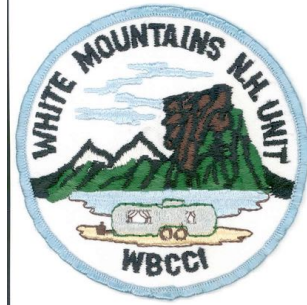


MOUNTAIN ECHOES

Newsletter of the

White Mountains New Hampshire Unit

WBCCI



December, 2015

Greetings, Mountaineers!

Now that most of us have tucked our rigs into their wintery spots, it's time to begin reminiscing! We have had a year of successful rallies and caravans, and, most importantly, most of our members have participated in at least one event. For the people who have been involved in planning our activities, this is very gratifying!

We started our year with a Spring luncheon at Sarducci's, in Montpelier, and the first rally and official Spring meeting was the weekend of May 8th in Hancock, New Hampshire. We were lucky to have great Spring weather there, as it was early enough in the season that at least one family (us!) had mired the trailer in Waitsfield mud the week before, and had to be towed out!

In June, we met for a buddy rally at Button Bay, where, despite the dampness underfoot, we enjoyed meeting new members, as well as friends of members



Your new WMU officers

President: Mary Lehner

Vice President: Paulette Gagne

Secretary & Newsletter: Andreas Lehner

Treasurer: David Peirce

Membership Chairman: Kit Wheatley

Webmaster: Dick Wheatley

(the buddies). This was a weekend of great bonfires, happy hours, golf for some, bicycling for others, walks along Lake Champlain's shore, and general camaraderie.

Our August rally was a weekend at the races in Saratoga, New York. We camped at a resort outside of Saratoga Springs, and had a delightful day at the track, where



most of us were first time visitors. Of course, there are lots of other places to explore in that area, and they were duly explored! Several of us felt at the end of the weekend that we should repeat the experience!

At the end of September, we began our Fall caravan at a campground outside of North Conway, New Hampshire, where we held our Fall meeting. We traveled from there to Winslow State Park outside Freeport Maine, which turned out to be, for me, a highlight of the year. It is beautiful!

Our caravan then proceeded to Hadley's Point campground, just outside Acadia National Park, where we stayed for a week. Again, we all enjoyed different adventures, meeting up at the end of the day for



Happy Hours and a couple of pot luck dinners and fabulous campfires. Several families joined us for the Acadia part of the trip. From there, we caravanned to Fryeburg Maine via a stay in Naples, Maine

before camping at the fair, an appropriately delightful way to end the trip (just think deep fried Oreos!).

From each Unit activity, we have learned something to help us with planning. First of all, when we get together, ideas crop up for new destinations and improvements in our planning techniques; for instance, southern New Hampshire is still pretty cold during the first week of May, Button Bay would be more fun if our campsites are closer together, etc. The most important understanding we have reached is that, for the planners of each event, trying to make the reservations for all the members of a

trip is very difficult and ultimately stressful. So, we have decided that we will change the way we have booked our rallies and caravans in the past. What we will do

is designate a campground, which the "planner" will contact to decide availability, facilities, etc. Then, members who want to join an activity will make their own reservations with the campground. That means that, for instance, for the Fish Creek rally next

September, Kit Wheatley has let us know that we can join that weekend by contacting ReserveAmerica on December 9th or immediately thereafter (this is a particularly popular destination) to reserve a site between #234 and #242, or close to those. This gives members a chance to choose sites that fit their rigs, and takes the financial arrangements out of the hands of the planner. It's important then to get back to the planners (in this case, Kit!) to let them know you are joining the trip so they can figure out activities, pot lucks, and so on.

Please feel free to contact us with any ideas you have about destinations, campgrounds, and other aspects of our unit's activities.

I'm looking forward to seeing all who will be at our Unit Luncheon in Randolph on December 12. There's still time to let Jerry Carruba know if you'd like to join us!



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Mary Lehner, WMU President 2016

WMU 2016 Calendar

December 9, 2015: Register for 9/ /9/16 Fish Creek Pond rally – see below.

December 12, 2015: **Winter Luncheon Meeting**
Lyon's Den, Randolph, VT. Organizer: Jerry Carruba. Please RSVP to Jerry (birddog@tds.net)

March 12, 2016: **Spring Luncheon Meeting**
Sarducci's Restaurant, Montpelier, VT. Organizer: Jerry Carruba

May 20-22: **Winter Island Park Campground, Salem, MA**

Featuring the historic Fort Pickering lighthouse and Salem Harbor, Winter Island offers great opportunities for exploring Salem, and boat or train trips into Boston. Mary Lehner is organizing.



June 16-24, 2016: **Caravan to Lewisburg, WV**
Travel to the International Rally in West Virginia, June 16 (Catskill, NY) to June 22 or 24. Caravan itinerary includes Delaware Water Gap, Canaan Vally State Park Resort, and Watoga State Park on the Greenbrier River. Dave and Lori Peirce are leading the trip. loripeirce@gmail.com

June 17-19, 2016: **Considine House Rally, Hollowville, NY**
Contact Bob Considine at rpc.leather@gmail.com

June 25-July 4, 2016: **WBCCI International Rally, Lewisburg, WV**
Early registration is recommended.

August 4-7, 2016: **Quebec Rally**

Region 1 Rally at Montmagny Quebec – the “Snow Goose Rally, migrating north” -- for Airstream owners from Quebec, the Maritimes, New England and us – the northern mountaineers! Schedule includes optional Saturday cruises and trips. More information and registration form (in English!) is attached or go to: <http://unitquebec.wbcci.net>.

September 9-12: **Fish Creek Pond**

Our unit's fall rally and meeting is a long weekend at one of the most beautiful spots in the Adirondacks. Fish Creek Pond was the first of the many Adirondack Park campgrounds established by the NYS Department of Conservation. Created in 1920, with over 300 sites, almost all on the water. Because of its popularity, it is necessary to reserve sites early as this park does fill up. If we expect sites together we need to reserve on 12/9/15 or soon after. Please reserve a site between 234 and 242 or nearby. Cost is \$27 per day and it is dry camping. Make your reservation at reserveamerican.com ASAP after 12/9/15. For more information check out fishcreekpond.com or contact Dick and Kit Wheatley, dickandkit@me.com

Our sister Region 1 unit, aka the *New England Unit*, has a number of interesting trips and rallies planned for 2016. Here is a link to their home page, <http://newengland.wbcci.net>, where you can find a list of their 2015 events, and, later this month, their 2016 events. We are welcome to participate, if you're interested.

