple pies, apple crisp etc. Details will be on line.

Until we meet again, Travel Safe, and Stay Healthy. Live Each Day Like It's Your Last

We can be reached at email: cathykeith@gmail.com

NEW JERSEY

**Bill & Angela Mannion (19246)
New Jersey State Directors**

My goodness, what a world we now reside in. I keep thinking we are in some kind of science fiction movie. Angela & I have spent the last month and a half sheltering in Biloxi, Mississippi. A great campground called Gulf Beach RV Resort. It's located across the highway from the Gulf of Mexico. Water views for us! We had left this area over a month ago and started heading north when we were called by Newmar to cancel our March 30 service appointment. So, we turned back south and came back to the beach here. The weather has been terrific and we have enjoyed our stay.

According to Michael & Barbara Agrati, our New Jersey Garden Aires Treasurer and Secretary, the weather up in northern New Jersey has been cool and rainy for the longest time. They also report empty meat shelves, even frozen vegetables are missing from the coolers.

Of course, our New Jersey Rally in Cape May to be held April 30-May 3 was cancelled. At this point many campgrounds in New Jersey are still closed which makes it difficult if not impossible to plan even a fall rally this year. But as things start to open, we will look at options to plan another rally.

Notes from April Danley, President of New Jersey Garden Aires: Not everyone knows our Garden Aires President and husband live on a working farm. Yes, there are gardens and livestock in New Jersey! April Danley & Colin Smith shared this report for this article:

Certainly, under the New Jersey State Stay at Home Orders, we cancelled our Cape May Rally. We had 23 coaches signed up. We hope to see you when we can set another rally date.

I'm considered an essential employee and still working blowing glass for the medical industry. We have had plenty of time to get our new toad all set up to flat tow as we do it ourselves. Unfortunately, now there's nowhere to go!

During a recent Saturday morning, I had the wonderful sight out my kitchen window of watching a Momma Squirrel move her 9 babies out of one tree to another. So very neat to see, she carried them in her mouth in a ball, they didn't even have hair yet! Down 2 stories to the tree about across the side yard to the front yard up a new tree of again about 2 stories tall. They had a new home! The interesting thing was that 2 days later we had bad storm with winds up to 70 mph! The top of the first tree was ripped right off just about 6 inches above where she had them. Amazing how she

knew to move them. What a memorable site to see, something I will never forget! We have some wonderful wildlife on the Danley Farm!

Well folks that's about it from the New Jersey chapter. See you on down the road! We can be reached at email wmannion@att.net

NEW YORK

Bob & Barb Engel (13547)

New York State Directors

Greetings from western New York. Snow has left, spring and summer will come together in a short period of time. The Covid 19 has changed many ways that we do things. Social distancing, wearing a mask when you shop or go anywhere. Some of our rallies have been canceled, and let's hope that we will still have a great camping season.

The State Rally at Association Island is still on. I have been talking with the campground weekly and we are still going to have the rally July 9-13. Three nights of full hookups with 50 amp service. We will have two dinners that everyone will have a dish to pass. One night we will eat out at a local restaurant. Breakfast Friday and Saturday mornings with a continental breakfast on Sunday. Cost of the rally \$135.00. Figure on joining us for a great time on the St Lawrence Seaway.

If for any reason there is a change of plans I will notify everyone by e-mail or phone. I will send back your money for the rally. We can be reached at email: bobe8691@gmail.com or 716-863-3203 cell 716-226-4048 house.

STAY SAFE!

PENNSYLVANIA

Wayne & Sue Burke (20367)

Pennsylvania State Directors

I'm tired of hearing Covid-19 and rally cancelled. Sue is tired of hearing "keep a safe distance." For the last six weeks she has kept knocking on the motor home door yelling "Let me in" and I keep reminding her Dr Faucci says "keep a safe distance."

Well anyway, we had to cancel our May rally in New York which was a big let down. Then we got word the International Rally was cancelled which was a Bigger let down, **then we had to make the decision to postpone the June Central/Western Pennsylvania rally until September 23-27.** All because some foreign country couldn't control what they had going on and refused to warn the rest of the world in time to prepare for it properly.

We are eternally grateful for the fact that NO one we know has had this virus that we know of. We look forward to our great country getting back to normal or back to as normal as can be. We all must realize we are going to have to make a lot of changes in the future.

Thank God for the lifestyle we have...self-contained...fresh air, if we don't like where we are, pick up and go someplace else, if our neighbor is coughing and sneezing, unplug and go to another park or resort in 5 minutes. What more could a person ask for. You can't move your house in 5 minutes if your neighbor is coughing & sneezing. How lucky could we be.

I can't wait to go to the next rally! Bring it on. Be well! Be safe! Happy travels!

We can be reached by email: wstb@juno.com

NEW YORK STATE RALLY

NEW YORK STATE RALLY
July 9, 10, & 11, 2020
ASSOCIATION ISLAND KOA
HENDERSON, NY

RALLY FEE:
\$ 135.00

RALLY FEE INCLUDES:
SITE-3 NIGHTS
BREAKFASTS
2 DINNERS WILL BE POT LUCK-
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
ASAP

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
BOB ENGEL
86991 LOWER E HILL ROAD
COLDEN, NY 14033

RALLY HOSTS
BOB & BARB ENGEL
CELL: 716-863-3203
HOUSE: 716-226-4048
EMAIL: BOBE8691@GMAIL.COM

2020/2021/2022 INTERNATIONAL RALLY UPDATES

Unfortunately the 2020 International Rally has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.

We are all disappointed in this necessary decision.

We hope you will all plan to join us for the 2021 International Rally to be held in Lewisburg, West Virginia. Rally dates will be July 17-24 with parking on July 16 and 17.

We are excited to announce that we will once again be heading westward for 2022! Yes you probably guessed it - we will be going to Rock Springs, Wyoming. Rally dates will be July 16-23 and our parking days will be July 15 and 16.

RALLY IN THE FLORIDA KEYS BUDDY RALLY



December 6-12, 2020

Fiesta Key RV Resort | 70001 Overseas Highway, Long Key, FL 33001

How does a great time of relaxation and enjoying the ocean breezes with your Newmar friends before the rush of the holidays sound? Well we have an event all set up to do just that - the Rally in the Keys! This slower pace rally will be the perfect event before the busy holiday season. We will be staying at the newly renovated Fiesta Key Resort with 50 amp full hookup sites. Enjoy a daily social at sunset and time to explore on your own or just sit back and relax. This is a buddy rally so bring your RV friends along! After registering for the event, you do have the opportunity to register directly with the campground for two additional days before or after the rally at a reduced daily rate.

TOTAL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

6 Nights Camping 50 Amp full Hookup Sites
2 Breakfasts
3 Dinners
Daily Social Get-Togethers
Ice Cream Social
Pigeon Key Boat Tour
Dolphin Research Center
Theater of the Sea Tour
Key West Trolley Tour
Free Time to Explore on your own
Experienced Kountry Klub Hosts: Gary & Wanda Smith.

RALLY FEE: (Payable in US Funds)

2 People in Unit	\$1,420.00
1 Person in Unit	\$1,145.00
Add'l Guests (ea)	\$ 290.00

Deposit of \$200.00 per person due at time of booking. Balance due September 25, 2020.

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

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



Welcome to summer and hopefully the promise of better things to come for everyone. We trust that all have weathered the terrible pandemic that arrived earlier in the year.

Glen & I have been fine and have not suffered any ill effects. I have been fortunate enough to continue working as I am considered part of an essential business, being a pharmacy. Of course, farming has continued and crops are going in the ground. As we are home this summer, our garden will be full.

As we struggle to remain apart from our families, this includes our Newmar family. As members since 1992, Glen & I have and currently enjoy our extended family. It has been difficult to have not had the pleasure of attending our Muskoka Ramblers and Aurum Kountry Travelers spring outings. These are staples in our diet of Newmar functions for our Region. I am sure most of our members have the same thoughts.

This does give us an opportunity to reach out to our members in some other way. I am sure most of us have current membership lists from our Chapter officers which would include contact information. Why not send out some emails, asking how each of us are doing and what we are doing. Is there someone struggling that you can help? These are all things we can do to keep in touch.

We would like to hear from you. What have been some of your best times with our group? Do you remember a funny incident you would like to share? Who is the most interesting new member you have been introduced to? Let us start a new tradition of staying in touch. Necessity is the mother of invention, so let us get our thinking caps on and invent some new ideas.

As we continue to the fall hopefully we will be able to look ahead to a small gathering. Possibly a luncheon and general gathering in a central location. Keep your thinking caps on!

Please remember to look ahead to the fall calendar of events as there may still be some Newmar events taking place that would interest you. Keep in touch with the Kountry Klub updates via The Happenings or check out the website for the latest information.

Mark your calendars now for next year's International in **Lewisburg, West Virginia, July 17-24, 2021.**

Let's hear from you. Email mbassindale@sympatico.ca or phone 905-689-0033

Until next time...

NEWMAR DEALER APPRECIATION

*Independence*RV



My wife and I want to express our sincere thankfulness for accommodating us in a time of extreme need.

On Saturday April 4th we realized our Norcold 1200LRIM was not cooling. Testing it we determined that it did not cool on either AC or propane. Later that day we determined we had an ammonia leak as evidenced by the green stains on the back of the refrigerator. Thankfully, we had no fire.

Independence RV was closed because of the "Safer-at-Home" order by Florida Governor DeSantis because of COVID-19. However, working with Paul, the Service Manager and Bud, the Parts Manager, they were able to open a bay so they could replace our old refrigerator with a new Norcold 1210IM. Thanks also to Tim, one of the Master Technicians, and any other of the Independence RV technicians who were willing to spend a day to accommodate us. We left Independence RV on the afternoon of April 10th happy with a brand new, working refrigerator.

We were in panic mode when our old refrigerator failed. Now, we consider Independence RV and staff a blessing in a time of need. We have always been treated well by them, but they went above and beyond for us on April 10th.

Again-Thank you so much!
Marilyn and Terry Young (14387)

*We know we have great dealers. Whether it was the process of purchasing your unit, to going out of their way to help you in a time of need for service/parts, or supporting the local rallies we would like to share it. Please send an email to us at kountryklub@newmarcorp.com with your story and we will add it to an upcoming edition of the *Konnection*.*

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

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



I saw a sign the other day that said, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is perhaps, the end of the beginning" – Winston Churchill

It is hard not to feel a similar sense that a light at the end of a long dark tunnel may be finally appearing. There is little doubt that we will be in this for some time.

While writing this report there are still so many unknown facts about what the future will look like, although we do know it will not remain as it was in the past. With so many rallies, special events etc. being cancelled, hopefully campgrounds will already be back open for your camping pleasure when you read this report. We are confident these events will return in time. So, we find ourselves at a crossroads. Circumstances have prevailed to place our social group in uncharted territory.

We do know for sure you will always have the many friends you have made through previous Newmar events whether it was a rally, luncheon or special events. Stay in touch through the Facebook page or better yet pick up the phone and give your friends a call. We are confident these events will return in time.

Plans are in the works for the region directors to get together for their annual region directors' meetings which were originally scheduled to be held prior to the International Rally.

All region 9 rallies have all been cancelled due to COVID-19. One very important thing to remember in all this is "Everything is going to be alright; we are all in this together".

It would be great to see "Un-Hosted or Pop-Up Rallies" set up for this fall so we can get some Newmar social time in before the winter months set in. They are easy to set up and we would be happy to help you set up one if interested. We can be reached at djkillley@firebusters.com or 604-916-7767.

As always, our door is always open, and we look forward to all comments and suggestions. We meet, we part, we hope to meet again...

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Wayne & Doris Erickson (20938)

British Columbia Provincial Directors

Hello everyone. We hope you are well. I am sure this has been one of the most challenging and frustrating years so far that we have all seen in a very long time, but please remember, things will get better. Hang in there, tomorrow will be a better day.

As you probably already are aware the British Columbia Provincial & Dogwood Klub Rally at Seal Bay on Vancouver Island June 3-6 has been cancelled. **We are now looking towards next year's rally and wouldn't you know it, the British Columbia Dogwood Klub is celebrating their 25th Anniversary!! We are in the early stages of planning, but we should have the location and date by the next addition of the *Konnection Magazine*.**

If you have any ideas or suggestions as to what you may like to see at the rally, please feel free to email us at camp-12@shaw.ca.

Stay positive, stay safe and healthy.

2020 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM



NEW MEMBERS ONLY

First Year Membership and Subscription

If You Join In...	Pay This Amount	You pay for the first calendar year thru December 31st and Newmar pays your renewal for the next year! This is for first time members only. This is not available for current or previous members.
<input type="checkbox"/> January thru March	\$65.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> April thru June	\$55.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> July thru September	\$45.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> October thru December	\$35.00	

RENEWALS ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$ 45.00	One Calendar Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$ 115.00	Three Calendar Years
<input type="checkbox"/> Konnection Subscription	\$ 15.00	One Calendar Year

KLUB # _____

Please Remember regarding Annual and 3-Year Dues
When you renew, whether at the beginning of the Annual Year or during the year, the dues are the same.

Check Enclosed for \$ _____ or charge my VISA MasterCard

Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

3 digit code from back of card _____

Signature _____

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Enclose Your Check or Money Order and Mail to:

NEWMAR KOUNTRY KLUB
P.O. BOX 30 • NAPPANEE, IN 46550-0030

Please Print:

Last Name (His) _____ (Hers) _____

First Name (His) _____ (Hers) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Recommended by _____

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 _____

BLACK HILLS



September 9-16, 2020 Mt Rushmore KOA at Palmer Gulch

Enjoy the spectacular scenery which is the Black Hills. We will visit Custer State Park and hopefully spot free range bison and begging burros, Bear Country, the Mammoth Site at Hot Springs, Wind Cave, Journey Museum, the Stavekirk Chapel—Chapel of the Hills, Ellsworth Air Museum and Missile Site. We'll tour the Landstrom Black Hills Gold Factory, as well as visit The Badlands and Wall Drug. Most of our travel will be by luxury motorcoach so that all of our guests may enjoy the views. The event will also include a free day so that you can enjoy any of the many other area attractions on your own or with the new friends you'll make on this trip. This event will open to guest units on May, 20, 2020.

TOTAL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

7 nights camping with full hookups
2 breakfasts
3 lunches
2 dinners
Social get-togethers
Custer State Park
Bear Country
Hot Springs Mammoth Site
Wind Cave
The Badlands & Wall Drug
Ellsworth Air Museum & Missile Site
Journey Museum
Stavekirk Chapel
Mt. Rushmore
Crazy Horse
Experienced Event Hosts: Sue & Jerry Argabrite

RALLY FEE: (Payable in US Funds)

2 People in Unit	\$1,970.00
1 Person in Unit	\$1,055.00
Add'l Guests (ea)	\$ 568.00

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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:

- Grand Circle Caravan - August 29-September 19, 2020
- Black Hills Special Event - September 9-16, 2020
- Christmas in Branson - November 8-15, 2020
- Rally in the Keys - December 6-12, 2020

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.

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

27 See complete listing on our website www.newmarkcountryklub.com, just click on Calendar!

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JUNE

- June 1-5 **Washington State Rally** CHANGED TO SPUR RALLY – CT: Ben & Donna Barker 360-201-5670 newmarwastatedirector@gmail.com
- June 1-5 **North Carolina, TN Volunteer Cruisers & NC Tarheel Kountry Klub Joint Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 3-6 **British Columbia Provincial/BC Dogwood Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 7-10 **Idaho SPUR** – Coeur d’Alene, Blackwell Island RV Park, 800 S Marina Drive, contact campground for site reservations 888-571-2900 – CT: Mark & Leslyanne Weiss 865-209-8390 region2directors.nkk@gmail.com
- June 8-12 **Colorado Kruisin Aires Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 10-13 **Pennsylvania – NEW YORK Lakers Kountry Klub Rally** – Ronks, Flory’s Campground, 99 N Ronks Rd, contact campground for site reservations 717-687-6670 – CT: Steve & Joanne Wyble 585-721-0868 swyble@rochester.rr.com
- June 11-13 **Ohio Buckeye Kountry Travelers Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 11-14 **Illinois Illini Kountry Kuzzins & Northern Kountry Kampers Joint Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 15-19 **Illinois/Iowa Joint State Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- JUNE 15-AUG 3 **LEWIS & CLARK CARAVAN SPECIAL EVENT** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 16-20 **Missouri State Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 18-21 **Kansas State Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 18-22 **New Mexico State Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 19-21 **Michigan Aires Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 22-25 **SD/ND State & Rushmore Roamers Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 25-29 **Wisconsin Northern Aires/Minnesota Loons Joint Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- June 26-28 **New Brunswick Aurum Kountry Travelers Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19

JULY

- JULY 1-14 **CALGARY STAMPEDE/CANADIAN ROCKIES SPECIAL EVENT** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- July 9-12 **New York State Rally** – Henderson, Association Island KOA, 15530 Snowshoe Road – CT: Bob & Barbara Engel 716-863-3203 bobe8691@gmail.com
- July 15-18 **Ohio State Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- July 16-19 **Missouri – KANSAS Kountry Sunflowers Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- July 19-23 **Washington Evergreen Aires Chapter Rally** – CHANGE TO SPUR RALLY - CT: Mike & Linda Waller 360-920-6962 law1950@me.com

AUGUST

- AUG 3-6 **NEBRASKA REGION 4 RALLY – GREENWOOD, PINE GROVE RV PARK & CAMPGROUND, 23403 MYNARD ROAD, RESERVATION DEADLINE JULY 1 – CT: JUDY & PAUL SWING 815-263-6362 BOYKINMOMJS@GMAIL.COM**
- Aug 16-21 **Fulltimers Rally & Annual Business Meeting** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- AUG 22-29 **WYOMING 2020 INTERNATIONAL RALLY, ROCK SPRINGS**, Cancelled due to COVID 19
- AUG 29-SEPT 19 **GRAND CIRCLE CARAVAN SPECIAL EVENT – SOLD OUT**

SEPTEMBER

- SEPT 9-16 **BLACK HILLS SPECIAL EVENT – RESERVATIONS OPEN**
- Sept 10-13 **Virginia State Rally** – Greenwood, Misty Mountain Camp Resort, 56 Misty Mountain Rd, contact campground for site reservations 888-641-8900 – CT: Michael & Marcy Vreeland 540-809-9830 beagler@gmail.com
- SEPT 13-18 **WYOMING REGION 2 RALLY** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- Sept 17-20 **Colorado State Rally** – Creede, Mountain Views RV Resort, 539 Airport Road – Deadline April 30 – CT: Pat & Marilyn Gaffney 219-488-0618 or 719-331-2817 jpgaffney@earthlink.net
- Sept 17-20 **Kansas Kountry Sunflowers Chapter Rally** – Cancelled due to COVID 19
- Sept 17-20 **Connecticut New England Aires Chapter Rally** - Canterbury, Lake La Rose, 10 Old Plainfield Rd - CT: Roger LaRose @ 860-428-5122
- Sept 18-20 **Michigan Aires Chapter Rally** – Birch Run, Pine Ridge RV Campground, 11700 Gera Rd, contact campground for site reservations 989-624-9029 – CT: Corey & Michelle Bomerschiem 586-855-6602 cbomerschiem@gmail.com
- Sept 23-27 **Pennsylvania Central/Western New Chapter Rally** – Rockwood, Hickory Hollow Campground, 176 Big Hickory Road – CT: Wayne & Sue Burke 570-470-3631 wstb@juno.com
- Sept 27-Oct 1 **New York Hudson Aires Chapter Rally** – Lake George, Lake George RV Park, 74 State Route 149 – Deadline Sept 10 – CT: John & Diane Svatek 518-928-6268 jdsvatek@gmail.com
- Sept 28-Oct 2 **California Golden Bears Chapter Rally** – Jackson, 12222 New York Ranch Road – Deadline June 28 – CT: Roger & Sandra Hartsock 916-799-2986 rogerhalfmoonbay@currently.com
- Sept 30-Oct 4 **Wisconsin State Rally** – Woodruff, Indian Shore RV Resort, Hwy47 SE – Deadline: Sept 1 – CT: Terry & Pat Bengtson 480-215-1496 tbengtson7718@msn.com

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OCTOBER

- Oct 1-4** **Minnesota State Rally** – Lanesboro, Eagle Cliff Campground, 35455 MN 16, Call campground direct for reservations 507-467-2598 – Reservation Deadline May 27 – CT: Dave Abraham 651-470-8864 dabraham965@gmail.com
- Oct 9-11** **Ohio Buckeye Kountry Travelers** – Wooster, Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover Street – Deadline Oct 1 – CT: Jim & Diane Fry 330-201-6244 jim@waynedalettruss.com; Jeff & Mary Edington 330-466-0370 jedington56@gmail.com
- Oct 13-18** **GEORGIA REGION 5 RALLY – DILLARD, RIVER VISTA MOUNTAIN RV, 20 RIVER VISTA DR, DEADLINE: SEPT 12 – CT: GARY & WANDA SMITH** gsmith8800@gmail.com
- Oct 15-18** **Texas - Arkansas State Rally** – Bullard, Bushman's RV Park, 51152 US-69 – CT: James & Ruth Ann Hairston 870-703-0175 jhairston@sbcglobal.net
- Oct 15-18** **Texas Lone Stars Chapter Rally** – Matagorda, Matagorda Bay Nature & RV Park, 6430 FM 2031, contact campground for site reservations 979-863-2603 – CT: Kathy Hutchins 713-705-7136 jvcheif@aol.com
- Oct 16-18** **Michigan Great Lakers Chapter Rally** – Hopkins, Hidden Ridge RV Resort, 2306 12th Street, contact campground for site reservations – Deadline Aug 10 – CT: Joe & Gail Swartz 440-476-4936 gswartz29@gmail.com
- Oct 16-18** **New York Lakers Kountry Klub Chapter Rally** – Caledonia, Genesee Country Campground, 40 Flint Hill Road, contact campground for site reservations 585-538-4200 – Deadline May 1 – CT: Bill Nixon 315-256-7007 bnix1@outlook.com
- Oct 17** **Kansas Kountry Sunflowers Drive-In Luncheon** – Council Grove, Hays House, 112 W Main, 11:30 am – CT: Larry & Sherry DeWitt 620-437-7325 sherryleedewitt@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

- Nov 3-6** **Florida Sea Turtles Chapter Rally** – Sarasota, Sun N Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Rd, contact campground for site reservations 844-562-7341 – Deadline Oct 15 – CT: Bill & Eileen Berg 407-810-7313 beberg@att.net
- Nov 6-9** **Florida Manatees Chapter Rally** – Sarasota, Sun N Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Rd – CT: Tom & Barbara Palmer 425-761-6372 bakntep@gmail.com
- NOV 8-15** **BRANSON CHRISTMAS SHOW SPECIAL EVENT – RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN ONLINE JUNE 1 @ 10 AM EASTERN TIME**
- Nov 9-12** **Florida Pelicans Chapter Rally** – Sarasota, Sun N Fun RV Resort, 7125 Fruitville Rd, contact campground for site reservations 844-562-7341 – CT: Susan & Gary Duchesneau 410-591-1830 sed228@verizon.net; Tim & Connie Buchholz 239-464-1771 buchholzconnie@yahoo.com

DECEMBER

- Dec 2** **Florida Pelicans Luncheon** – Naples, Audubon Country Club, 625 Audubon Blvd 11:30 am – CT: Carol Hussey 239-272-2812 husseycarol74@gmail.com
- DEC 6-12** **FLORIDA KEYS SPECIAL EVENT – RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN ONLINE JUNE 1 @ 10 AM EASTERN TIME**

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JANUARY

- JAN 12-17** **FLORIDA TAMPA SUPERSHOW RALLY – RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST 3 @ 10:00 AM ONLINE FOR KLUB MEMBERS ONLY/SPACE PERMITTING GUEST UNITS CAN REGISTER AS OF SEPTEMBER 14**
- JAN 13-18** **ARIZONA QUARTZSITE 'GATHERING IN THE DESERT' RESERVATIONS BEGIN ONLINE SEPTEMBER 1ST**

MARCH

- Mar 8-11** **California Golden Aires Chapter Rally** – Temecula, Pechanga Resort, 45000 Pechanga Pkwy - CT: Ken Wilson 951-239-9224
- Mar 31-Apr 4** **Louisiana Mid-South Tri-State Rally**, Vidalia, River View RV Park, 100 River View Parkway – CT: Jim & Barb Watson jwatson@summit.us 404-915-2713

APRIL

- Apr 7-11** **Florida State Rally** – Panama City, Emerald Coast RV Beach Resort, 1957 Allison Ave – CT: Greg & Margie Harrop cctango3@bellsouth.net 954-914-8335
- Apr 11-15** **California State Rally** – Bakersfield, Bakersfield RV Resort, 5025 Wible Rd – CT: Robert Solomon-Billings 951-634-5709 951-634-8065 tvsolomon@aol.com bobbyb1370@aol.com

MAY

- May 31-June 5** **Tennessee State Rally** – Crossville, Spring Lake RV Resort, 255 Fairview Dr, contact campground for site reservations 931-707-1414 – Deadline March 15, 2021 – CT: Phil & Charlene Budd 931-638-2015 prbudd60@bellsouth.net

JULY

- JULY 17-24** **WEST VIRGINIA 2021 INTERNATIONAL RALLY – LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA – PARKING DAYS JULY 16 & 17, RALLY ACTIVITIES JULY 17-24.**

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