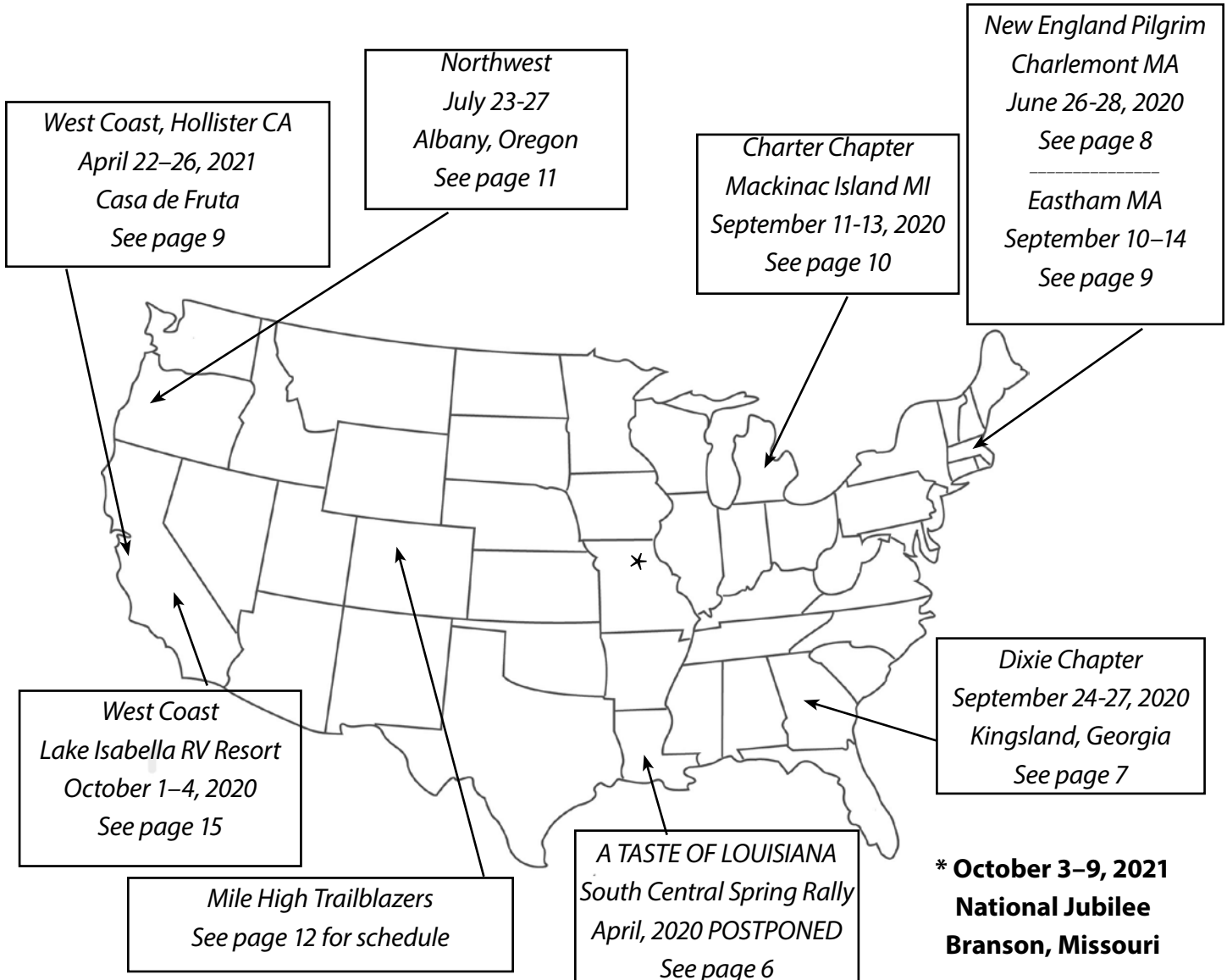


Upcoming Rally Dates

Rally announcements are also posted on www.tmtrailblazers.org



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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indicate your desire with your rally announcements or other items you send for publication and we'll put the notice (not to be published on the Internet) with your personal information.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 pray that everyone is safe and well. These are strange times that we are living in and we are all being asked to make many changes in the way we live our lives. I sincerely hope that our efforts have limited the COVID-19 pandemic's effect. Our family has not been affected by the virus but a number of them have been involved with the battle. From nursing the sick in the hospital ICU's to our quilters now making face masks and scrub caps for the medical field. Let's all do what we can to get through this so we can resume life as it once was.

Springtime in South Louisiana is a celebration of life and the Resurrection of our Saviour. It's a time for family, good food, fun festivals and a rush of flowers, wildlife and birds. Susan and I made a preliminary field trip to Lafayette, LA (Cajun Country) the weekend of March 6-7. We brought the TrailManor and our traveling companion Tipper. We were blessed with perfect weather and enjoyed setting up activities for our upcoming rally. Shortly thereafter, the South Central Spring rally was cancelled as were other TrailBlazer Spring rallies due to COVID-19 concerns. If we do what we have been asked to do, we will be here next year doing the things we love

to do. Our intention is to reschedule the Scott, Louisiana rally for 4/21. Our 2021 Jubilee is only eighteen short months away. Gary and Eileen Maelzer have a Jubilee update in The Tidings. Even though this has been a year of uncertainty, we will be full steam ahead on Jubilee plans.

The good news just keeps coming. Our Governor, who by the way has done a great job with emergency coordination, has stated that by July or August we here in Louisiana could be coming out of the woods. Me, that's the peak of hurricane season. The stores will be without toilet paper and water again. Here's to happy camping sometime in the future. Everyone stay safe and stay well, see y'all again soon. *Randy Samson*



News from the TrailManor factory – Spring 2020

The numbers 2020 refer to perfect vision but with the world's fallout from COVID-19 and hearing so many varying opinions it is difficult to stay focused. All of this has had a negative impact on your Rally plans. We hope it all works out for the plans to get back on track.

We are doing fine here at TrailManor. We hope you can all say the same. This 'down' time has afforded us the opportunity to build up our inventory. Sales have remained steady—even though sales are a bit slow compared to prior years but nothing concerning. A few of our material suppliers closed shop during this pandemic but are mostly open again.

We are in the beginning stages to build our 2021 models—more about that later.

We hear from so many of you that your heart is out in the camping arena but that RV campsites are closed. RV Business Magazine has recently shared stories about camping sites opening throughout the country so it may be time to head out on the trail! The National Parks in South Dakota have remained open all along. Maybe this is the year you make plans to travel here where we have Great Places, Great Places.

Stay safe, keep in touch and have a great camping season!

Paul Wipf

Jubilee 2021

CONFIDENT THAT TRAILMANOR TRAILBLAZERS JUBILEE 2021 WILL HAPPEN! OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

The next TrailManor Jubilee will be held October, 3-9, 2021, in Branson, Missouri. In this time of uncertainty with the Covid-19 pandemic, we are confident that the Jubilee will indeed happen, everything being equal. Branson (situated in the beautiful Ozark Mountains of Missouri and Arkansas), is blessed with an endless array of family-friendly activities to choose from. So, plan to come to Branson in 2021 and stay at the ABC Campground, which was the venue for Jubilee 2009.

Representatives from the Mile-High and South-Central Heartland Chapters are working together to plan the Jubilee. The committee is in the preliminary stages of determining a budget and an agenda. You can expect the rally to include a couple shows along with a meet 'n greet time at check-in, an ice-cream social and other opportunities for us to gather as a group. Attendees' will also have time to plan other activities on their own, and/or with friends. One morning will be devoted to club business meetings.

One activity tentatively set up will be a tour of The College of the Ozarks (also known as College of hard knocks). It is unique in that it provides a college degree free of debt with the students who are working at various jobs to cover their college expenses. The college also has an on-campus four-star hotel and restaurant providing the students hands-on experience in the hospitality industry. The tour will include lunch and a patriotic play put on by students.

An agenda will be ready for the September issue of The Tidings so you can start planning. A registration form will be available in the February, 2021 issue.

Come join us for a fun-filled week at the October, 2021 TrailManor Jubilee! Hope to see you there!

Questions?

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Randy Samson rjs16016@gmail.com

Charter Chapter

Carl Wisler

The Charter Chapter Spring Rally was canceled (Probably moved out a year is a more likely scenario). The fall Rally is still on track. I reserved 15 sites and 9 are already taken (Plus one Motel room).

New England Pilgrim Chapter

Rick Newcomb

We are hopeful that by the end of June, businesses including campgrounds will begin opening. The New England Pilgrim Chapter currently plans to hold our Spring Rally at a later date at Country Aire Camp-ground, Route 2 – The Mohawk Trail, Charlemont, MA.

South Central Heartland Chapter Update

Susan Samson

I hope all of our Trailblazer friends are well and feeling fine, and I'm sure you are all as ready to get back to normal as Randy and I are!

We were really looking forward to our Spring Rally. We had friends coming from several chapters, good food planned, and a couple of local activities lined up. The weather has been spectacular here, and perfect for camping in Louisiana.

In fact, we were so disappointed we had to cancel this year, that we are planning to do the same rally next April. We'll just call it rescheduled. We will have information in the next Tidings.

Stay well, stay safe, and enjoy as much camping as possible as soon as things open up. Oh, and wash your hands.

Happy camping!

West Coast Chapter

Ralph Sherer

Due to the stay-at-home requests and the concern of the Coronavirus, the April Rally at the Casa de Fruta RV Orchard Resort in Hollister CA for April 2-5, 2020 was cancelled. I have rescheduled for April 22-26, 2021.

Vice President

Larry Fennern

My name is Larry Fennern and I am currently a West Coast Chapter member and the Vice President of our National TrailBlazers. As the Vice President, one of my duties is to review and propose opportunities to help members whose Group has not been very active.

As an example, last year I jointly hosted a rally in Erie, PA, for the Central Northeast Chapter that has not been active lately in an effort to stir some interest in that group. You can read about that outing in the 2020 January Tidings, Page 4, and that is me sitting at the head of the table in the bottom right of the first photo in the rally report.

For 2020, I have arranged for a rally in Oregon to accommodate our members in the Northwestern part of the country. see page 11 for details.

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, potluck 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. Folks who plan to attend a rally can request further details from the host.

Send copies of your emails to Rick Newcomb, newcomb@comcast.net so he can update the TrailManor Rally pages.

Check the TrailBlazer Rally pages at www.tmtrailblazers.org for any changes.

A TASTE OF LOUISIANA South Central Spring 2020 Rally April, 2020—to be determined **POSTPONED**

We will be having our spring rally April 23-25 (Thurs, Fri, & Sat nights) at the Lafayette KOA in Scott, LA.

This is a very special and popular time to visit the Lafayette area. It is the week of the Festival International de Louisiane, a music festival that celebrates the connections between South LA Acadiana and the French-speaking world. It is an outdoor non-ticketed festival, and a wonderful opportunity to experience Cajun food, music, and culture. The festival is Wednesday through Sunday.

Lafayette is the heart of Cajun Country, and there are many fun things to do, indoors and out. You can take a swamp tour or a Tabasco factory and Jungle Gardens tour, or an airboat ride. You can take food, brewery, or distillery tours. You can visit museums, such as the Acadian Village in Lafayette, or play the horses or slots at Evangeline Downs racetrack. A Longfellow fan can visit the Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville on Bayou Teche. How about Cajun dance lessons?

The rally is 2-3 hours from New Orleans, depending on traffic. To spend time there, we recommend camping on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain or in the Slidell area. Driving across the 26-mile Lake Pontchartrain Causeway is a memorable experience in itself, and you would be about an hour from the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, The National WWII Museum, the Audubon Zoo, the French Quarter, and the Mississippi

River steamboat cruise dock, as well as the beaches in Gulfport, Mississippi. Plan to pay for parking in New Orleans.

There are 3 major cruise lines that sail from New Orleans. If you would like to visit the Caribbean before or after the rally, April and May are a perfect time to do so.

Camping rates will be \$45 /night + 12% tax. With 10 or more sites, we get a 10% discount. If you choose a 4th night, you get 15% instead of the 10%, no matter how many sites we have. Their phone number is (337) 235-2739, or website <https://koa.com/campgrounds/lafayette/>. Tell them you are with the Trailblazers group. The deadline for reservations is 2/29/2020, but it is recommended to call soon. They are holding 10 sites for us. If we need more, they need to know as soon as possible. When you make your reservations, please email Susan Samson at sgrws13@gmail.com with your stay dates. Also, please send a check for \$10 per person to Susan Samson, P.O. Box 1537, Walker, LA 70785.

Please plan to join us!

TrailBlazers Dixie Chapter Fall 2020 Rally, September 24-27, 2020
Continuing Our Circle of Friendship!
Jacksonville North/St. Mary's KOA. Website: www.JacksonvilleKOA.com.

Only 70 days until the Rally begins!

Announcement will highlight some of the "Attractions" places/activities near the Rally site for your enjoyment. Upcoming Announcements will cover Food and more.

Dates: Sept. 24-27 2020 (Thursday to Sunday)

Campground: Jacksonville North/St. Mary's KOA.
Website: www.JacksonvilleKOA.com.

Location: 2970 Scrubby Bluff Road, Kingsland, Georgia 31548 (I-95 Exit 1 in Georgia)

Tel: 912-729-3232, email: jaxnorthrv@gmail.com

Amenities: Complimentary Breakfast (waffles pancakes, biscuits and gravy) every morning 8-10 a.m. Heated swimming pool. Free high speed WIFI. Café on site with beer/wine.

Sites: There are 29 sites set aside for our Rally, all full hookup & pull thru, 50 & 30 amp; see website for map:

Note: All sites have a fire ring. (P) sites have patio with table, 4 chairs & umbrella.

Cost: The reduced rate for each site is \$49 (incl tax) per night. This rate applies if you want to stay extra nights before/after the Rally dates. These sites will be held for us until July 29, 2020; afterwards, the reserved sites will be open to the public, and the rate will increase to \$57 (incl tax) per night. Cancellation policy is a \$10 fee charged if cancelled over 2 days in advance; if less than 48 hours, one night stay is charged.

Reservations are to be made by calling the KOA Campground at 912-729-3232 and mentioning "TrailBlazers Dixie Chapter Rally" and the dates. After reserving, please inform one of the hosts:

Host Jill and Ted Elder;

1654 Welcome Road, cellphones 678-633-2008, jillelderathome@yahoo.com.

Attractions!

1. Golf Courses

- Laurel Island Links, 233 Marsh Harbour Parkway, Kingsland, GA (6 miles NE from the KOA)
- Trident Lakes Golf Club on Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base (accessible and open to public), 1010 USS Proteus Blvd, Kings Bay Base, GA 31547 (10 miles NE from the KOA)
- Sanctuary Cove Golf Club, 2050 Sanctuary Wynd, Waverly, GA 31565 (27 miles NE of KOA)

2. Military Attraction

- Mary's Submarine Museum, 102 St Mary's St W, St Mary's, GA 31558 (9 miles E of KOA)
- Largest museum of its kind in the south
- Fifth largest in the country
- More than 99% of all WW II submarine combat war patrol reports are housed here
- Files on nearly every submarine the United States has or has had in service

3. Biking and Hiking Trails (short list below)

- Woodbine Rail-Trail – dog friendly!
Boardwalk along Satilla River, concrete paths thru wooded areas, 6+ miles
- White Oak Rail-Trail north of Woodbine (see #2 above)
Crushed stone and gravel, 3.1 miles
- Crooked River State Park (12 miles NE from the KOA)
Four Miles of Trails
- Three Rivers Trail – 30 miles, broken up by sections with parking, rest/comfort stations
Between Downtown St. Mary's and Crooked River State Park

We look forward to seeing ALL of you at the Rally!

Jill Elder (jilleldereathome@yahoo.com)

New England Pilgrim Chapter Spring Rally,
June 26-28 2020
Country Aire Campground, Charlemont, MA
DATE CHANGED DUE TO COVID-19

New England Pilgrim Chapter
Spring Rally
Country Aire Campground
Charlemont, MA
June 26-28, 2020



IMPORTANT: If you have already made a reservation for the Spring Rally, please contact the campground to change your reservation to the new date or request a refund.

We are hopeful that by the end of June, businesses including campgrounds will begin opening. The New England Pilgrim Chapter currently plans to hold our Spring Rally at a later date at Country Aire Campground, Route 2 - The Mohawk Trail, Charlemont, MA.

website: <http://www.countryairecampground.com/>
phone: (413) 625-2996

The 2020 rate is \$42.00 per night for full hookups and \$37.00 per night for water & electric hookups. If you wish to join us reservations may be made as sites remain available. Some members will be arriving on Thursday and extending to Monday. Please feel free to extend your reservation.

To make a reservation, please contact Country Aire Campground directly. Be sure to tell them you are with the Trailblazers Rally. Reservation Deadline: As long as sites are available.

In light of the COVID-19 and any possible restrictions, information about the potluck dinner or other activities for the weekend will be emailed one week before the rally. If you plan to attend the rally in June, please email Rick Newcomb so he can email you the activities for the weekend. Thank you for your understanding as we adjust to changing conditions.

For any additional 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's email address: rnewcomb@comcast.net

New England Pilgrim Chapter Fall Rally, September 10-14, 2020 Atlantic Oaks Campground, Eastham, MA

Please come and join us for camping on Cape Cod, just 20 miles from the first Pilgrim landing. The New England Pilgrim Chapter Fall Rally will be held at Atlantic Oaks Campground, 3700 State Highway 6, Eastham, MA 02642. website: <https://atlanticoaks.com/> phone: (508) 255-1437

Our rallies are typically held Friday through Sunday morning which would be September 11 - 13, 2020. But given the traffic encountered when traveling to and from the Cape on a Friday and a Sunday, we have reserved Thursday through Monday morning to make sure your site is available for an extended stay, if you so choose. In the past, most of the group has chosen the extended stay. The campground has reserved sites C5-C6, F3-F7, and G3-G4 for our group.

The 2020 rate is \$71.00 per night for water, electric, sewer and cable hookups. The campground offers a 10% discount for Good Sam members. The campground has not finalized their 2020 rates so please check the campground website for any rate changes. The campground charges an additional fee for dogs.

To make a reservation, please contact Atlantic Oaks Campground directly. Be sure to tell them you are with the Trailblazers Rally. Hosts: Linda Barnard and Rick Newcomb.

Reservation Deadline: February 28, 2020

Atlantic Oaks is a popular destination in the Fall. As a result, please note the early deadline to make your reservation. After this date the campground will release the reserved sites. You may still make a reservation after the deadline, if sites are available.

Our traditional potluck dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening.

Optional Activities during the Rally:

- On Friday morning, we will dine for breakfast at Van Rensselaer's Restaurant, <https://www.vanrenselaers.com/>. You may choose to bike or drive to the restaurant.
- On Saturday morning, a group will bike a reasonable portion the Cape Cod Rail Trail, weather permitting. The Cape Cod Rail Trail, a 22 mile paved bike path, borders the back of the campground. Cape Cod Rail Trail Map: <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/wn/ccrt.pdf>
- Sunday evening, we will dine for supper at Arnold's Lobster & Clam Bar: <https://www.arnoldsrestaurant.com/>

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: rnewcomb@comcast.net

West Coast Spring Rally, April 22-26, 2021 Hollister, California

Reservations have been made for ten units at Casa de Fruta in Hollister for April 22-26, 2021, arriving on Thursday and leaving on Monday. Easter is April 4, 2021. Our cost per night is \$39.96 for one or two persons. This is subject to change in January 2021. If we have less than 10 units, the cost will be greater, but we would be entitled to the Good Sam 5% discount.

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

the weekend. If you are planning on attending this Rally, a check for \$40.00 for the first night camping should be sent to me as Wagonmaster during January 2021. The check is to be made out to Ralph Sherer. My address is 17 Angela Ave, San Anselmo, CA 94960-1316.

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

Charter Chapter Fall Rally, September 11-13, 2020

St Ignace/Mackinac Island KOA, St. Ignace MI

Come join the Charter Chapter for a weekend of fun hosted by Carl Wisler at St Ignace/Mackinac Island KOA, W1118 U.S. Highway 2, St. Ignace, MI 49781 (906) 643-9303

<https://koa.com/campgrounds/st-ignace/>

It is located 2 miles west of the north side of the Mackinac Bridge. Bridge Tolls; \$4.00 Car, \$6.00 Car and single axle trailer, \$8.00, Car and double axel trailer.

The campground is holding 15 reservations (5 pull through and 10 back in) until the end of March under TrailBlazers name. For Reservations email stignace@koa.com. Indicate you want to make the reservation for the Trailblazers Charter Chapter Fall Rally that are under Carl Wisler's name. Have them call you back to take over one of the bookings. This is a mail box that they view once or twice a week in off season. So please be patient.

The information needed to place the reservation is: Name, Address, Phone, e-Mail address (All details of the reservation is confirmed via e-mail), arrival and departure dates, RV/trailer length and the number of slide-outs.

Rates: Full Hook-up \$45/night. Group discount rate.

If you have a VKR membership or a military the Full Hook-up fee is \$40.00 / night.

Nearby Hotel: Cedar Hill Lodge, 680 U.S. , St Ignace, MI 49781 <http://cedarhilllodge.com/>, 906-643-9900.

Attractions: Mackinac Island

Tahquamenon Falls - one hour away

The Upper Falls is the second largest waterfall east of the Mississippi. The Lower Falls is a series of cascades flowing around an island

The Sault Locks in Sault Ste Marie - one hour away

The only passageway to Lake Superior, these locks open to ships from all over the world. Watch the traffic or take a scheduled boat trip through the locks.

Colonial Michilimackinac: Located just over the Mackinac Bridge, 5 miles away. One of the most authentic reconstructions in the United States, Colonial Michilimackinac is a fortified trading village built by the French in 1715.

Emmet County Sportsman Club, 6835 Robinson Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Send activity fee (\$10.00 per Person) to Carl Wisler, W222N2827 Foxwood Ln, Waukesha WI 53186-1037- Please also provide a contact cell phone number, address, Arrival and departure dates and Campsite assigned by campground.

West Coast Fall Rally, October 1-4, 2020

Lake Isabella RV Resort, Mountain Mesa, California

<http://lakeisabellaresort.com/>

The West Coast Chapter Fall Rally is planned for October 1-4, 2020, at Lake Isabella RV Resort. Lake Isabella is located in the Southern Sierra mountains, surrounded by the Sequoia National Forest. From Bakersfield, it can be reached via a 51.9 mile scenic drive traveling East-Northeast on CA Highway 178. The resort is located at the north end of the small community of Mountain Mesa, which has a grocery market and other small businesses, and is close to the larger community of Kernville.

At 2,600 feet above sea level and its Southern California location, the Resort usually has good weather in early October, with average low and high temperatures of 50 to 80 degrees and with low probability of precipitation (3-5%). The Resort has a club room with basic kitchen, a pool (open early October) and a game room. Favorite activities include fishing on the Kern river, boating on the lake, and sightseeing and hiking in the big trees of Sequoia National Forest and Park.

To join the rally, please make your individual camping reservation directly with the Resort (telephone 760-379-2046, and speak with Jenny). The standard rate is \$ 37/night, which includes taxes. If five or more units participate, a 15% discount will be given. The resort requires a credit card on file to hold your reservation, but no charges will be applied until your arrival at the resort. The Resort requests a 7 day notice to cancel a reservation.

When making your reservation, please indicate you will be attending the TrailBlazers rally hosted by Larry Fennern, so that we can be located together and qualify for the group discount. After making your reservation, please send an email to Larry (LEFennern@gmail.com) so that additional information can be provided as the date for the outing is approached. At this time plans include a potluck dinner Saturday evening at the resort and a group dinner at a restaurant in Kernville on Thursday or Friday evening.

Northwest Rally
July 23-27, 2020
The Blue Ox RV Park, Albany, Oregon

The NorthWest Trailblazer members, and some West Coast California members, have an opportunity to meet, get to know each other, share TrailManor TrailBlazers news and just have fun!

We have reserved spaces at the Blue Ox RV Park in Corvallis/Albany the weekend of July 24 (Friday) to 26 (Sunday). I have contacted Blue Ox RV Park in Albany (<http://theblueoxrvpark.com/>), and they are very interested in hosting our rally with very favorable terms. They will offer a club rate equal to the Good Sam member rate of \$40.97 per day for 30 amps units and full hookups. (Note: A higher rate will apply if 50 amps is needed). Individual members will need to contact them 30 days prior to arrival to make a down payment to secure their site. They are also willing to extend this rate to those who prefer to arrive a day earlier or stay a day longer. I personally plan to arrive Thursday and leave on Monday.

The Blue Ox RV Park has a Good Sam rating of 10/9/9, which is very good (10/10/10 facility/restrooms/appeal is Good Sam's best). They also have a club house (rec room) that we can use if we wish, perhaps for a pot-

luck on Saturday evening. The facility is located next to Timber Linn Park which has walking trails, fields and playgrounds, as well as a Veterans Memorial.

There are several possible visitor activities in the Corvallis/Albany area. There are bike trails, hiking trails, Willamette Valley wineries, farmer markets, road tours, museums, etc. I have some familiarity with the area since my son attended Oregon State University in Corvallis. While visiting him and his wife, I have been on some of the area hikes and also visited the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport (approximately an hour drive to the coast from Corvallis). I can suggest a couple of group activities later for those who have an interest to join the rally.

I hope you will have an opportunity to join this rally.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Fennern

Email: lefennern@gmail.com

Tele: 408-227-9468

May 2020 Update for Northwest July Rally

Hello TrailBlazers campers who indicated interest earlier this year to join the Corvallis/Albany Oregon rally! I hope all of you and your families are doing well during this time of the coronavirus crises.

I still have hope that we will be able to enjoy camping in the latter part of July. However, we will need to wait and see how the coronavirus outbreak evolves in June and July. I hope you will wait patiently with me. However, it is understandable if you may decide to change your mind given this Covid-19 crisis.

Just now both California and Oregon have stay at home orders and non-essential travel restrictions during the crisis. Cautious progress has been achieved in California to slow down new cases admitted to hospitals, and you may have noticed that some restrictions are being relaxed as the state enters a "Phase 2" period. A recent look at Oregon indicates that it has one of the lowest infection rates per capita, ranking #47 among states, with rural areas faring better than more populated areas.

I spoke with Blue Ox RV Park representative today, and she said the campground is open and doing business. The adjacent 90-acre Timber Lane Park is open and people have been going on walks there. They have closed the recreation room, swimming pool and office (phone in only for site reservation & directions), but hopefully these will open up in summer. She mentioned the virus has not been as severe in this area of Oregon.

Assuming our rally will proceed, I think there will be opportunities for walking, hiking, bicycling, or enjoying country or coastline drives. We will need to wait and see if museums and theaters will be open. Currently, the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport is closed, as are Oregon State Parks, at least through portions of May, but hopefully reopen this summer. I will check for closures again in June and July and keep you informed. We may want to rethink about eating out at a restaurant – maybe catered or carryout meals? I have some ideas on these activities that I will share with you later. Please keep me posted on your plans. *Larry*

Mile High Trailblazers 200 Schedule

Tina Bedard, Director

Date	Reserve By (Date)	Location	Notes	Elevation	Host
April 17-19	Oct 18	Jackson Lake State Park (78 mi.*) 26363 County Rd 3 Orchard, CO	Electric only (no full hook-ups) https://www.cpwshop.com/campinghome.page	4440'	Doc Weinacht
May 29-31 <i>(Avoids Memorial Day)</i>	May 1	La Junta KOA (171mi*) 26680 Hwy 50 LaJunta, CO Tel: 800-562-9501	Full hook-ups. If we have >10 it's \$35.70 If <10 \$42+ <i>(If we don't get the 15%, KOA cardholders & Vets get 10% discount).</i>	4078'	T & P Shaw
June 12-14	Dec 13	Boyd Lake State Park (53 mi*) 3720 N County Rd 11-C Loveland, CO	Electric only https://www.cpwshop.com/campinghome.page	5000'	
July 17-19	Fills up fast. Book early.	Vallecito RV Resort (368 mi*) 13030 County Rd 501 Bayfield, CO tel: 1-800-258-9458	Full hook-ups Resort was not able to reserve sites for us (wanted too much \$\$)	7500'	
August 7-9	Feb 7	Mueller State Park (97 mi*) 21045 Hwy 67 South Divide, CO	Electric only https://www.cpwshop.com/campinghome.page	9400'	P & B Burkart
Sept 18-20	Mar 20 (beautiful no-wake mtn lake. So book ASAP)	Dowdy Lake CG (112 mi*) Red Feather Lakes Bellevue, CO https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/231854	Electric only Fill water off site Free DUMP at Poudre Valley Coop , 225 NW Frontage Rd, Fort Collins CO 80524 / 970-221-5300. Rinse water available. Must go into store for key.	8100'	
October 16-18	Early is better	Ft Collins/Lakeside KOA (71mi*) 1910 Lakeside Resort Ln. Ft. Collins, CO	Full hook-ups (970) 484-9880	5200'	

* Distance from downtown Denver

TrailManor TrailBlazers
New England Fall Foliage Tour
September 21 – October 7, 2022



The 2022 New England Fall Foliage tour is a go! Six units have already signed up. The tentative dates are September 21st to October 7th. As I work with campgrounds the dates may change slightly. Below is a description from the 2017 tour. The tour will be limited to approximately 10 units. If you would be interested in participating in the tour or have questions, please email Rick Newcomb, rnewcomb@comcast.net.

TOUR DESCRIPTION:

Every year leaf peepers flock to New England for nature's display of brilliantly colored trees. The leaves of autumn in New England delight visitors from all around the world. The color change starts in mid-September in Maine, New

Hampshire and Vermont. Come and join us on a 17 day guided fall foliage tour through these three states, while Mother

Nature paints her canvas with spectacular colors. We will stay at four different campgrounds. At each campground, we will have one day that the whole group will participate in an activity together, such as visiting a local attraction which will provide a wonderful back drop

to the fall foliage. The other days we will have an optional activity such as exploring the back roads of New England on scenic drives, easy to moderate hikes or you may choose to do your own exploration.

Our camping journey will begin along the seacoast region of Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park in Maine. Our next stop will be the Lake Winnepesaukee region of New Hampshire. Our third stop will be the farmlands and mountains of mid-Vermont. Our final destination will be the White Mountain National Forest area of New Hampshire.

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.
- Cara Maps

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.

Vibes from the Vice President (Larry Fennern) TrailManor™ TrailBlazers Constitution

As documented in the minutes of the TrailManor TrailBlazers general meeting at the Nashville 2018 Jubilee (January 2019 issue of the Tidings, page 14), the Vice President is tasked with forming a Constitution Review Committee to propose and recommend changes to the Constitution. Suggestions for lifetime membership, changes to help members in Chapters and Groups that are inactive or nonfunctioning, as well as other items were raised during the Nashville Jubilee for consideration as Constitution revisions.

Our current Constitution, which was last revised in June, 2012, is posted on the TrailManor TrailBlazer Webpage (<http://www.tmtrailblazers.org/>) under “Misc. Info.” The process to be followed for revisions is clearly described in the Constitution: Article VIII –Amending the Constitution. A summary of the process is described below.

- Any Regular Member may propose a change(s) [Note: Associate Members “retain all Regular Member status” per the constitution Article II.I.C.].
- Proposals shall be in writing and submitted to a Constitution Committee.
- After its review the Constitution Committee shall refer the proposed revisions to the Executive Board, who have the authority to accept, amend, or reject the changes.
- The Secretary will distribute the original constitution text along with [e.g., showing] the recommended changes to all Regular Members, together with a mail in ballot.
- 30 days shall be allowed between the date of mailing the ballot and the date they must be received by the Constitution Committee.
- Received ballots shall be validated and counted by the Constitution Committee and the results will be determined and announced in the next Tidings.

Currently, the plan is to seek approval of Constitution revisions during the time of the Jubilee in 2021, allowing members to either mail in their ballots prior to the Jubilee, or vote and hand deliver their ballots during the Jubilee. [Note: “Each unit of Regular Members has the right to one vote per unit, with one added vote for spouse or partner of the unit” per the Constitution Article II.III.D.]

Constitution Committee membership is voluntary and service is at the discretion of the TrailBlazers Executive Board (Article V.II.H.1.). With the publication of this article, I invite any member in good standing (i.e., paid up national dues) to volunteer to participate on the Constitution Committee. We will work by email to propose, incorporate and approve – on behalf of the committee – revisions to the constitution, and promote the follow on approval process as described in the Constitution. Please advise me by email (LEFennern@gmail.com) if you are interested and willing to serve on the Constitution Committee. Your service is important to the club and will be truly appreciated!

Trailmanor Dealers

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>
Be sure to call before traveling to a dealer. Sometimes things change

Auto RV America
Englewood CO

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
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

In Memorium
Central Northeast Chapter members

Russ Taber died October 19, 2019

Pat Hatz died March 15, 2020

Gene Culman, Assistant Director Central Northeast Chapter