

Allegro Club 2011 Fall Rally Normandy Farms, Foxboro, Massachusetts September 26 – 29

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Fall in New England . . . a perfect time and place for Tiffin motorhome owners to get together! Late September found around 140 Tiffin-built coaches at the beautiful Normandy Farms campground in tiny Foxboro, Massachusetts . . . a charming village located southeast of Boston. All of the things that come to mind when one thinks of “New England” and “Fall” were in evidence in Foxboro: picturesque stone walls, roadside pumpkin stands, barns and apple orchards, brilliant fall leaves beginning to make a show, and even wild turkeys grazing the fields around the campground. What a delightful setting! The leaves were just beginning to turn as we gathered for this rally. We had several lovely days of informative seminars, delicious food, games and activities, and good fellowship!

Monday, after registration, attendees were invited to a “Meet and Greet” at the display of our partnering dealership, Campers’ Inn. Following this social time, everyone walked across the driveway to the Recreation Lodge for a delicious catered evening meal. After dinner, an outdoor movie was provided on a big screen; folks were encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the screening of “Soul Surfer” . . . thanks to David Humphries and Marty Vanderford of Triple H Electronics for their expertise in providing this entertainment!

Following the customary format of Allegro Rallies, Tuesday was set aside as seminar day. There were several presenters who were well prepared to provide valuable information about the Tiffin products...from how to use the Sharp Convection microwave to all you ever wanted to know about your generator, these folks were there to inform you. Some of our presenters were: Winegard, Erik Guldager; Sharp Convection microwave, Gail Johnson; JVC, Jim Branyon and Malik Bey; Triple H Electronics, David Humphries and Marty Vanderford; Cummins Engine, Mark Phillips; TMH, Tom Webber; Freightliner, Brian Caudell; Michelin Tires, Fred Quinn and Kevin Woodley; Onan Generators and Power Glide Chassis, Harold Kimbrough. Also of interest to many were: Today’s Microwaveable Tupperware, Ginger Charters; Small Steps to a Greener Life, Pat Webber; and afternoon tea hosted by Gail Johnson.

This very busy, informative day was capped off with another delicious meal at dinnertime, followed by a rousing session of line dancing with our own favorite line dance instructor, Tammy Wyatt, from Ontario, Canada!

Wednesday was mild and sunny—just perfect for our off-site



day trip! Rally attendees boarded buses for a short ride south to Providence, Rhode Island. There, we met step-on guides who gave us a bus tour of the city. Following this, we were taken to the harbor where we boarded a fast catamaran for the popular Lighthouse Bay Cruise, on which we were able to view 10 lighthouse sites in Narragansett Bay. We also enjoyed cruising Newport Harbor, chancing upon a surprise sighting of the cruise ship Queen Mary II which was anchored there. The final stop on this delightful outing was at a local former military installment which housed a unique restaurant, the Quonset O Club, where we enjoyed an excellent catered luncheon. Upon our return later Wednesday afternoon, we were treated to an ice cream social provided by Hearthside Grove Resort.

On Thursday, the final day’s activities included games, opportunities for viewing the Campers’ Inn display, lunch with a “Sports and Fans” theme and afternoon entertainment provided by musician Jim Hollis. The rally activities ended with a deliciously catered farewell “Thanksgiving” dinner Thursday night.

There are many people to thank for making this rally a big

