



Newsletter November, 2010

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2010 Club Officers

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2011 Rally schedule

The NorEasters' winter 2010 impromptu gathering proved popular, and the group will again meet in winter 2011. The Great Outdoors Golf and Nature Resort in Titusville, Florida will be the host site from

7-10 February, 2011. Check the [resort web site](#) for information on the amenities. Fees for the event will be \$25 per night plus taxes for a campsite providing electricity and water. A dumpsite is 60 feet away. Please let Donna Hoadley know by the end of December (dhoadley@hoadleyandsons.com or 617-694-4226) if you will attend.

The Club's official spring rally of 2011, will be held 18-22 May, 2011 at Niagara Falls KOA on Grand Island.

The 2011 fall rally will be in the Thousand Islands area from 7-11 September, 2011, Association Island RV Resort & Marina in Henderson Harbor.

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

CCI Rallies

At the September NorEasters' Rally there was some talk of an East Coast CCI Rally in May 2011. Plans are currently tentative, but a potential site is Beth Page Campground near Williamsburg VA. For the CCI rallies, Jack Hoadley would like to get 2 wagon masters, one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jack.

A West Coast CCI California Wine Country Rally is planned for 15-19 September, 2011 at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga, CA.

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

NorEasters CLUB DUES

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

Currently, 13 members are delinquent. If you have forgotten to pay your dues, please send your check immediately to the Membership Secretary, Mary Ann Moran, 164 Shore Road, Clinton CT, 06413

House Corner

For the sweet tooth in you, Linda Herring shares her recipe from the Cape Cod 2008 Spring rally.

Pecan Molasses Toffee

Linda Herring

1-1/4 cups unsalted butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup water
1 tablespoon dark molasses
1 cup very coarsely chopped pecans
1/2 cup medium-fine chopped pecans
1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
6 oz semi-sweet chocolate (I use mini chips)

Butter a small baking sheet. In a heavy saucepan over low heat, melt the butter. Add the granulated sugar, brown sugar, water and molasses and stir until the sugar

dissolves. Raise the heat to medium and clip a candy thermometer onto the side of the pan. Cook, stirring slowly, but constantly, until the thermometer registers 290 degrees Fahrenheit, about 15 minutes.

Remove from the heat. Stir in the 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans and the cinnamon. Immediately pour the mixture all at once onto the prepared sheet. Let stand for one minute. Sprinkle the chocolate over the toffee. Let stand for one minute to soften. Then, using the back of a metal spoon, spread the chocolate over the toffee until melted. Sprinkle with the half cup medium-fine chopped pecans. Refrigerate uncovered until the candy is firm, about 2 hours.

Break into 2-inch pieces. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 weeks.

Thanks Linda!

Tech Corner

Tech Corner for this issue derives its information from the September 2010 rally in Gardiner NY.

The use of fuel supplements and additives was the first topic of discussion. Bill Suarez suggested it is best to use marine stabilizer in the diesel fuel tank as ordinary stabilizer is not as good. Fuels contain ethanol and it attracts moisture leading to water in the gas which may eventually cause rust in the fuel tank and the fuel lines. This statement also applies to small engines with carburetors such as lawnmowers and weed wackers.



Example of Marine Stabilizer

In addition, new fuel does not have good lubricant properties, thus adding a supplement is also good practice for diesel fuel. If you use bio-diesel, Cummins recommends replacing the fuel filters as several people have experienced clogged filters.

Several questions and points were made:

- How long should it take for the airconditioner units to come on? Consensus was up to 3 mins.
- Running on low voltage could make the Coleman a/c capacitor break more quickly.
- How many people use their heat pumps? About half those present raised their hands.
- If you don't use your Hydrohot frequently then watch for a sticking valve in the elbow. To prevent the sticking valve run the Hydrohot when you run the generator.
- Where can a broken Panasonic backup camera be repaired? Try ATS, St Petersburg FL (727-327-5900)
- Slop in the steering column? Look for excess play in the steering box.
- If you have a loud click near the front door when driving in windy weather

look for a hairline crack in the door wind catcher.

- Where do you get windshield wipers? Several place online sell the larger sizes.
- For airbags try Kaiser Brake and Alignment. Firestone also has airbags, but they take a while to ship them. Several members suggested carrying a spare airbag.

Steve Wadecki reported he had good luck with phone support from Country Boys (541-935-0848) for diagnosing a problem while travelling. They charged \$30 per hour for the phone support, but it was worth it said Steve. Another member pointed out that Oregon Motor Coach (800-942-6860) will also help over the phone.

Gardiner NY, Fall 2010 Rally

From 8-12 September 2010, the Nor'Easters gathered at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park campground in New York's Hudson Valley. Our hosts Bill and Linda Herring and Bill and Linda Brock provided an incredible itinerary for our too short visit to this interesting part of the country. And, once again, our Wagon Masters Bill and Kathy Suarez, provided superb support.

Those of us who had a chance to arrive early were able to view the new "Walk Across the Hudson" bridge. We also had a chance to visit the Roosevelt museums and houses in the area, the Vanderbilt mansion, and to take tours of nearby campus towns. After the rally was over, some of us extended our stay to allow samplings of more food at the county fairgrounds!



It's Sock-Hop Night!

The rally itself was marked by our normal great comradery and mischief. Impromptu road parties erupted periodically throughout our stay, but our hosts had arranged a full schedule for events that were not to be missed. Wednesday evening was Sock-Hop night which of course, had us eating chili and hotdogs. Thursday's continental breakfast was followed by a tour of the Culinary Institute of America and an evening of appetizers and desserts in the recreation hall. After Friday's breakfast there was a day at West Point and lunch at the famous Thayer Hotel. Friday evening was Italian night in the recreation hall with Lasagna as the main course. Saturday was a "relaxing" day where we had a traditional Nor'Easters full breakfast of omelets, pancakes, etc. followed by a business meeting, our "tech talk", a day watching old time airplanes and model airplanes fly at the Rhinebeck Aerodrome, and then a Pig Roast BBQ at

our campsite in the evening! Sunday was a light breakfast, followed by good-byes and best wishes until our next rally.

Clearly, this rally was one for the record book in terms of smooth operation a multitude of activities, and great companionship.

Rally Trip: West Point

On Friday, 10 September 2010, the Nor'Easters went on an excursion to West Point. Cleverly enough, the military knew how to keep us to a schedule. We drove in car-pools to the West Point tourist center where we rapidly spread out to see the gift shop and various static exhibits.

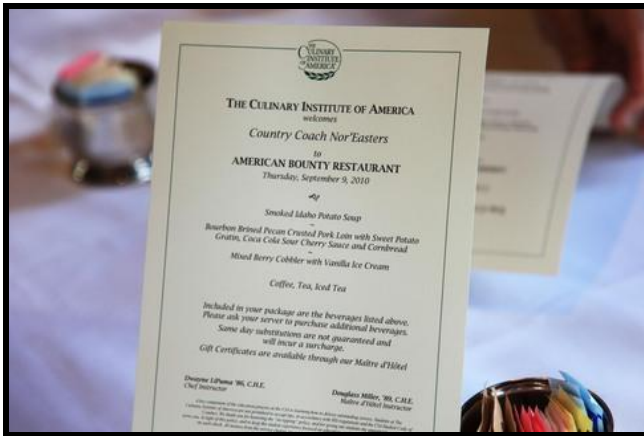


All Aboard for West Point

If you wanted to see what a "plebe's" living quarters were like, they had a model room on display. Similarly, uniforms over the ages were on display. Once it became time for our tour, we were herded to a tour bus where "Ed" our tour guide kept us moving in military precision throughout the remainder of the visit. We saw the chapel, athletic facilities, and several campus vistas. Ed provided an overview of the beautiful and historical sites that mark the campus. We saw remnants of the famous "chain" used to block English ships from moving northward up the Hudson River, we saw statues of some of the famous and infamous Army generals, and we finished our visit with a fabulous lunch at the famous Thayer Hotel.

Rally Trips: CIA

On Thursday, 9 September 2010, the Nor'Easters were treated to an excursion to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. Arriving a bit early (clearly we were enthusiastic), about 20 couples were able to look around the grounds before we were assembled into the "American Bounty Restaurant". One of four restaurants on the campus, the American Bounty offered us a fine meal served by members of the class scheduled to graduate the next day.



We had smoked Idaho Potato Soup (outstanding), followed by Bourbon brined pecan crusted pork loin with sweet potato gratin, Coca Cola Sour Cherry Sauce (very intriguing) and cornbread. The meal finished with a mixed berry cobbler and vanilla ice cream. After our sumptuous meal, we were then provided a tour of the campus to get a sense of how the students develop their cooking skills.

Interestingly, there are two separate curricula: one for pastry chefs and another for culinary chefs. It was easy to distinguish between the students in each course of study by the knives they carry. (The culinary chefs don't have the "scooper basket thingy" for removing pastry from hot oils.) One thing is for sure, with all those knife carrying

chefs, terrorists would be out of their minds if they attempted any mischief at this campus!

The classrooms were mostly large kitchens with picture windows to the hallways so that tourists (like us) could observe without disrupting class. We saw students making full meals. In fact, a bonus at this college is the meals made by the classes are consumed in the student eating halls. We also saw students making cakes, breads, cookies and candies. (And we were offered free samples!!!) You would think the students were all overweight but you would be wrong. They apparently really work hard to gain their degree. The whole trip made some of us think that we should be on the lookout for restaurants operating with talent from the CIA.



CIA "American Bounty Restaurant"

Club Minutes, May 2010

Submitted by Bev Moquin, Club Secretary

Our Spring Rally was held May 12-16 at Cape May, NJ with 24 coaches attending. Hosts were George and Val Kilma, Howie and Bev Moquin, Ken and Ginny Veenstra and Bill and Linda Brock. The meeting of the Country Coach Nor'Easters was called to order by President Bill Brock. Prayer and flag salute followed.

New Members were introduced; Arthur & Diane Block, George & Sandra Fey and Ernie & Judy Kendall. Congratulations to newlyweds Pat & Judy Garoppo.

Donna Hoadley provided us with a delicious Italian dinner the first night of the rally. What a cook, thanks Donna! Bill thanked the rally hosts and many thanks to all who pitched in and helped make this rally a success.

Secretary report was read and motion to accept was seconded and approved as read. Treasurer's report was read by Millie Green and approved as read.

Membership Secretary's report: All members are paid in full through September 15, 2010. Remember we do not send out bills. Please make checks payable to Country Coach Nor'Easters and mail to Mary Ann Moran, 164 Short Road, Clinton, CT 06413. Dues are \$25 for the year and due in September. Please remember that according to our bylaws, after 60 days we will be forced to question whether you want to continue as a member. We don't want to lose any members.

Please keep your addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses up to date with Secretary, Bev Moquin.

CCI Vice President Report was provided by Jack Hoadley. Ted Wright has stepped down as President and Jack Hoadley has taken over. Bill Brock was appointed temporary Vice President. This being said, Ed Geswell will become President of the Nor'Easters. Ballots will be coming out from CCI. Please vote for the Vice President of your area only. Proposed by-law changes are being considered. The web site is getting bigger. Sherry Fanning took over Jane Jordan's

place in the CCI Office. Upcoming events are a CCI East Coast rally in Myrtle Beach, SC and a rally is being planned for Lee's Convention Center in 2011.** The Country Coach newsletter is out. Jack has copies if anyone wants one. Jack asked everyone to stay positive as we move forward.

***Check CCI web site for latest rally info.*

NorEasters President Ed Geswell continued the meeting. Jeff McClellan was asked to become the Nor'Easters Vice President. Ed made a reference to our newsletter. If you do not have email access let Bev Moquin know and she will inform Skip Saunders. Ed informed the club that we no longer receive funds from CC or Buddy Gregg so our rallies should reflect that budget cut. We are trying to keep the prices of the rallies down, but give good value. Ed looks forward to working with everyone.

Wagon Masters Report was given by Bill and Kathy Suarez. The September rally will be held September 8-12, 2010 at Yogi Bear Campground, Gardiner, NY. Hosts will be the Herrings and the Brocks. The hosts will determine which options will be included in the rally fee. Tentative ideas for Spring and Fall rallies are Niagara Falls and Thousand Islands with the McConnells and Wadeckis hosting the Thousand Islands rally. Any suggestions for future rallies would be appreciated.

Old Business : none

New Business : Nick Thiese asked about possibly getting an AED (defibrillator) as we are all getting older. Cost is about \$1300. Ken Veenstra's son sells them and he will get us more information.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.