

Explorations

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President's Message



I'm writing this while taking a break from loading up the motor home to head to the Hudson River Rally at the Alguire's tomorrow. This will be the second chapter rally of the season. The season opening rally at Turning Stone was a great success! Everyone seemed to really enjoy the beautiful campground, the abundance of good food, and most of all the camaraderie of visiting with old friends and making many new ones. If you weren't there I think you'll get a sense of that from the picture spread in this newsletter.

That leads me to another point. Now that our web site has so successfully become the primary distribution mechanism for the newsletter, as well as a repository for other useful information, it's only natural that the line between the newsletter and the site itself begin to blur. Starting with the Hudson River Rally, we intend to post pictures and any commentary about each rally on the web site shortly after it occurs. No more waiting up to two months to see the pictures in a newsletter spread! And with them on the website instead of in print, you can download and/or print any you'd like to keep.

Already we are saving considerable money by not printing and mailing the newsletters to the vast majority of you and at the same time we are just beginning to tap the full potential that our site can provide. Over time we hope to continue to increase the use of the web site as the chapter's primary communications vehicle and information repository. I invite you to give your comments and suggestions regarding the web site and how you'd like to see it be used to me, Jeff Sweet, or any of the officers.

As you already know, another rally has been planned "by popular demand" for Mystic, Connecticut, July 11 -13. It's not too late if you haven't already signed up, come join the fun! And look too for the sign-up sheet in this newsletter for the Pocono Rally that will close out our Rally season in September. It's in a terrific location with lots to see and do! Let's really turn out and make it a rousing Party in the Poconos and a fitting finale to a wonderful summer rally season.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road, Rich Grega



For information and pictures on the Hudson River Rally, go to our website at:

www.monaconortheastexplorers.com

- 1. Click on Rallies in the left margin.**
- 2. Scroll down to the 2008 Rallies and click on it.**
- 3. Scroll down until you see the Hudson River Rally.**

And while you are on the home page, sign the guest book.

Make this page a favorite along with others that you plan to visit often.

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***It's not too early
to start planning
for the 2009 Rally Season!***

Host a Rally with a friend?

Contact the
Rally Coordinator

Owen Brandt

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Our first gathering was at Turning Stone just a few weeks ago. It was a great success. We had six coaches that were new members. What a fun group we had. I did not hear of anyone hitting it big at the casino but I think every one had a lot of fun.



As most of you heard and for those that have not... I am loosing my job with Key Bank after 10 years and seven months. They have decided to do a major outsourcing of their computer support areas. About 125 people are losing their jobs this summer to Indian contractors. Someone will be on site for initial training, then the jobs will be moved over to India. Another 200 or so are expected by year-end. As a result I should have some extra time in August to work on the security of our website and get our directory posted among other things. I will have some printed copies available at the next two rallies and I will also e-mail it out to every one so that they can print it.

Please report any changes in your address, phone numbers or e-mail addresses to me directly. I will then notify Rita so that you will continue to get everything that is published.

Remember, your best way of getting a hold of me if you have any questions is via e-mail. You can leave a voice message on my answering machine and I will eventually return it, probably on the weekend. I'm still working those long late nights during the week but they should be ending soon??? July 31st is my last day.

E-mail = basmith-rv@nycap.rr.com

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Thanks, Betsey

***Where would you like to rally
next year?***

Could be one of your favorite spots or a new location, or a local festival or fair that might have nearby camping available? It's not too early to start planning especially if you want to host a rally and lock in a date.

***Or you know of a great location for a rally...let us know
your ideas for a rally!***

Owen Brandt

Sign up now!

MNE 2008 RALLY SEASON IS HERE!



June 6th-8th, The Village at Turning Stone Casino Resort, Verona, NY.

See pages 10-11 for rally report and pictures.

June 26th-29th, Hudson River Ramble 2008, Mechanicville, NY.

See website for rally report and pictures.

July 11-13th, Mystic Seaport Gathering. See page 7 for details. *Deadline 7/1*

September 18th-21st, "Partying in the Poconos": The Pocono Delaware Water Gap KOA, PA. See page 6 for Registration Form. *New Prices!*

Hosted by Ann and Owen Brandt and Howie and Elaine Broder. See p 0 for more information.

Sign up now!

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*FMCA'S 80th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

July 14-17, 2008, Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, Minnesota. See www.fmca.com for more information.

**FMCA'S NORTHEAST AREA RALLY

August 7-10, 2008, Chaplain Valley Exposition Center, Essex Junction, Vermont. See page 9 for more information.

**SUSGUENANGO CHAPTER FMCA, Labor Day Invitational

"Celebrate Your Heritage" See page 8 for more information.

Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2008, Clinton Park, Bainbridge, NY. (Contact Rich Grega if you plan to go.)

***As mentioned in my message, these two FMCA and FMCA sponsored rallies offer more opportunities for members in our club to attend as a group. More information will be made available at our website.*

Sign up now!

MONACO 2008 RALLY SEASON IS HERE !



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Monaco and Friends Rally, 2008.

July 18th-25th, Chippewa Falls and Spring Greens, WI, Hosted by Steve and Andrea Sponenberg

For more information contact Steve at spony55@yahoo.com or Cell 631-827-1766.

**See www.monacointernationalrvclub.com for more information.*