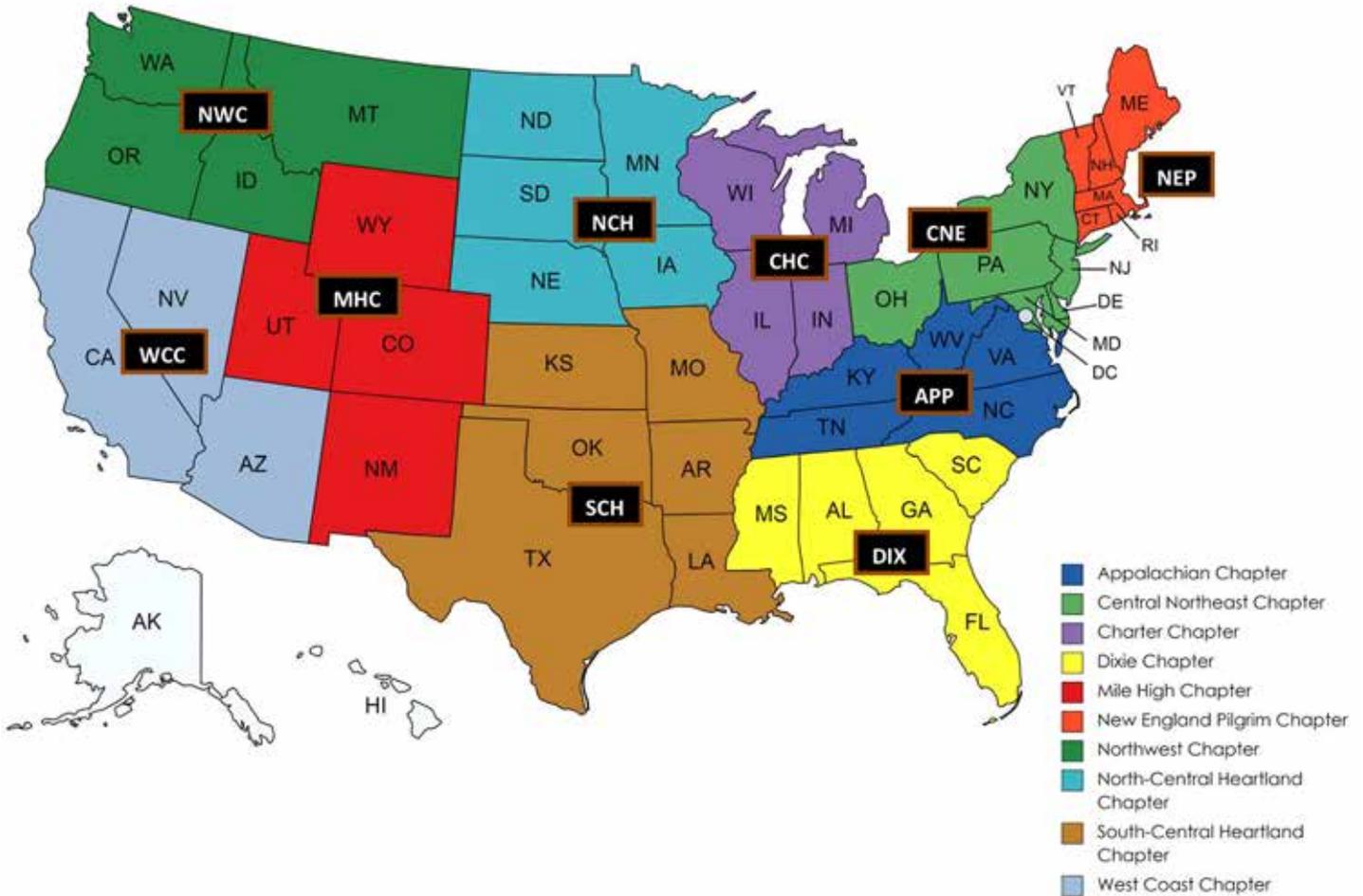


TrailManor TrailBlazers Chapters



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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, putting TIDINGS in the subject. When sending rally announcements, also send a copy to our webmaster, Rick Newcomb (rnewcomb@comcast.net) so he can put them on the TrailBlazers 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indicate your desire with your rally announcements or other items you send for publication and we'll put the notice (not to be published on the Internet) with your personal information.

Post-Its from the President — Larry Fennern

Spring is here and many of our chapters in warmer southern states have already held rallies, while northern friends will soon hold rallies as summer approaches. As usual for me early in the year, I kept busy with projects on my TrailManor preparing for upcoming rallies. Those included repairing plumbing under my sink (again), replacing roof vents and repacking my TM wheel bearings while also adjusting the brakes before heading out for the camping season.

While working on my TM, I am frequently greeted by a neighbor and friend on my block, Woody, who takes his dog on a walk every day (see photo). Woody spent a long career as an Industrial Maintenance Manager and has very practical experience with mechanical systems. He also has experience maintaining travel trailers and is currently restoring a classic RV trailer that he acquired. Although I watch YouTube videos to gain maintenance knowledge, Woody frequently gives me practical hints beyond what I learn in the videos that makes my efforts and travel go more smoothly. It's a blessing to receive suggestions from Woody. Hopefully, one of the benefits of our club is to find others who can give advice when facing maintenance issues.

Be sure to see the announcement in this issue of Jubilee 2024 to be held during the first week in June

at Lake Leelanau in Michigan, along with a brief summary of Jubilee activities under consideration. The campground began taking reservations on January 2, 2023, and I urge all members interested in Jubilee 2024 to call in for campground reservations as early as possible to claim a site! Jubilee Committee members are planning a visit to the campground this June to gather information and contacts to finalize activities, and will provide the program reservation form in the September Tidings. The Jubilee is a triennial opportunity to gather with club members nation-wide for activities together and to conduct a General Membership meeting as required by our club bylaws.



Jubilee 2024

June 1, 2024 - June 8, 2024

Lake Leelanau, Michigan

“The Keeper of the Flame”

After arriving at a TrailManor TrailBlazers rally and completing the setup of our 3326 TrailManor, I would gather scrap paper, sticks and firewood in order to build up a campfire. Cheating with using charcoal lighter fluid was not allowed; nor was rubbing two sticks together to start the fire. At dusk, we would gather around our campfire. I always carried a heavy duty leather glove with a sleeve that almost touched my elbow. I had a long-handled corn popper, corn kernels and corn oil, to complete the supply chain. Oh, I almost forgot. It included a paper grocery bag for finished popcorn. Now it would be time to pour the oil, corn kernels and corn in the corn popper. I would place the corn popper on a burning log and shake, shake, shake. Sometimes I would need to back away from the hot flames. Then all of a sudden, I would hear pop pop pop. That was music to my ears. I had to be careful not to burn the popcorn. When the popping stopped, I unloaded the fresh popcorn in a large paper grocery bag and passed out the fresh popcorn to the campers sitting around the campfire.

I also had to deal with the campfire smoke. Anywhere I went around the campfire and tried to avoid the campfire smoke, the smoke would follow me like a magnet.

The next phase, while I was at home, was for me to collect short scrap copper pipe from a plumber or wherever. Then I would stuff and cut up an old plastic garden hose into pieces to fit tightly into the copper tubing pipe.

Back to the campfire, after completing the popcorn making and possibly making s'mores, I would toss a few copper pipes that are stuffed with cutup garden hose and wait for it to burn, and it created the beautiful dancing flames with all kinds of colors in the campfire. I would almost always hear oohs and ahs,

At the end of the evening, a few of us would get buckets of water to douse the fire. The next morning, I would retrieve the used copper and prepare it for reuse at our next campout.

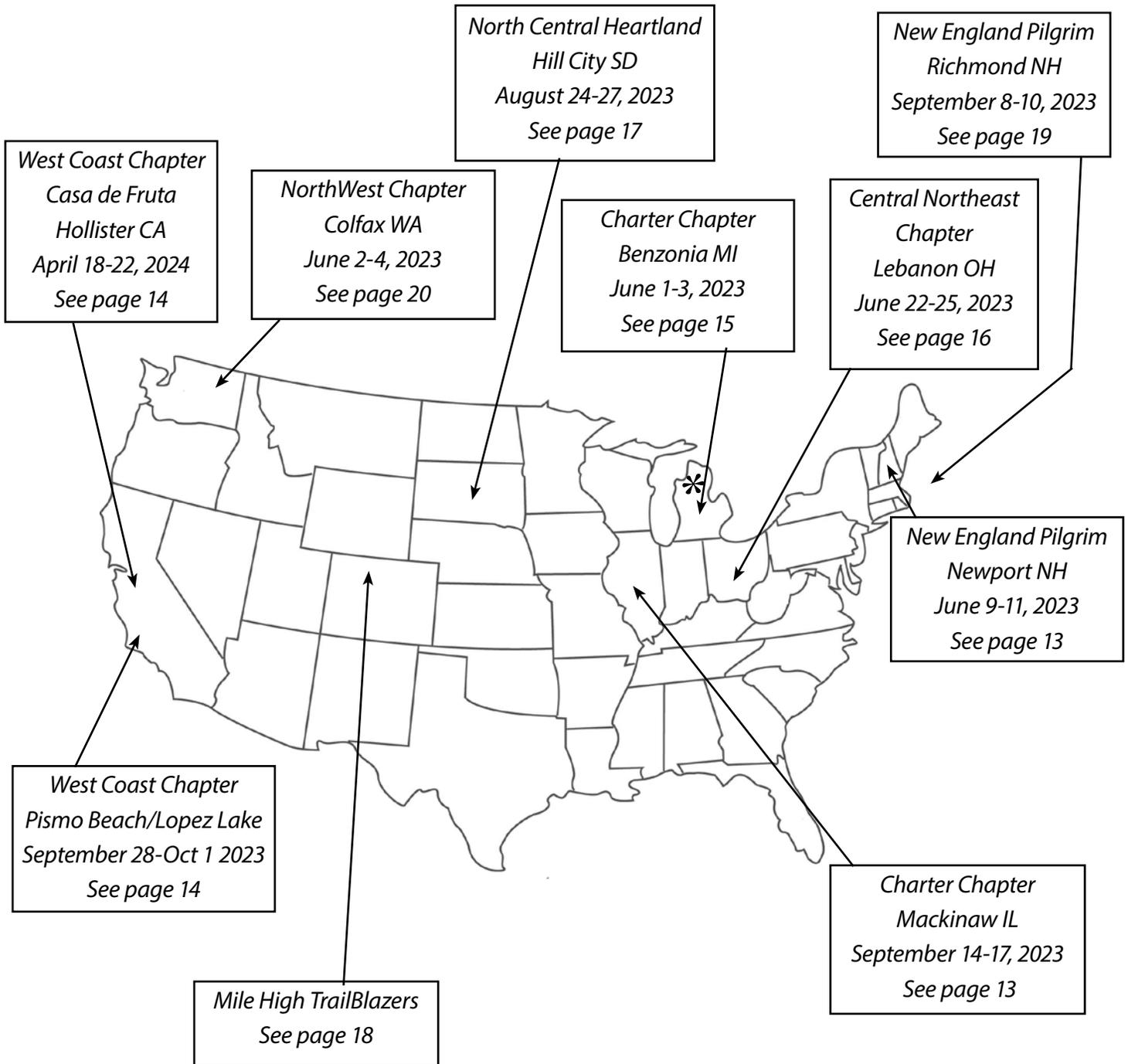
This is why someone labeled me as “The Keeper of the Flame.” I don’t remember who.

P.S. If you remember attending these campfires with Lois me, please e-mail me at campergene@aol.com. Let us reminisce.



Upcoming Rally Dates

Rally announcements are also posted on www.tmtrailblazers.org



*** Jubilee 2024**

Lake Leelanau MI
see pages 21

Rally Reports

West Coast Chapter, 2023 Spring Rally

We had a small turnout this year due to various reasons. However, those in attendance had a great time. We had a couple stay in the campground hotel next to the club house. They had their meals in the club house. The campground did not take away the club house due to our small numbers.

The first night, we had dinner at the Casa de Fruta restaurant. The food was very good. Some of us had leftovers for the next day. Friday, we went to the Woolgrowers Basque restaurant in Los Banos for dinner served family style. Saturday evening, we had our potluck dinner with all the different dishes. For a small group, we sure had a variety of foods. Sunday evening, we had the leftovers.

Besides just eating, some played bocce ball, watched the Warriors basketball game, played Rumikubes, cribbage, and board games. A couple rode their bikes, and one couple tried to visit the Pinnacles but due to the long wait to get into the park due to so many trying to see the spring bloom of flowers gave up. Everyone had a great time.



Photos by Kathy Crowley



West Coast Chapter, 2023 Spring Rally



Rally Announcements & Reports

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

Please send Word files, with photo separate, not embedded.

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, rnewcomb@comcast.net so he can update the TrailBlazers Rally pages.

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

Rally Reports: If you send photos, please send the originals separately.

Photos pasted into Word don't work well and cause extra work.

South Central Heartland Chapter, Spring Rally April, 2023

The South Central Heartland Chapter held its Spring 2023 rally on April 20-23 in Fredericksburg, Texas. We had 5 units attend.

Samsons and Steaples were the first to arrive on Wednesday, and enjoyed a good German dinner at a local restaurant. It was delicious.

We were visited by a delightful couple from California on Thursday and we invited them to hang with us. They really liked Randy's coffee. Everyone arrived in time to enjoy the delicious gumbo Randy Samson cooked for us. Just as we were about to eat, our first of two storms hit. Lots of wind and rain had us scrambling to catch plates and find a dry space and huddling together to stay warm. But it was fun and passed very quickly. The packets were handed out right before the rain.

Friday morning coffee and homemade coffee cake were available for breakfast at the Pavilion. Then everyone was off to shopping, sightseeing, and wine tasting at the local vineyards. At about 6:00 PM everyone brought their dinner to the pavilion and shared stories and chatted. We gathered around a campfire that night and enjoyed more chatting and sharing of past experiences.

Saturday breakfast tacos were available at the Pavilion with more coffee and visiting. Then everyone was off for more shopping and sightseeing. Three units decided to leave early because we had reports of bad weather coming again that night. Two units decided to stay. We had dinner at Rathskeller that night and it was great food and fun. Back at camp, we were visiting when the storm hit and we got wind, rain, and some hail that again passed very quickly.

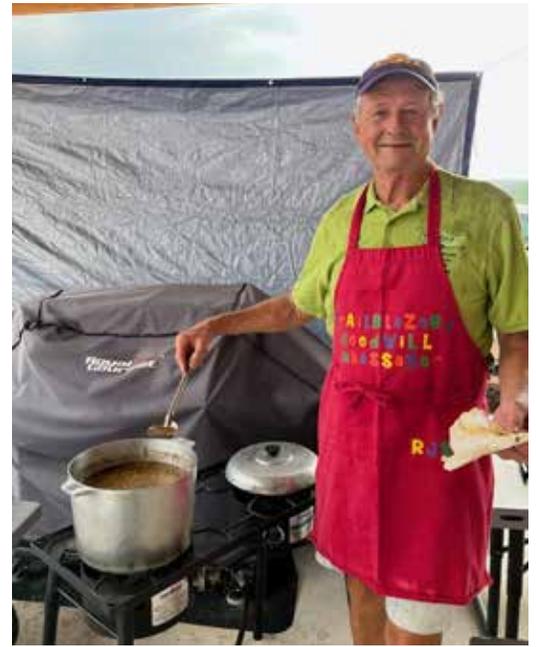
All in all, we had a great time and Sunday morning we packed up and left for home.

We are planning to have another rally in Fredericksburg in the future. There is so much to see and do that it can't be done in two days. BTW—the WWII Pacific Theater and Nimitz Museum was fascinating, solemn, and a must see. Well worth the time.

Susan Samson



South Central Heartland Chapter, Spring Rally April, 2023



Message from the TrailManor Factory

We believe that you are getting ready for some great journeys and wonderful vacations. It makes us feel great to know that we are part of your experiences. We are so very happy that you chose a TrailManor travel trailer; it makes us feel part of it all.

Nothing much new at the factory – that is a good thing. All is well; manufacturing is going really well. We'll begin making the 2024 models soon.

Last week we celebrated a double wedding. Two of our men brought in their wives from other colonies so there were a lot of people here with us. We all had a great time; the children are especially excited for these celebrations.

Take special care out there. Don't forget to share your stories/photos with us on our Facebook page.

BIG NEWS! CHANGE CHANGE CHANGE: TrailManor is relocating!

Moving from Upland Colony, 24221 412 Ave – Artesian, SD, 45 miles southeast to Old Elm Springs (OES) Colony, 2021 268th St – Parkston, SD

OES Colony purchased TrailManor in 2017 and contracted with the Upland Colony to build the TrailManor units. Now, six years later, the Upland Colony's population has grown to the point that is necessary to split and move one-half of their people to a new location. They purchased land in Minnesota and are busy creating their new community. If all goes as planned, the move to the new location will be at the end of this year. Of course, this has an impact on workers available to build TrailManors; therefore, OES Colony is relocating the factory to their colony and will operate

manufacturing and sales from there. They recently broke ground for a facility that will be over 62,000 square feet.

For anyone who has been to TrailManor these past six years, you have traveled on gravel roads. Good news: There are no gravel roads to the new facility!

We wish the Upland Colony the very best for their future and we are excited for this new opportunity.

Stay tuned for future updates.

Paul Wipf

Appalachian Chapter Spring Rally, April 2023

The 2023 Trailblazers Appalachian Chapter Spring rally took place in Waynesville, NC from 4/28-4/30. There were 11 units and 25 people making this the best attended rally in several years. Everyone convened at Creekwood Farms Campground, most arriving under rainy conditions. Early arrivers on Thursday went out to Catrinas Cantina for a delicious Mexican meal and conversation.

Saturday was a gorgeous day and many members of the group took a short drive to Lake Junaluska for a relaxing 2 mile walk around the lake. Wildlife viewing included geese, swans, an eagle, turtles, and lots of huge fish. The walk was interrupted by lunch at the Crepe and Custard where appetites

were satisfied. The day ended with a potluck, business meeting and campfire. Rick Hale was re-elected as director and Jude Chauvette as Assistant Director for the Appalachian Chapter. Potential fall rally locations were discussed with no definite plans created yet. Larry Fennern spoke about next year's Jubilee in Michigan and encouraged folks to reserve sites if they are interested in attending.

On Sunday morning, members gathered for a light breakfast and well-wishes for those who had to leave for home. The campground was excellent and highly recommended should anyone be camping in the Waynesville, NC area.

Ricky Hale



Appalachian Chapter Spring Rally, April 2023



Appalachian Chapter Spring Rally, April 2023



Upcoming Rallies

New England Pilgrim Chapter Spring Rally, June 9-11, 2023, Newport NH

Please come and join us for camping in central New Hampshire. The New England Pilgrim Chapter Spring Rally will be held June 9-11, 2023, at

Northstar Campground

43 Coon Brook Road Newport, NH.

website: <http://northstarcampground.com>

phone: (603) 863-4001

The 2022 rate, which includes two adults, is \$39.00 per night for full hookups and \$37.00 per night for water and electric hookups. The campground has blocked-off four full hook-up sites 5, 20, 21 and 22, and eight water and electric sites I, J, JJ, and JJJ in the group area. Each water and electric site can accommodate two units with a dedicated electric connection for each unit but a shared water connection using a splitter. If you have a splitter for the water connection, please bring it. Some members will be arriving on Thursday and extending to Monday. Please feel free to extend your reservation.

Make your reservation by calling Northstar Campground directly. Be sure to tell them you are with the TrailManor TrailBlazers Rally

hosted by Rick Newcomb. The deadline is March 31, 2023. The campground will release the blocked-off sites for our group after that date. After the deadline, reservations may be made if the campground has sites available. If you want a full hook-up, you should make your reservation as soon as possible because of the limited number of full hook-ups available to our group.

Our traditional potluck dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening. The time will be determined based on the availability of the pavilion.

On Sunday afternoon, June 11, Rick is looking into organizing a cruise on Lake Sunapee, with Sunapee Cruises, which is approx. 20 minutes from the campground by, <https://sunapeecruises.com/>. More details will be in the May Tidings.

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 address:

rnewcomb@comcast.net

Charter Chapter Fall Rally, September 14-17, 2023, Mackinaw IL

Kentuckiana Kampground

27585 Kentuckiana Road

Mackinaw, Illinois 61755, (309) 449-3274

For reservations: Can be made in May
Contact Tina

\$36.00/ night with full-hookups

Send activity fee (\$10.00 per Person) to Karen Decker, PO Box 201 Mossville, IL 61552- Please also provide a contact cell phone number, address, Arrival and departure dates and Campsite assigned by campground.

ATTRACTIONS

- Morton Pumpkin Festival
- Mackinaw Valley Vineyard
- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum - Springfield, IL
- Presidential Reagan Museum- Eureka, IL
- For bike riders there is a trail in Morton
- Has lakes for fishing and feature country music on Saturday night

West Coast Chapter, 2023 Autumn Rally, Sept 28 – Oct 1, Pismo Beach/Lopez Lake

NOTE: Venue Change

There has been a change in the campground for the West Coast Autumn Rally in the Pismo Beach area. This change was necessary because the campground described in the January Tidings cancelled our rally due to road and camp site resurfacing during the dates planned for the rally.

The rally will now be held at **Lopez Lake Recreational Area, a San Luis Obispo County Park**. The campground is located 14 miles from Pismo Beach. Attendees will make their own online reservations with the park on a first come/first served availability at \$49 a night plus a \$10 registration fee. We will camp at Blue Jay, with any overflow reservations at the adjacent Quail camp. Please contact Larry Fennern, serving as host for the rally, at

LEFennern@gmail.com

for detailed instructions on how to reserve

your site.

The website description for the park is:
<https://slocountyparks.com/camp/lopez-lake/>

Participants are urged to make their reservations as soon as possible as Pismo Beach area campgrounds are frequently booked full for Autumn weekends six months in advance. Lopez Lake has a good cancellation policy. If you should decide to cancel 3 days ahead of time, you only forfeit the \$10 registration fee. If cancelling 2 days ahead, there is a \$25 cancellation fee plus the \$10 registration fee; if cancelling 1 day ahead, you forfeit the price of one night stay plus the \$10 registration fee.

West Coast Chapter, 2024 Spring Rally, April 2024, Hollister, California

We have reserved 11 spaces for our Spring Rally at Casa de Fruta RV Orchard Resort in Hollister, California. The date of the rally is April 18, 2024, to April 22, 2024. Our cost per night is estimated to be \$50.00 with tax for one or two people. If we have less than 10 units, the cost would be \$60.00 including tax with the Good Sams 5% discount.

This is a central location with plenty to do at Casa de Fruta or other locations to visit nearby. Casa de Fruta has a restaurant that we enjoy, a wine/deli store, an ice cream/bakery shop, a fruit stand, and the gas station has tri-tip sandwiches and fresh large burritos made to order. They also have a carousel and a small train to ride around the area.

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 mark your calendar and send me a check eight weeks ahead of time for \$50 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.

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.

Charter Chapter Spring Rally, June 1-3, 2023, Benzonia MI

Come join the Charter Chapter for a weekend of fun in beautiful Northwest Lower Michigan, hosted by Pam and Kevin Bell.

Timberline Campground

2788 Benzie Hwy.

Benzonia, Michigan 49616, (231) 882-9548

<https://roadville.com/timberline/>

Timberline Campground has a number of amenities, including 2 swimming pools, a horseshoe pit, and volleyball and basketball courts, The park has 2 bathhouses with hot showers, laundry facilities, a dump station, a fish cleaning station, and a small camp store with propane and firewood available.

The campground is located in a beautiful area of Michigan. Many opportunities for adventure are nearby including:

- Sleeping Bear Dunes – 22 miles (approx.. 30 minutes)
- Betsie Point Lighthouse – 12 miles (approx.. 20 minutes)
- Traverse City – 30 miles (approx.. 45 minutes)
- Beautiful sand beaches on Lake Michigan and Crystal Lake, both within 15 minutes
- Canoeing and kayaking on the Betsie River
- Hiking and biking trails close by, including the 22-mile long Betsie Valley Trail
- Excellent fishing on many local lakes and rivers
- Numerous charming small towns nearby offering small shops, restaurants and wineries
- Unlimited free awe-inspiring sunsets over nearby Lake Michigan

The campground is holding 15 sites until November 30, 2022 under Pam Bell/Trailblazers. If you will be joining us, call the campground and let them know you want to make a reservation for a site held under the Pam Bell/Trailblazers name. Reservations made before Nov. 30 will be at 2022 rates of \$54/night for Sunday-Thursday and \$85/night for Friday and Saturday. This comes out to \$224 for those arriving on Thursday and departing on Sunday. After November 30, the campsites may be available, but will be charged at 2023 rates, which have not yet been determined.

In order to reserve 15 sites, the park put us in the area normally used by larger RV's. All sites are 50 amp, but do have 30 amp plugs and breakers, so no adapter will be required. They are all full hook-up, and are generous size. All have a picnic table and fire pit. If you prefer a different site than those reserved, they do have some sites available in the 30 amp area. Please contact the park directly for information on those sites.

For those choosing not to camp, there are many motels, hotels, and cabins located nearby. Search the internet for lodging in Benzonia or Frankfort.

When reserving the site, you will need to provide the following information: Name, Address, Phone #, email address, arrival and departure dates, trailer length and the number of slide-outs. The park also requires a 50% deposit when you make your reservation, with the balance due before the end of May, 2023. The sites being held for us are 245-249, 263-267, and 282-286. I suggest you go to their website and select your site before you call.

If you are attending, please send \$10/person activity fee to:

Pam Bell
10524 Oakforest Drive
South Lyon, MI 48178

Please also provide the names of those attending, a cell phone number, your address, arrival and departure dates, and your campsite number.

We will be in contact with those attending with more information on group activities and pot luck dinner as details become available.

I hope you are able to join us! If you have any questions, please text or call me at 248-245-0700, or email me at pdbell2010@gmail.com

Pam Bell

Central Northeast Chapter Rally, June 22-25, 2023

June 22-25, 2023 - Join the Central Northeast Chapter for 4 nights of fun at:

Lebanon/Cincinnati NE KOA

760 Franklin Rd, Lebanon OH 45036

513-932-7717

koa.com/campgrounds/cincinnati/ facebook.com/LebanonLebanonCincinnatiKOA/

Reservations: call the campground and indicate you are with the TrailBlazers Central Northeast Chapter Rally that is under your hosts' names, Anne and Gary Dale. Please inform your hosts when you've made your reservations: milkshakead@sbcglobal.net, g.dale@sbcglobal.net Your hosts will be onsite for 4 nights, arriving on Thursday 22 Jun and checking out on Mon 26 June.

The campground is close to Lebanon, a small town with a charming, pedestrian-friendly downtown. A few examples of nearby points of interest (drive time/distance in miles):

- LM&M Railroad - historic train rides departing from downtown Lebanon
- Canoeing on the scenic Little Miami River (11 min / 7 mi)
- Caesar's Creek State Park (20 min / 13 mi) with its large lake, boating, trails, and easy access to Little
- Miami River Scenic Trail (78 miles of hiking and biking)
- Fort Ancient Nature Preserve and Earthworks (16 min / 9 mi) - North America's largest ancient hilltop enclosure built by native Americans 2000 years ago
- Kings Island Amusement Park (17 min / 9 mi) - 364-acre amusement and water park
- Shopping at Cincinnati Premium Outlets, Trader's World Flea Market, Treasure Isle's Flea Market - all close to each other (18 min / 8 mi). Also, Destination Outlet (36 mi / 37 min)
- National Museum of the U.S. Air Force (37 min / 33 mi); the world's largest military aviation museum with 350 aerospace vehicles and missiles in 19 acres of indoor exhibit
- Numerous sites near Dayton (34 min / 27 mi) associated with the Wright Brothers, native
- Daytonians - Huffman Prairie, where they perfected their airplane in 1904-1905, the world's first practical airplane - the 1905 Wright Flyer, their Hawthorne Hill mansion, their bicycle shops, visitor centers, memorials, and more.

- Sports. Cincinnati Reds Major League Baseball (35 min / 32 mi), Dayton Dragons minor league baseball team (34 min / 27 mi)
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati (35 min / 32 mi)
- Cincinnati (35 min / 32 mi), Dayton (34 min / 27 mi), Columbus (1:30 hr / 90 mi)
- Information on many more local sites and attractions will be provided to those who sign up.

Thursday June 22 BBQ and fried chicken potluck at the shelter. Hosts will provide pulled pork and fried chicken. Group may contribute sides such as baked beans, coleslaw, mac and cheese or dessert.

Friday June 23 Group dinner in private dining room at the Golden Lamb Restaurant and Inn, Ohio's longest continually operating business (1803). Throughout its history it has hosted, entertained and provided lodging for many notable guests, including 12 U.S. presidents; American legends Neil Armstrong and Annie Oakley; literary greats such as Charles Dickens, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Samuel Clemens. Cost: approximately \$35 per person plus gratuity and tax (depending on exact number of participants).

Saturday June 24 Cruise the Ohio River near Cincinnati on B&B Riverboats <https://bbriverboats.com/>, (34 mi / 47 min from campground). The Captain's Lunch Cruise boards at 11:00 am and sails 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Cost: \$46 per person (includes all taxes, fees, and charges). After the cruise, experience Cincinnati area attractions such as Newport Aquarium, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens (second oldest zoo in the US).

HOSTS

Anne and Gary Dale

milkshakead@sbcglobal.net, g.dale@sbcglobal.net

North Central Heartland Rally, Hill City SD, August 24-27, 2023

North Central Heartland Rally August 24 - 27, 2023 Horse Thief Campground and Resort Hill City, SD

It's time to make your reservations for our summer rally in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Amy and Wes Chrisman invite the TrailBlazers to our Summer Rally August 24 – 27, 2023 (Thursday – Sunday). Dates for individuals may be extended. BOOK EARLY to ensure you reserve a site near the group. The campground is holding 17 sites for the TrailBlazers until January 2, 2023. Sites will be \$57 per night (plus tax) and include pull-through sites and a few back-in sites. After January 2, 2023, sites will remain open and reservations can continue to be made. When making your reservation please ensure to advise you are with the TrailBlazers (under Amy Chrisman). The phone number to make a reservation is: 605-574-2668. Their web-site is: www.horsethief.com

The campground offers a pool, playground, basketball court, horseshoe area, fire rings and tables at each site, ice and firewood available for purchase, wireless internet access, store with gifts and snacks, coin operated laundry facility, and a ceramic tile bathhouse. The campground also offers sleeping cabins and the pavilion with gas grills and electric outlets. Horse Thief Campground and Resort is located 5.6 miles from the 1880 Train Depot in Hill City, 4 miles from Sylvan Lake located in Custer State Park, and 12 miles from Mount Rushmore National Memorial. There is so much to do and see in

the Hill City area of the Black Hills to include breweries, wineries, shopping, dining, fishing, biking the Mickelson Trail, and hiking.

More details regarding the itinerary will be included to those who book and attend this Rally. A highlight of the itinerary includes the following:

- Meet and greet with snacks
- Picnic and Hike around Sylvan Lake
- Ride the 1880 Train from Hill City, SD to Keystone, SD (roundtrip) and witness an old west shootout
- Potluck dinner
- Mount Rushmore visit and group photo

After booking your reservation please provide the following to Amy Chrisman via email heyitsamy07@hotmail.com with subject title “Hill City Rally”:

- Number and name(s) of individual(s) attending in your group
- Site number
- Length of stay

Please send an activity fee of \$10 per person payable to

Amy Chrisman

21102 Old Coach Road, Elkhorn, NE 68022

Phone for Amy Chrisman: 951-756-5395

We hope to see you there in August!

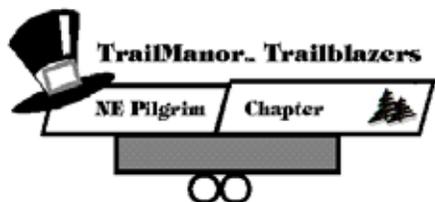
Mile High Trailblazers 2023 Rallies

If you are not a current member of the MHTB Chapter and plan to attend one of our rallies, please contact Tom Shaw (Rally Chairman) at trshaw28@gmail.com. He will gladly answer any of your questions and notify the rally host to expect you.

Date	Reserve Date	Park	Host	Elevation
June 9-11	ASAP	Snowy Peaks RV Buena Vista, CO https://www.snowypeaksrvpark.com/ 124*	Burkarts	7965'
July 7-9	ASAP	Elk Creek CG Grand Lake, CO https://koa.com/campgrounds/grand-lake/ 102*	Shaws	8500'
Aug. 11-13	Feb. 11	Mueller State Park Grouse Mtn. CG Divide, CO https://cpw.state.co.us/placetogo/parks/Mueller/Pages/default.aspx 97*	Maelzers/ Martins	9000'
Sept. 8-10	ASAP	Golden Eagle RV Eagle's Nest, NM https://www.goldeneagle.com/ 284*	Bougeants & Maxwells	8300'
Oct. 13-15	Apr. 12	Trinidad Lake State Park Carpis Ridge CG Trinidad, CO https://cpw.state.co.us/placetogo/parks/TrinidadLake 203*	Luckow & Thimmig	6300'

*Distance from Capitol Hill Denver

New England Pilgrim Fall Rally, Sept 8-10, Richmond NH



New England Pilgrim Chapter Fall Rally Shir-Roy Camping Area Richmond, NH Sep 8-10, 2023

Come and join the New England Pilgrim Chapter for the fall rally at Shir-Roy Camping Area, 136 Athol Road, Richmond, NH 03470

Website: <https://shir-roy.com/> phone: (603) 239-4768

The campground has blocked off 14 full hookup sites in the rally field. Water & electric sites are also available. The 2023 discount rates for our group are \$47.00 per night for full hookup sites and \$42.00 per night for water & electric hookup sites. Some members will be arriving on Thursday and extending to Monday. Please feel free to extend your reservation.

To make a reservation, please contact Shir-Roy Camping Area directly. Be sure to tell them you are with Rick Newcomb and the TrailManor TrailBlazers group. **Reservation Deadline: August 1, 2023.** The campground will release the blocked off sites for our group after that date. When you make your reservation, the campground will request that you make your payment via check and mail it to the campground. Once you have made your reservation, please email Rick Newcomb to let him know.

The campground does not have a recreation hall or pavilion available for groups. We will need to decide what we will do for our potluck dinner. We will discuss the options for the potluck at the spring rally.

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.

For any additional information about the rally, contact Rick Newcomb.

Rick Newcomb's email address: newcomb@comcast.net

NorthWest Chapter 2023 Rally June 2-4, Colfax WA

It's Official!! Mark your calendars plus let others know that may wish to join us.

NWC is set to host their 2nd Rally: dates June 2-4 in Colfax, WA for our Spring rally. Location is Boyer Park & Marina KOA. Feel free to reach out to us for further information. Still working of sight-seeing & other adventures while we are there.

Our block of sites is held for us until May 1st. When members call in their Registration, they will just mention they are booking with the Trailmanor Trailblazers group.

We have reserved sites 49-54 (river side) and 57-60 (across from 49-54, on the road side); we have also reserved 2 cabins that sit just behind sites 49-54. RV sites will be approximately \$65 / nite; cabins will be approximately \$90 / nite. Cabin users, take note: The cabins are "dry" cabins: they have no bathroom or inside water source, but there are restrooms & showers close by. They are also "bring your own bedding". The cabins have full/queen bunks, mini-fridge, microwave, ceiling fan, breakfast nook style table and benches, heating and cooling.

If you have questions, feel free to contact either:
John Vinje, Director: goldwingj1@yahoo.com or 763-447-5348; or **Beth Gilbertson, Associate Director:** abcdgilmt@gmail.com or 406-885-6882.

Boyer Park campground – "Central Park" is where we'll be located.

If you're a boating or waterskiing fan – bring a 2nd vehicle & tow your boat along! Boyer Park has their very own Marina, so you'll be able to go boating whenever you want!!

BOYER PARK MARINA:

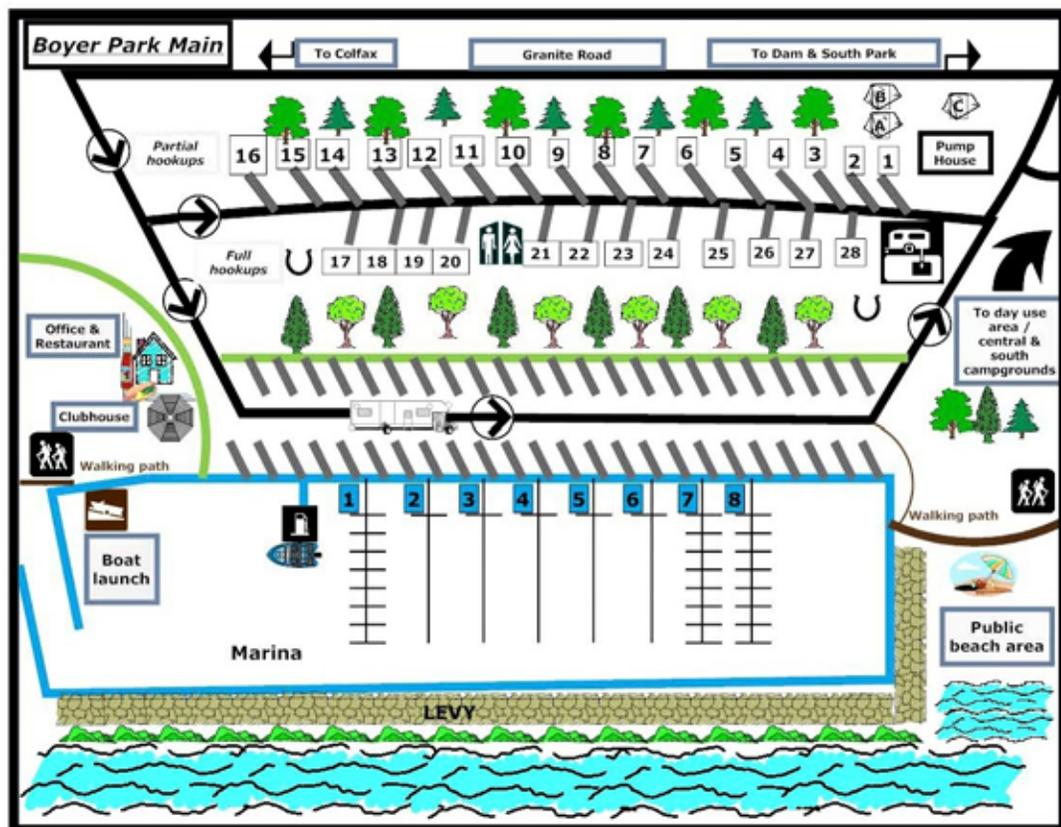
Amenities:

Campsites: 50 Max Amp, 45' Max Length
Wi-Fi, Snack Bar, Propane, Fishing, Firewood, Pavilion & Bike Rentals

Unique Amenities: Adult tricycles/bikes, electric carts & pedal boat/kayak rentals

For more specific information, call or email Boyer Park at: bpmkoa@gmail.com or call: 509-397-3208. To make your reservations, call: 800-562-8753

Colfax WA is about 60 miles south of Spokane; and, about 25 miles NW of Moscow, ID.



Jubilee 2024, June 1– 8, 2024, Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Come join us in the upper part of the lower peninsula of Michigan for the 2024 Trailblazers Jubilee! We will enjoy gathering together for dinner, square dancing, potluck, crafts, games, TrailBlazers Olympics-pickleball, shuffle board, corn hole toss, ladder ball, etc., tech talk, trailer crawl, an ice cream social. The following are activities in the area and the Schedule is to be determined so watch for more details in the upcoming Newsletter(s). But, Make your reservation now as space is limited and this area is typically fully booked a year in advance.

Things to do and see!!

- Glen Haven Village & Maritime Museum (Open 11AM - 5PM) located on Sleeping Bear Bay, developed as a Lake Michigan deep water port to service shipping traffic with firewood, lumber and other supplies and services.
- Cannery Boathouse Museum located in the former Glen Haven Canning Co. building (Only Open Weekends) was first used as a warehouse and later as a cannery for cherries in the 1920s. It has since been restored as the Cannery Boathouse Museum, housing historic small wooden boats used in the Manitou Passage between Glen Haven/Glen Arbor and the North and South Manitou Islands.
- Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station Maritime Museum to the west along the waterfront, Sleeping Bear Dunes Rd terminates in front of the former U.S. Coast Guard Life Saving Station, now restored as the Sleeping Bear Point Coast Guard Station Maritime Museum. The exhibits focus on the U.S. Life-Saving Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, and Great Lakes shipping history. In the summer, demonstrations are given of rescue drills and equipment used to fire a rescue line from shore more than 400 yards (370 m) to a ship in distress.
- Sleeping Bear Dunes Visitor Center in Empire has an introduction movie... Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is a United States National Lakeshore located on the "little finger" of the lower peninsula of Michigan in Leelanau and Benzie counties. The park covers a 35-mile (56 km) stretch of Lake Michigan's eastern coastline, as well as North and South Manitou Islands. The park was established primarily for its outstanding natural features, including forests, beaches, dune formations, and ancient glacial phenomena. The Lakeshore also contains many cultural features including the 1871 South Manitou Island Lighthouse, three former Life-Saving Service/Coast Guard Stations and an extensive rural historic farm district
- Scenic Sunset Drive along Sleeping Bear Dunes Pierce Stocking
- Sleeping Bear Dunes Heritage Trail (Walking/Bike Trail). Those who chose to bring bikes and ride the famous Sleeping Bear Dunes Heritage Trail that runs from S. Bohemian Road to Empire. 20 Miles point- point. Ride all or part of the trail.
- Manitou Island boat & Island Tour. The boat leaves 10AM - returns 5:30PM pricing TBD. Bring a picnic lunch
- Leelanau Peninsula Wine Tour
- Drive M22 to the tip of Leelanau peninsula to Grand Traverse Lighthouse in the Leelanau State Park for Tour. Along the way explore NorthPort and checkout Suttons Bay.
- Bike the Leelanau Trail 17 Miles (Walking/Bike trail, 34 Miles Round Trip) from Suttons Bay to Downtown Traverse City.
- Mission Point Wine Tour
- Mission Point Lighthouse on 45th Parallel.
- Explore Downtown Traverse City
- Visit charming Glen Arbor for shopping, wine tasting, lunch or dinner
- Tour Leland MI. Leland is a charming tourist town where you'll catch the ferry to South Manitou Island. The town is served by...*one* (you read that correctly as well) road, M-22, which connects Leland to Glen Arbor to Leland's west.
- Fishtown Preservation, Leelanau Historical Museum and gift shop. The Leelanau Historical Society was launched in 1957 by a group of residents dedicated to collecting and preserving Leelanau's history. Leland, first established in 1853 and later the county seat, seemed the natural location for the Society. Today, the collections and archives contain more than 20,000 items. Visitors to the museum learn about Leelanau life and maritime history from exhibits, educational programs and publications.

Jubilee 2024, June 1– 8, 2024, Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Lake Leelanau RV Park, 3101 S Lake Shore Dr, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653

<https://lakeleelanaurvpark.com/> (231) 256-7236 - Ask for Jennifer

So start planning early! We have reserved 62 sites at the campground. You can start booking your reservation after January 1, 2023. The park has a policy of a pay for 5 nights and received two additional nights free. There are three levels of campsites available. Standard for \$67 per night(Green), premium for \$77 per night(Orange) and Lakeview for \$92 per night(Yellow). Standard and Lake view sites are limited. Blue sites are not available as they are seasonal sites only. The campground will require a deposit of \$100 (plus 3% if payment is made by a credit card) to hold a reservation, of which \$90 will be refunded if cancelled before April 15, 2024.

So if you're going to join us, book early!



Note: Hotels / motels will be in future updates

The Tidings is distributed via E-mail. Be sure to keep us advised of any changes to your e-mail address. Send any changes of your membership information to **Joni Page, 267 Alma Dr. NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-4304, j.page.81623@gmail.com**

TRAILBLAZERS, BE CAREFUL WHO YOU TRAVEL WITH !

Our dear President Larry jumped at the chance to donate to an animal rescue group in Seattle.

In exchange for his donation, Membership Chair, Joni was "honored" to have a chance to hold this lovely creature.



TrailManor™ TrailBlazers Membership Form

Check one: New Member Renewing Member Friends & Family membership application

The club membership fee is \$15.00 USD/year. Please enclose \$15.00 in US funds for each year you wish to pay. Checks for an improper amount will be returned to the sender. Make checks payable to TrailManor TrailBlazers.

MAIL TO: Joni Page, Attn. TrailBlazers, 267 Alma Drive NW, Cedar Rapids IA 52405-4304, (319) 396-3134
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Please send all information listed the form for renewals to confirm that the information we have in our records is current. If alternate phone or email addresses are provided, the member's first name and/or type of phone (e.g., home, cell) may be indicated. Information provided on an application will be printed in the next newsletter and the club directory. Please indicate information you do not want printed. Information is not provided to other sources.

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