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Hello to all HTC members,

My name is Mark Neurohr and I am your newly elected HTC president. I would like to thank everyone for their support and trust in me to lead the HTC for the next three years. I will do my best as your president to keep this club an ongoing success.

I would like to thank Roland Winters for everything he has done for the HTC. I will have a hard time filling Roland's boots.

We held the 42nd annual rally at Turning Stone Resort RV park in Verona, New York hosted by Ron and Toxey McClain. Thank you Ron and Toxey for a job well done. There were 31 members plus Roland's driver Harold attending. We all had a great time with the activities Ron and Toxey organized. I have to say that Chef Steve Slattery and wife Bonnie with Bill Gratzke did an amazing job cooking the meal for all of us. Diamond RV Center in Hatfield, Ma. donated a \$ 50.00 gift certificate won by Don and Sharon Bonney. Jessie Robinson won the 50 /50 then gave her winnings back to the club. Thank you Jessie.

The regular business meeting was held with a few new positions to be filled. Elections were held and Mark Neurohr was elected president after Roland Winters term had ended. Mandy Wenzel was elected central director to replace Mark Neurohr. Bonnie Slattery was elected secretary to replace Jane Crawford who resigned do to health reasons. Rick Robinson was elected central director to replace Evelyn Albertson who is now our social secretary. Genevieve White stepped down from the social secretary position after holding it for many years and what a fantastic job she has done for us. I have to also thank Bonnie Pearson for taking the minutes at both executive board meeting and the general business meeting sense Jane was not able to make it to the rally.

Ed & Bonnie Pearson and Don & Sharon Bonney volunteered to be the wagon masters for the 2016 annual rally to be held at Durango RV Resort in Red Bluff, California. We all hope for a great turn out so let's all start making plans now and we will see you in California next year.

Mark



# A Message from our Wagon Master

2015 Handicapped Travel Club Annual Rally  
Sept 14-18, 2015 The Villages at Turning Stone RV Park Verona, New York

Despite heavy rain 2 days before the rally, the sun came out Monday morning, after much praying to the sun god by Ron and Toxey. There were 32 attendees.

The opening ceremony started with a few words by Roland Winters, outgoing president and current club historian, and Wagon Master, Ron McClain (for Toxey co Wagon Master). Pledge of Allegiance by Don Bonney, club treasurer. National Anthem led by Bonnie Pearson. Flag ceremony was held with members of represented states and provinces sharing their experiences with the club and events since the last rally. Bob Robertson from Ontario Canada gave an update since his last rally at Pigeon Forge, TN in 2009, once again proving that HTC is an international club.

Ron McClain read a letter from the late Norma Mizer's daughter who sent a box of flags and holders that Norma wanted to share with club members. Jenni Winters was announced as handling the Poker Run, Mandy Wenzel was selling 50/50 tickets and Genevieve White was selling tickets for and running the Chinese Auction. Ditty bags were distributed with items donated by Diamond RV, Saranac Brewery and The Oneida County Tourism Office. Sharon and Don Bonney picked the bag with a \$50.00 gift certificate from Diamond RV, Hatfield, Mass (dealer who sold Toxey's new motorhome).

Announcement made that most activities would take place in the Green Ash Village fire ring circle area except the welcoming cookout would be in the pavilion just down the road from the meeting room, the Annual Board Mtg will be held in the Saranac Room in the Turning Stone Hotel complex and annual business mtg to be held in RV park meeting room. Turning Stone shuttle buses (wheelchair accessible) provides transportation between RV park and casino complex.

Steve and Bonnie Slattery with the help of Bill and Barbara Gratzke prepared the Monday evening welcoming cookout. Hamburgers, cheese burgers, hot dogs and Steve's signature item, Jerk Chicken Wings were the main attractions, with corn on the cob, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw and fruit were also available. There was some talk of appointing Steve the HTC official chef! Bonnie Pearson led the sing-a-long around the fire while S'mores were prepared and enjoyed by many.

Tuesday started with coffee, donuts, juice and fruit arranged by Brad and Teresa Bartz. They also did Wed, Thursday and Friday as well. The annual HTC horse races were managed by Sharon Bonney who with her husband, Don, stopped by Kelly and Mike Hodge's home and transported the horses to the rally! There were 6 race winners and Letty Chadwick was declared Ultimate Champion for 2015! After the races an impromptu lunch cookout took place at the McClain's site. Yesterday's leftovers were prepared. A large group appeared and had burgers and dogs prepared by Ron and Janice. There was plenty of food and no one left hungry.

Next were the the annual Wheelchair Races. Roland Winters won handily thanks to Clark Bostwick's absence! Sharon Bonney won the women's race for the 3rd straight year! In the men vs the women, Roland was declared the 2015 HTC wheelchair Champion!

Group photo took place in front of the HTC banner at C H Miller's site. Thanks again Brad.

Next was a presentation by Don Budrow and Dan Snyder from Burr Engineering about their externally mounted RV standing lift and a discussion took place about what actual end users (HTC members) would like to see be made available. Some members requested more speed for the standing lift and a wheelchair lift that would go in a "normal" sized door.

Brian Bright emceed the evening entertainment which consisted of singing by both Brian and HTC members and Karaoke. Some of the participants included Toxey and Ron sang a duet (yes Toxey can sing!), and many others. Some of us made fools of ourselves (Ron, Jenni, Roland and Doris Bell was awarded the Karaoke Grammy!

Wednesday started with coffee and... was scheduled as a free day except for the Annual Board Mtg. Many went out to various sites including Cooperstown, Baseball Hall of Fame, Rome, New York (not Italy!) among others. Board Mtg took place at 6 pm in the Saranac Room.

Thursday began with coffee and ... Open House time was held in 2 sessions in Green Ash Village. Many members offered their vehicles for inspection which prompted many discussions of the seemingly endless types of equipment and custom modifications out there that can help handicapped people like ourselves "get out there and live!"

Before The HTC Annual Business Mtg, it was announced that Letty Chadwick won the Poker Run with 3 Aces! She won a \$25 Walmart gift card. Jessie Robinson won the 50/50 Raffle and donated \$86 back to the club.

HTC Annual Business Mtg was opened by outgoing President, Roland Winters. Several members commended Roland's dedication to HTC led by Vice President Sharon Bonney. Election of officers took place. Mark Neurohr was nominated for president, he accepted and was voted president by unanimous vote. Sharon Bonney remains as Vice President, Don Bonney continues as Treasurer. Jane Crawford is unable to continue as Secretary due to health issues. Roland thanked Bonnie Pearson for filling in as Secretary protem. Bonnie Slattery was nominated, accepted and voted unanimously for HTC Secretary. Genevieve White resigned as Social Secretary due to health issues. Roland appointed Evelyn Albertson to replace Genny as HTC Social Secretary. Mandy Wenzel appointed Central Director and Rick Robinson appointed Central Director. Chinese auction completed in record time thanks to Genny White! Most items in Silent Auction sold. Sharon and Don Bonney awarded longest mileage to the rally. It took 3 sessions with Google Maps to verify. You west coast members were all within 80 miles!

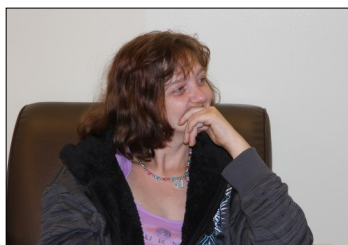
Game Night started very slow until Toxey prompted Ron to set up Pictionary! Thanks to Bill Gratzke and friends the Green Ash Village fire ring circle was lit up! The game produced many hilarious moments including Tom Chadwick's "longest play" and his trying disparity to explain his way out, to no avail! The "girls" had the most success early on but the "boys" bounced back. Janice, from Ontario, had never played before but was quite successful. C.H. Miller showed his acute visual perception by spotting Ron's Hippopotamus or Rhinoceros? right off. Game was followed by socialization and maybe some drinks were involved. The next morning there was a rumor that someone had difficulty back "home"?

Friday started the last coffee and... hosted by Teresa and Brad. Many left for home after goodbyes. Some stayed another night. Jessie Robinson invited all staying to a spaghetti dinner. It was held at the Neurohr's hosted by Karen and Jessie. A good time was had by all.

Rally attendees included 10 RV'ers and 5 Hotellers

Ron and Toxey

# Pics from Rally



# More pics



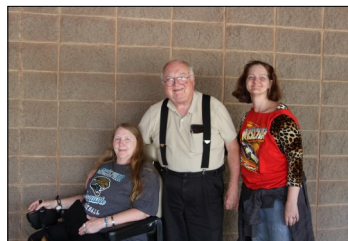
# Rally Attendee's



Karen & Mark Neurohr



Toxey & Ron McClain



Mary, Rose and C.H.



Bonnie & Ed Pearson



Bob Robertson & Janice



Bonnie & Steve Slattery



Letty & Tom Chadwick



Jessie & Will Robinson



Doris Bell &  
Rick Robinson



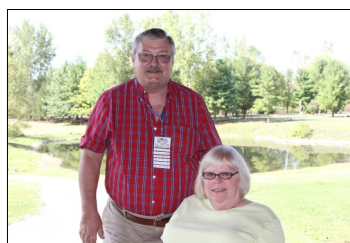
Mandy Wenzel



Sharon & Don Bonney



Carroll, Jenni & Roland  
Winters &  
Harold( driver)



Barbara & Bill Gratzke



Genevieve White  
Foy Baker



Teresa & Brad Bartz

# Club Positions 2015-2016

## Officers

President	Mark Neurohr
Vice President	Sharon Bonney
Secretary	Bonnie Slattery
Treasurer	Don Bonney

## Volunteers

Web Master	Brad Bartz
Newsletter	Teresa Bartz
Social Secretary	Evelyn Albertson
Historian	Roland Winters

## Western Directors

Clark Bostwick  
Brad Bartz  
Arnie Pike

## Central Directors

Rick Robinson  
Bonnie Pearson  
Mandrow Wenzel

## Eastern Directors

Bill Gratzke  
Steve Slattery  
Ron McClain

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On Thursday August 6th, the Mesa Lunch Bunch chapter had their monthly get to gather in Gilbert, AZ at Black Bear Restaurant. Even though it is heating up out here in Arizona (105), we had a good turnout and great conversions. Those in attendance were: Nancy Burkhart, Clark Bostwick, Roland, Carroll and Jenni Winters, Ed and Jane Crawford, John Gilbertson. Come and break bread with us. Roland



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Mini-Rally, Portland, July 2016. Plan on attending. More information to come.

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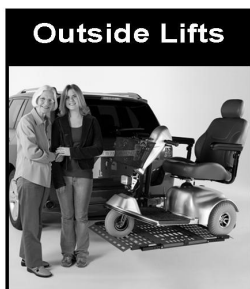
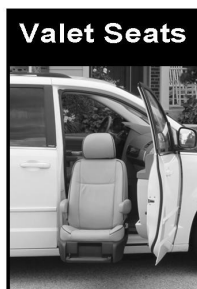


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