

HTC Newsletter

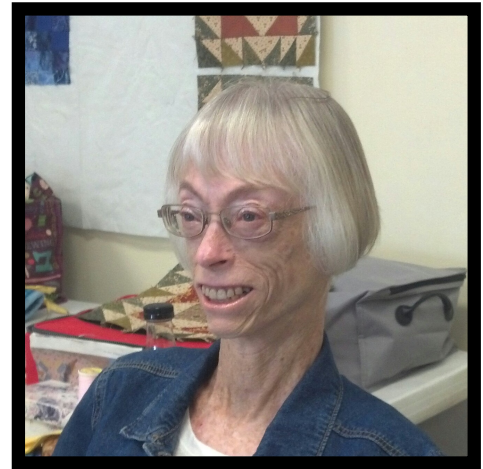
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Hello HTC Members,

We are on the second day of our trip that will end up at the HTC Rally on September 11 in Elkhart, Indiana. We hope to see all of you at the Rally especially since we have not gathered as an official group in two years. RV spaces are still available if you want to attend.

Don hosted the annual Western California mini rally in May in Patterson, California. It was a great gathering with 12 people attending. Most of us were long time members, but one couple, Doug and Jane Kemmis, came for the first time in many years. It was wonderful to see them again and to catch up on their lives. A new couple, Steve and Laurie Darling, came to check us out. They fit right in like we were long time friends. Looking forward to seeing them again next year. It was quite the change from only four of us attending in years past.



Our Annual Meeting at the Rally is especially important this year. Since we have not held a meeting in two years, all of the Executive Committee, all of the Regional Directors, and some Officers positions are vacant. I have been encouraging members to agree to run for a position and I have received many positive responses. But there are two very important positions still vacant--the President and the Secretary positions. If you have any interest in joining us in an elected or appointed position, please let me know.

This is the last President's letter from me. I have held the position for five years instead of the normal three due to the Covid outbreak. A new president will take over at the rally. As president, I got to work with the best people possible. You are all generous, kind, helpful, funny, energetic, loving and committed people. You made my job a pleasure and I thank you all for your support.

Our national rally is September 11-17 at the Elkhart RV Park in Elkhart, Indiana. Can't wait to see all of you. Please contact me if you have thoughts to share, questions to ask, improvements to be made, etc. (President@handicappedtravelclub.com or 925-437-9847).

Sincerely,

Sharon Bonney

2022 HANDICAPPED TRAVEL CLUB NATIONAL RALLY
SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2022 (SUN THRU FRI)
DEPART ON SATURDAY PRIOR 12pm CHECKOUT TIME

ELKHART CAMPGROUND, IN

www.elkcampground@yahoo.com

25608 County Road 4 E. Elkhart, IN 46514 (574) 264-2914

This year's Rally in Northern Indiana is in the heart of RV land. Most of the RVs manufactured in this country come from this area. We are planning a visit to the RV Museum/Hall of Fame and many other fun places to visit. Full details will be available in your goodie bags. We will be able to use the indoor rec room/meeting room, kitchen facilities and campground firepit. The amenities at the campground are rated at 7.8 stars on the rating scale. We, Barb and I, have camped there several times. I'm confident we will have an enjoyable time.

Rates and Registration/Reservations

DO NOT make reservations with the Elkhart Campground directly as the campground and HTC have allocated 20 sites. The rates are \$42.30 per night plus tax for 30 amp or \$45.00 per night plus tax for 50 amp. After July 1, 2022, Barb and I plan on being on the road travelling to Indiana with many stops along the way. If you don't send your registration form and rally fee by then, bring it when you arrive at the rally. However, please call me so I can include you on the site map in our allocated sites.

Your rally fee of \$25.00 per person will cover a daily continental breakfast, games and prizes, some meals, and entertainment. Please be prepared to contribute a side dish for a pot luck and bring item(s) for the silent auction. Rally schedule and activities will be available upon arrival. If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact wagon master Bill @ 305 987-5329.

Customary Things We Do At The Rally

If you haven't attended a rally, here are some things we normally do. On the first day mid afternoon, we have our opening welcoming ceremony, meet and greet, and discuss the week's schedule.

Most all of our rallies include: entertainment of wheelchair races on a level road surface, group picture while wearing HTC gear, group campfire, games, karaoke, group meal(s), daily continental breakfast & visiting, group tours, a music venue and poker run. To assist defray the costs of the rally a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and mock-horse races are held. Also, the Club hosts sessions with speakers or group participation on topics pertinent to RVing and tips for accommodating special needs. A rest/free day is planned to allow for sightseeing or whatever you would like.

Our rally is a gathering of like-minded people that want to explore our abilities and visit with old friends and make new friends. If you choose to allow others to see how your rig is modified, time is set aside for you to show your rig to others. On the last day of the rally, we have our Annual General Meeting where we discuss HTC business and hold elections as needed for Officers and Directors within the group. We then have the results of the raffles, games, races, and other fun stuff. Saturday 9/17/22 is "Camp Break-up" and goodbyes at continental breakfast.

ALTERNATE LODGING & SHOPPING

The campground is about 3 miles north of I-80/I-90. Use exit 92 coming from the EAST or WEST. The exit from the EAST, exit 101, has bad roads to arrive at the campground. Lodging and shopping are in the vicinity of the junction of Hwy 19 and CR 4 near exit 92.

Elkhart campground does have cabins and there are hotels close by for those that just want to enjoy the rally and get more information on accessible RV's. Registration form and fees of \$25 per person must be sent or wagonmaster called to make sure we still have room to accommodate more people.

Bill & Barb Gratzke
2022 Wagon Masters
Cell: (305) 987-5329

2022 HANDICAPPED TRAVEL CLUB (HTC) RALLY - REGISTRATION FORM

Rally starts 3pm, Sunday, September 11th and ends early Saturday, September 17th
ELKHART CAMPGROUND 25608 County Road 4, Elkhart IN 46514

Do not make your campsite reservations directly with the Elkhart Campground.

Please send this registration form as soon as possible or at least contact the wagon master, Bill Gratzke at email address: wagonmaster@handicappedtravelclub.com or call 305-987-5329, if you are even considering coming so he knows how many campsites to set aside in a group.

Payment for your campsite is due upon arrival at the campground office and made payable to the Elkhart Campground. Cash, check or credit card accepted (surcharge for credit card use).

The rally block of sites is near the community room for this Rally, at the rate of:

\$45.00/night plus tax for 50 AMP

\$42.30/night plus tax for 30 AMP

If your plans change and you cannot attend, the rally registration fee will be refunded.

This campground is a very desirable spot in the Fall and it fills up rapidly, so please don't miss out on a fun 2022 HTC Rally.

Return this completed form with your check by July 1, 2022.

Name(s) of those Attending:

Rally fee: \$25.00 per person X _____ persons = \$_____

My check for \$_____ is enclosed

Make checks payable to William Gratzke and mail to:

William Gratzke 2660 SE 7th Place Homestead FL 33033.

For questions or need to require special accommodations contact the wagon master.

Please give us your cell numbers and email address in case we need to contact you while you are traveling to the Rally or need to notify you of any changes.

CELL NUMBERS

(1) _____ (2) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

For non RVer's. there are cabins available at the Elkhart campground. Also, there are motels and hotels available nearby.

Future Events

2022 September 11 to 17 HTC Annual Rally Elkhart Campground, Indiana

The 2022 HTC Annual Rally will take place at the Elkhart Campground in Indiana. See campground website for more information: <http://elkhartcampground.com/>.

Rally Wagon Masters are Bill and Barb Gratzke 305-987-5329, 305-987-5328.

See registration form above. More information to follow.

New Members - Welcome!

Dierdra Wayne Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey

Truman Duncan and Amy Wells Cleburne, Texas



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UNSURE ABOUT PURCHASING A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VAN?

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- If you decide to purchase a van from us within 90 days of your rental, we will reimburse you up to \$500 towards the purchase of your van. We have over 200 used and new vans available to choose from!

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