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The 2011 fall rally will be in the Thousand Islands area from 7-11 September, 2011, Association Island RV Resort & Marina in Henderson Harbor. Registered attendees have received travel instructions, so if you are planning on attending and haven't received your package, please contact Bill and Kathy Suarez (knbsuarez@aol.com) ASAP! (Your editor will attend this one, so a more complete newsletter should be arriving shortly after the rally.)

For the latest information on rallies for the NorEaster's see our [web site](#).

CCI Rallies

For current up-to-date information on CCI rallies check the [CCI web site](#).

**2011 Fall Rally is just
around the corner**

The Club's official spring rally of 2011, was held 18-22 May, 2011 at Niagara Falls KOA on Grand Island. From all reports (your editor was absent) the event was great!

NorEasters CLUB DUES

The Nor'Easters Annual Club Membership fee of \$25 is due every year on September. 15.

If you have forgotten to pay your dues, please send your check immediately to the Membership Secretary, Marilyn Saunders 108 Canterbury Court, Carlisle, MA 01741. (Or bring \$25 to the Fall Rally)

President's Message

Niagara Falls Rally was a fun rally in spite of the rain, Weather is not something we can control but we are resilient and made the best of the time there. The hosts did a wonderful job setting up the trip to the falls and many of us did pretty well at the Casinos. The food was delicious and plentiful as usual. It was great for Kathy and I to get away and together with friends after a long winter.

A Reminder Dues are due in September. They can be paid at the fall rally or mailed to our new membership secretary Marilyn Saunders at 108 Canterbury Court Carlisle, MA 01741.

I am keenly aware of the pressures this economy is putting on everyone. I feel it personally and in my business but it is worth the expense to belong to the Club. The rallies are great the fellowship and friendship with members is priceless. I know of many stories of members helping out each other with coach problems and travel advise and many other items.

Kathy and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the fall Rally at Association Island New York

We would like to put together a Recipe section to the Newsletter and I would like members thoughts on this at the Fall rally. So if possible those attending could bring one of their favorite items. I know we have many great cooks both men and women as I have eaten many of their dishes at the rallies. Has anyone tried Jeff Thurston's Chowder?

Tech Corner

Tech Corner for this issue derives its information from your editor's recent experience on Interstate 495 as he and his wife headed out for a camping trip.

Zip Dee awning springs can fail. If they do, you'll experience a wonderful (not really) noise as the awning material unfurls and starts flapping alongside your coach. In our case it was the driver's side awning.

We pulled the coach over to the breakdown lane, got out a ladder, and while 18-wheelers whizzed by, proceeded with surgery. A quick assessment revealed the most sensible course of action was to use a zip-knife razor blade to cut through the awning material that secures the awning to the side of the coach. We rolled up the awning, passed it through an open side window and spent the rest of the trip with an awning roll lying on the floor of the coach.

Later we learned we'd actually done the right thing. Zip dee sells (for a very reasonable price) the strip of material we'd cut and replacing it turned out to be an easy task. The old material was easily extracted from a channel on the coach and from another channel on the awning. The new material (supplied by Zip Dee with instructions) can be slid into both channels simultaneously thereby restoring the awning to its proper location on the coach.

A new spring (purchased also from Zip Dee) was easy to insert after drilling out three pop rivets to remove the old spring debris. Three new pop rivets installed the new spring, a careful

rewind of the awning arm (to tension the spring), and voila!...we have an awning again. (More dialogue will be available to anyone interested at our Fall Rally...just ask for "Skip – the Awning master".) The most important piece of information associated with this whole episode was knowing what to order from Zip Dee

It is vital to tell Zip Dee that the awning in question was the "Slide Out Awning". They do not show this distinction on their web site. Because the slide-out awning looks like a window awning it is easy to make a mistake. In fact, the slide out awning has a spring assembly more akin to a patio awning. AND, the awning material strip that secures the assembly to the coach is much narrower than the window version of that strip. Failing to make that clear to

Zip Dee will result in unnecessary delays and expense.

**Club Minutes, Rally Notes,
and Recipe Corner
should be available in
the next issue
(Submissions welcome)**