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# Bussin' Buddies

## Newsletter

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### **The Presidents Message**

Hello Everyone,

I would like to thank all of you for your vote of confidence in electing me President of your club. I hope that we can accomplish some of the goals that I shared with all of you at our "Meet and Greet" rally in Durham, Ct during the fair weekend.

Going forward, your new slate of officers will try to get the club up and running again to the level of participation of past years and share some fun times as we have in the past. However, in order for this to happen, we need to have participation in our Rallies and any other event that we come up with. It would also be a big help if each of you could recruit a new member.

I realize that many of us are getting "older" and this creates a challenge, but it's not impossible. We have already signed up several new members as a result of the Chapter Fair and Chapter Parade at the N.E. area Rally in Syracuse. Just some friendly discussion and sharing the club's activities can attract a potential new member. Please help the club thrive by being an active participant.

I am looking forward to Spring and seeing everyone again. In the meantime, I hope everyone has a safe and healthy Winter wherever you plan to spend it.

Happy Holidays and Safe Travels!

Respectfully,  
Dick Porter

## Letter from the Editor:

With the fall season upon us and the thoughts of us putting our coach to sleep soon for the winter, both Laurie and I are excited about the opportunity to serve the Bussin' Buddies charter and all of you. We are thankful for the hard work that was done by all of those that came before us and we will be very focused on serving the club during our term.

We look forward to working closely with our new President, Dick Porter and our new Vice-President, Ray Loiseau along with the support of Rick and Sandi Bianco to re-invigorate the club and increase the membership and its participation.

This work began before our tenure at the NEAR rally in Syracuse NY, where with the help of Sandi and Rick Bianco and our new Northeast Area National Vice President, John Traphagen, we participated in the Chapter Parade and Chapter Fair and were able to bring three new couples into the club. We all felt this was a great start. Read more about these new members in the "New Member Introduction" area.

Part of the team's plan is to expand this newsletter with the goal of increasing the amount of information sharing and hopefully make the newsletter interesting to read and enjoy. You will find a new cartoon or two, a tech column, the new member introduction area, and the membership list, which will hopefully help members contact each other easier and to let you know when your membership will expire. (Thank you, Dana, for sharing this idea)

I welcome submissions from all of the members on any related topic to include in the newsletter. These may include special dates for announcing, such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Photos of a recent destination or improvement to your rig that you feel maybe of interest or help club members will also be fun to share.

## New Members

**Tom & Ann Gifford**

**Ajax, Ontario, Canada.**

RV: 2018 Tiffin Wayfarer

Tom & Ann emigrated to Canada from Wales, England with their two sons in 1967 and they currently own a Real Estate Appraisal company.

Their hobbies include motorcycling, sail boating, travel and entertaining. They are members of the Toronto Triumph Car Club and the BMW Motorcycle Club of Ontario. They tow a Lotus Super 7 or a motorcycle.



## **Tech Tips**

I would first like to preface this column by clarifying that I am not an RV Tech and I do not have any related certifications. I am one that performs almost all of my own repairs, updates and maintenance. My suggestions and advise are based on my own experience, practices and research. I welcome constructive input and corrections and will post these in future issues. Anyone who wishes to share their experience or advice on a subject are welcome to submit them to me for inclusion in future issues.

Considering the time of year I thought it appropriate to touch on a few winterizing items. I won't cover all items since there are so many that differ based on the specific RV.

**Tires:** When storing anything with tires there are a few items that will help prolong tire life: Always park on a firm stable platform. When parking on concrete it is advisable that a barrier be in place so that the tire is not in direct contact with the concrete. Plywood is acceptable as is a rubber material commonly used as stall mats. This material can be purchased at most farm stores and Tractor Supply. Regardless of the material used it is important that the barrier is large enough and positioned properly so that the entire tire surface rests on the material. The rubber material also works well when storing outdoors as long as the base material is compacted and stable. Storing on topsoil is not recommended. Covering the tires when storing outdoors is also recommended to reduce UV degradation. Many manufacturers also recommend inflating the tires to their maximum rating when storing to help reduce the chance of flat spotting the tires. Just remember to return the tires to your specific pressure in the Spring.

**Batteries:** Proper storage and maintenance can extend battery life: Prior to storing make sure your batteries are fully charged. The only way to assure that they all are fully charged is to charge them individually. When connected as a group there is no way to know the individual condition of each battery. If one battery has issues, a charger will likely overcharge the others that are in a system. Personally, I do not like to have power to our Coach when it is stored so I disconnect all of the batteries, fully charge them and unplug the Coach. In the Spring I recharge the batteries prior to connecting them. Some feel that leaving the batteries sit will kill them and choose to leave them on a trickle charger or leave the RV plugged in. The path you choose is a personal preference. Do what work's best for you although just parking your rig with the batteries connected will likely lead to a weak or dead battery, at the very least the life of your battery will likely be affected.

There are certainly many more items on the Winterizing checklist but I thought I would touch on a few to have you consider some options. If you are fortunate enough to take your RV to a warmer climate for the Winter then, safe travels to you!

## New Members (cont)

**John & Diane Hausmann**

**Isle of Palms, S.C.**

**RV:** Dynamax DX3, model TS-37

**In tow:** Jeep Wrangler

John and Diane are both retired. John was a Chemical Engineer and Diane was a Dental Assistant and an Art Teacher. Their primary travel companion is "Katy" a West Highland Terrier.

Other memberships: Diesel RV Club and South East Trek Fun Club.



**George & Shirley Pollack**

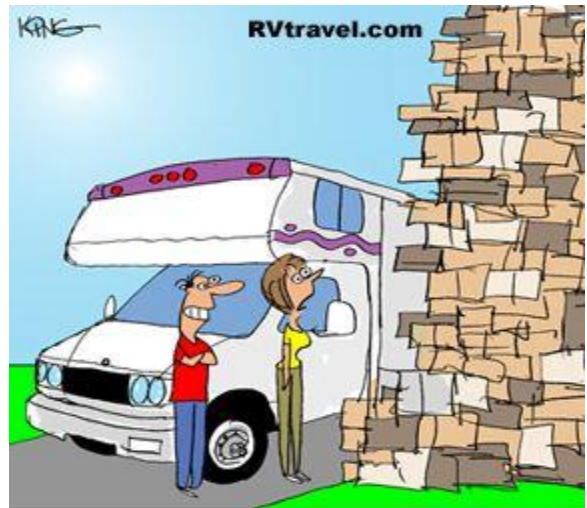
**Catskill, N.Y.**

**RV:** 2005 Holiday Rambler Imperial

George is retired from IBM and Shirley is retired from the New York Court System. They enjoy visiting State Capitals and National Parks. They have been motorhoming since 1971 and have visited 49 states. They also enjoy exploring with their inflatable kayak. They have two boys, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Shirley enjoys hiking, sewing, knitting and gardening.

George enjoys old cars and tinkering with the Motorhome. He has a 1964 T Bird and is on the Board of Trustees and is also the co-Treasurer for their church.



*"I thought we would be gone for a week. However, judging by all the supplies you bought, you obviously plan on being gone a little longer."*

## New Members (cont)

**Mike & Barbara Litwin**

**Colchester, Ct.**

**RV:** 2018 Newmar Baystar

Mike is an Electrical Engineering Manager at Northrop Grumman and Barb is a Program Manager at Cigna. They have four adult children and Lacey, their Wheaton Terrier travel companion and fifth child. They have been camping for 15 years and enjoy being outdoors in their spare time. They like to hike, bike, kayaking, and going to the beach.



and,

**Ron & Joanne Melanson**

**Wakefield, Ma.**

# 2020 Rallies

This is a current list of Bussin' Buddies rallies that are planned for next year. We continue to work on other possible places and dates and we will update the club on any additional rally's as things come together. We welcome the members input and suggestions. Additional details regarding each rally will follow as the dates get closer.

## **Atlantic Oaks, Eastham, MA**

**May 29-31, 2020**

**Rally fee = \$140 per couple \$120 for single:**

Includes site fee, 2 Dinners, breakfast Saturday, and muffins and coffee Sunday morning.

**NOTICE: Due to it being during season we must commit to sites and therefore rally fee must be received by February 20, 2020. See form below**

Any questions please contact Steven Arnold at 860-402-4532

## **Stones Ranch, Auburn, MA**

**June 12-14, 2020**

## **The Alguires, Mechanicville, N.Y.**

**July 3-5, 2020**

## **Travelers Woods, Bernardston, MA**

**July 17-19, 2020**

## **Timberland Acres RV Park, Trenton, ME**

**August 21-23, 2020**

# Membership List

number	membership expires	member name
F082262	12/31/2021	Nancy Alguire
F444094	12/31/2019	Steven & Laurie Arnold
F071260	12/31/2020	Richard & Sandra Bianco
F45784	12/31/2019	John & Carol Coughlin
F349785	12/31/2021	Dana Cote
F083752	12/31/2019	Clifford & Beverly Eisner Sr.
F26446	12/31/2019	Bob & Ann Fleming
F71413	12/31/2019	Bill & Sam Francosie
F458770	12/31/2019	Robert Friedrich
F102822	12/31/2019	Ron & Judy Gendron
F496012	12/31/2019	Tom & Ann Gifford
F158221	12/31/2019	John Godena
F271068	12/31/2019	John & Diane Hausman
F47013	12/31/2019	Jim & Pat Hayes
F52395	12/31/2019	Tom Heraty & Marcia Sullivan
F236517	12/31/2019	Lynn & Tina Lessard
F397154	12/31/2019	Fred Linberk & Sandie Zern
F478888	12/31/2020	Mike & Barbara Litwin
F468863	12/31/2019	Raymond F. Loiseau
F413173	12/31/2019	Paul & Linda McEwen
F462190	12/31/2019	Ron & Joanne Melanson
F10990	12/31/2019	Stanley Phillips
F206336	12/31/2020	George & Shirley Pollock
F125720	12/31/2020	Dick & June Porter
F375664	12/31/2020	Tom Rec
F21866	12/31/2019	Ray & Dottie Renouf
F244201	12/31/2019	Ray & Sally Roche
F56963	12/31/2019	Joe & Ann Marie Samara
F72752	12/31/2019	Jean Seuling
F20711D	12/31/2019	John & Sharon Traphagen
F222734	12/31/2019	Mark & Linda Willette
L2063	12/31/2019	Howard & Barbara Willis
F2063-SI	12/31/2019	Robert Willis & Brenda Aurelia
L15450		Kay Wright
F285927	12/31/2021	Winnona Woodbury
F173943	12/31/2019	Tommy & Connie Ziobrowski



Bussin' Buddies Membership Form:

To be a member of Bussin' Buddies Chapter, you must be a member in good standing with FMCA

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ F# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name/Age \_\_\_\_\_

I have paid my National dues (or applied for membership). Enclosed is the Chapter dues of \$15.00 (Fifteen Dollars). I understand this does not include rally fees. Make checks payable to Bussin' Buddies Chapter – FMCA. Membership is for the calendar year. Jan.1 thru Dec. 31. Mail checks to Laurie Arnold 48 Fisher Hill Road, Willington, CT 06279

\_\_\_\_renew \_\_\_\_\_information change \_\_\_\_\_New Bussin' Buddies membership

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_I want to receive a email newsletter OR \_\_\_\_\_I want to receive a paper newsletter

**Atlantic Oaks Rally**  
State 3700 U.S. Route 6  
Eastham, MA.  
May 29-31, 2020

**Rally fee \$140 for 2 people, \$120 for single, addition guest \$20**  
**NOTICE: due to campground booking requirement entries must be received no later than Feb. 20, 2020.**

**May 29, 2020:** Rally start, arrive at your schedule.

**5:30 to 6:30PM:** Hot Dogs and hamburgers, potato salad, coleslaw.

**May 30, 2020:**

**8:30AM:** Breakfast – Menu T.B.D.

Lunch – On your own

**3:30-4:30PM:** Bean Bag Baseball

**5:30 to 6:30PM:** Dinner – Pasta Dinner with tossed salad and bread

**May 31, 2020:**

**8:00AM:** Muffins and Coffee. **Depart at your schedule**

**Atlantic Oaks Sign Up Sheet – Please sign up by February 20, 2020**

\_\_\_\_ People in Coach. \_\_\_\_ Guest

Rally fee is \$140 per coach with two people. \$120 for one person per coach.  
\$20 per guest. **Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_**

Please mail sign up sheet and check to: **Laurie Arnold**

**48 Fisher Hill Road, Willington, Ct 06279**

All sites are 30 amp full hook-up

Early arrivals must be booked directly with Atlantic Oaks at 1-508-255-1437

