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From the Editors:

We welcome rally reports, announcements, recipes, repair hints, anything that would be of general interest to our membership. *The Tidings* is published three times a year: January, May, and September. **The deadlines for submitting articles for publication are December 1, April 1, and August 1.** Please send all articles for publication to Val Sherer, valpub@yahoo.com, or mail to Tidings Editor, 17 Angela Ave, San Anselmo CA 94960. When sending rally announcements, also send a copy to our webmaster, Rick Newcomb (rnewcomb@comcast.net) so he can put them on the TrailBlazer web page (<http://tmtrailblazers.org>).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PRIVACY

There have been concerns about publishing member information on websites. In particular, the concern was that listing the names and other address information of rally contacts, directors, etc. might expose those people to harassment or other unwanted contact. The member information published in *The Tidings* is in a 'controlled' distribution. That is, *The Tidings* is only sent to members. Many times the rally announcements in *The Tidings* are copied to Internet web sites as a means of getting broader coverage for our events. However, when the rally information is published on the Internet, everyone can read it. So, if you don't want your personal information (name, address, phone or email address) to be published on the Internet, indicate your desire with your rally announcements or other items you send for publication and we'll put the notice (not to be published on the Internet) with your personal information.

The President's Corner — Randy Samson

I hope everyone has had a joyful Holiday Season and my wishes for a safe, happy and a prosperous New Year. Susan and I enjoyed the 2018 Nashville Jubilee. It was quite a success and thanks to the Dixie and Appalachian Chapters for hosting. I want to thank our outgoing President Ralph Sherer for his dedication and always cheerful leadership. Welcome to our newly elected officers, Randy Samson President and Larry Fennern Vice President. A big thank you to our returning Treasurer Cindy Kopperud, Secretary and Membership Coordinator Veronica Zieminski, Tidings Editor Val Sherer and Webmaster Rick Newcomb.

Jubilee 2021, that sounds so far away but will be here before we know it. Gary Maelzer (Mile High Chapter) has volunteered to meet with his Chapter to determine their ability to host the 2021 Jubilee. My wife Susan, director of South Central Heartland has agreed to co-host the Jubilee. It has been 12 and 15 years since these two Chapters have hosted a Jubilee. Gary will be getting back with me in 2019 with their answer. In the mean-

time I would like to suggest a Branson 2.0 Jubilee for 2021. Great campground (ABC), varied entertainment and centrally located. Not to be held in the summer! We have a few things to hammer out, but will have a destination and campground selected for the May 2019 *Tidings* issue.

Those of us blessed with warm winters have not put our TrailManors away for the season. Susan and I have a couple of camping trips planned in Southwest Louisiana (Cajun Country) as we plan to host a Rally there in the Spring of 2020. Thanking all the Trailblazers for your support. *Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler* – Let the Good Times Roll.



Message from your Past President

The picture on the right is your Past President doing the Moon Walk at the Jubilee contest. It was a last-minute idea walking past the stage.

We had a great Jubilee in Nashville. Too bad more could not make the trip. I'd like to thank Bob and Cathy Bennett, Ed and Joan Ruch, together with their chapter volunteers that put this jubilee together. Great job!!

I enjoyed my time for the past two terms (six years) being your president. I had some interesting challenges, like finding a new treasurer, a new membership coordinator, a new news editor, etc. It came with the job.

I'd like to thank Randy Samson and Larry Fennern for stepping up to become our new President and Vice President. Also, thanks to Cindy Kopperud, our Treasurer; Veronica Zieminski, our Membership Coordinator; Rick Newcomb, our Webmaster; and Val Sherer, our Tidings Editor for continuing in their roles for our TrailBlazers Club.

Val and I put over six thousand miles on our new trailer. We stopped by Custom RV in Ontario, California, and got a tune-up with some warranty work, in each direction, adding an extra 500 miles (and several days) to our journey. At Randy's suggestion we took the Natchez Trace Parkway, a beautiful route, on our way out of Nashville. We took some back roads getting there

with many horse ranches. At one point where we stopped, Randy and Sue passed us with a "toot toot." We stopped at a Civil War memorial in Arkansas and some Route 66 icons. Also, we stopped at Robertsons in Oklahoma to get some great smoked cheese and sandwiches (in both directions). I have been buying their great "real" beef jerky for years. Even Randy liked the jerky that I gave him at the Jubilee.

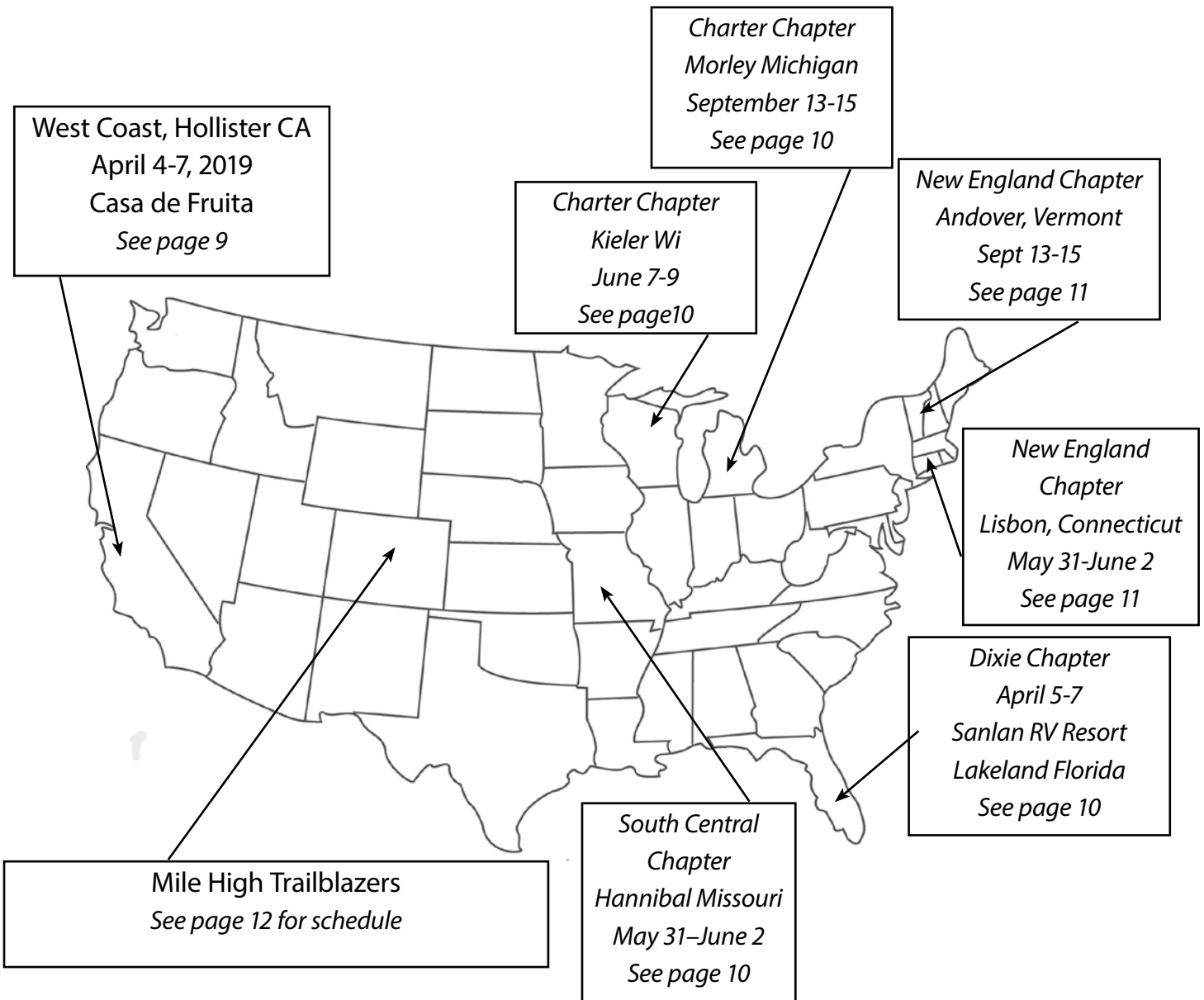
On the advice of a family member who had been in Nashville recently, we went to the Pancake Pantry and to Edley's BBQ. After raving about both, several others tried them out. We had to return to Edley's to try their ribs on Friday night and ended up with 10 for dinner. They happened to be featuring "Randy's Jubilee" on tap! Randy enjoyed it. As a BBQ expert, he approved of the ribs as well. And we all had fun.

I am looking forward to the next Jubilee in 2021.



Upcoming Rally Dates

Rally announcements are also posted on www.tmtrailblazers.org



The TrialManor Trailblazers History 1993-2015 is on the TrailManor TrailBlazers webpage, <http://www.tmtrailblazers.org/>. Click the "Tidings" or "Photos" icons.

2019 Calendar Summary	
April 4-7	Hollister CA
April 5-7	Lakeland FL
May 31-June 2	Lisbon CT
May 31-June 2	Hannibal Missouri
June 7-9	Kieler WI
Sept 13-15	Morley MI
Sept 13-15	Andover VT

Nashville Jubilee 2018



*Two couples have attended every Trailmanor Trailblazers Jubilee: 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2019
Ann & Joe Wetherbee of Portsmouth VA (left), and Roberta & Lyle Gaaskjolen of St. John IN*





Dining on the General Jackson. A malfunction of the paddlewheel prevented paddling down the river, but we still enjoyed a buffet lunch and entertainment.



Historic tobacco farm, Natchez Trace National Park



Dining on the General Jackson. A malfunction of the paddlewheel prevented paddling down the river, but we still enjoyed a buffet lunch and entertainment.



For more photos of the 2018 Jubilee, go to tmtrailblazers.org

Rally Reports

New England Pilgrim Chapter's 2018 Fall Rally

By Rick Newcomb

On Thursday, September 14th, Trailblazers began arriving for lakeside camping at Terrace Pines Campground in Ossipee, NH. We gathered around the campfire that evening before retiring for the night.

On Friday morning a group biked or hiked the Cotton Valley Rail Trail in Wolfeboro. The group was pretty evenly split between bikers and hikers. After our morning workout, we visited Bailey's Bubble for ice cream. By evening all 12 units had arrived and we had a campfire.

On Saturday morning, a group hiked to the Great Hill Fire Tower in Hemenway State Forest and Big Pines Natural Area, Tamworth, NH. We hiked the easy trail up and the more difficult trail down. Lynn won the contest of identifying the largest Pine Tree along the trail. This entitled her to be first in line for the potluck supper that evening. The weather was quite warm so the group decided to have the potluck supper at a camp site instead of the recreation hall. With small tables and chairs, we created an outdoor café style dining experience. After supper, Dick Hamel conducted the business meeting. The group re-elected Dick Hamel as Chapter Director and Rick Newcomb as Assistant Director. The group discussed ideas for the rallies next year and possible dates. The suggestions were the Spring Rally at Ross Hill Park in Lisbon, CT and the Fall Rally at Horseshoe Acres Campground in Andover, VT. A few of our members did some planning for the trip to the 2018 Jubilee in Nashville, TN. After the meeting, we gathered around the campfire.

On Sunday morning, we gathered at Rick Newcomb's site for coffee and breakfast pastries. After breakfast, we said our good-byes to the few units that needed to depart. For the members who extended their stay until Monday, we dined at Pizza Barn and enjoyed pizza in a rustic 1800's barn. On Monday, those remaining packed up and we said our good-byes. We all look forward to seeing each other again at the spring rally.

"Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it."

—Greg Anderson

More photos of the rally may be found at:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CC3adoSYxbZ7bHba8>



Rally Announcements

Please send all rally announcements to Val Sherer, Tidings Editor, valpub@yahoo.com
(17 Angela Ave, San Anselmo CA 94960)

To make your announcement complete, include the Chapter name, the name, address, phone and email address of the place where the rally will be held, the rally dates, the cost, the host or contact person, including the address, phone, and email if available. Also include any special instructions such as bringing gifts, pot luck suppers, etc. You may include additional information but always include as much of the above as possible. Please keep your announcements to no more than a page. Details can be Folks who plan to attend an request further details from the host.

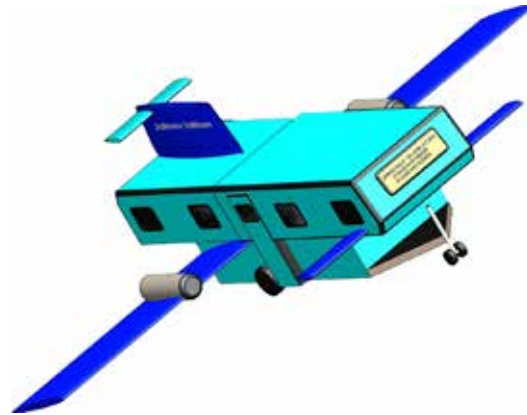
Send copies of your emails to Rick Newcomb, rnewcomb@comcast.net so he can update the TrailManor Rally pages.
Check the TrailBlazer Rally pages at www.tmtrailblazers.org for any changes.

Dixie Chapter 2019 Spring Rally, April 5-7 Sanlan RV Resort, Lakeland Florida

This rally will be held during the Sun & Fun Expo, the 2nd largest airshow in the country. Please contact Mike or Christine Newman by email or phone or further information. If you did reserve in October at the Jubilee, all attending members need to make reservations at Sanlan for a campsite. For more information on this rally, air show and other events contact the hosts. The deadline has been extended March 1, 2019

Mike Newman email: solar1mike@yahoo.com;
phone (813) 965-8998

Christine Newman email: pollytech42@yahoo.com;
phone (813) 404-2793



West Coast Spring Rally, April 4-7, 2019 Hollister, California

We have reserved 10 spaces for our Spring Rally at Casa de Fruta RV Orchard Resort in Hollister CA. The date of the rally is April 4, 2019 to April 7, 2019. Our cost per night will be \$39.96 for one or two persons. If we have less than 10 units, the cost will be greater, but we would be entitled to the Good Sam's 5% discount.

We will have our usual pot luck on Saturday night. More details as the date gets closer.

As Wagonmaster, I would need to collect the camp fees and pay the campground our fees for the weekend.

If you are planning to go to this Rally, please send me a check for \$40.00 for the first night camping. The check is to be made out to Ralph Sherer. My address is 17 Angela Ave, San Anselmo, CA 94960-1316. I would appreciate if you send me your deposit sooner rather than later.

The address is Casa de Fruta Orchard Resort, 10031 Pacheco Pass Highway, Hollister, CA 95023. Each unit must stop at RV Resort Office to register.

Obituary

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of a friend and member of the Central N/E Chapter, Tom Gaisford. The funeral home has a wonderful tribute to Tom.

<https://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com/notices/Thomas-Gaisford>

South Central Rally – May 31–June 2, 2019 Mark Twain Cave Campground, Hannibal Missouri

300 Cave Hollow Rd. Hannibal, Missouri

Reservation: (573) – 221- 1656 When you make your reservations tell them you are with the TrailManor TrailBlazer group so you will get the 10% discount rate.

\$28.08 will be the final price plus tax with discount per day. We have 12 sites available.

Deadline is May 1, 2019 to get your reservation in.

This Year is the 200th Anniversary Hannibal Bicentennial

1819 – 2019. They have lots to see and do, for example:

On site of the campground are Mark Twain Cave Tours, Hy- Vee Sandwich shop, Cameron Cave Tours, and a Winery. Mark Twain the story teller will be on-site to tell some of his river adventures. Times posted at camp office.

In Downtown Hannibal is Mark Twain's Boyhood home, Becky Thatcher's house, take a Trolley ride around Hannibal and hear the history of the town, see the house of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown". Take a 1 hr. guided cruise tour or a 2 hr. dinner cruise aboard the Mark Twain Riverboat (573-

221-3222) check prices and times, for availability.

Our new President Randy Samson said he will cook up a big batch of his famous jambalaya for dinner one night. Join us!

If you have any question contact: Susan Luckhurst (816) 452-4703 Leave me a message with your phone number and I will call you back that evening.

Charter Chapter 2019 Spring Rally June 7–9, 2019, Rustic Barn Campground – Kieler, Wisconsin

Come join the Charter Chapter for a weekend of fun hosted by John & Lynda Graham and David & Mary Stjern in the Tri State Area – approximately 20 minutes to Galena, Dubuque, Cuba City or Platteville. Full hookups, some with patios. Rally participants get a 10% discount. There are no cabins but there are nearby motels including the Country Heights Motor Inn in Hazel Green. We'll have campfires, an optional Friday night

dinner out, a potluck on Saturday (main course provided) and a continental breakfast on Sunday. While the campground is holding 10 sites for the group, they'd appreciate some early reservations so call Rustic Barn at 608/568-7797 to reserve a site. Those of you who need a pull through need to specify that. Once you have made the reservation please send Lynda \$10.00 per head as an activity fee.

Charter Chapter Fall Rally, September 13-15, 2019 Mecosta Pines Campground – Morley, Michigan

550 Tallcott St,
Morley, Michigan 49336

Come join the Charter Chapter for a weekend of fun hosted by Ron & Judy Moore—approximately 20 minutes north of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Full hookups, \$35 (15 sites are being held until July 15, 2019). There are two trailers that you can rent for \$90/night. There are two rustic cabins—call the campground for pricing and availability. Motels/Hotels are numerous in the Grand Rapids area. We'll have campfires, possibly

a mini golf tournament at the campground (free), an optional Friday night dinner out, a potluck on Saturday (main course provided) and a continental breakfast on Sunday. While the campground is holding 15 sites for the group, they'd appreciate some early reservations, so call Debbie at Mecosta Pines at 231-856-4556 to reserve a site.

Once you have made the reservation please send Judy Moore \$10 per head as an activity fee to 3782 Covert Rd, Waterford MI 48328

New England Pilgrim Chapter Spring Rally

Ross Hill Park, Lisbon, CT

May 31 - June 2, 2019

Please come and join us for camping on the banks of the Quinebaug River. The New England Pilgrim Chapter Spring Rally will be held at Ross Hill Park, 170 Ross Hill Road, Lisbon, CT, 860-376-9606.

website: <http://www.rosshillpark.com/> email: rosshill@rosshillpark.com

The 2018 rate is \$44.00/night for WEC and \$47.00/night for WESC. The campground has four dump stations. A 10% discount based on the 2019 rate will be applied, if 10 or more units attend the rally. For this rally, our group will be down by the river. The sites near the river are very popular and will fill up fast so make your reservations early. Some members of the group will arrive on Thursday and you are welcome to join us.

A 50% deposit is required with your reservation. Make your reservation by calling Ross Hill Park directly by March 31, 2019. Be sure to tell them you are with the Trailblazers Rally. The campground will not accept reservations until after January 1, 2019.

Those who arrive early on Thursday may join us for dinner out at a local restaurant. We will also plan a hike or two for the weekend. For those looking for a sweeter

adventure, we will get our licks in at Canterbury Cones on Friday afternoon.

The campground publishes their yearly Event Calendar in January. Typically, when we hold our rallies earlier in the month of May, our traditional potluck does not conflict with their events. Since our rally is later, it may conflict. Once the Event Calendar has been published, we will determine how to proceed with our potluck, update the rally announcement and post the update on the website.

The campground offers breakfast for a fee on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

For information about the rally, contact Rick Newcomb. If you do not have a TrailBlazers nametag, please email Rick Newcomb with the names for the nametags. He will have your nametags ready for you at the rally.

Rick Newcomb email: rnewcomb@comcast.net



New England Pilgrim Chapter Fall Rally

Horseshoe Acres Campground, Andover, VT

September 13-15, 2019

Please come and join us for camping in southern Vermont, outside the Green Mountain National Forest. The New England Pilgrim Chapter Fall Rally will be held at Horseshoe Acres Campground, 1978 Weston-Andover Road, Andover, VT 05143, 802-875-2960.

website: <http://www.horseshoeacrescampground.com/>

The group will be camping in the lower safari field with Water and Electric hookups. If 10 or more units attend the rally, the discount rate will be \$31.00 per night plus tax. If less than 10 units, the rate will be \$35.50 per night plus tax. Some members of the group will arrive on Thursday and stay until Monday. If you wish to extend your fun, you are welcome to join us. If the group qualifies for the discount rate, it will also apply to the extended days of Thursday and Monday.

Some weekend activity ideas will be discussed at the Spring Rally.

Make your reservation by calling Horseshoe Acres Campground directly. The deadline is July 31, 2019. Be sure to tell them you are with the Trailblazers Rally hosted by Rick Newcomb.

The campground has their "Camper Appreciation Weekend" with a pig roast and potluck on the weekend of our rally. Our group will be participating in the pig roast and potluck on Saturday Evening.

If you need more information or do not have a TrailBlazers nametag, please email Rick Newcomb at rnewcomb@comcast.net. He will have your nametags ready for you at the rally.

Mile High Trailblazers 2019 Schedule

Gary Heckmann, Camping Coordinator

MILE HIGH TRAILBLAZERS – Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico

Hey All You TrailManor Members. Our group has had a lot of fun so far this year. We are an easy-going, relaxed group of RVer's who love to do our own thing and still get together for activities, PotLuck Dinners and Fun& Games. We have more rally's planned for 2019 so if you're planning to be in the area or know anyone looking for a group near us, then be sure to look us up! Our Rally Schedule is still lacking details but here are the planned sites. Contact: Camping Committee Chairman: Gary Heckmann, gaheckmann@comcast.net



2019 RALLY SCHEDULE

RALLY DATE	RESERVE DATE	HOSTS	RALLY LOCATION	NOTES
APRIL 12 & 13	12-Oct-18		JACKSON LAKE STATE PARK*	A3
RALLY DATE	RESERVE DATE	HOSTS	RALLY LOCATION	NOTES
MAY 3 & 4			1. Circle The Wagons 2. South Pueblo KOA	
RALLY DATE	RESERVE DATE	HOSTS	RALLY LOCATION	NOTES
JUNE 7 & 8			Ridgeway State Park	
RALLY DATE	RESERVE DATE	HOSTS	RALLY LOCATION	NOTES
JULY 12 & 13			Steamboat KOA	
RALLY DATE	RESERVE DATE	HOSTS	RALLY LOCATION	NOTES
AUGUST 9 & 10			Winding River RV Park	
RALLY DATE	RESERVE DATE	HOSTS	RALLY LOCATION	NOTES
SEPTEMBER 13 & 14			James Rob State Park	
RALLY DATE	RESERVE DATE	HOSTS	RALLY LOCATION	NOTES
OCTOBER 11 & 12			1. Pike Peak RV Park 2. Snowy Peaks	

IMPORTANT PLEASE BRING A MAIN DISH AND EITHER A SALAD OR A DESSERT

Minutes from meetings at the 2019 Jubilee

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
KOA, Nashville TN

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 8:10 AM by Ralph Sherer, President.

Present were Ralph Sherer - President, Randy Sampson - Vice President, Cindy Kopperud - Treasurer, Mary Grant - Acting Secretary (Secretary - Veronica Zieminski was unable to attend due to a death in the family).

There has been no audit since 2015. Bob Bennett will perform the audit for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Ralph Sherer - President and Randy Samson - Vice President presented the following roster for the new board:

Randy Samson - President, Larry Fennern - Vice President, Veronica Zieminski - Secretary, and Cindy Kopperud - Treasurer. As outgoing President, Ralph Sherer will continue as advisor to the Executive Board for the next term.

Other positions:

Veronica Zieminski will continue as Membership Coordinator, Rick Newcomb will continue as Webmaster, and Val Sherer will continue as Editor of the Tidings.

Items for discussion at the General Meeting

Old business: Lifetime membership - A constitutional change would be required. New Vice President will form Constitution Review committee to address pending issues.

New Business: Ralph Sherer discussed how to redefine Chapters and Groups and processes for dealing with shrinking membership in various chapters (combine, annex certain states to other chapters).

Ralph Sherer suggested that the Club evaluate changing the start of the membership year from October 1st to November 1st, due to recent Jubilees being held in October.

Incoming president will be responsible for identify the chapters who will plan and host the 2021 Jubilee and determining where it will be held.

Above items will be discussed at the Directors Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Grant
Acting Secretary

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Ralph Sherer started the meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 9:00 AM.

Present were Ralph Sherer - President, Randy Sampson - Vice President, Cindy Kopperud - Treasurer, Mary Grant - Acting Secretary (Secretary - Veronica Zieminski was unable to attend due to a death in the family). The following Chapter Directors were in attendance: Sue Samson (New Director of the South Central Chapter), Gary Maelzer (Mile High Director), Rich Newcomb (Asst Director New England Chapter), and Carl Wisler (new director of the Charter Chapter), Bob Bennett and Cathy Bennett (Co-Directors of the Dixie Chapter, and Ed Ruch and Joan Ruch (Co-Directors of the Appalachian Chapter. Jim Grant was also in attendance.

President Ralph Sherer started the meeting by recognizing the Dixie Chapter (Bob and Cathy Bennett) and Appalachian Chapter (Ed and Joan Ruch), and those in these two chapters who hosted the Jubilee.

Ralph Sherer asked whether the Minutes of the 2015 Directors Meeting be accepted. Bob Bennett motioned to accept the 2015 Minutes without reading, and Ed Ruch seconded this motion.

Membership Coordinator Report

Due to the absence of our Membership Coordinator, Randy Sampson reviewed the number of members by chapter. Membership continues to decline. Current membership is down to 226 vs. 345 in 2015. These numbers include those members whose dues are in arrears for the current and prior year.

Discussion amongst the directors ensued on what to do to attract new members identified the need to form a team to pro-

pose ideas to promote growth of the TrailBlazers organization. Val Sherer agreed to recruit team members and hold the first meeting on Thursday, October 18th, 2018. Meeting information will be provided to the Directors along with suggested action items.

Unpaid Membership Dues: Discussion on what to do to ensure that membership dues are current when members attend Chapter rallies. Ralph Sherer suggested that the Membership Coordinator send a status list to Chapter Directors prior to scheduled rallies, and enlist the Chapter Directors help with reminding members that they are in arrears. A recommendation to change the Membership year from October 1st to November 1st was made to avoid having to collect dues at the Jubilee. Item referred to the Constitution Review Committee.

One Year Free Membership for New to TrailManor Owners: Need documentation explaining exactly how this is supposed to work. Cindy Kopperud will follow up and identify any previous documentation. She will work with Membership Coordinator to ensure clearly documented process for both the general membership and the Coordinator.

Directors meeting ended so that the General Meeting could begin.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Grant
Acting Secretary

Minutes from meetings at the 2019 Jubilee (continued)

TRAILMANOR TRAILBLAZERS GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 16th, 2018

KOA, Nashville, TN

President Ralph Sherer started the meeting by recognizing the Dixie Chapter (Bob and Cathy Bennett) and Appalachian Chapter (Ed and Joan Ruch), and everyone in these two chapters for hosting the Jubilee.

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Kopperud, Treasurer, reported that membership continues to decline, but cost saving measures put in place have allowed expenses to remain less than the dues collected. The club continues to have an average bank balance of between \$8000 and \$10,000. Financial Report will appear in the next Tidings.

OLD BUSINESS

Add a Lifetime membership to the TrailBlazers Organization. This will require a change to the Constitution. There is a need to form a Constitution Review committee to cover this and several New Business items. Larry Fennern - VP will be responsible for this.

NEW BUSINESS

The Constitution Review Committee was also tasked to review and propose potential opportunities/changes to help those members/Groups/Chapters who are inactive or nonfunctioning. Further discussion on these items was tabled at the general meeting. The Vice President will form a team to review and propose/rec-

ommend changes to the constitution. Any changes to the constitution will require a vote at the next General Meeting which will be held during the next Jubilee in 2021.

We did discuss where the next Jubilee would be held, but no decision was made. The incoming President will be responsible for identifying the Chapter/Chapters that will host the next Jubilee.

Ralph Sherer presented the slate for new officers:

Randy Samson – President

Larry Fennern – Vice President

Veronica Zieminski - Secretary

Cindy Kopperud – Treasurer

Joe Wetherbee made the motion to accept the nominations. Ed Ruch seconded the motion. The membership unanimously voted in favor of the above slate.

At this point, Ralph Sherer turned the “gavel” over to the new President, Randy Samson. Randy wholeheartedly accepted this challenge, and challenged all of us to carry on with this group with enthusiasm and most of all have a good time.

Ed Ruch passed out door prizes. Then Ed Ruch made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Bob Bennett seconded the motion.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Grant, Acting Secretary

Scott Eickhoff of Custom RV Inc in Ontario, California provided a list of the TrailManor Dealers as of 8/18/18.

Check the TrailManor website for other possible dealers: <http://www.trailmanor.com/dealers>

Al's Trailers
1041 Evergreen Rd
Woodburn, OR 97071
844-899-7219

Bankston Motor Homes
2191 Jordan Lane
Huntsville, AL 35816
256-533-3100

Custom RV Sales
1200 W Mission Blvd
Ontario, California
909-983-8411

MCD Corp
14 Iyanough Rd (Rt 28)
W. Yarmouth, Massachusetts
508-775-6311
Prosser's Premium RV Outlet
14003 Leetsbir Rd
Sturtevant, WI 53177
262-898-2610

Texas Choice Outdoors
5754 US Hwy 380
Bridgeport, Texas
817-400-5266

Van City RV – Service Only
1426 Selix Grove
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
719-377-6999

(Van City RV in Colorado Springs will do warranty and service work on TrailManor units. Victor knows TrailManor travel trailers well; he worked in the Service Department at THE CAR SHOW in Colorado Springs for 17 years.)

(possible dealer)
Hartleys RV Service
3830 US Rt 11
Cortland, NY 13045
607-756-5302

Membership Information

Send any changes of your membership information to **Veronica Zieminski, 2881 Capewood Ln, San Jose CA 95132**. All future issues of *The Tidings* will be distributed via E-mail. Be sure to keep us advised of any changes to your e-mail address. If you want to receive paper copies of *The Tidings*, send your request to **Veronica at vhz627@hotmail.com** or at the address above.

Here are some answers to Frequently Asked Questions about your membership.

- Q. When do I need to pay dues and how much are they?
A. \$15.00 should be paid by September 30. The address label on *The Tidings* will show what year is due. If your label shows 9/14, your membership needs to be renewed. To continue your membership, send your check, payable in US funds, to the Membership Coordinator. If you wish to pay for more than one year, just include \$15.00 for each year.
- Q. Where do I send the check?
A. **Veronica Zieminski, 2881 Capewood Ln, San Jose CA 95132**. Checks should be made payable to TRAILMANOR TRAILBLAZERS.
- Q. Why did I not get a bill?
A. Bills are not mailed. There is a notice in the May *TIDINGS* each year and a reminder in the September *TIDINGS* and in the directory. In addition, email notices are sent to members with email addresses on file.
- Q. What if I forget to send the check?
A. According to the constitution, reminders will be mailed the first of January. Anyone not paying by Feb. 28 will be dropped.
- Q. Why hasn't my check cleared my bank? I mailed it several weeks ago!
A. (Now that we have our accounts in a bank that has offices in several states, this problem will be minimized.)
- Q. What if I decide to mail my check after March 1?
A. You can be reinstated by mailing a check for \$15.00 to the address above.
- Q. Why am I not getting *The Tidings*?
A. You moved or had an address change. The postal service will not forward bulk mail. Any address changes should be sent to the address above as soon as possible or e-mailed to tmtrailblazermc@yahoo.com. The *Tidings* mailings are in January, May, and September. If you will be at an alternate address at these times, send your alternate address to the Membership Coordinator at least 30 days ahead so we can have the *Tidings* sent there. Send the Membership Renewal Form with your check.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please enclose \$15.00 in US funds for each year of renewal. Checks for an improper amount will be returned to the sender. Make checks payable to TrailManor TrailBlazers.

Mail to: **Veronica Zieminski, 2881 Capewood Ln, San Jose CA 95132**

Name _____

Spouse/Partner Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

TrailManor Model and Year _____

Please send all information listed the form, so we can confirm that the information we have in our records is current.