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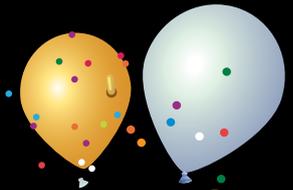
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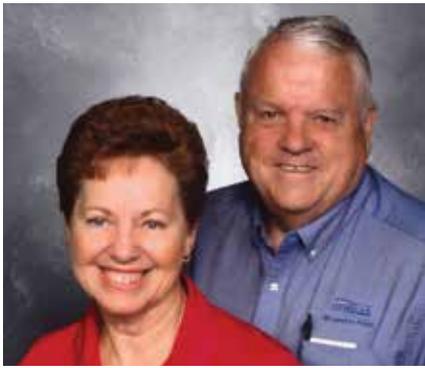
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## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Ron & Wanda Llewellyn (16303-L)

***Relationships are where we take our recovery on the road.*** Melody Beattie

We are hopeful that recovery is on the way and we can look forward to the future and getting back to 'seeing everyone down the road!' Although to date all of our special events, the International Rally, Region Rallies, most State/Provincial Rallies and many chapter rallies were cancelled because of our national emergency, we are seeing signs that the future is bright and our wheels can once again take us down the road, revitalizing our relationships wherever we go.

**We still are hopeful the Rally in the Florida Keys will be a go.** Hosts Gary & Wanda Smith are working diligently to update plans that will meet health safety mandates. Only powers beyond us will result in another cancellation. We are seeing some personal cancellations, so get on the standby list by calling the office 877-639-5582 if you would like to attend.

**As of this writing, the Tampa Super Show is still on the Calendar of Events.** This is another event that will cancel only if the situation in Florida changes. Registrants will be notified of any special requirements by the State of Florida or Florida RV Trade Association that we receive.

Although you may think we have less to do during this non-event period, we have had time to work on some duties that new International Directors try to accomplish early in their first year. We spent hours scouring the Officers Manual for potential updates. First on the list was an update to the by-laws that clarified the number of members of the Newmar Kountry Klub Board of Directors. This was more of a formality to clarify information in separate locations of the by-laws. We presented the updates at the 2020 Newmar Kountry Klub Board of Directors meeting in July where they were unanimously approved.

Next, we tackled the Directives and Guidelines in the Officers Manual. This was a little more intensive as we incorporated some past practices and clarified quite a few issues. We had input from Linda Feece, Klub Coordinator and DeAnn LaMaine, Office Assistant. These suggestions were then presented to the Region Directors, our advisory board, for input, revisions, and approvals. Several forms were revised for clarification and simplicity. DeAnn was able to create fillable PDF forms that will help our Region Directors, State/Provincial Directors, Chapter Officers, and rally hosts work more efficiently. Of course, they are still available in a printable format for those who do not use computers to fill out their forms. Region Directors are working with their State/Provincial Directors on the update. The State/Provincial Directors will then work with their chapters to relate the updates and changes. Eventually we hope to have the Officers Manual available online for all members to access.

As mentioned above, in August we hosted the Region Directors Conference. This is traditionally held prior to the International Rally. We approached the Board of Directors with a proposal to hold the conference in Nappanee. Thus, we spent many hours/days/weeks finalizing plans. To our dismay, the US/Canadian border did not open, and our Region 8 and Region 9 directors were unable to attend. Due to personal circumstances Region Directors from Region 2 and 3 were unable to attend also. We all learned about Zoom meetings as we attended 3 meetings during the week, a Region 9 meeting for anyone in their region, a meeting with Dave Killey to review Facebook updates and a meeting with our website

administration to clarify and resolve some issues. These are simple ways for Region Directors, State/Provincial Directors and Chapters to hold meetings. We know some of you have tried this and find it satisfying and refreshing to make contact from a distance.

We want to thank Newmar Corporation for providing temporary camping sites and the use of the temporarily closed tour building for our meetings. Of course, we wore face masks when within six feet of each other, took daily temperatures per Newmar Campus directives, practiced safety cleaning and all that goes along with our new normal life expectations.



**We also discussed some potential new benefits for our members. Once agreements are satisfied and approval is reached, we will share these new benefits with everyone.**

It was a particularly satisfying event being able to introduce three new couple Region Directors to our experienced Region Directors. This group develops strong bonds and are quite helpful to one another in their positions. We certainly appreciate their efforts and patience with us as we, too learn our way.

You may not be aware that Region 7 Directors Bob & Jane Hadley recently lost their 2014 Dutch Star to a fire of unknown origination. The unit was parked outside their home, damaged the siding on their house and was totally engulfed in about 20 minutes. **This is a reminder to us to be alert and know your safety protocols to exit your unit in an emergency.** Although they were not in the coach at the time, Jane heard a noise in the wee hours of the morning, looked outside, and found the unit afire. If you have never exited your coach via the emergency window or safety exit door, perhaps you should give it a try. Remember, you have less than 15 minutes to exit safely. Since fumes are deadly a quick exit is necessary and may require exiting on your knees. If you must stand up, hold your breath, or cover your mouth and nose until you reach an exit. We are pleased to report that during the RD Conference, Bob & Jane were able to purchase a replacement and are back on the road!

**Another suggestion we hope you will take to heart is recording all your personal items and valuables in your unit.** Bob & Jane can attest to the hardship of verifying and valuing items. Perhaps the first step is to video or take pictures of your unit, including all cupboards, closets, and bays. You will be surprised how much you find. You might even want to locate and maintain receipts for the higher end items. Might we suggest you not store this information in your unit! Then you might want to check your insurance policy to assure you have adequate coverage. And what better time than now, when your traveling may be limited, to get the job done!

**We hope you are on the email list that receives the Happenings. These updates bring you the latest news.** We will be featuring the new benefits when they become available. And we hope you noticed the featured ladies and men's Klub merchandise that were added to the August and September editions of The Happenings. These feature items will be continuing. In addition, all items can be found on the Newmar Kountry Klub Facebook page. They are pinned for quick access.

Speaking of Facebook we understand the confusion trying to locate any of the Newmar Kountry Klub Regional Facebook pages. The Region Directors are working on plans to make it easier to find your Region.

Turning to next year, we continue to work on the International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia and not only on the returning special events, but hopefully a few new events to get us back building relationships and finding recovery on the road.

Be safe out there and hope to see you down the road soon,

**Ron & Wanda**



# Newmar Kountry Klub

## Newfoundland & Maritime Provinces 42 Day Caravan 2021

**Reservations open on the Kountry Klub's website [newmarkountryklub.com](http://newmarkountryklub.com)  
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Add'l Guest (ea) \$TBD

Deposit of \$1,000.00 per person due at time booking. Balance due March 1, 2021.

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Lyle & Linda Fikse The Newfoundland and Canadian Maritimes caravan was an amazing trip. Every day brought new and exciting once in a lifetime adventure! Wildlife was abundant except for moose, which we decided were hiding behind trees laughing at us. The people were friendly and willing to share stories of their beloved homeland. The music was lively, and the comedy left us laughing hysterically. The best part of the trip, however, was the lifelong friendships which developed as we shared these experiences!

Jeanne Bateman Here are my thoughts: Newfoundland is not to be missed! The people are so genuinely welcoming and fun. And the land is so lush. Whales and puffins up close and personal! And likely an iceberg or two. Get ready to kiss a cod, grab an ugly stick and dance. Prepare to layer up and prepare to be wowed!

Cyndy Boyle Best motorhome trip ever. We are still taking about it.

So much Sea Food



2019 Caravan Group Photo

**All reservations should be made thru our website [newmarkountryklub.com](http://newmarkountryklub.com). Simply click on Klub Calendar and then choose event. Guests should also register thru the website. All they need to do is enter "Guest" under Klub number, add in all their information and in the comment section add "guest of and the member's name". Questions - contact the Klub office [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com) or 877-639-5582.**

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- Region 3 Louisiana, Missouri
- Region 4 North/South Dakota
- Region 5 North Carolina/South Carolina
- Region 6 Indiana
- Region 8 Ontario, Quebec
- Region 9 Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan

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

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

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## NEWS FROM THE KLUB OFFICE

Linda Feece and DeAnn LaMaine

### We'd like to give our special event hosts a shout out here.

They have all spent countless hours setting up the best events and experiences for our members to enjoy and then here comes COVID! They then had to evaluate the situation and in most cases make the difficult decision to cancel the event for everyone's health and safety. They contacted all campgrounds, tours, and restaurants etc. involved (with some of our longer 5-6 week caravans involving 50+ contracts) to cancel, arrange for refunds/carry over deposits and try to reschedule for 2021 or 2022. They have spent unimaginable time and effort. **THANK YOU! Your efforts on behalf of the Klub are greatly appreciated!!**

In August we had a great week of interaction with most of our Region Directors and the Members-at-Large in attendance during the Region Director conference. Each region had a time to share what is working for them and the challenges they are facing. This is a great way to see trends and get a pulse of the membership as well as helping each other out with new ideas. We also spent time reviewing our Officers Manual and had training on procedures. Matt Miller and Kevin Bogan took some time out of their busy schedules to speak with us and answer any Newmar Corp. questions the group had. Of course as with any Klub function we had time to get to know one another, share some great meals and laughter. Let me tell you we have a great bunch of region directors with the mutual goal of Klub growth and to be the best RV club out there.



As we are getting closer to the end of the year just a reminder to check the issue's mailing label to verify your membership expiration date. We will be sending out notices to the memberships that expire on 12-31-20 sometime in

**November.** You can renew ahead of time if you like. The easiest way to do so is thru our website [newmarkcountryklub.com](http://newmarkcountryklub.com). Simply click on the menu choice Klub Members and then Membership Renewal. You can also renew your Konnection subscription at the same time. We're happy to report we are once again holding our membership renewal rates to \$45 for one calendar year or \$115 for three calendar years. The Konnection subscription will also remain the same at \$15 for the 6 issues per year.

**And a reminder to our snowbird members: Our membership database has the capability to hold two alternating addresses, and with specific dates provided, it will change automatically.** So if each year you travel to the same location and you have not done so already, let us know. This can also be done thru our website. On the menu bar go to Klub Members, then click on Change of Address. You can also email us [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com) with the two addresses and the dates to change or give us a call 877-639-5582. **If we have had this set up for you and you're not traveling this year please let us know so we can amend your records.**

Lastly we had put out a notice in the recent August Happenings that we were seeking your help to keep two special feature columns going – the Dealer Appreciation column and Members Adventure. Several members emailed us and we're happy to say you can find columns elsewhere within this issue. Please keep your stories coming so we can share them with your fellow members. Email us your submissions [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com).

Wishing all a "spook free" Halloween (we've been spooked enough this year!) and a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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



Summer has come to a close and fall is upon us. Some of us will be heading south for the winter months and some of us will remain in place due to the circumstances, so where ever you are, we hope that you have had the opportunity to take your Newmar out for some exercise this summer and enjoyed the beautiful lands of North America.

There are so many hidden gems across the land and it just takes a moment to find them. Our Newmar's are the perfect way to cross this land and find them.

We found a city campground in Warsaw, Indiana this summer and what a gem it was. A lake, a park, a walking path and wonderful camp host. What more could we want.

Although most rallies were cancelled, we were able to meet up and social distance with a few friends. We got caught up on some projects we kept putting off and enjoyed time together. In July we attended the Newmar Kountry Klub Board Meeting in Nappanee, Indiana. It has been a challenging year for the Klub. Our new International Directors, Ron & Wanda Llewellyn, worked hard to add many events, in addition to the International Rally, to the calendar this year and then had to cancel them. Many Special Event Hosts planned and coordinated tours and campground and then had to cancel. Regions, States and Chapter have also had to cancel or postpone their rallies. It is heartbreaking to have to do this but it has been in the best interest of our members. Thankfully many organizations, campgrounds and caterers were willing to carry things over to next year, and with luck we will be back in swing with a full calendar of fun and adventures for 2021.

As most of you know we had three new Regional Directors step up this year. In August we attended the Regional Directors conference in Nappanee, Indiana and were able to attend a 'social distance' meeting. Joining the team this year were, Chuck & Michelle Steenwyk, Paul & Judy Swing and Larry & Mary Roberts. It was wonderful to get to know them all better.

We know this has been a challenging year for all of us, and hope with all our hearts that we can soon set our tires on the road and head out to locations known and unknown, spending time with friends and meeting new friends in our travels. In the meantime, what can we do for you, the members? What would you like to see in the future for the Klub? How can we improve your experience? Please let us know, we do want to hear your ideas and suggestions.

As always, Safe travels and we will see you down the road.

## Your Members-at-Large Evan & Debbie Hughes (19771)

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## 2021/2022 INTERNATIONAL RALLY DATES/LOCATIONS

**Join us in beautiful West Virginia July 17-24, 2021 for the 35th International Rally. Our parking days will be July 16 & 17. We will be located at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds.** Some of our members will remember being in Lewisburg, West Virginia in 2015. It is a beautiful scenic area with a lot of history to this little town.

Visit the Greenbrier, experience how life might have been in the Bunker, maybe shoot a round of golf at their PGA course. Shop quaint shops and restaurants in town, or tour the beautiful hilly countryside. And as always, during the rally there will be much to learn at seminars, have time to visit the vendors and Newmar suppliers in attendance, view the Newmar display units and as always the Newmar technicians will be there to take care of our units! We will also have great entertainment, several catered meals to enjoy, an optional golf tournament, pet contest, craft classes, craft contest and much more!

**For our members that plan ahead we are excited to say we have rescheduled Rock Springs, Wyoming for the 2022 International Rally. Rally dates will be July 16-23 with parking days of July 15 & 16. This will be a new location for us and the best part of it is all sites are 50 amp full hookup!**

Mark your calendars now for these great events. More information will be shared later this year and next.

## FULLTIMERS CHAPTER Tom & Roni Lehmkuhl (20913)



*"The sorrow we feel when we lose a loved one is the price we pay to have had them in our lives." ~ Rob Liano*

As we deal with the loss of Tom's father due to COVID-19, we are at times overwhelmed with the harm this virus has caused. So many families dealing with loss of life, unable to grieve in person with those we love. After a long and successful life, Bob left this world on July 15. Our hearts go out to all those families also dealing with loss and separation.

Our trip from Florida to Cincinnati was fraught with one nerve racking event after another. We barely made it out of the Sunshine State and to exit 1 in Georgia when the check engine light came on and we discovered our toad coated with diesel fuel. After the ok from the fire department, we were towed back to Jacksonville, Florida and spent the night in the parking lot of a repair facility. We spent several days in Gaffney at the Freightliner center for additional maintenance and repairs only to discover we had somehow picked up algae in the fuel tank – yet another worry. Then we encountered a highway closure on I-40. We pulled into the FMCA campground in Cincinnati just hours before dad passed. We were unable to visit with him since he was COVID positive.

**As we write this, we are in the Virginias researching locations and activities for the 2021 NKK Fulltimers Chapter Annual Rally and Business Meeting.** We enjoyed the drive through the rolling hills lush and green dotted with farms and small towns. Our Vice-President couple Hal & Lynn Fryer are helping remotely with research on the area as well as making contacts with local venues and chambers of commerce bureaus.

**The dates for the Fulltimers Rally will be July 11-16, 2021, the week before the International Rally in Lewisburg, WV scheduled for July 17–24.** So, what will it be - will we be *Wild and Wonderful in West Virginia?* Or *Loving it in Virginia?* (*Since Virginia is for Lovers.*) Stay tuned for the big announcement soon.

**Members of the NKK Fulltimers Chapter were treated to a chapter retrospective in the latest edition of the chapter's newsletter The Traveling Times.** September 1<sup>st</sup> marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapter's charter as the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Newmar Kountry Klub. **A big thank you to the editor Barbara Nuehring and to all those that contributed. What a long legacy of FUN AND FRIENDSHIP.**

Stay safe and healthy until we meet again. Drop us an email. We'd love to hear from you and can be reached at [president.nkkfulltimers@gmail.com](mailto:president.nkkfulltimers@gmail.com).

Join the Fulltimers Chapter by accessing the application form from the Fulltimers web page at [www.newmarkountryklub.com](http://www.newmarkountryklub.com) or contact Tom & Barbara Palmer at [secretary.nkkfulltimers@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.nkkfulltimers@gmail.com)

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RV

**We want to give a shout out for Sean Fox, the service manager at Bish's RV in Cheyenne, Wyoming.** He got us in to check out our refrigerator problem (we thought we had a coolant leak) even though they are booked solid - they checked it over and couldn't find anything wrong, had us stay for several hours to be sure the fridge was cooling again, and didn't charge us! Tom bought two stainless steel valve extenders for our front tires, and Sean installed them and made sure our tires were at the correct pressure before we continued on east! The next evening, Sean called us to see if the fridge was still cooling OK - if it was not, he was going to arrange for us to take it to Bish's in either Kearny or Lincoln, NE. Seriously service above and beyond the call of duty!

This type of service is typical of Bish's - back in 2016 as we were traveling toward Pueblo for the International rally after being in Alaska, we had an issue with our rear airbag not deflating - called the Meridian store on a Monday morning, and they got us in that day. They couldn't fix the problem, but they called and arranged for the Freightliner service center a block away to do the repair right away. They really have an attitude of service to the Newmar community.

**Tom & Barbara Palmer (19080)**



*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](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com) with your story and we will add it to an upcoming edition of the Konnection.*

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

### Region Directors :: Larry & Mary Roberts (21041)



Greetings to our Newmar family from the road. Yes, I said from the road! We are on our way back to California from the Regional Director's conference in Nappanee via a short stint in Dallas to see our daughter that we haven't seen since Christmas. We received a couple of inches of heavy rain last night as we sat on the far

western edge of hurricane Laura as it smashed into the Texas/Louisiana border with 110 mph winds resulting in extreme devastation. We wish the best to all who were affected.

Our week at Regional Director's conference was very productive. Because of all the pre-conference work done by the Ron & Wanda Llewellyn, and the work of Linda Feece and DeAnn LaMaine all the directors present were able to review and make updates to the entire set of Kountry Klub directives. Most of the work was just housekeeping with some minor adjustments. State Directors and Chapter Presidents will have a new, updated copy of the Officers Manual by the time you read this publication.

Work responsibilities for the 2021 International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia were assigned and Region 1 will be in charge of food service as well as vendor signage, the poker run, and morning announcements. Please consider volunteering with us in food service if you are going to the International Rally. It's fun, you get to meet people, and you get to have your meal first!

The Arizona State Rally, hosted by Ted and Ruth Ann Hindes, is scheduled for November 12-16, at the Pinal County Fairgrounds. They will also start off 2021 by hosting the *Gathering in the Desert* along with the California State Directors Robert & Teresa Solomon-Billings January 13-18. **Other rallies on the books so far for 2021 are:**

California Golden Aires	March 8-11
Arizona Suncatchers	March 18-22
California State Rally	April 11-15
California Golden Bears	Sept 27-Oct 1

One of our goals as Region 1 Directors is to explore starting a Kountry Klub chapter in Utah. We have had a few inquiries about a chapter in Utah and we thought having a rally in area might promote interest in starting a new chapter. We're beginning to plan the 2021 Region 1 Rally in St. George. It's centrally located to promote a large Region 1 turnout. Hopefully this rally will generate local interest to assist in getting this goal accomplished. **It will most likely be in early October after we all return from the International in West Virginia and right after the Golden Bears' rally in Jackson, California.** Let me know what you think!

Here's hoping we all see more of each other in 2021. Stay safe and see you down the road.

Please note our new email address for Kountry Klub business is [region1newmarkountryklub@gmail.com](mailto:region1newmarkountryklub@gmail.com), or we can be reached by cell 805-459-1653.

### ARIZONA

#### Ted & Ruth Ann Hindes (19361)

##### Arizona State Directors

Hi to all from Arizona! We finally had had enough of the lockdown and headed east and north to see our family in Michigan and New Jersey. We left the second week of August and plan to return in mid-October. This COVID-19 cannot be allowed to destroy the entire summer.

**Our Arizona Sun Catchers Chapter is planning their next rally for March 18-22 in the Camp Verde, Arizona area with details to follow. Our Arizona State Rally is planned for November 12-16 in Casa Grande, Arizona at the Pinal County Fairground** with activities at a cotton farm, a gourd farm and Rooster Cogburn's ostrich farm. The rally will be for 4 nights with one additional early night and up to 2 after rally nights optional at \$20 per night. The rally fee will include 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners plus more if the budget allows. This rally will be held if the virus allows or cancelled with refunds if we have to cancel it.

**Lastly, we will hold the Newmar Gathering in the Desert if the virus allows. This event is scheduled for January 13-18.** Same place and same template as past year's. See the calendar and special event advertisement in this magazine for more details. Registration are open now for all three events mentioned above.

Drive safe, stay safe and take care of each other. May God be with you. We can be reached at email [tednruthy@hindesfamily.net](mailto:tednruthy@hindesfamily.net), or cell 213-233-4467.

### ARIZONA SUN CATCHERS

#### Duane Paige & Laurie Hunt (21070)

##### Presidents

Hello friends! As I write this Duane & I find ourselves with a near ocean view at Mission Bay RV Resort just outside of San Diego. This is the first we have left the heat of the desert since February. And boy has Phoenix had heat this summer! As many of you I'm sure, we have been hunkered down at home since this pandemic hit. What a very weird and problematic year it has been.

Unfortunately, our rally was the first of the Region 1 rallies cancelled this year. It was a very difficult decision to make when we made it but it was the right thing to do given what was going on in the world. **As of this writing we are in the process of pulling together our 2021 Arizona Sun Catchers Rally. We are planning to do a bit of a repeat of what we had planned for 2020 — if the plan ain't broke...** We are in the process of getting the details pulled together as of this writing but will be pretty fleshed out by the time you are reading this. So please head to the Newmar Kountry Klub website for more information.

**What we know today is that we plan to be in Camp Verde, Arizona March 18-22. Camp Verde is near Sedona** one of the most picturesque places in Arizona if I may say so myself! As we begin to plan for next year we are thinking about the differences including social distancing, masks and drums of hand sanitizer. We will keep you posted on the details to come. Hopefully 2021 will allow us to fall into a new normal way of living and enjoying fellowship with all of our Newmar friends and family!

Take care and be safe, happy and healthy! We can be reached at email [huntla1@mac.com](mailto:huntla1@mac.com) or cell 248-933-1405.

## CALIFORNIA

**Robert & Teresa Solomon-Billings (21765)**

**California State Directors**

Greetings to all of the wonderful Newmar coach owners from the Great State of California.

For those of you that do not know what "BOLO" means, it means "Be on the Look Out." Why am I asking and telling you this is probably racing through your brains right now? Well, two escapees and one mother-in-law have escaped from California on July 5th. Last seen in their beautiful Newmar coach driving northeast through the low desert of California into Nevada, Utah, Idaho and Montana. WOW, the great escape, but you ask why? (Drum roll please for the answer) we were going crazy abiding by the CDC Covid-19 pandemic, stay-at-home or else requests. So, we planned our escape and waited for the right time to make our move.

While on the run, we stopped in many places in Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and Arizona. We were happy escapees; finding the National Parks for the first time were not overly crowded and we were able to easily social distance while still complying with the local state and county requirements. We were having fun like peas and carrots, laughing, seeing beautiful parts of the country, not worried about fuel prices because they were a lot better than California and we were happy to pay it using our fuel discount card. Bonnie & Clyde, with Ma Barker in tow just living life on the run with no care in the world. You can understand this, I'm sure!

I guess at some point I need to talk Newmar stuff. **Our California State Rally is scheduled for April 11-15 in Bakersfield, California.** This is our first rally as hosts and we hope you can join us. Our plan is to have a great time, so sign-up through the NKK website and be ready for a good time. **The Golden Aires rally is scheduled for March of 2021 at the Pechanga Resort.** A beautiful RV park with a casino and many restaurants. The local Temecula area wine country has many, many world class wineries. **The Golden Bears has scheduled their rally for the Jackson Rancheria Casino RV Park in Jackson, California. Keep the last weeks of September 2021 open and sign-up for their rally.** As for the 49er's rally, I still waiting to hear from the chapter presidents. I'm sure each one of these rallies will be a big hit with lots of memories.

As all good things must end, like this newsletter, Teresa & I hope you, your family and friends are healthy and safe in your pursuits of happiness. Keep the wheels of your beautiful Newmar coach rolling on the road, share with your fellow NKK members your travels and the exciting sights you have seen or will go to.

Until my next wonderful and exciting newsletter, Teresa & I bid you farewell. We can be reached at email [tvsolomon@aol.com](mailto:tvsolomon@aol.com), or cell 951- 634-8065.

## CALIFORNIA GOLDEN AIRES

**Ken & Leah Wilson (20332)**

**Presidents**

Greetings from Southern California. We hope that everyone has been staying safe. Don't you wish that we could do a reset of



this year? The year started with COVID 19, the fire disasters, the great toilet paper race, and the summer heat. I really miss going out to the movie theatres and getting my refills on my popcorn with lots of butter, which may not happen again for a long time. Please social distance.



The sale of RV's has skyrocketed during the coronavirus pandemic as people look for other ways to escape to the great outdoors. We have noticed that it is getting harder to find an RV resort that is taking reservations, and some RV resorts are leaving sites empty to insure social distance. We stayed at a park that had three empty spaces between every RV.

**The California Golden Aires are planning our rally for March 8-11. 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, but if COVID 19 is still going strong, we will reduce this number to 25 sites. For those of you 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](mailto:Ken.edward.wilson@gmail.com), or cell 951-239-9224.

## CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

**Roger & Sandi Hartsock (22759)**

**Presidents**

Greetings from Northern California. The Golden Bears had to cancel our 2020 rally. We have rescheduled the exact same rally for 2021. Same time frame, same location, pretty much the same rally with the same people attending or at least close to everyone that booked a spot for 2020 re-booked for 2021.

**The dates are: checking in Monday the 27th of September, checking out Friday, October 1st. It's a 4-night 5-day rally. It will be held at the Jackson Rancheria Casino RV Park, 12224 New York Ranch Rd, Jackson, CA 95642.** The Rally fee is \$395 for two people, \$290 for one person and includes 4 nights camping, 2 nights (Monday & Thursday) catered dinners, 3 hot breakfasts and 1 continental breakfast. Again, this year Super Chef and owner of Busy Banquets Tiffany Schneider will be supplying some great food for us! Wednesday night, pot luck dinner, this meal will include Penny Nuttall cooking up some prime rib for everyone along with appetizers from one of our favorite sponsor's, Mikuni Japanese Restaurant & Sushi Bar, supplying again some of the best in the world Sushi and Japanese food. We will also have salmon for those who do not eat beef. Coordination for who's bringing what side dish, appetizer, or dessert, will be handled by Sandi and Kathy as we get closer to the rally. Tuesday night we will go to the casino buffet as a group, for now this meal will be on your own dollar \$19.95 per person. Another one of our favorite sponsors are back again this year Panera Bread! They will be supplying our continental breakfast on Friday. Thursday night wear your dancing shoes, live music provided by the KMC

band. I have seen this band several times at the VFW hall and they rock the house. They have an extensive song list of well-known Country and Classic rock songs. I will send the list out to everyone that registers in advance. You markup your request sheet and the band plays your favorite songs. If you have one you love to sing, get up and sing it while the band backs you up!

**An added part of this special rally will be raising money to donate equally to The American Cancer Society & the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.** Each coach is asked to bring a raffle prize of \$30-\$40 value to be raffled off, 100% of those funds and any money collected above the cost of the rally will be donated.

Again, by popular demand, our very own Tom & Teri Chelbana will be doing another "Everything You Wanted to Know About Traveling in Your Newmar But Were Afraid to Ask" seminar!

**As I am writing this our special 20-year plus 1 celebration Rally is still SOLD OUT.** A big thanks goes out to all that have already let me know they are still coming! We have a wait list for cancelations. Thanks to those that have signed up on our wait list. The wait list is long enough to not accept any more to the list at this time.

**The Golden Bears are extremely happy to welcome Lee & Kim Burkhouse** from Folsom, California to our leadership team as our new Secretary/Treasurer, starting January 1, 2021. We will have an official election during our 2021 Rally.

Make checks out to Lee Burkhouse/Golden Bears and mailed to Lee Burkhouse, 101 Rocky Cove Court, Folsom, CA 95630 after January 1st 2021. If you have already paid and chose to leave your payment with the Golden Bears/Tom Reed great! If you haven't, or received your refund for 2020 and need to resend in your payment please do after January 1 to Lee & Kim Burkhouse.

I did give everyone that booked a spot for our 2020 rally the opportunity to keep their spot for 2021, almost 100% have already made that choice. I have two people waiting until the first week of October 2020 to let me know. If and when those spots open, I will fill them from our wait list in the order that people signed up.

We can be reached at email [rhartsoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhartsoc@sbcglobal.net) or cell 916-799-2986.

## COLORADO

**Pat & Marilyn Gaffney (22216)**  
**Colorado State Directors**

As this is written the Colorado State Rally will be held at the Mountain Views RV Resort from September 17-20 in Creede. We currently have 14 couples planning to attend. We will be visiting the Wheeler Geologic Area, touring the mining museum and have the opportunity attend the annual car show. The virus has limited some of the normal activities available to us but the area's natural beauty should be in full bloom as the change of fall colors normally occur at the time in this area.

**We are exploring ideas for our 2021 rally so if you have any ideas, let us know.** We can be reached at email [jgaffney@earthlink.net](mailto:jgaffney@earthlink.net) or cell 719-488-0618 or 719-331-2817.

## NEVADA

**George & Cheryl Zellers (19163)**  
**Nevada State Directors**

It has been two months since we wrote a note to you. Yes, we still feel the effect of "cabin fever" but have been able to get out and visit a few of our Newmar Klub family. Our visits have been way too short and way too few. They have served to remind us just how much we miss each of you and hearing your stories of family and travels. We ask each of you to remember this year and share your memories with us when we finally are able to get together.

**We plan on getting together with our Mother Lode Chapter presidents to plan our joint rally for 2021.** It is our plan that as soon as there is an "all clear" for us to gather, we will have our rally set so you will be able to plan your travels to attend. We know that each of you are as ready to start traveling as we are.

We pray that the next time you read our article there will have been an announcement that a safe and reliable vaccine to fight the COVID-19 virus has been found. We ask that you share our prayer.

Wishing you smooth roads and following winds. We can be reached at email [cgzell@cox.net](mailto:cgzell@cox.net), or cell 702-810-6690.

## NEVADA MOTHER LODGE

**Mike & Mickey Fisher (22287)**  
**Presidents**

Well, another two months have passed and we still have not done any further travelling since Hemet & Indio in January. We are all still struggling with the pandemic event with no end in sight to wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. We had tentatively planned on going up to Oregon and Washington along the coast to cool off but the devastating wild fires and intense smoke put an end to those plans.

On a positive note, depending on location, many of the state and county road crews have been hard at work repairing the roads and highways. This should make many of our members trips back to the 2021 International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia in July a little more pleasant.

Again, if you do travel, prepare for the intense summer/fall heat, stay hydrated and have safe travels.

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

## NEW MEXICO

**Jim & Lorie Landers (20761)**  
**New Mexico State Directors**

We are getting ready to go on a trip to Jackson Hole/Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone National Park with our dear friends Ron & Cindy Miller (Chile Peppers Presidents). This trip was originally to be an extension of our trip to Rock Springs, Wyoming for the 2020 International Rally. We will go through Rock Springs along the way and check it out in anticipation of the 2022 International. As only our second RV excursion of the year we are fired up and ready to go.

In preparation for the long trip we decided to purchase new tires for the coach. (Ouch!). In this COVID-19 environment we have all

become highly focused on personal safety. The condition of our rig tires is a very tangible aspect of personal safety. (Just Google RV rollovers!) Our old tires were not worn out, but aged out. We decided to err on the side of safety over expense.

Planning our 2021 rallies in the COVID environment is very daunting. How will social distancing and contamination concerns affect our ability to plan excursions and group meals? We will look to region and national leadership for guidance and safety protocols. Meanwhile we will identify interesting locations and itineraries in the hopes that the new normal will look a whole lot like the old normal that we loved. Stay tuned.

Safe travels everyone. Hope to see you on the road. We can be reached at email [jplanders22@gmail.com](mailto:jplanders22@gmail.com) [islanders@comcast.net](mailto:islanders@comcast.net), or cell -505-508-9353.

## ARIZONA STATE RALLY

**2020 NKK ARIZONA STATE RALLY**  
**November 12-16 Casa Grande, AZ**  
**PINAL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
512 11 Mile Corner,  
Casa Grande, AZ 85194  
[www.pinalfairgrounds.com](http://www.pinalfairgrounds.com)



### RALLY FEE:

**\$450** two people in coach  
**\$265** one person in coach  
**\$185** ea guest in unit

### FEE INCLUDES:

4 Nights 30/50 amp + Water (Dump Station available onsite). hookups. INCLUDES: 4 Breakfasts, 4 dinners. We will visit the Olive mill in Queen Creek, the Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch at Picacho Peak, a gourd farm and a cotton farm east of Casa Grande. All within short drives from the fairground also includes Rally Bars and Pictures.

*Subject to change and cancellation with refund of rally fee if cancelled due to local virus conditions.*

Good News, One extra early CG night and up to two extra post rally nights \$20 per night are available optionally. We as Hosts will make all reservations for sites.

### RESERVATION DEADLINE:

October 15, 2020.

### HOSTS:

Ted & Ruth Ann Hindes and Pat & Joe Goss

**Send rally fee checks made out to:**

Ruth Ann Hindes, 3916 N Potsdam Ave Box 3381,  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Questions?, Call Ruth Ann at 231 750-2547  
or send Email to [tednruthy@hindesfamily.net](mailto:tednruthy@hindesfamily.net)

## 2021 QUARTZSITE "GATHERING IN THE DESERT" RALLY

**JANUARY 13-18, 2021**



The dates are January 13-18, 2021. **All Newmar owners and their guests are invited.** Come watch the beautiful sunsets and visit the 'Quartzsite Sports, Vacation & RV Show'.  
<http://www.quartzsitervshow.com>

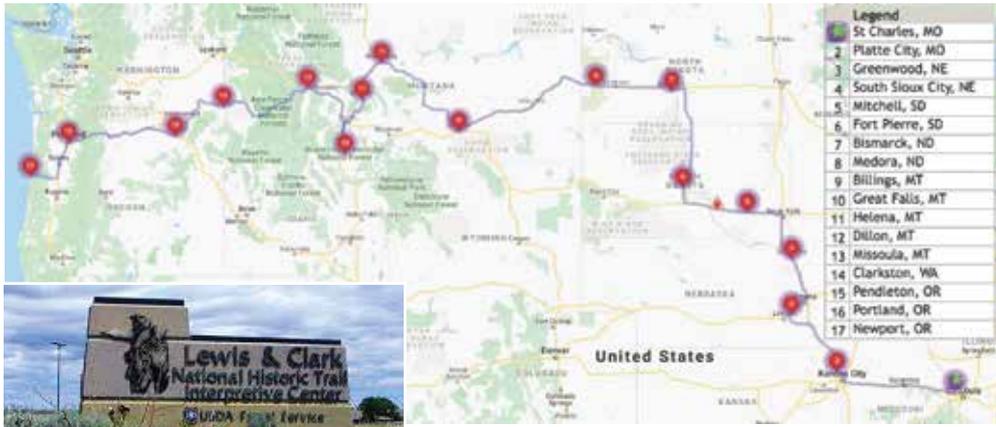
This event grows a bit each year. In 2020 we had about 110 Newmar and guest rigs! The Newmar group gathers in the same location - about 6 miles south of town on Bureau of Land Management land. Parking is free for up to 14 days. A small donation is collected to cover the meals and miscellaneous costs involved. This event registration form is already in the Kountry Klub calendar. <https://newmarkountryklub.com/event/gathering-in-the-desert-2021/>

As in past years we will provide or coordinate several meals some will require contributions by all attendees.

Activities Planned so far:

- Social hours each afternoon weather permitting.
- Campfires each night weather permitting.
- Seminars by vendors and attendees.
- 'Big Tent' RV Show and too many open air Flea Markets and Shopping Areas to count in Town!

This event will be hosted again in 2021 by Ruth Ann & Ted Hindes and Teresa & Bob Solomon-Billings. The complete details will be communicated to the registered attendees in December by the hosts.



## 2021 LEWIS AND CLARK CARAVAN

We have rescheduled the cancelled 2020 Lewis & Clark Caravan on July 28-September 14, 2021. This event will first be offered to the members that were registered when we cancelled the event. Any open spots will then be offered to the general members on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am eastern time on our website [newmarkcountryklub.com](http://newmarkcountryklub.com). Simply click on Klub Calendar and then Lewis & Clark Caravan. Information will be added to the site in mid-November for your review.

Just 215 years ago, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led 44 intrepid explorers from St. Louis westward across our unexplored continent to the Pacific Ocean. On July 28, 44 intrepid NKK members (22 RVs) will also gather and journey west from St. Louis, following the travels of the original Lewis and Clark "Corps of Discovery". Our route will take us up the Missouri River, through the Dakotas, to western Montana, across the Bitterroot Mountains, and down the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean, following the route the Corps traveled in 1804 - 05 (but we won't have to carry our transportation up and over the Great Falls in Montana!). Roughly 3,000 miles and 7 weeks, we will end this adventure at the Pacific Coast on September 14. This schedule will give you 5 travel days from the International Rally location of Lewisburg, West Virginia to St. Charles, Missouri the beginning point of this adventure.

We will gather in St. Charles, Missouri to begin our Caravan, and visit Fort DuBois, where the Corps began their expedition, and the Lewis and Clark Confluence Tower. While in the St. Louis area, we'll visit the Gateway Arch and downtown St. Charles, including a tour of the first Missouri State Capitol. Next, traveling west to Kansas City, we'll tour the city, and a most interesting historical discovery and recovery - the Steamship Arabia, showcasing what life on the western frontier was like in the mid-1850s. Continuing west along the Missouri River, we will visit such venues as the Jesse James House, the

Pony Express Museum, the Atka Lakota Museum, and the Sgt Floyd Monument. In North Dakota we'll tour Fort Mandan where the Corps spent their first winter, then enjoy a "Pitchfork Fondue", an outdoor musical, and Teddy Roosevelt National Park. Once in Montana, we will visit the two most historically significant locations of the Corp's original journey (Pompey's Pillar and the Missouri headwaters), the Great Falls of the Missouri, the CM Russell Museum, tour Fort Benton and the state capitol in Helena. After crossing into Idaho and exploring the Snake River and upper Columbia River, we'll see the sites of Pendleton and Portland, then on to Astoria to visit the Interpretive Center at Camp Disappointment, where Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific Ocean.

While the theme of the Caravan is the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, we are planning some great modern adventures along the way, including two riverboat cruises, a few bus and trolley tours, and a jet boat trip up Hells Canyon. There will be time for exploring on your own, including a National Battlefield, National Parks, the Garden of 1000 Buddhas, and the National Bison Range, various hiking trails, some great golf and swimming opportunities, and the fantastic Route of the Hiawatha bicycle Rails-to-Trail (imagine 17 miles all downhill through tunnels and across trestles, with a bus ride back to the top!).

While we will be visiting 17 RV Parks during our 7 weeks together, we have reserved parks such that we have no 1 night stays, a few 2 and 3 night stays, and six 4 night stays at some great parks across the West. This Caravan will be led by Jeff & Kaynell Zeman.

We hope you will join us July 28-September 14, and enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with fellow Newmar Kountry Klub members. Any questions please email the Klub office [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com) or call us 877-639-5582

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

### Region Directors :: Mark & Leslyanne Weiss (21042)



The camping season in Region 2 is rapidly drawing to a close and many of our Klub members are preparing for their journey south to warmer climates for the winter. Those who brave the colder months in the Pacific Northwest are beginning to winterize their motorhomes.

### RV sales have been 'booming' in our country this year! Vacating in your own 'mobile house', with your own possessions and supplies seems to be the preferred way to travel during these uncertain times.



The mobility of changing your outdoor scenery is surely preferable to being quarantined at home. Social distance camping is becoming a real 'thing'.

**By now, you know that we are looking for an enthusiastic couple to replace us as Region 2 Directors.** After traveling to Tennessee to visit family and friends this year, we have searched our hearts and decided that we need to give up our 'full-timer' lifestyle and return to the Southeastern part of the United States to be closer to those we love so dearly. Grandchildren can really pull on your heart strings.

We have truly enjoyed our time in the Pacific Northwest and met so many wonderful people that we now include as our friends. Being active in the Kountry Klub is a terrific way to enjoy your RV, meet new people and have an impact on the goals of the organization. Many of us have made changes to our lives this year and stepping up to take a leadership position in the Klub could be another one in your future. Please consider it.

**We would like to thank our Oregon State Directors, Andy & Erin Millspaugh, who have also made the decision to step down due to personal circumstances.** We appreciate their efforts to bring back enthusiasm to the state of Oregon and we would like to see someone step in to take the reins and continue that momentum.

**If you are interested in a leadership position of any kind within Region 2, please feel free to email us with any questions that you may have.** We hope to see you down the road and if you are ever in Tennessee, let us know!

**We can be reached at email:** [Region2directors.nkk@gmail.com](mailto:Region2directors.nkk@gmail.com)

### WASHINGTON

#### Ben & Donna Barker (20884) Washington State Directors

Summer 2020 has drawn to a close and here it is autumn already. It was a summer to remember with just about everything shut down and canceled and having to wear face masks while trying to socially distance from friends and family. But that did not keep us home. We called it "seeing Washington from behind the mask."



We got out in the motorhome in July. First to a small rally in Elma, Washington, then to Poulsbo, Washington. Poulsbo is a cute Scandinavian town on the Kitsap Peninsula of Washington. While there, we made our way over to the Olympic Peninsula and enjoyed a day trip up to Hurricane Ridge. From Hurricane Ridge there are majestic vistas of Olympic National Park, Strait of Juan de Fuca and over to Victoria British Columbia on Vancouver Island.

After our five days on the peninsulas we attended the Evergreen Aires SPUR in Long Beach, Washington. There were 5 coaches in attendance. It was great to have Full-timers Chad & Renee Snow (F22630) join us in Long Beach. It was there maiden voyage into



Washington State, so we held a ceremony for them to add the Washington State sticker to their map. It was great fun for everyone, and we especially enjoyed the perfect beach weather while there at the ocean. Beachcombing, seafood, bike riding and junk store cruising filled the days for us all. There was also a lot of tech talk and tips among the guys.

**Mark your calendar we have made reservations for the Washington State Rally in 2021. It is no surprise we are going to go back to Horn Rapids in Richland, Washington and give another try at this location after having to cancel this year. Next year's dates are September 8-13.**

We wish everyone a beautiful autumn and hope to see some of you down the road during our journeys. Blessings for safe journeys.

**We can be reached at email:** [newmarwastatedirector@gmail.com](mailto:newmarwastatedirector@gmail.com).

### EVERGREEN AIRES

#### Terry and Terri Roberts (22978) Chapter Presidents

Greetings from the Evergreen Aires Chapter. We would first like to thank Mike & Linda Waller for their service and leadership as past President of the Evergreen Aires Chapter and send our best

wishes as they settle into their new home. We are excited about stepping into our new role and looking forward to continuing that service. We look forward to getting to know all of you better.

We were all disappointed that the official Evergreen Aires rally at Anderson Oceanside RV Resort had to be cancelled this year. We did have five coaches keep their reservations and show up for the SPUR (Simple Pop Up Rally). That was a wonderful chance for some much needed fellowship and we had a great time social distancing on the Washington coast.

Now it's time to put the disappointment of the cancelled rallies and interrupted travel plans of 2020 behind us and start planning for our 2021 adventures. The **2021 Evergreen Aires chapter rally** will be held **Sunday, June 6 until Thursday, June 10, 2021 in Silver Creek, Washington.**

Check the Klub Calendar online for more information. Rally fees will be determined at a later date and registration will open in February with a deadline of April 1, 2021. No refunds after the deadline. More details regarding registration instructions will also be posted online.

The Silver Creek area offers activities such as Northwest Trek, Mt Rainer Park, salmon & trout hatcheries, the DeGoede Bulb farm and gardens, as well as many lake related activities. We look forward to a beautiful autumn season!

**We can be reached at email:** [terryterr@gmail.com](mailto:terryterr@gmail.com)

## IN MEMORIAM

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

We are saddened to report that Don Darley (14136-L) passed away on July 15, 2020. Don & wife Glenna have been Klub members since 2002 and are past members of the Michigan Great Lakers Chapter.

**Glenna's address is  
11763 W Andre,  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837.**

We extend our sympathy on the passing of Diane Wood (18727) on September 2, 2020. Diane & husband Dennis have been members since 2008 and are past Arkansas Razorback chapter officers and Arkansas State Directors.

**Dennis's address is  
8819 Lakeside Way,  
Fort Smith, AR 72903.**

## Region Directors Needed for Region 2

Due to the resignation of Region 2 Directors, Mark & Lesleyanne Weiss, we are seeking a couple or individual to take on this challenging and rewarding position. The new Director(s) will be appointed for a term of 3 years beginning December 1, 2020.

If you are interested in this position you must be a resident of any of the States in Region 2 (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington or Wyoming) and own a Newmar unit. You must be able to lead, possess good communications skills, be self-motivated, be a flexible team player, and like to meet a lot of wonderful people from all walks of life.

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

Benefits: You will be reimbursed for your International rally fee and expenses incurred within the region including travel expenses. You will have your Klub membership and Konnection subscription provided while in office. Rebate on your choice of new Newmar RV, new name badge with title and display sign for your RV. Special recognition at all Newmar Kountry Klub functions you attend.

Send resume by October 30, 2020 to:  
Ron & Wanda Llewellyn  
Newmar Kountry Klub  
PO Box 30  
Nappanee, IN 46550  
e-mail: [kountrysklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountrysklub@newmarcorp.com)

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

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



We have recently been talking to our State Directors from Region 3. Most are doing the same thing we are—staying close to home. Darrell & Jeanette Wehmeier, Kansas State Directors, had recently been in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, volunteering with a group that helps build churches. They

were in the path of the Derecho that came through. The fifth wheel trailer sitting next to them blew onto their motor home. Both were totaled. After the storm was over, Darrell said there were only three RVs still standing. All three were Newmars.

COVID has hit close to home for several of our members. As most of you know, our Arkansas State Directors both came down with it. We are so happy that James & Ruth Ann Hairston are recovering from their bout with COVID.

Our Oklahoma State Directors have also been affected. Bill Aduddell recently lost his brother-in-law to COVID. His sister also contracted the illness and is currently battling pneumonia, so keep their family in your prayers.

Past Arkansas State Director, Dianne Wood, recently passed away. Please keep her husband Dennis in need of your prayers.

We also spoke to some of our past directors. Some of you may remember Fred & Marlin Walton from Louisiana. They are both doing well. They recently sold their place in Colorado and are back in Louisiana. Fortunately, Hurricane Laura did not affect them as they were far enough inland to avoid most of the storm.

Katie Harrington, past Region 3 Director now living Texas, is doing well. She is bored and would love to travel—just like the rest of us. She recently adopted a new fur baby after the loss of her beloved B.J. Rusty, the new dog, seems to have settled in and both seem happy with the new arrangement.

On a brighter note, we are both doing well. Larry made a trip to California in August to help his son get ready to move to Oklahoma when he retires in January. Larry flew to Phoenix where he rented a truck (because it was about \$3,000 cheaper than if he had rented one in California.) When asked if there were any “crazy people” on his flight, Larry replied, “Yes.” One man refused to wear a mask “because he was an American” and he tried to get off the plane while it was still moving. Another woman had to be escorted off the plane after numerous passengers reported odd behavior, which might have had something to do with whatever she snorted up her nose before the flight. After spending about five days with his family, Larry and his son drove 28 hours straight through to Oklahoma. In Albuquerque they had a fender bender. The lady in the car behind them ran into them when traffic suddenly stopped. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but her little car had the hood pushed clear up to the windshield. The moving truck just had minor scratches on the bumper.

We hope that all of you are staying healthy. We look back through our old pictures frequently and are often reminded of what fun times we have had together and what wonderful friends we have made. God willing, those good times will soon be back with us again.

**We can be reached at email:** [lwood630@gmail.com](mailto:lwood630@gmail.com) or [pwood299@gmail.com](mailto:pwood299@gmail.com). Larry: 918-630-7470, Patsy: 918-640-9024

### ARKANSAS

**James & Ruth Ann Hairston (17646)**

**Arkansas State Directors**

Arkansas Razorback Kountry Klub has decided to cancel all activities for the remaining 2020. We will re-evaluate the situation with COVID as the New Year approaches. We pray everyone remains well and safe.

As some of you may know COVID hit James very hard in July with 8 days on ventilator and 4 weeks in hospital. He is home now with home health therapy having to learn to walk with walker but getting stronger every day. Hopefully he can do without it sometime in the future. He wears oxygen most of the time. There are still questions on how this has affected his lungs and his heart. As of now we are grateful for all the prayers and can definitely see them working. His therapist told him she was going to have him start climbing the motorhome steps in the future. That brought a big smile on his face. Please wear your mask, social distance and stay safe.

**We can be reached at email:** [jghairston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jghairston@sbcglobal.net) or [r.hairston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.hairston@sbcglobal.net). James: 870-703-2085; Ruth Ann: 870-703-0175

### LOUISIANA

**David & Jan Groce (21404)**

**Louisiana State Directors**

We came through hurricane Laura with some leaves down and three days without electric service. We were lucky.

At this is written Mose & Jan Guzzardo are continuing to plan the Bayou Cruisers September 9-12 Rally at Lakeside RV Park in Livingston, Louisiana. Bill & Laura have a **rally planned at Reunion Lake RV Resort in Roberts, Louisiana scheduled for November 8-10. Be sure to mark your calendar with these dates.** Keep a check on rallies as with the present COVID-19 concerns there may be changes.

**We can be reached at email:** [grocedm@gmail.com](mailto:grocedm@gmail.com) or David: 318-497-3299

### OKLAHOMA

**Bill and June Aduddell (21490)**

**Oklahoma State Directors**

Greetings from the great State of Oklahoma! My how things have changed since this time last year! Unfortunately we have cancelled our September rally and going to reschedule it sometime in the spring.

Folks, I know most of you have been worried about the pandemic. I know you are tired of hearing about “masks required” or “social distancing” or “wash your hands”. Quite frankly, so am I. As a

matter of fact, I was thinking it was all a big political hoax that has been embellished by the media...until it struck home. So let me tell you a story.... For the last 13 years, June & I were the proud parents of the smartest, most loving dog in the world, our dear Sadie! On July 30, Sadie crossed the rainbow bridge and it broke our hearts. So much so, that, with the help of friends, we decided we had to leave town and have some time to grieve. While we were in Utah, my sister and brother in law had their 50th wedding anniversary. Three days later she told me they had both tested positive for COVID 19. One day later, my brother in law was admitted to the hospital, three days later, he passed away. Two days later, my sister was admitted to the hospital with COVID pneumonia. As of this writing, she is doing better after four days in the hospital and may be going home.

I realized after seeing them struggle that this disease is real! It spreads so easily and fast. And it kills! I'm sure some of you have stories like mine, but in case you don't, I hope this convinces you to take COVID 19 seriously! Wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands! Thank God that we had the foresight to cancel our rallies.

I pray that all will be back to somewhat normal in 2021 and we can all be together for great times. Please continue to ask God to wrap his arms around those that are hurting and to bless and heal our country from all the hate and wickedness within.

**We can be reached at email:** [b.aduddell@yahoo.com](mailto:b.aduddell@yahoo.com) or [jcaduddell@yahoo.com](mailto:jcaduddell@yahoo.com) Bill: 405-209-5012 June: 405-822-7027

## TEXAS STATE RALLY

October 1-4, 2020

MINEOLA CIVIC CENTER & RV PARK  
1150 N. NEWSOM  
MINEOLA, TX 75773

RALLY FEE:  
\$ 175.00

Contact RV Park at 903-569-6115  
For Campground reservations.  
Let them know you are with the  
Texas Newmar Group.

Please make your reservations on line n  
[ewmarkountryklub.com](http://ewmarkountryklub.com)

Make Check Payable and Mail to:  
Randall Haydon  
590 Patrick Creek Rd  
Weatherford, TX 76087

# 2020/2021 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM



## NEW MEMBERS ONLY

### First Year Membership and Subscription

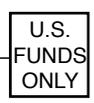
<i>If You Join In...</i>	<i>Pay This</i>	<i>You pay for the first calendar year thru December 31st and Newmar pays your renewal for the next year! This is for first time members only. This is not available for current or previous members.</i>
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 Size \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPRING** in the **TEXAS HILL COUNTRY** and **SAN ANTONIO**



**Note:** This event will be open first to those registered for the 2020 caravan at the time we had to cancel due to COVID. Reservations will open Monday, October 5 at 10am eastern time thru our website [newmarkountryklub.com](http://newmarkountryklub.com) to the general membership for any remaining sites available. Any questions please contact the Klub office 877-639-5582

**April 1-10, 2021**

The Vineyards RV Park  
 Fredericksburg, TX

Traveler's World RV Park  
 San Antonio, TX



Enjoy three days in Fredericksburg, Texas with visits to the LBJ National Historic Park, Lukenbach, WWII Pacific Museum, as well as the abundance of the springtime Texas wild flowers. We will then have a short move to San Antonio to experience The Alamo, San Antonio Botanical Gardens, Riverwalk, Buckhorn Saloon and Museum, the Texas Ranger Museum, early Spanish missions and more. Experience the flavors of Texas, from authentic German food in Fredericksburg, Tex-Mex and Mexican cuisine, or just good ole Texas barbecue. Event is planned so that those wishing to experience the San Antonio Fiesta can make their own arrangements to extend their stay.

**RALLY FEE INCLUDES:**

- 9 Nights Camping with Full Hookups
- 2 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 3 Dinners
- Social Get-togethers WWII Pacific Museum Lukenbach, Texas
- LBJ National Historic Park SAS Shoe Factory
- The Alamo
- San Antonio Botanical Gardens
- A River Cruise and much more, with free time to explore on your own
- Experienced Event Hosts: Sue & Jerry Argabrite

**Note:** The itinerary is subject to change.

**RALLY FEE:** (Payable in US Funds)

2 People in Unit	\$1,700.00
1 Person in Unit	\$1,280.00

**Deposit of \$200.00 per person due at time of booking. Balance due JANUARY 29, 2021.**

**THANK YOU TO OUR OFFICERS.**

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 a least one rally held in the past year. You must identify yourself as such upon registering to receive the discount.

All reservations should be made thru our website [newmarkountryklub.com](http://newmarkountryklub.com). Simply click on Klub Calendar and then choose event. Guests should also register thru the website. All they need to do is enter "Guest" under Klub number, add in all their information and in the comment section add "guest of and the member's name". Questions - contact the Klub office [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com) or 877-639-5582.

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

Region Directors :: Paul & Judy Swing (21932)



*Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

There are good times ahead of us all in the upcoming months.

Paul & I spent an enjoyable and very informative week in Nappanee at the Regional Conference where most of the Regional Directors were in attendance and a lot was accomplished. Since then we have been safely traveling visiting friends and family.

**We are in the process of planning the 2021 Region 4 Rally.** Everywhere we go we run across people who are enjoying getting out there again, but safely, and everyone is looking forward to 2021.

**2021 International Rally is being planned to be held in West Virginia and everyone is excited about this.** A lot of the chapters and state directors are busy planning their rallies for 2021 and will be on the calendar of events so we can all make plans for 2021.

We are making our plans to head south for the winter, cannot believe that the summer has past. Stay safe and healthy.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, we are always here to help [Pswing1@comcast.net](mailto:Pswing1@comcast.net) [boykinmomjs@gmail.com](mailto:boykinmomjs@gmail.com).

### ILLINOIS

**Richard & Donna Ritchie (16254)**  
**Illinois State Directors**  
[rritchie@comcast.net](mailto:rritchie@comcast.net)

Happy trails to all. We are traveling in our RV to visit family and friends again. We're being cautious, and since Illinois requires masks everywhere- that's our new normal.

**We did get to visit a new Newmar Dealer in Atkinson, Illinois.** As we were packing, we could not get a slide to go out, so they were very accommodating and checked us outright away. They are ordering parts, and we will stop back by on our way home. It is a small dealer, but we were surprised how much Newmar inventory they had. **The dealer is off the beaten path, but easy to find. The dealers name is Shabbona Creek RV,** and the service manager is Preston Enyeart. If you ever need a dealer in Illinois you would be very pleased.

Thankfully our family and friends have been well. We keep in touch like everyone else, virtual showers and celebrations. It is amazing how much we really do depend on technology.

**Iowa and Illinois plan to do our joint state rally next year in Springfield, Illinois** as we had planned last year. Check the calendar for more details. **It will be June 13-17 at Double J Campground.** Call Liz at 217-483-9999 for reservations. Tell her you are with the Newmar group. We will have full hookups and we are not sure of the price yet. We plan to visit the Lincoln Museum, and a few other things that will be confirmed at a later date.

**IKK and NIKK chapters are planning a chapter rally in Rantoul Illinois. These dates are June 9-13, and it is close to Springfield. So start thinking about travels for 2021.** Come for one or both.

We are hoping to head south to Texas, if their numbers keep improving this fall. **Be sure to check your winter locations for Newmar luncheon. Information is usually on the Kountry Klub calendar you can find these in the *Konnection*, or [newmarkountryklub.com](http://newmarkountryklub.com) under Klub Calendar.**

Take care and be safe. By thinking positive and having rallies to look forward to, we'll all be "Happy Campers".

### IOWA

**Bill & Pat Schmidt (19321)**  
**Iowa State Directors**

Hello from Iowa! Well, with all this going on and no traveling, we have been getting a lot of work done in our back yard. Our Pergola was put in last year, so we added an outdoor kitchen. So, have been keeping busy. Getting a little bored with no traveling and staying home though.

**We do have our joint Iowa/Illinois State rally set up for next year. Iowa and Illinois plan to do our joint State rally next year in Springfield, Illinois** as we had planned last year. Check the calendar for more details. **It will be June 13-17 at Double J Campground.** Call Liz at 217-483-9998 for reservations. Tell her you are with the Newmar group. We will have full hookups, and we are not sure of the price yet. We plan to visit the Lincoln Museum, and a few other things that will be confirmed at a later date.

We can be reached at [trishaann@mchsi.com](mailto:trishaann@mchsi.com).

### MINNESOTA

**Bear & Robin Abraham (22482)**  
**Minnesota State Directors**

We hope you found new ways to enjoy our beautiful summer season and stayed safe doing so.

By publication time of this article our Minnesota Spur will have taken place in beautiful Lanesboro, Minnesota. Thank you to everyone who joined us, hope you had fun, and we will attempt this again when fewer restrictions are in place as a result of COVID 19.

**Looking ahead to 2021, the Minnesota Loons first rally of the season takes place Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Cloud Campground and RV Park in St. Cloud, Minnesota.** Please note this is a week later than usual allowing more time for snowbirds to return home.

**This is an annual rally everyone looks forward to attending after being away or hibernation during the winter months.**

Activities are being explored but a safe and pleasurable outing should include a visit to the Munsinger/Clements Gardens; a feast for the senses. These are two distinct but adjacent gardens on the bank of the Mississippi River. Munsinger Gardens, dating from the 30's, features flower-bordered paths under tall pine trees. The Clemens Gardens are a collection of six gardens inspired by classic European gardens. Make your own reservations by contacting the campground at 320-251-4463 and let them know you are a Newmar Kountry Klub member.

**Plans are underway for a rally in June, potentially in Two Harbors, Minnesota along beautiful Lake Superior. In July we look forward to a fantastic International Rally in Lewisburg, West Virginia.**

Please check the Kountry Klub calendar for updates and do not hesitate to call us should you like more information or have any questions, 651-470-8864 or [dabraham965@gmail.com](mailto:dabraham965@gmail.com).

Look after yourselves and your loved ones, and stay safe.

### **NORTH DAKOTA/SOUTH DAKOTA**

**Del & Lela Nordstrom (14168)**

**North Dakota/South Dakota State Directors**

My health has been good, Del has had a summer of back surgery, right rotator cuff repair and surgery on his eye lids. On September 8<sup>th</sup> he goes in for Cataract Evaluation on both eyes, hope to have those two surgeries done before we head to Nappanee, Indiana October 19<sup>th</sup> to have work done on the coach.

Then on to El Mirage, Arizona for the winter, if the coronavirus will allow it. If it will not, we will get a sound reminder of what the South Dakota winters are like here.

**Our plans are to hold the 2021 North Dakota/ South Dakota State Rally and Rushmore Roamers Chapter rally at the Brown County Fairgrounds in Aberdeen, South Dakota. No dates confirmed at the present time.**

Hope you all have been safe, and no one has gotten this dreaded virus that has infested our world. We can be reached at [del@alliancecom.net](mailto:del@alliancecom.net).

### **WISCONSIN**

**Terry & Pat Bengtson (10831)**

**Wisconsin State Directors**

This continues to be a totally different rally season, we have had several gatherings for our members who were willing to get together during this COVID 19 season. Both Pat & I did share the virus with each other. I think it came from my employment. We both came out of it with very limited issues and did not require any medical treatment, so we feel very lucky at this point.

We had a small gathering up at Pictured Rocks RV Park and Campground in Munising, Michigan area following Labor Day. We had a great time, did the boat tour of the rocks which everyone really enjoyed. The rest of the time was basic free time and social gathering around campfires.

Our State rally was cancelled this year because of the virus and

with the Eagle River Cranberry Fest being cancelled. So, we turned this time into a gathering and we had 13 units join us, it was a fun time for everyone that attended the event. Again, as above considerable time was spent with social distancing around the campfire. Everyone had time to see the area and enjoy personal time to see the sites and some of the local foods and meals. Many of us made purchases of the local cranberries. We were joined by our Region 4 Directors, we want to thank Paul & Judy Swing for sharing their time with us. Thank you to everyone that joined us at this last event for 2020.

**At this point we do not have any firm dates for 2021 rallies, we have been working on getting them set up and getting all the hosts lined up with their planning process.** We had been planning on holding our 2021 State Rally at Boulder Creek RV and Campground at Bagley. Tom & Joy LeVake (16246) who built Stoney Creek RV Resort at Osseo purchased this campground a couple years ago. They have been busy putting in a new pool and other items for activities for those staying with them. They have not had time to get enough sites re-built for large units, so it's going to be 2022 before we will be able to hold a rally with them. WE ARE ALL WAITING TO JOIN THEM FOR A RALLY.

We would guess that many of you are having mixed feelings as we are with our normal winter travels, do we go to Arizona or stay and enjoy another winter in Wisconsin. That is the question we are attempting to work through.

If you're traveling for the winter, please have safe travels and stay healthy. We can be reached at [Tbengtson7718@msn.com](mailto:Tbengtson7718@msn.com).

# SOLD OUT!



## Rally in the Keys December 6-12, 2020

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

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

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



2020, a year to remember for sure. I think all of us can say this has been a most unusual year. Beginning with COVID 19, the un-lawlessness in many of our cities, the severe weather and the list could go on and on. As I write this Hurricane Laura has just made landfall in Louisiana and only daylight and the next hours will tell of

the devastation and possible loss of life.

I know most of us have seen our rigs sit motionless. We all want to get back to our life of traveling this beautiful country that God has so blessed us with. We desire the camaraderie of our fellow members as we travel and attend rallies. The Region 5 Rally was cancelled due to the cancelling of so many of our activities. It saddened us so much because we had so many first-time attendees registered. I sent out an email to the registered attendees of Region 5 yesterday to see how many were still going to go to the North Georgia RV Park just because of that desire to fellowship. My inbox is full of replies, we are going!!

Wanda & I were able to get in the rig and travel to Nappanee for our first Region Directors meeting with Ron & Wanda Llewellyn at the helm. The meetings were very successful. We got a lot accomplished in the 5 days of 9-4 discussions. Thank you, Ron & Wanda, for your leadership. Naturally, we cannot leave out our staff in the Klub office. Linda and DeAnn you are the best!

Upon returning home we attended our granddaughter's Middle School softball game. What a breath of fresh air. The school football team practicing, tennis courts buzzing with players, the band marching as they practiced; and yes, when the softball game began with the playing of our National Anthem, all activity ceased with everyone facing the flag. This is the AMERICA we love!

At the time of this writing, the Florida Keys and the Tampa Super Show are a go. Wanda & I look forward to seeing our old friends and the new ones that we are sure to meet.

Stay safe everyone! Be smart as we begin to return to some normalcy. We can be reached at [gsmith8800@gmail.com](mailto:gsmith8800@gmail.com) 912-656-8800.

Love God Love Others.

### FLORIDA

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

Well in our last article, Margie & I talked about "giddy up & go". So we packed up the coach and left the State of Florida. Just in time too, we were gone for the hurricane that was coming at us.

We traveled up through the great States of Tennessee (where we got some great farm cheese) and Kentucky (where we visited

"The Arc" and got some great farm jams). If you have not visited the "Arc Encounter" in Williamstown, Kentucky you should put this on your bucket list. Along the way we met some new NKK members (keeping our social distancing) and it was fun listening to them talk about their state policies and how they are social distancing themselves from family and friends due to the Chinese virus. The campgrounds that we have visited seem to be doing okay and staying mostly full.

We traveled to Nappanee (Newmar) where we had some minor warranty work completed. Each day we had to go to the service center where we got our temperature taken (got our dot for the day on our name tag) then back to the coach to wait for the service team to come and get your coach. Newmar is practicing social distancing and face mask policies. The service techs did a great job on our coach and Margie got a new dining table with extension to allow 4 people to sit comfortably. The old saying, "Happy Wife, Happy Life". Newmar did a great job matching up the table to our décor.

We are now in Empire, Michigan visiting all the wineries in the area and getting our fill of cherries and sweet corn. Never realized that Michigan grew so much corn. The weather has been great so far, only 2 days with some rain. We also visited the "Mushroom Houses" in Charlevoix. They were pretty amazing to see how they were built. Lake Michigan is beautiful and the people of Michigan are enjoying their days on the lake. Margie was hunting for "Petoskey Rocks" in the waters of Lake Michigan, she was a lot braver than I. When I put my feet in the water to help her, I lasted all of about 5 seconds. These people up here have no idea what warm water feels like.

From Michigan we will be heading home through Ashville, North Carolina to Freightliner, Gaffney, South Carolina and on to Ocala, Florida. We will stop in Ocala to see Greg's Mom at the assisted living facility and wave through the window. Greg's Mom will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday thru the window due to the Chinese virus and the Assisted Living Facilities policies to keep everyone safe. They at the facility are doing a great job keeping everyone safe and so far not one of the seniors or their staff have been diagnosed with the Chinese virus.

**We are still receiving registrations for our April 2021, Florida State Rally in Panama City Beach, Florida, so don't wait, fill out your registration and get it in. We are half way there to 40 coaches, so don't hesitate.**

Our NKK rallies are still up in the air as to when or if we can rally again because of this Chinese virus stuff, but if you see a rally you would like to attend go on and register so you won't miss out on all the fun, fellowship and food. You can always cancel if you don't feel comfortable in attending or if something happens that you cannot attend.

**So, go to [www.newmarkcountryklub.com](http://www.newmarkcountryklub.com) and check out the Klub Calendar for the upcoming rallies and special events and register.**

Margie & I wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving" and upcoming "Happy Holidays". **Remember, "The best part of any journey is the people we meet along the way".**

We can be reached at [cctango3@bellsouth.net](mailto:cctango3@bellsouth.net) or Greg's cell: 954-914-8335.

## FLORIDA MANATEES

**Laura Baker (19643)**

**President**

The summer of 2020 has been like no other for many RVers. Some of our Florida Manatees have ventured out, and others have stayed put for the season. Jeanne & Larry Bateman write that they are on their way to St. George, Utah to join Adventure Caravans' 32-day Grand Circle caravan beginning August 29. They began their trek in mid-July. They have been pleased with the campgrounds and businesses along the way and their protocols for COVID-19. Heidi & John Turner are in northern Wisconsin enjoying family and old lake friends. There is very little COVID-19 in their area but they are still cautiously avoiding all but essential outings, and happy to enjoy great weather. They are looking forward to the November rallies, as we all are, hoping they are still on the calendar when November arrives.

Tom & Barbara Palmer hit the road on July 1 to visit Tom's family in Illinois and Wisconsin. Next they moved on to Washington State, where they spent two weeks visiting Barbara's middle daughter's family, parked next to their house on a newly built pad, complete with 30 Amp service. They are planning to meet up with Evan & Debbie Hughes near Omaha in late August, then head south and east, arriving back in Gainesville in September. They report that they have had no problems with reservations for RV parks, but travel is sure different in the time of COVID-19. Instead of walking around RV parks, visiting with folks who are out, they are now in the same social distancing mode that they would be at home. Various states have drastically different attitudes toward masks and social distancing, but they are always masked when in public.

Like many of you, Geoff & I have had to get creative after many cancellations, including a planned RV trip through England, Wales and Ireland! Maybe next year. Instead we took a Volunteer Park Host position with the Vermont State Parks in Mt. Ascutney. It has been an unexpected treat to spend time in the quiet and beautiful Green Mountains. We will be returning to Florida in October and plan to attend the Manatees Rally in November in Sarasota. Then we will be heading out for another Park Volunteer Host position at Inks Lake State Park in Texas for the winter season. Stay safe, and we will see you when we see you.

Stay safe and enjoy wherever you are this summer. Stay connected with your fellow Florida Manatees on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1587746014862204/>. We can be reached at [bakers@nkkflmanatees.com](mailto:bakers@nkkflmanatees.com) Cell: 610-747-6966.

## FLORIDA PELICANS

**Tim Buchholz (12344)**

**President Florida Pelicans**

Hello to all our parked Pelicans and friends. What a different summer this has been. As I write this, we should have been in Wyoming at the Newmar International Rally. Where are all the Coaches? Most of them are probably getting a well-deserved rest from the miles and miles of burning fuel and killing bugs. This truly allows for a very laid back, slow paced summer. It isn't all bad to slow down, enjoy more time with family and friends and just plain relax.

Now moving to more specifics on a couple of our Pelican members: Our VP, Roger Mercier, actually we call him "Shorty" since he had both his lower legs amputated. Roger was able to fly back to his New Hampshire compound after not

being there for over 2 years. His family has done much to make the place wheelchair accessible, giving Roger the comfort of his long owned homestead. He said the pool is open and you're welcome to come and visit him while they are in Manchester. Emily has been a constant Valet at his side. He is still planning to get back into that Mountain Aire in the future. Roger, we all hope you do!

Next, our past president Bea & Andy Hamor: Andy has been fighting off the dreaded cancer for several years. His stamina is not what it once was and they both came to the conclusion that the 40ft Dutch Star was probably more than Bea would want to drive if needed. They have sold that beloved custom equipped coach that had an Active Air ride system installed and 600 watts of solar on the roof. Somebody is going to end up with a mighty fine pre owned Newmar. Bea & Andy will be taking possession of a 24 ft Winnebago View later this month. They have been totally isolating at their Michigan home for the summer with the pandemic still ongoing.

Connie & I, again, are still in Princeton, Minnesota leisurely parked in the back acreage at our son's house. We have enjoyed a summer of get togethers with our children and their families. We welcomed in our 4th great grandchild last month. Could not believe any of us were ever that small as we held that little girl at day three.

I would be remiss if not mentioning the recent death of Alan Erp, President of North Trail RV. Al passed away suddenly at too early an age. He was a friend to many and he was a dedicated supporter to the Florida Pelicans. When I bought my first Newmar at North Trail in 2001, it was a small operation with the sales and finance office each in a trailer. Al made this dealership nothing less than great. It is in good hands with his son at the helm.

So, until we all gather together again, Connie & I hope that all is well with each of you in this unsure time. Be smart, stay safe, stay vigilant. We will come thru this. We can be reached at [Tim.buchholz80@gmail.com](mailto:Tim.buchholz80@gmail.com) Cell: 239-464-0219.

Happy Trails by Newmar to All.

## FLORIDA SEA TURTLES

**Steve Terry (19880)**

**President**

Greetings from the Sea Turtles! As we continue to adjust to our new "normal" routine, we have found that we can continue to enjoy RVing and the friendship of our friends by just making small adjustments. This summer has seen many of us traveling either individually or in small groups to the many beautiful sites across this great nation of ours, and we can still feel as though we are part of the group because we can share those travels via social media. We miss being able to gather as a larger group, to hug our friends and share our experiences, but we know that this pandemic will pass in time and we will be together again.

As one of the Florida NKK chapters, we normally would hold four rallies during our normal season of November through March. We also participate in the Annual Super Show in Tampa in January and always look forward to the Florida State rally in April.

**At this time we still have plans for our late year rallies that include a November rally at Fun N Sun RV in Sarasota, Florida from the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> of the month, and a December rally**

at the Blueberry Hill RV Resort in Bushnell, Florida from the 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of the month. The November rally is full at this time but has a waiting list for cancellations, and the December rally is still open for registration.

We would encourage any of you NKK rally junkies who winter in Florida to give us a shout, and come out to one of our rallies. Let us share our Florida spirit with you. We can be reached at [mayaca4@yahoo.com](mailto:mayaca4@yahoo.com) 321-446-6896.

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

**Jim and Barb Watson (20238)**

#### Tri-State Directors

As of this writing we are packing coach to head out west. A few of us stragglers still plan to meet at River Vista in Dillard, Georgia in October. Barb & I are currently planning on attending events next year:

January	Florida Super Show Special Event
March	Tri-State – Natchez, Mississippi
April	Florida State – Panama City, Florida
May	Peach State Crackers – Blue Ridge, Georgia
May	Tennessee State – Crossville, Tennessee

**We will be updating the Tri-State Rally to be held in Natchez, Mississippi when we have confirmed pricing from venues and vendors.** This will be the Pilgrimage Tour of Antebellum Homes, Plantation Tours, Magnolia Bluffs Casino and Klub Golf Tournament. **The campground we have reserved is River View RV Park in Vidalia, Louisiana.** Please see the Klub calendar for dates and registration.

From the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Georgia. We can be reached at [jwatson@summit.us](mailto:jwatson@summit.us) 404- 915-2713.

### PEACH STATE KRACKERS

**Donna Jones (20599)**

#### President

**The Peach State Crackers will be having their Annual Spring Rally May 5-8 in the beautiful northern Blue Ridge Mountains in Blue Ridge, Georgia, at Waterside at Blue Ridge.** Their website is [watersidegeorgia.com](http://watersidegeorgia.com) and their phone number is 706-851-8855. Only 15 sites will be made available for our rally. Call and make your reservation. Tell them you're with the Peach State Crackers.

Waterside at Blue Ridge is surrounded by the Chattahoochee National Forest and located right on Lake Blue Ridge. Some of the Community amenities available include swimming pool, hot tub, fishing dock and stocked lake. The daily high temperature averages 79 degrees during the day and averages 59 degrees in the evening. This sounds like great, not too warm weather during the day and the perfect nighttime weather for a campfire in one of the park's fire pits.

Blue Ridge was ranked by Southern Living Magazine as the Top Small Mountains Towns for retirement in 2019 and one of the South's Best Small Mountain Towns in 2020. It was also established as a railroad town and even today you can ride the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway. The train travels around the scenic Toccoa River and ends at the charming sister towns McCaysville, Georgia and Copperhill, Tennessee where you can eat, shop and just walk around. In McCaysville you can take a "selfie" as you stand in the two states at one time.

Mercier Orchards is located in Blue Ridge and is a family-owned farm that has been in operation since 1943. They offer picking ripe mountain grown apples, strawberries and blueberries during season, a hot country breakfast, and a place where they sell their hot apples pies and home-made apple cider. They also have tractor tours and a tasting room for their hard ciders and wines.

Take a scenic driving tour and visit the water falls in the area. Most of the falls require a little hike. Tour the Ocoee Whitewater Center where the 1996 Summer Olympics were held. You can even explore Bigfoot artifacts and exhibits in the country's biggest museum dedicated to Sasquatch.

For the more adventurous there is paddle boarding, kayaking and tubing on the Toccoa River and kayaking and paddle boarding on Lake Blue Ridge. Lake Blue Ridge, a 3,300 acre lake was formed when the Blue Ridge Dam was built on the Toccoa River in 1930. Blue Ridge Dam was one of the largest earth dams in the Southeast when it was built. Blue Ridge offers many different kinds of things to see and do along with the many good restaurants in the area.

We are currently traveling with friends and visiting some of the western National Parks. It was so nice to finally get back on the road after being at home for four months, which is unusual for us. In the past four years we have spent our summers traveling.

If you live in Georgia, Alabama, or Mississippi and would like to meet fellow Newmar owners that live in your home state, come and join the Peach State Crackers. Meeting other Newmar owners is an excellent way to learn about your motorhome and meet some new people who enjoy doing the same thing you do. We always have good food to eat, we see interesting sites in the area and have plenty of fun and fellowship. **To find out more about the Newmar Peach State Crackers, please email me at [NewmarPSK@gmail.com](mailto:NewmarPSK@gmail.com).**

Safe travels and I hope to see you at a rally somewhere soon. We can be reached at [NewmarPSK@gmail.com](mailto:NewmarPSK@gmail.com).

### CAROLINA'S (NC – SC)

**Philip Melvin and Becky Garner (10690)**

#### State Directors - The Carolinas (NC/SC)

Both North and South Carolina have had extremely hot days this summer! Both states have had excessive amounts of rain during heavy thunderstorms! Loss of power and trees down on power lines, cars and homes, has caused a lot of damage. We have been very lucky, with little damage but a lot of yard debris and clean-up!

North Carolina had a 5.2 Earthquake!! The Quake happened about 69 miles from us. It happened on a beautiful Sunday morning, I was sitting on our 2-story wrap around deck enjoying the lake view, when our deck started to shake and roll!!! I was startled to see and feel the deck moving! I was concerned the deck was going to fall!!! Of course, it only lasted about 20 seconds, but it seemed a very long 20 seconds! We had no damage, but the dishes sure did rattle!! There was significant damage at the quake center, home foundations cracked or fell, chimneys cracked or fell, and store shelves were damaged or destroyed. It was the biggest Quake in 100 years!

Both the Tarheel and Pals Chapters have grown and continue to grow! The Presidents and Secretaries continue to do great jobs with their Newsletter.

Due to the Virus, unfortunately, we have had to cancel our state rally and luncheons have been cancelled! Our Region 5 Rally has just been cancelled! We were looking forward to that one!! We are all disappointed for Gary & Wanda as they always put on a 10-pound rally!! Hopefully, we still have one more rally on the books!! **Our end of the year Christmas Rally in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, at this writing it is still a go!**

Philip retired and purchased a Newmar Mountain Air 5<sup>th</sup> wheel in March 1996 (He still has it) and hit the road after recovering from triple bypass surgery! He has traveled to every State, Canada and spent 5 months traveling to and in Alaska. He joined NKK January 2000.

He purchased a new Diesel Dutch Star in 2005, and in 2017 we purchased another new diesel Dutch Star.

He has been President, Secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Tarheel Chapter several times, keeping the chapter active over the years. I joined him in 2013, and was elected Secretary later that year! When I joined him in 2013, he was President, Secretary and Treasurer and writing the newsletter. Philip has attended 18 International Rallies; we were getting ready to leave to attend the New York International Rally in 2019 when Philip had a horrific fall!

He has not recovered completely from that fall and does not feel comfortable driving the RV any longer. This is really painful for us as we both love the NKK! We will miss our many friends and working with other members at International rallies!

**So, as you have heard the old saying, “all good things come to end sooner or later”! That time has come for Philip & me! We have let Gary know our decision to step down! Plans are to fill the position by January 2021.**

Our last official duty will be at the Christmas Rally held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in December! Hopefully it will not have to be cancelled! Take care!! Most of all We will miss our friends and members!!

We wish everyone good health, a safe and wonderful fall season and safe travel! We can be reached at [gorpmnow@aol.com](mailto:gorpmnow@aol.com) - 336-655-8299 [boathousebecky@gmail.com](mailto:boathousebecky@gmail.com) - 336-269-7885.

### **NORTH CAROLINA TARHEELS**

**Carl and Gayle Webber (20141)**

**President and Secretary**

Hey y'all – As 2020 comes to an end, our Tarheel Kountry Klub is looking forward to what we hope are happier times in the coming year. It's been a year of canceled rallies and travels. It's been a year of missing our fellow members and holding our collective breath as we try to make plans, just hoping and praying we don't have to subsequently cancel them. Even with all of that though, it's been a year of opportunities for many of us to undertake other projects we have postponed for entirely too long. That is the case for us “Wandering Webbers.” Since the 2020 NKK International Rally was canceled, and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest we only wandered as far as our little mountain cabin in Ashe County, where we spent the majority of our summer months. While we missed traveling, it feels good knowing that we have completed many of the things that needed to be done, yet we had procrastinated for entirely too long. We also enjoyed “following” quite a few NKK friends' travels who opted to proceed with their travel plans and got some

great ideas for our future ones.

**Speaking of NKK friends – that's what this organization is all about, y'all.** The friendships that we have formed over the years we have been members of the NKK are friendships we will cherish for years to come. **For those of you who are new to the “family” – let me encourage you to get involved to whatever extent you are comfortable** (once we are free to rally again). For us, at least, that has been invaluable in meeting fellow members and a great resource when we have “inconveniences” involving our coach. We have met friends from across the United States and Canada that we otherwise would never have met, and our lives would be lacking greatly without them being a part of us.

As 2020 comes to an end, let's all try to find the positives hidden among the tragedies. Let's focus on the bright spots instead of the adverse. Let's reach out to those members – nah, those friends – who have come into our lives and plan a time we can get together when this horrible virus is no longer a threat.

**Remember, this is YOUR Klub. As your chapter president and secretary, we are here to serve you. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns and/or suggestions relating to your Tarheel Kountry Klub.** Our contact information is included below.

Gayle & I hope you enjoy HAPPY TRAVELS to wherever your Newmar takes you. We can be reached at [dc3carl@gmail.com](mailto:dc3carl@gmail.com) / [younggrammygayle@gmail.com](mailto:younggrammygayle@gmail.com) 704-225-7442/ 704-619-1851.

### **SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO PALS**

**Steve & Darcy Martin (21411)**

**Presidents**

Okay, so we are OVER this pandemic. Enough already! Currently we have become ‘tentative travelers’ – unsure of where and when we can travel. That's a tough call for Newmar members who are used to rallying in all kinds of places with all kinds of friends and having all kinds of fun!

Pals are running the gambit as far as the past few months go. Some are staying home, social distancing, while some have ventured out a bit, some closer to home base and those braver among us have even gone as far as parts way up north and way out west. More power to those of you who have taken charge of the roads again. Hopefully we will all be in our coaches soon and adding new adventures to our travel logs.

The Pals hated to have the Region 5 rally ‘bite the dust’, but understandably safety of members comes first. **At this time, we are anticipating the combined North Carolina/South Carolina Christmas at the Beach Rally will still go on as planned in December.** Here's to hoping the holiday season in 2020 will have something positive to offer all of us who are so very ready to get back to traveling! Until then...stay safe!

Happy and safe travels to ALL of our Newmar friends! We can be reached at [803-940-1925](tel:803-940-1925) [themartins@gottagorv.com](mailto:themartins@gottagorv.com).

### **TENNESSEE**

**Phil and Charlene Budd (9488-L)**

**Tennessee State Directors**

**Oh no! What can we say?** Well, Amazon came today and delivered. Yesterday UPS came! Let's see, oh yes FedEx is scheduled for tomorrow! Oh Happy Day it is!!! Have you found that Costco Executive Card has free shipping? Living in the

country, 18 miles one way to a real grocery store, or 60 miles to a Sam's or Costco, the saving on fuel and time with free shipping is very advantageous. We are *lucky* that there is a Dollar General a quarter of a mile south of us. Man oh man, did you know they have "Clover Valley" FUDGE GRAHAM and ICED LEMON SHORTBREAD cookies! Absolutely blessed to be so close to DG! We make a weekly run to an Amish community 18 miles one way for "Fresh Vegetables"! Their tomatoes are out of this world! And that is the TRUTH!

Well now that I have rambled about our shopping habits, **NO** our antique 1999 London Aire is still sitting in the barn with only wires hanging out the dash with no instruments attached! We "HOPE" (this is August I'm writing this) we will have it put back together soon!

Don't forget to go on line and register for the **2021 Tennessee State Rally at Spring Lake RV Resort, Crossville, Tennessee May 31-5 June 5**. We can be reached at 931-638-2015\_ or [prbudd60@bellsouth.net](mailto:prbudd60@bellsouth.net).

### TENNESSEE VOLUNTEER KRUISERS

**Sheryn Ward (18849)**

#### President

My hubby has a theory, "**It's not worth getting out of bed if you don't learn something new every day.**" While I'm not sure if I agree with him, I thought I'd pass along some ideas for filling the time while waiting for the rallies to restart.

I do have to admit that we have a little help with this task. Three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) we, along with a group of retired military and generally the old guys in the neighborhood, meet to gossip, solve the problems of the world and most importantly, DRINK COFFEE! You would be surprised how much there is to learn about history, how to fix a carburetor, how things worked better "in the old days" and what good movies are on TV. If your mornings are a little boring, give this option a try.

Another option would be to grab a colored pencil or a highlighter and your latest copy of this *Konnection* magazine. Flip to the Calendar of Events section and scan the list. Be sure to mark, with a big colored star, which events look interesting and that you might like to attend next year. That way you won't forget to register when the time comes.

Next, try creating a neighborhood RV Club. Ask around the neighborhood to see who else might own a RV or a camper. Make a list of local campgrounds and invite everyone to join you for the weekend. Keep your trips local and only for a 3-day weekend. You will be surprised how many new friends you will find.

A quick option might be to write a paragraph, or two, about your family and how you got interested in camping. Be sure to include the first location you went to. Make a list of all the campers you've owned and be sure to include the tents. Now, send this off to one of your chapter officers and ask them to include it in your next chapter newsletter. Believe me, they will appreciate your input.

Now I've given you a few things to think about so I'm going to cut this short. I need to finish packing the RV because we are leaving in the morning for our semi-annual trip to visit the children and grandchildren in Iowa. This trip will be a little different, however. Just five days ago they experienced a DERECHO. This word was new to me as well so I looked it up . . . "**A line of intense,**

**widespread, and fast-moving windstorms and sometimes thunderstorms that moves across a great distance and is characterized by damaging winds.**" This DERECHO was approximately 60 miles wide and over 600 miles long with winds in excess of 120+ mph. So much property and crops have been destroyed and cleanup will be massive. There, now I have taken care of one new thing learned. You now know the meaning of DERECHO . . . you can take tomorrow off!

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### VIRGINIA

**Michael & Marcy Vreeland (20733)**

#### Virginia State Directors

This is not a classic *Konnection* article but to be fair it has not been a classic year. This is absolutely the worst year I have ever experienced. I have had a family tragedy – my wife passed away in July. She was my motivation to get into RVing and after more than a few miserable nights and days mourning her passing I feel she would want me to continue the RVing lifestyle albeit it will be much harder without my wife and RV partner. I still have the motivation to get up every day and continue since I have our two "boys" – Scout and Van Go – to feed, walk, play with, and take care of. I would like to thank all of my Newmar family for being there and praying for my family. If you ever needed a reason to join the Newmar Kountry Klub, then let me assure you that when you are in need, they are all there to help. Words are so inadequate but that is all we have so "Thank You all from the bottom of my heart". One last thing – hug, kiss, and tell your significant other how much you love them EVERY chance you get, you will not regret it.

Hopefully the rest of the article will make you wonder and hopefully laugh at bit. With all the "free" time I had since we were not rallying, I finally decided to finish a book I have been writing for the past 8 or so years. I finished it and sent it to a publisher. The purpose of the book is to give folks wanting to start RVing some of the Do's and Don'ts we all went through when we were trying to figure out if RVing is the right way to go. I also address how to make RVing easier for the experienced RVer so they can enjoy RVing even more. The name of the book is "RV Primer – How to Start and Enjoy RVing" the publisher says it should be available in October and November. You might ask yourself what does this have to do with the Newmar Kountry Klub? Since we have not been able to attend NKK rallies like we all enjoy, we all had to find something to fill that free time void. So, we have said before in our articles that we all need to look at something we have been meaning to do and do it while you have time. Once we start the NKK rallies back up, I plan on attending as many as possible and will start planning the 2021 Virginia State Rally. We will all be back RVing and rallying in 2021 – summer I hope – and the time between now and then can be put to good use so you are ready to NKK Rally when the time comes.

We have all had to deal with the impact of COVID-19 on all of our lifestyles. I have canceled several NKK rallies we registered for last year and were looking forward to attending while in Florida. The risk was not worth the reward. **After a lot of soul searching and weighting the good and the bad, I decided to cancel our 2020 Virginia State Rally at Misty Mountain.** I am not willing to take the risk of even one of my fellow Newmarians getting COVID-19 while at our rally. We are all in that target group that needs to take special care given the impact of this virus on the more senior population in general. **In the spring of next**

**year, I will start preparing for the 2021 State Rally at Misty Mountain – tentatively. No reservations have been made but I will drill down on a location in January and February 2021 and provide updates in the *Konnection*.**

Usually when you go to an NKK rally there is someone there that has gone through whatever RV challenge you are dealing with. I try to talk to those folks just to see what I can learn. Now it appears I may be one of the sources. “What makes you say that you ask?” Well here is the story, I finally left Florida on August 11, heading for a visit with an old Navy buddy. Given my luck so far, which has been all bad, it continued. I got a flat tire on my trailer. Not to worry I had prepared for that to include running TPMS units on all of my RV and trailer tires. Fortunately, a driver flagged me down and pointed at my trailer tire. Luckily there was a rest area in ½ mile so I pulled off and sure enough the trailer had a flat tire. Not just flat but shredded with only a little bit of tire left on the rim. If you can visualize the old straw hats that had the loose straw on the brim – yeah, my tire looked like that. That was a head scratcher since I had TPMS monitor on that tire so I checked my TPMS receiver and no need to worry the unit says I have 50 pounds of pressure in the tire. Not good so I will be buying a new TPMS monitoring system before the next trip. But change a flat on the trailer is a snap, 20 minutes and done. After all, like a good NKK RV rally person and RV owner I was prepared. I have a bottle jack, hammer drill, and sockets sized for the bolts. 20 minute tire change, not so much. My bad luck string continued, I finally got it done – an hour later.

I know you are shaking your head but wait it gets better. I am about 1 hour from the RV resort and I was thinking it is going to be great to set up and have an adult beverage. As I am pulling into the RV resort, I smell diesel fuel. After checking in I got back into the coach and it would not start. I check the dash and I had the warning “check engine” so I did. I went to the back of the coach and sure enough the engine was still there. Did I mention I know absolutely nothing about a diesel engine, big surprise huh? I did see smoke – not a lot but some – coming out of the back of the engine. I finally did get it started and limped to my campsite and figure I would call a diesel mechanic to come out and see what’s wrong.

Still shaking your head – wait Lady Luck is not done with me. I plug into the power pedestal and checked to see if I had power going into the coach on the front readout of the Progressive Industries Power Management system and I was good to go. I went inside and shut down the generator and all I had was E7 error code on the Climate Control Unit which means no power. I check breakers and actually reset them just in case. But nothing so I turned the generator on and I was back up with power. Bottom line it turned out that my transfer switch was bad so I have to replace it – again, second time in 3 years.

So, the diesel mechanic comes out and I have a broken #4 cylinder fuel line. Ordered the part and I went to pick it up to save time and money and sure enough the engine cranked but all the warning stuff on the dash were still on. After a bit some went off and the mechanic reset the last one with his computer. So now all is good and I will be back on the road in my Dutch Star anxiously waiting on the next NKK Rally. Not sure what Lady Luck still has in store for me, but a lot of you owe me big since while she is “helping” me she is not “helping” you – You’re Welcome.

So, the next time you are having trouble in your life just think of me and say at least it is not as bad as Vreeland and he pushed

through it. You too can do it; just remember you have an NKK family that not only understands but is willing to do whatever is necessary to help you.

I am really looking forward to rallying with my fellow Newmarian’s and go to a NKK RV Rally. Rally On!!!! I can be reached at [beagleRV@gmail.com](mailto:beagleRV@gmail.com) or 540-809-9830.

## **VIRGINIA WHEELS**

**Danny & Jeanette Templeton (17203)**

**Presidents**

**Virginia Wheelers, Cherish the Memories, Look Forward to the Future!!**

Unfortunately, our nation is still in a COVID-19 pandemic. Virginia slowly reopened to Phase 3. We are praying our nation gets back to normal and all of our NKK friends are safe & healthy.

2020 started out strong with Virginia Wheel Florida Snowbirds kicking off of our 2020 season on January 16 with our Y’All Come Gathering in Tampa at Florida’s RV Super Show and our delicious Valentine’s Day luncheon on February 14 at Fresh Country Café followed by a dessert get together at the Emerald Pointe pavilion in Zephyrhills, Florida. Our membership increased to 50 member coaches! 2020 promised to be an exciting year with rallies planned on the Eastern Shore, a summer gathering, and Virginia State Rally at Misty Mountain CG.



However mid-March, our nation came to a halt due to the COVID-19 pandemic and all of our rallies were canceled! NKK members throughout the nation were disappointed as rallies were canceled one by one.

July, Virginia Wheelers suffered a devastating loss of our dear Virginia Wheel’s friend and Virginia State Director, Marcy Vreeland. She certainly will be missed by us all!

Virginia Wheelers cherish the memories of all the fun we have had throughout the years whenever we have rallied together! 2021, we look forward to the future when we can all rally together again!

Stay safe and keep having fun. Danny & I look forward to rallying with you in the future! We can be reached at 540-520-8845 or [pupstempleton@aol.com](mailto:pupstempleton@aol.com).

## RESCHEDULING OF THE CANCELLED SPECIAL EVENTS FROM 2020

Due to COVID-19 most of the 2020 Special Events had to be cancelled for the health and safety of our members and event leaders as well as travel restrictions that were put into place. These events are being rescheduled in either 2021 or 2022. They are being first offered to the members that were registered when we cancelled the events. Any open sites will then be offered to our general members on the set opening dates. Below is information on the events and dates when reservations will open thru our website [newmarkcountryklub.com](http://newmarkcountryklub.com) under the menu option of *Klub Calendar*.

**The first of the events cancelled was the *Spring in the Texas Hill Country and San Antonio* Event. This will now be held from April 1-10, 2021 and our leaders will be Jerry & Sue Argabrite. This event will be opening for reservations on Monday, October 5, at 10 am thru our website.**

Enjoy three days in Fredericksburg, Texas with planned visits to the LBJ National Historic Park, Lukenbach, WWII Pacific Museum, as well as the abundance of the springtime Texas wild flowers. After exploring Fredericksburg, we will have a short move to San Antonio to experience The Alamo, San Antonio Botanical Gardens, Riverwalk, San Antonio Shoe Company, a river cruise, Buckhorn Saloon and Museum, the Texas Ranger Museum, early Spanish missions and more, with time to explore the area on your own. Experience the flavors of Texas, from authentic German food in Fredericksburg, Tex-Mex and Mexican cuisine, or just good ole Texas barbeque. Transportation most days will be via car-pool, so tow vehicles are encouraged. Your fee includes 9 nights full hook-up camping, 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, and admission to the attractions listed on the itinerary.

**Next up will be the rescheduled *Lewis & Clark Caravan* being held from July 28-September 14. We anticipate this opening for reservations on Monday, December 7. Caravan leaders will be Jeff & Kaynell Zeman. This schedule allows for 5 travel days from the International Rally location of Lewisburg, West Virginia to St Charles, Missouri the beginning point of this adventure.**

Our Caravan will follow the route of the 1804 - 06 journey of the "Corps of Discovery", up the Missouri River to its headwaters in western Montana, across the rugged Bitterroot Mountains, and thence down the Columbia River to the Pacific. Our journey will cover just short of 3,000 miles, 17 RV Parks, and have no one-night stays planned.

While the theme of the caravan is the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, we are planning some great modern adventures along the way. Including two riverboat cruises, a few bus and trolley tours, a jet boat trip up Hells Canyon, as well as many meals. There will be time for exploring on your own, including a National Battlefield, National Parks, the Garden of 1000 Buddhas, and the National Bison Range, various hiking trails, some great golf and swimming opportunities, and the fantastic Route of the Hiawatha bicycle Rails-to-Trail (imagine 17 miles all downhill through tunnels and across trestles, with a bus ride back to the top!).

**Booking in early 2021 will be the rescheduled Christmas in Branson Rally. Dates will be November 7-14, 2021.** This will be led by experienced hosts Jerry & Sue Argabrite. More details on this event coming later this year.

### DATES YET TO BE DETERMINED

**The Grand Circle Caravan is in the very early stages of rescheduling. Caravan leaders will once again be Jerry & Phyllis Rose. We are looking at a four week caravan in late September 2021.** As this is further along in planning we will announce more information and an anticipated reservation opening date in early 2021.

**At this time it looks like the Calgary Stampede will be rescheduled in 2022. The dates have not yet been determined for rescheduling the Black Hills Rally.** The final determination of rescheduling the Black Hills event in either 2021 or 2022 has not been made at this time. We will keep you updated as these events are firmed up.

**We were also planning a new event in New England. Unfortunately the availability of camping and tours are too unsure at this time to move forward. We may look at this event in the future.**

# FLORIDA RV SUPERSHOW RALLY



**January 12-17, 2021**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18, 2020**

Join us for the Tampa SuperShow Rally. During this event we will be staying directly on the Florida State Fairgrounds. We will be in the same location as in 2019 and will have our own efficient Newmar Parking Crew again this year.

**LOCATION:**

Florida State Fairgrounds  
4800 US Hwy 301 (at Interstate 4)  
Tampa, FL

**RALLY COST:** (In US Funds)

Rig with up to 2 people     \$250.00  
Ea. Guest in Unit             \$ 25.00

**RALLY FEE INCLUDES:**

- \*5 Nights Camping w/30 amp electric
- \*Coffee & Donuts 4 Mornings
- \*3 Nights Entertainment and Refreshments  
*(All entertainment provided by the Florida Trade Association in the Horse Arena Area)*
- \*Free Unlimited Admission to the Super Show Every Day
- \*Tram for the Newmar Group
- \*Opportunity for service work by Newmar Techs

**CHANGE IN GUEST/BUDDY UNIT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:**

Due to the increase of reservations and selling out earlier over the past two years we have made the decision to have a delayed reservation date for guest units.

**REVISED DATES FOR RESERVATIONS.**

MEMBER RESERVATIONS WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 10 AM EASTERN TIME ON THE WEBSITE. GUEST UNITS RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH.

**NOTE:**

**PLEASE COME WITH FULL WATER TANK & EMPTY HOLDING TANKS.**

We will once again break down our parking into two time frames and will take requests for either morning or afternoon parking. If you arrive together we will try our best to park you together but in some cases due to sites available it may not be possible.

Service Work will only be provided for Klub Members registered in this rally.

**THANK YOU TO OUR OFFICERS.**

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.

All reservations should be made thru our website [newmarkountryklub.com](http://newmarkountryklub.com). Simply click on Klub Calendar and then choose event. Guests should also register thru the website. All they need to do is enter "Guest" under Klub number, add in all their information and in the comment section add "guest of and the member's name". Questions - contact the Klub office [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com) or 877-639-5582.

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

Region Directors :: Chuck & Michelle Steenwyk (20036)



### Wow! Where has the year gone?

The seasons are changing and we are enjoying the beautiful **Michigan fall color** now. I am thinking of apples, cider and pumpkin bars with cream cheese frosting. Snuggling in a warm blanket with a cup of coffee and a good book sounds pretty good too. Soon the leaves will fall and we will be visited by another one of

our 4 seasons, winter. (I'm not ready for that yet!) We do feel very blessed to have been able to travel somewhat this summer and see a few of our fellow Newmar friends at pop-up rallies.

**We want to thank everyone who planned, hosted or attended a pop-up rally. It was so very good to just get out and visit with friends! Even if it was for just a short weekend with no activities planned we all had a great time. Thank you Thank you to all our rally hosts who put time and effort into planning a rally and had to cancel their rally.**

We have been busy planning the **Region 6 Rally for May 16-20. It will be at the Shipshewana South Campground, located in Shipshewana, Indiana.** We will provide more information later. **Many of our State Directors along with our chapters are also working on their state and chapter rally plans for next year.** Keep an eye on the Klub Calendar, Region 6 Facebook page and chapter emails for dates and locations.

We wish a very Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Newmar Family and friends. We pray that life will be kind to all of us. Hopefully we will all be able to sit across from family or friends this holiday season!!

As of the writing of this article we are planning to go south at some point this winter. We have a few options such as the **Rally in the Keys, Tampa Super Show** (if it is not cancelled) or just go with friends somewhere warm. Everything is up in the air as we all know....so we will see what happens.

Safe Travels to all. We can be reached by email: [cmsteen1@hotmail.com](mailto:cmsteen1@hotmail.com).

### HOOSIER KOUNTRY KLUB

**Steve & Phyllis Thornburg (22044)**

#### Presidents

We attended the **Region 6 Pop Up Rally at Sauder Village Campground, Archbold, Ohio, from July 31-August 2. A very impressive 19 coaches attended from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana.** It was good to see the campground relatively full and a lot of people getting back to camping in these rather weird times.

There were a couple of our guys flying RC airplanes and one of them is a very impressive pilot (Paul Hugo from Michigan) doing some rather complicated aerobatics. There was to have been a car show in the Sauder Village on Saturday, but unfortunately it was a rather drizzly day and only 5 or 6 cars were set out in the rain.

It was fun to enjoy the fellowship and the story telling that goes on around a campfire, but of course some of us chose to position our chairs in what turned out to be the direct line of the smoke (cough, cough) – Phyllis was smart and moved away quickly while I had to demonstrate my toughness and ability to withstand a little bit of smoke. By the time I finally moved my eyes were burning and my clothes were stinking – oh well, so much for the macho crap.

**At the time of this writing our September rally at the Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, Indiana, September 16-20, is still a GO.** Linda Murphy is our rally host.

We are working on a season ending lunch somewhere in the Indianapolis area for early October. As soon as we have details, we will share them with an email to chapter members.

**As always, if our HKK members would like to suggest a rally site or two for next year, we will do what we can to make a rally happen.**

So, fire up your memories of places you have enjoyed and would like to see again and take a look at your bucket lists of places that you would like to go or see for the first time. **We're listening for your suggestions.** We can be reached at email: [sthornbg@aol.com](mailto:sthornbg@aol.com) or Steve's cell: (574) 329-9188.

### KENTUCKY

**Ralph & Nancy Dennis (20372)**

#### Kentucky State Directors

Many of you know that I do a lot of traveling driving a truck. Last week I saw a new or nearly new Dutch Star setting on the side of the road going in the opposite direction than I was traveling. When I got closer I observed a State police with lights flashing and a Rollback wrecker with its emergency lights flashing behind the Dutch Star. I then observed an auto setting in a corn field. It appeared to have been a towed vehicle that had come loose from the Dutch Star. I immediately thought what could've happened if the car went the other direction and struck another vehicle with a load of children. I do not know for sure that the vehicle came loose from the Dutch Star or not, I did not stop. If it did come loose, it was either caused by mechanical failure or by human error.

Truckers are required to do a pre-trip inspection of the truck and trailer before they start driving each day. We as Motorhome drivers should get in the habit of checking ours several times a day while we are driving.

Is the COVID 19 virus any better now that it was 4 months ago? Many rallies have been canceled and if we do not get a break with the virus there will be more cancellations. When we wear masks, wash our hands and use sanitizer, and keep our distance we are protecting ourselves and our families. I hope and pray that in 60 days when I write another article, I will not have to mention the virus.

Happy Trails. We can be reached by email: [rdenn61378@aol.com](mailto:rdenn61378@aol.com) or Ralph (502) 598-1007

### MICHIGAN

**Marv & Von Visser (22141)**

#### Michigan State Directors

Just wondering if we're the only ones that noticed how fast this summer went by? Here we are in the fall season already. Did you get some of your camping in? We found out we could just do some spur of the moment camping and adventures. Our season like many was shortened, but we did make the best of it. There are still rally's being cancelled, including the Michigan Aires Chapter

Rally in September at Birch Run. We have attended an Indiana pop up rally, an Ohio pop up rally, family camping, and camping with friends. We have also made two trips to the Soo Locks to watch the Great Lakes Freighters. As this is written we still have plans for fall getaways that include visits to friends in Iowa, Minnesota, and the Labor Day holiday. We're planning the **Michigan State Rally October 16-18 at Hidden Ridge in Hopkins, Michigan. Please see rally ad details in this issue.**

**We also hope you've seen the announcement of the planned rally from our chapter's Presidents sent to your email. This will be a friendly gathering as we missed out on a few rallies this year.** We will enjoy some dutch oven cooking by our guest chef who has lots of experience cooking in cast iron dutch ovens. I am sure we will be very happy with the cooking experience and just maybe you will be able to pick up a pointer or two, if this interests you at all. We have had it many times during our church camping experiences.

Von & I went camping to one of our favorite spots in Amish country then over to Nappanee and crashed the RD conference for a quick visit. It was fun to see everyone there! And of course we had to have some **Rocket Science ice cream while in Nappanee!**

We can be reached by email: [mlvisser@att.net](mailto:mlvisser@att.net) or (616) 836-3271 Marv, (616) 836-4280 Von

## **MICHIGAN GREAT LAKERS**

**Joe & Gail Swartz (20562)**

### **Presidents**

Greetings Great Lakers! For those of you that missed it, we had a great time at the pop up rally at Sauder Village July 31-August 2. We had Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky represented at the pop up rally and it was great to see everyone. We wish we could have spent more time with everyone, but due to social distancing that was difficult.

**For all of you that have met our toy poodle Abby, she is quite the BARKER!** She is quite anxious and we have tried various methods to stop her barking, but to no avail. While sitting around the campfire at the Region 6 Pop-Up rally with my little barker, Steve Thornburg, the Indiana Hoosiers Chapter President asked if I had ever heard of the Birdhouse Bark Box. I told him no, what is it? He told me he bought it to stop his dogs from barking. I told him Abby is dumber than a box of rocks and it won't work. He went to his coach and brought it back and it is exactly what it sounds like, a bird house shaped electronic anti-barking device. Again I told him it won't work. I have a special dog. Steve turned it on and to my amazement my dog immediately stopped barking and has not looked at me since! I proceeded to go back to my coach and ordered it on Amazon. When we arrived home on Sunday the Amazon delivery person was there to deliver my own personal bark box. It works as advertised and as of the last 3 weeks Abby avoids me like the plague, but has not barked! So if you have a barking dog it is on Amazon for \$24.99. Steve is my hero!! Thank you Steve!

**Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Michigan State rally in October!** Be safe and safe travels! We can be reached by email: [gswartz29@gmail.com](mailto:gswartz29@gmail.com) or (440) 476-4936 Joe

## **OHIO**

**Flash & Bev Miller (9855)**

### **Ohio State Directors**

We had high hopes for a "2020 Vision" for a busy camping season this year. No one could have ever foreseen the chaos that

COVID-19 would bring to the world. We hope and pray that this virus pandemic will be controlled real soon.

Anyway, once again we have no BKT rallies to report on—not even our August State Rally which we had to cancel earlier. We are anticipating that the October BKT rally will be history by the time this article is published. Our fingers and toes are crossed.

We did get to take our RV out one time in June to an Ohio State Park. It was great to see different scenery. One of our previous camping friends and past BKT President, Ed & Lana Huff came to visit with us. We also were invited to their nearby home for outdoor pizza and rehashing of old camping outings. We were safe distanced and there were no "HUGS"...that was the tough part.

**We are looking forward to 2021. Our State Rally is being rescheduled for September 15-18 in Lima, Ohio, please reserve that date. Thanks to our President Rick Fox, all 2021 BKT open camping months are planned with new members hosting.** There are several brand-new members that most of us have not yet met. Welcome to all and maybe we will see you this year in October when the Fry's and Edington's are hosting our last scheduled rally for 2020.

One of the positive aspects of the pandemic has been that families are spending more time together- eating at home and finding lots of things to do that we kept putting off for "another time". Please be careful and stay cautiously safe. That's all for now, as always.

We can be reached by email: [MIps2213@roadrunner.com](mailto:MIps2213@roadrunner.com) (Bev), [Mtm2213@roadrunner.com](mailto:Mtm2213@roadrunner.com) (Flash) or (513) 932-8352 home, (937) 478-9850 cell

## **BUCKEYE KOUNTRY TRAVELERS**

**Rick Fox (21684)**

### **President**

Fall is here and our year that went pretty much nowhere will be coming to a close soon. As of now, our October Rally is on schedule. However, VP and rally hosts Jim Fry and Jeff Edington have advised me that the Fall Foliage Tour has been canceled due to COVID-19. Hopefully we can still get together for an "official" rally and chapter meeting this year. Please check the Kountry Klub website for updates on the rally.

Jeanne & I were able to make the **Region 6 "Pop-Up Rally" at Sauder Village** at the end of July. There were coaches from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana in attendance. The "Buckeyes" were well represented. It felt so good to see our friends again. Social distancing was observed and despite a rainy Saturday, we all had a good time. We were entertained on Friday evening by a radio-controlled model airplane exhibition. Many of us were laughing as we remembered the model plane of our youth. They were gas powered and ran for about 30 seconds before running out of fuel and plunging to the ground. Saturday, we did a tour of Sauder Village with Bob & Jill Peasley. There is so much history at the village. If you have never been there, you should put this on your bucket list. **Thanks to Joe & Gail Swartz for putting the rally together.**

Members who ordered BKT logo items should have received them in early August. Jeanne & I are happy to say that all apparel fit true to size. That is always a concern when ordering on-line. We will bring ours to the October rally if you want to see them. **We hope to do another order later this year or in early 2021.**

We are on our way to planning our 2021 rallies. Plans are in the works for our June, August and October 2021 Chapter rallies. The Region 6 Rally will be in May and the Ohio State Rally will be in September. Our rally hosts for 2021 are: Peasley/Fox in June, Edington/Nelson in August and Kayden/Gannon in October. Thank you for volunteering your time to host these events. Stay tuned for 2021 rally updates and details. If you know of a Newmar owner who is not a member, please invite them to join us at one of our rallies. The best way to learn about our group is to experience, first hand, the fun that we have.

I hope that everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving. Until next time. I can be reached by email: [rgfox09@gmail.com](mailto:rgfox09@gmail.com) or (513) 617-8914.

### WEST VIRGINIA TRAVELING MOUNTAINEERS

Bill and Beth White (20471)

West Virginia State Directors

It's the last full week of August and the summer has been much too short. With COVID active we have been staying close to home. We've only been out in our Newmar twice. Three of the kids have camps on the West Virginia border at Big Bear Camplands. Not only are there over 1,000 permanent campsites on the beautiful Appalachian high plateau, there also dozens of tent sites and an RV park. This gave us an opportunity to see some of the grandkids in a socially responsible manner, and also got us out in our beautiful Newmar Mountain Aire. Our only issue is that it's extremely difficult to get reservations at Big Bear because it is a very popular RV park in the area. There are campsites owned by families from northern and eastern West Virginia and western Maryland and northern Virginia. It's easily accessible from Interstate 68 just 4 miles south of Hazelton Exit. The Camplands has a beautiful water park with a water slide, three lakes for boating and swimming and lots of room for kids to run and play safely. The only concern is that bears visit the area nightly to look for food in the local dump. Care must be taken to keep all food inside the camps. One of the kids got up one morning and found a bear wandering on their lot.

While we were in Big Bear, we had the opportunity to visit Screech Owl Brewing/Spent Grain Cafe, located at 2323 Ralph Livengood Rd, Bruceton Mills, WV. All of their bread and pizza crust is made from the spent grain that is leftover from brewing their beer. We found their pizza to be wonderful. The spent grain gives the crust a great flavor that is a delightful addition to a great pizza.

Beth had a great week with her daughter, granddaughters, sister and her granddaughter teaching at Lakeside Chautauqua along the Lake Erie coast near Port Clinton, Ohio. They spent the week in that scenic location and came home refreshed and ready to go camping. The private community was formed by the Methodist Church over 100 years ago and continues to be a yearly attraction for vacationers. They offer a wide variety of craft classes 9 weeks a year. They held all of the classes outside, with temperature checks, hand sanitizer, and masks. Some were done by Zoom, so everyone was safely socially distanced.

We have done some very preliminary planning for our West Virginia State Rally next year. We'll report more in a later issue.

We hope everyone stays safe as we continue to deal with the pandemic. Wear your mask! God Bless You. We can be reached by email: [janelewbill@gmail.com](mailto:janelewbill@gmail.com) or (304) 884-7623 (H), (304) 871-7330 (C).

## MICHIGAN STATE RALLY

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Early arrival 10/15/2020  
Please register by 9/8/2020

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## SEEKING NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE FUN...



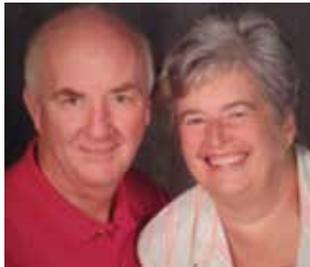
We know the best way to grow our Klub is thru you, the member. Nothing beats one on one sharing of your experiences to other Newmar owners you meet while at RV Parks or traveling across the country. But sometimes you don't have time to connect with a fellow Newmar owner or they are not around when you are.

So last year we introduced a two sided "door hanger" with information about the Kountry Klub providing our email address, phone number and website link. Our members can use this to let non-members know about the Klub and how they can either see you at your campsite or get more information or join.

During our officer's meetings at the 2019 International Rally we gave a supply of these to our Regional, State & Provincial Officers to use themselves and also give out to their members. If you would like a supply of these door hangers please email the office [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com) and we will be happy to send a supply to you.

## 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. Hope everyone is safe and healthy. It sure has been a different summer for all of us. We're all starting to travel a little from home in our coaches. In our region some of our members have had *SPUR* gatherings which was a good opportunity to see our friends even if it was with masks and

maintaining social distancing.

As most of you know on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the morning our coach suffered total loss due to fire while parked in our back yard. It was devastating to see our home away from home in flames. The good part was we were not in it. It is our goal to help educate our members at rallies what to do before anyone ever has to experience what we have had to deal with post fire.

Now for the great news that while we were in Nappanee for a Regional Directors Meeting we purchased "a new to us" motorhome. It was never our intentions to purchase one while in Nappanee but we had the good fortune to find one there. So we're back to traveling again even if it is short trips for now. We will be attending the Penn's Friends Rally in in September as well as the New England Aires Rally and the Hudson Aires gathering.

The Regional Directors meeting went well. We were able to welcome 3 new regional directors from Regions 1, 4 and 6. We covered many subjects and will update you all about it at future rallies.

**Please keep a close watch on the Klub Calendar on line for any upcoming rallies in our region and other regions as we start to travel around.** Hopefully all of us snowbirds will be able to make plans to travel to warm country for the winter months.

Take care of yourselves and those around you during this COVID 19 pandemic. BE SMART = HEALTHY.

As always we can be reached at [bobjanehadley@aol.com](mailto:bobjanehadley@aol.com) or phone Bob-401-808-9030; Jane-401-808-9031. Travel safe!

### NEW ENGLAND STATES

**George & Cathy Keith (15055)**

**New England States Directors**

Hello again from New England. It has been a slow camping year for us as we only got out once so far for a long weekend with friends. We were saddened to hear of the loss of Bob & Jane Hadley's coach; that was devastating. We wish them a bright future and look forward to seeing them on the road soon.

As this is written our next outing is a New England Aires rally at Roger & Margaret LaRose's in Canterbury, Connecticut. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone.

With all the storms and power outages this year we have very much enjoyed living in the coach in our own yard and waking up wherever we want to be.

Live Each Day Like it's Your Last. We can be reached at email: [cathykeith@gmail.com](mailto:cathykeith@gmail.com).

### NEW ENGLAND AIRES

**Donna & Jim McAllister (21866)**

**Presidents**

We are writing this in the last week of August while staying in Boothbay, Maine at the site of our last chapter rally in July of 2019. This campground as well as most of the ones we have stayed at this year have been much quieter and it makes us miss camping with friends and as a chapter.

By the time you are reading this we will have had our only rally of 2020 at Lake LaRose in Connecticut hosted by Margaret & Roger LaRose and co-hosted by Jeannie & Billy Silvester.

**We will start the 2021 season off in Vermont with a rally at Quechee/Pine Valley KOA June 10-13.** This will be hosted by Rich & Jackie Frigon. We are also working on our rally site possibilities. If anyone has a suggestion or wants to be involved with hosting or co-hosting please let us know.

We hope you all staying safe and we are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new once life returns to normal.

### NEW JERSEY

**Michael & Barbara Agrati (20411)**

**New Jersey State Directors**

Greetings from "summery" New Jersey! There have been some interesting changes taking place in the Garden State. Our State Directors, Bill & Angela Mannion, are leaving our fair state and heading south permanently for new adventures in Tennessee. We wish them well and they have assured us that they will continue to be part of the Garden Aires. As this will leave a vacancy in that role, we (Michael & Barbara Agrati) have agreed to now fill that role as the new State Directors. Since Barbara & I were the Treasurer and the Secretary for the Garden Aires **we have two vacancies in our chapter that now need to be filled.** We are actively seeking to fill both positions ASAP and will provide guidance and training to these new officers.

Now a bit about us (Michael & Barbara): We took our first RV trip in a rented Shasta Class C on our honeymoon in 1973, came home, and decided that this lifestyle was for us! Now, 13 RV's later (with and assortment of pop ups, travel trailers, fifth wheels and motorhomes) we are happy to say that we have visited all but four states in this amazing country! We traveled in shorter increments while we were both employed, Michael as a High School Principal and Barbara as a Dental Hygienist. Now we are fortunate to travel in our second Newmar for months at a time, but our favorite trips are with our two children, their spouses and our four little grandsons. They each have their own campers now, so the camping lifestyle is being passed on to the second and third generations, for which we are very thankful!

Unfortunately, with COVID, traveling and getting together has become a real problem especially with those of us in that special age group! Barbara & I look forward to the day when we can all get together again and reminisce about what we did during

the COVID lock down. We will say this however, that after we retired and started traveling this staying at home was a real drag. Please stay safe and stay tuned for news from the Garden State and future rallies.

We can be reached at email: [michaelagrati@gmail.com](mailto:michaelagrati@gmail.com).

### **NEW JESREY GARDEN AIRES**

**Colin Smith & April Danley (23305)**

**President and Vice President**

As I sit and write this article the State of New Jersey is not one of the 31 states on a list that are COVID-19 hot spots. The Governor of New Jersey has asked if you travel to any of those states that you voluntarily quarantine for 2 weeks on your return. That makes it hard to go anywhere! So, in order to use my vacation time my husband & I have been visiting the Cape May KOA (large enough to accommodate big rigs). We have been getting in plenty of exercise as we ride our bikes on the bike paths there. Very nice I might add!

As COVID-19 continues I would like to share what the officers of the Garden Aires have decided to do for our current 2020 members. Here is a copy of what was sent in early August to our members.

*Hello to all the NJ Garden Aires Members:*

*Well as I write this little note, I would like to let you know that all the Officers of the Garden Aires are doing fine. I hope this finds all our members safe and healthy as well.*

*It's been a pretty tough year trying to go anywhere and travel the country. So, our Officers have decided since we could not have a rally this year that your 2020 dues will carry over through 2021. A little bit of good news!*

*We will keep you posted as to what is going on in the near future as it is difficult to plan anything as of right now.*

So, to all our members, please be safe and stay healthy till we meet again. We can be reached at email: [danleyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:danleyfarm@gmail.com).

### **NEW YORK**

**Bob & Barb Engel (13547)**

Summer is coming to a fast end. Even though we did not have any rallies, it went quick. We hope that next summer will be much better. I have heard the RV sales were great, and kept the dealers busy with lots of sales meaning that we will have to have more chapters to take care of the volume on new owners and members.

I believe that we could at least start a third chapter in central New York. If there is some interest please call or e-mail me and we can work on making it happen 716-863-3203 [bobe8691@gmail.com](mailto:bobe8691@gmail.com).

**I know that the Lakers and the Hudson Aires have some rallies scheduled for late September and October.** Check with Steve Wyble, [swyble@rochester.rr.com](mailto:swyble@rochester.rr.com) 585-721-0868 or John Svatek, Hudson Aires, 518-928-1020, for the fall schedule [jdsvatek@gmail.com](mailto:jdsvatek@gmail.com).

**Fall in New York cannot be beat!** Western New York is great with many places to travel to. You might travel to Jamestown, New York to the Lucille Ball Museum or just find your way to the Adirondacks, Lake Placid or travel through the Catskills.

Travel safe, stay healthy and let's hope for a better next year. **See you all at the International in West Virginia next July 17-24, 2021.**

We can be reached at email [bobe86912@gmail.com](mailto:bobe86912@gmail.com) 716-226-4048 house 716-863-3203 cell.

### **NEW YORK HUDSON AIRES**

**John & Diane Svatek (21793)**

**Presidents**

Fall is upon us, and by the time you read this, our Lake George SPUR will be behind us.

We continue to stick close to home, and are blessed to have all our children and grandchildren nearby. A challenge has been not being able to visit with John's parents, who are 99 and 97. Their assisted living facility is not far from us, but they've been in lock-down, which has kept them safe, both staff and residents, during the pandemic, for which we're extremely grateful.

The highlight of the summer was a trip to Manchester, New Hampshire to take delivery of John's new IBOT wheelchair. He is happy to get back to 4-wheel drive, presentation mode (upright) and stair climbing abilities in addition to standard mode. We took the RV to be self-contained, and stayed in a state park, then an RV park for three nights, our first camping since arriving home from Florida in March.

We hope that 2021 brings us back to attending rallies. Look for Hudson Aires offerings as plans unfold. Stay well. We can be reached at email: [jdsvatek@gmail.com](mailto:jdsvatek@gmail.com)

### **NEW YORK LAKERS**

**Steve & Joanne Wyble (22701)**

**President & Secretary**

With no recent rallies to write about, we thought it would be a good opportunity to talk about how we got here. Just a few years ago late in 2016 Joanne mentioned that it would be interesting to start camping and travel the country. Having grown up in a camping family I was quick to say yes and by May, 2017 we had a 30' travel trailer and began camping.

We quickly decided we loved camping and just as quickly decided we did not love towing a trailer. By October 2017 we were shopping for a Class A motorhome and after seeing the type of construction Newmar employed we were sold on the company and we purchased a 2018 Canyon Star 3901. We joined NKK and then the Lakers during their May 2018 rally.

For the next 2 years we attended many rallies with the Lakers and also hit most of the Midwest and East Coast. We attended the Newmar International in Syracuse and decided to continue our passion for Newmar by trading our Canyon Star on a 2020 Ventana 4362 which we have used to enjoy many more adventures.

During the summer of 2019 we mentioned to our chapter President that we would be willing to help out more. For some

reason I am still trying to figure out, when October came around they elected me President and Joanne Secretary. It has been like the blind leading the blind getting through COVID-19. The state and regional officers as well as past Lakers officers and long term members have provided great resources for us as we move forward. When all is said and done we are very proud to be Newmar owners and to be part of NKK and the Lakers.

We can be reached at email: [swyble@rochester.rr.com](mailto:swyble@rochester.rr.com) or 585-721-0868.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

**Wayne & Sue Burke (20367)  
Pennsylvania State Directors**

Here we are facing September 1<sup>st</sup> and we have not been to one rally, they have all been cancelled. By this time last year we had already been to four and had two more to go before heading to Florida.

But as this is written, the good news is our Central/Western Pennsylvania rally is coming up September 23-27 and we have 23 coaches registered at this time. We have a jammed packed agenda with a few surprises included. We hope our Governor loosens some of the restrictions by then so we can accomplish all we want to do.

We sure are excited about starting a new chapter in that part of the state and have some great people coming that we feel will be real instrumental in getting things going. We are excited about having Bob & Jane Hadley, our Region 7 Directors coming as well as Ron & Wanda Llewellyn, our International Directors. What a wonderful surprise!

We are so looking forward to this pandemic being over so all of us can get back to a normal routine of life, not being afraid to travel, not being afraid to go to a rally, not having to worry about shaking someone's hand or giving someone a hug. I don't even know if that will ever happen again. But for now, we can make the best of it by social distancing, wearing our masks, constantly washing our hands and just being respectful of others.

Be Safe! Be Well! Be Happy! We can be reached by email: [wstb@juno.com](mailto:wstb@juno.com).



**REGISTER FOR A RALLY TODAY!**

**CHECK THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS ON PAGES 41-42**

# SPECIAL *Events*

**2020**

## **RALLY IN THE KEYS**

December 6 - 12, 2020

Hosts: Gary & Wanda Smith

**SOLD OUT - TAKING STANDBYS**

**2021**

## **TAMPA SUPERSHOW RALLY**

January 12 - 17, 2021

Hosts: Gary & Wanda Smith

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ONLINE FOR MEMBERS**

**GUEST UNITS CAN REGISTER SPACE PERMITTING  
OCTOBER 19**

## **QUARTZSITE AZ GATHERING IN THE DESERT**

January 13 - 18, 2021

Hosts: Ted & Ruth Hinds

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

## **SAN ANTONIO SPRING IN TEXAS CARAVAN\*\***

April 1 - 10, 2021

Hosts: Jerry & Sue Argabrite

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE OCTOBER 5 @ 10AM EST**

## **NEWFOUNDLAND/MARITIMES CARAVAN**

May 22 - June 2, 2021 (Tentative Dates)

Hosts: Dave & Joanne Killey

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE December 7 @ 10AM EST**

## **INTERNATIONAL RALLY IN LEWISBURG, WEST VIRGINIA**

July 17-24, 2021

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE IN FEBRUARY 2021**

## **LEWIS & CLARK CARAVAN\*\***

July 28-September 14

Hosts: Jeff & Kaynell Zeman

**REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE December 7 @ 10AM EST**

## **GRAND CIRCLE CARAVAN\*\***

Late September (dates to be determined)

Hosts: Jerry & Phyllis Rose

**REGISTRATION DATE to be determined**

\*\*These events are rescheduled due to cancelling in 2020 due to COVID-19 and will be open to those members that were registered when we cancelled before general members. After those positions are filled we will open remaining spots on date indicated.

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

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

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



With our very long and tedious summer coming to an end we hope the current pandemic is also on the decline.

Kountry Klub activity is being planned for 2021 so we are hopeful that the border travel restrictions will be lifted for us to participate.

You can check out the proposed Special Events for next year on the Kountry Klub's website [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com) under the menu option of Klub Calendar including the **International Rally at Lewisburg, West Virginia July 17-24.**

We are still seeing some new owners in our Region and this information has been sent to the local chapters so hopefully when we can get together again they will join us for fun and fellowship.

Continue to stay safe and healthy.

Until next time.....

**2021 COUNTRY TO THE CASTLE SPECIAL EVENT**

This event is still in the planning stages. We do not have definite dates yet but it will be approximately 2 ½ weeks in late June/early July leading into Lewisburg, West Virginia. Our last stop will be about 300 miles from where International will be.

We will start in Memphis, Tennessee with a visit to Elvis' home and museum. Then on to Nashville attending the Grand Old Opry and a couple of other attractions in the area. Bowling Green, Kentucky is the next stop to check out the Corvette plant and museum. We will also be in Louisville, Kentucky which is home to the Louisville Slugger baseball bat manufacturing plant and museum, Kentucky Derby museum and we will tour Churchill Downs. Bardstown is a quaint and beautiful town where we will see the Stephen Foster play. Parts of the Bourbon Trail are in this area and you may want to tour that while there. The Kentucky Horse Park will be our next stop with a planned day at the park as well as Keeneland and some of the local horse farms. We will make a quick stop in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and take in one of the local dinner shows. Our last stop will be Asheville, North Carolina where we visit the Biltmore Estate. Your hosts will be Jerry & Phyllis Rose.

We will update you in the next few editions of the Happenings and the December issue of the Konnection as plans continue to develop. At this point we anticipate reservations will open in early January.



# MEMBER ADVENTURES

**One of our favorite RV parks is Pine Grove RV Park and Campground in Greenwood, Nebraska.** It's conveniently located halfway between Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, exit 420 off I-80. Cathy Kapple-Simms, the owner, is also a Newmar owner and belongs to the Kountry Klub. Just this last year, they have added 15 more sites. Most of them are pull through with full hookups. They have a large pool, tennis courts, and even a snack area that serves pizza, ice cream, and a few other items.

Many rallies have been held there! Also, caravans come through there often due to easy access to I-80. She accepts Good Sam, and a few other discounts. She especially honors the military, and many flags and memorials are found throughout the park.

There is a large dog park, and a nice playground for kids. Shuffleboard, a half-court basketball, and horseshoes can occupy your time too.

**Richard & Donna Ritchie (16254)**

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We would like to continue this feature column but we need your help! Share some of your funny RVing stories (we have all been there and done that!), that favorite location or campground you have been to, or special memories you have. Pictures are welcome; be sure to send them as a .jpg file separate from the article. To submit your story please email us [kountryklub@newmarcorp.com](mailto:kountryklub@newmarcorp.com).

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

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



I saw a sign the other day that said, “*The measure of intelligence is the ability to change*” – Albert Einstein. Wow how true is that phrase during this COVID pandemic! We have all had to change so many things we have taken granted for all our lives. For an example going out to our favorite restaurant, so many small places cannot accommodate the

new restrictions for social distancing so have not reopened. Those who have been able to follow the strict guidelines now have a smaller limited menu. Most Doctors now are doing phone appointments first, and only seeing you if they believe it is needed. Going to most popular stores you would have to line up outside six feet apart and be allowed in so many at a time. But on the good news.....Newmar is now back to work after the COVID shut down with all new safety measures in place, some things are still not available such as the factory tours which is meant to keep employees and us all safe. Newmar is bouncing back quickly and is continuing to manufacture the quality products we all love.

Not everything will rebound as quickly from these mandatory shutdowns, such as snowbird travel from Canada to our southern neighbours. As we write this report our borders between Canada and the USA are still closed with no opening plans set yet in the near future. So those parks we all flock south to will need to fill their spaces to survive.

One of the many new terms we now hear frequently is Zoom. This is an App that allows many people via the internet with a camera and a microphone to be able to view and talk to each other in large groups. Zoom is the leader in modern enterprise video communications, with an easy, reliable cloud platform for video and audio conferencing, chat, and webinars across mobile, desktop, and room systems. Zoom Rooms is the original software-based conference room solution used around the world in board, conference, huddle, and training rooms, as well as executive offices and classrooms.

**We hosted a zoom meeting for Region 9 a short time ago. It was not as well attended as we hoped but we assume that was because not enough notice was given to the members. A second region zoom meeting is planned for October. Watch the Region 9 Facebook or your email for details.**

Apps like this have been a real benefit during this pandemic. Other apps like Facebook rooms, team chat, hipchat and Sclack to mention a few are also gaining popularity.

**We would like to thank Bob & Joyce Jackson for their Presidency of the British Columbia Dogwood Klub for the past year and welcome in the new presidents John & Kathy Schretlen to fill the position.**

As always, our door is always open, and we look forward to all comments and suggestions. We can be reached at [djkillley@firebusters.com](mailto:djkillley@firebusters.com) 604-916-7767.

We meet, we part, we hope to meet again...

### BRITISH COLUMBIA DOGWOOD KLUB

**John Schretlen (21536)**

#### President

My name is John Schretlen and I am your new Dogwood Klub President. A few nights ago I got a call from Joyce Jackson, who was elected President last year, saying that she needs to step down and asked if I would take over. As her Vice-President I said “Yes”, and here I am. So, the first order of business is to introduce myself: I retired almost six years ago from a career in aviation. We bought our Newmar used from a couple in Sainte-Anne-Beaupré, Quebec, four years ago and joined the Newmar Kountry Klub the following year. We live in Vancouver, keep the coach on Vancouver Island when home for the summer but usually spend the fall to spring in Coachella, California. Our first reason for joining the NKK was to get a great parking spot at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. But after going to a few NKK rallies in British Columbia, Alberta and Arizona we quickly realized that the main reason we got involved is because of the other owners/members. Everybody is so relaxed and fun to be rallying with. In short, we have never been to a NKK rally that was disappointing.

As a new President one of my concerns is communications. With the COVID-19 going on every single event in 2020 has now been cancelled. Good thing as it turns out as today’s data shows this pandemic is not going to end very soon. Because the annual meetings, the election of officers, the suggestions about next year’s rallies, and all sorts of other business usually takes place at rallies we are really missing out this year. In short, our communication with each other was really lacking this past six months when ‘rally season’ evaporated.

Setting up a communication system to keep us all informed and, at the very least, aware of the plans, is something we need. Something to replace the group talks during rallies. One idea was to invest in a really good email system that would help keep the lists organized, easily updated and allow a newsletter to be easily distributed. However, that has costs and I have suggested we hold off for now.

Another idea is to try Zoom meetings. I have been invited to several Zoom meetings but never hosted one so contacted my son for ideas. He’s a computer guy who is a ‘Zoom administrator’ for an organization using Zoom daily. With hundreds of meeting under his belt he gave me some suggestions. So here is my plan: I’m going to do some homework and set up a Zoom account. With an account the Zoom meeting will not go blank after 45 minutes and I’ll be able to organize it better. My plan is to have a Newmar Kountry Klub Zoom Meeting on the second Sunday of September. Starting at 7:00 pm. (Put “NKK” on the SSofS) Please respond to this email ([john.schretlen@gmail.com](mailto:john.schretlen@gmail.com)) and let me know if you are interested in joining the Zoom meeting or not. If I get a positive reply from enough owners I’ll have David send out an email with the link.

Thanks again to Joyce Jackson for all her time and talents in the past year as President.

Take care.

**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](http://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:**

- Rally in the Keys - December 6-12, 2020
- Tampa Supershow Rally - January 12-17, 2021
- San Antonio Spring in Texas Caravan - April 1-10, 2021

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

**Cancellation Policy For Region, State, Provincial Rallies**

Due to the large number of late cancellations, the Kountry Klub has experienced significant financial losses from non-refundable commitments made during the planning stages.

A new Region, State/Provincial Rally "Cancellation Policy" is being implemented.

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

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

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**SEVERAL EVENTS MAY HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS AFTER THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN PRINTED. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF AN EVENT'S STATUS PLEASE CONTACT THE RALLY HOST.**

## OCTOBER

- Oct 1-4 Texas State Rally – Mineola, Mineola Civic Center & RV Park, 1150 N. Newsom, For RV Park reservations Call 903-569-6115 inform them that you are with the Texas Newmar Group. CT: Randall Haydon @ [rhaydonjr@yahoo.com](mailto:rhaydonjr@yahoo.com)
- Oct 1-4 Minnesota State Rally – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19
- Oct 9-11 Ohio Buckeye Kountry Travelers – NEW LOCATION Deersville, Tappan Lake Park, 84000 Mallarnee Rd, – Deadline Sept 18 – CT: Jim & Diane Fry 330-201-6244 [jim@waynedalettruss.com](mailto:jim@waynedalettruss.com); Jeff & Mary Edington 330-466-0370 [jedington56@gmail.com](mailto:jedington56@gmail.com)
- Oct 13-18 GEORGIA REGION 5 RALLY – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19
- Oct 14-18 Missouri Mid-Mo Wanderlust Chapter Rally – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19
- Oct 15-18 Arkansas State Rally – CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19
- 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](mailto:jvcheif@aol.com)
- Oct 16-18 Michigan State Rally – Hopkins, Hidden Ridge RV Resort, 2306 12<sup>th</sup> Street, contact campground for site reservations – Deadline Aug 10 – CT: Joe & Gail Swartz 440-476-4936 [gswartz29@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 [sherryledewitt@gmail.com](mailto:sherryledewitt@gmail.com)

## NOVEMBER

- Nov 3 Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon – Yuma, Golden Corral, 590 E 16<sup>th</sup> St, Time:12:00 pm – CT: Jerry & Phyllis Rose 937-657-1563 [phyllis@rosegrinding.com](mailto:phyllis@rosegrinding.com)
- 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](mailto:beberg@att.net)
- Nov 5 Missouri Mid-Mo Wanderlust Luncheon – Carthage, The Village at Rollins Creek Clubhouse, 1900 Bluebird Way – CT: Jerry & Lillian Oler 417-850-4137 [jerryandlil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerryandlil@sbcglobal.net) – CANCELLED
- 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](mailto:bakntep@gmail.com)
- NOV 8-15 BRANSON CHRISTMAS SHOW SPECIAL EVENT – RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN ONLINE JUNE 1 @ 10 AM EASTERN TIME – CANCELLED
- 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](mailto:sed228@verizon.net); Tim & Connie Buchholz 239-464-1771 [buchholzconnie@yahoo.com](mailto:buchholzconnie@yahoo.com)
- Nov 11 Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast – Mesa, Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Road 9:00 am – CT: Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)
- Nov 12-16 Arizona State Rally – Casa Grande, Pinal County Fairgrounds, 512 South Eleven Mile Road – Deadline: October 15 – CT: Ted & Ruth Ann Hindes 231-750-2547 [tednruthy@hindesfamily.net](mailto:tednruthy@hindesfamily.net) and Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)
- Nov 25 Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast – Mesa, Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Road 9:00 am – CT: Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)

## DECEMBER

- Dec 1 Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon – Yuma, Golden Corral, 590 E 16<sup>th</sup> St, Time:12:00 pm – CT: Jerry & Phyllis Rose 937-657-1563 [phyllis@rosegrinding.com](mailto:phyllis@rosegrinding.com)
- Dec 2 Florida Pelicans Luncheon – Naples, Audubon Country Club, 625 Audubon Blvd 11:30 am – CT: Carol Hussey 239-272-2812 [husseycarol74@gmail.com](mailto:husseycarol74@gmail.com)
- DEC 6-12 FLORIDA KEYS SPECIAL EVENT – SOLD OUT TAKING STANDBYS
- Dec 9 Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast – Mesa, Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Road 9:00 am – CT: Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)
- Dec 10-13 Florida Sea Turtles Chapter Rally – Bushnell, Blueberry Hill RV Resort, 6233 Lowery Street, contact campground for site reservations 352-793-4112 – Deadline November 1 – CT: Richard Schlieper 336-260-0874 or 336-260-7096 [schl1241@cs.com](mailto:schl1241@cs.com)
- Dec 15 Florida Southwest Florida Newmar Owners Luncheon – Fort Myers, Golden Corral, 4690 Colonial Blvd 11:30 am – CT: Ron & Wanda Llewellyn 740-707-7107 [wanda\\_ron67@yahoo.com](mailto:wanda_ron67@yahoo.com)
- Dec 23 Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast – Mesa, Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Road 9:00 am – CT: Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)

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## JANUARY

- Jan 5** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Golden Corral, 590 E 16<sup>th</sup> St, Time:12:00 pm – CT: Jerry & Phyllis Rose 937-657-1563 [phyllis@rosegrinding.com](mailto:phyllis@rosegrinding.com)
- JAN 12-17** **FLORIDA TAMPA SUPERSHOW RALLY – NOW OPEN ONLINE FOR RESERVATIONS**
- Jan 13** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Road 9:00 am – CT: Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)
- Jan 19** **Florida Southwest Florida Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Fort Myers, Golden Corral, 4690 Colonial Blvd 11:30 am – CT: Ron & Wanda Llewellyn 740-707-7107 [wanda\\_ron67@yahoo.com](mailto:wanda_ron67@yahoo.com)
- Jan 27** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Road 9:00 am – CT: Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)

## FEBRUARY

- Feb 2** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Golden Corral, 590 E 16<sup>th</sup> St, Time:12:00 pm – CT: Jerry & Phyllis Rose 937-657-1563 [phyllis@rosegrinding.com](mailto:phyllis@rosegrinding.com)
- Feb 10** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Road 9:00 am – CT: Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)
- Feb 16** **Florida Southwest Florida Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Fort Myers, Golden Corral, 4690 Colonial Blvd 11:30 am – CT: Ron & Wanda Llewellyn 740-707-7107 [wanda\\_ron67@yahoo.com](mailto:wanda_ron67@yahoo.com)
- Feb 24** **Arizona Newmar Owners' Breakfast** – Mesa, Golden Corral, 1868 N Power Road 9:00 am – CT: Joe & Pat Goss 602-819-1460 [azbuckwheat@cox.net](mailto:azbuckwheat@cox.net)

## MARCH

- Mar 2** **Arizona Newmar Owners Luncheon** – Yuma, Golden Corral, 590 E 16<sup>th</sup> St, Time:12:00 pm – CT: Jerry & Phyllis Rose 937-657-1563 [phyllis@rosegrinding.com](mailto:phyllis@rosegrinding.com)
- Mar 8-11** **California Golden Aires Chapter Rally** – Temecula, Pechanga Resort, 45000 Pechanga Pkwy - CT: Ken Wilson 951-239-9224
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- Mar 31-Apr 4** **Louisiana Mid-South Tri-State Rally**, Vidalia, [River View RV Park](http://River View RV Park), 100 River View Parkway – CT: Jim & Barb Watso [jwatson@summit.us](mailto:jwatson@summit.us) 404-915-2713

## APRIL

- APR 1-10** **TEXAS SAN ANTONIO/SPRING IN TEXAS CARAVAN SPECIAL EVENT – RESERVATIONS WILL OPEN ONLINE OCTOBER 5 AT 10:00 AM EASTERN TIME**
- Apr 7-11** **Florida State Rally** – Panama City, [Emerald Coast RV Beach Resort](http://Emerald Coast RV Beach Resort), 1957 Allison Ave – CT: Greg & Margie Harrop [cctango3@bellsouth.net](mailto: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
- Apr 18-23** **Carolina's State Rally** – Winston Salem NC, Salem Breeze Campground, 2796 Hickory Tree Rd – CT: Becky Garner 336-269-7885 [boathousebecky@gmail.com](mailto:boathousebecky@gmail.com)
- Apr 22-25** **Oklahoma State Rally** – Weatherton, Wanderlust Crossing RV Park, 2036 S Airport Rd – CT: Bill & June Aduddell 405-209-5012 or 405-822-7027 [b.aduddell@yahoo.com](mailto:b.aduddell@yahoo.com)

## MAY

- May 5-8** **Georgia Peach State Krackers Rally** – Morgantown, Waterside at Blur Ridge, 984 Loving Rd – CT: Bill Stanley & Donna Jones 352-322-7717 [newmarpsk@gmail.com](mailto:newmarpsk@gmail.com)
- MAY22-JULY 2** **NEWFOUNDLAND CARAVAN – RESERVATIONS TO OPEN DECEMBER 7, 2020 @ 10 AM EASTERN TIME THRU OUR WEBSITE**
- 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](mailto:prbudd60@bellsouth.net)

## JUNE

- June 7-11** **North Carolina, TN Volunteer Cruisers & NC Tarheel Kountry Klub Joint Rally** – Franklin, The Great Outdoors RV Resort, 321 Thumpers Trail – CT: Gayle Webber 706-619-1851 [younggrammygayle@gmail.com](mailto:younggrammygayle@gmail.com)

## 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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