

## Chairman's Chat - Updated 10th August

Hi Everyone,

As we go into the main part of summer, I expect most of you are away holidaying during August.

The weather has not been very favorable at present, but the forecasters seem to be a bit optimistic for later in the summer months.

The Chairman's Rally will be exciting as ever this year, with a massive auction for the RNLI Lifeboats at Skegness. We have accumulated a large amount of gifts and prizes for this cause, and all will be auctioned off on the Saturday evening Social, so another one not to be missed.

Nominations for Lincolnshire Centre Committee position's, must be in by 12 noon on the Saturday of the rally. If you feel you could contribute something towards the running of the Centre, please get your name down.

Information on what will be expected of committee members will be detailed on the Friday evening. This will be to give you some idea of the commitment we expect from you.

Can I remind everyone that the AGM will be upon us very quickly, and we would like to see a good attendance this year. There will be a number of Committee changes, and it is you the members who have the say in who contributes to running the Lincolnshire Centre on your behalf. So if you want to vote, make sure you attend either the rally, or the open forum, and the main AGM meeting.

Some of the rallies running up to the end of the Year are full, some have spaces, so be quick..

There are spaces on the Bonfire Rally, and a reminder that the marshal's for this rally are Gary & Sharon Fergie, and Huw & Alison Phillips. We are back at Oakhill Leisure for this rally, and this is virtually an unlimited rally, so contact the marshal's if you would like to attend. All the fireworks on this rally are subsidised by the stalls we have on the night. So if you would like to run a stall for the Bonfire Firework fund, please contact Gary – who is organising the stalls again this year.

There are still spaces on the Christmas party Rally, and I am taking slips for this one, and we have a few spaces left. Remember this has a limit of 45 vans on this site, so to avoid disappointment, please book early.

This year, the Christmas Rally at Welbourn, has not been advertised in the Caravan Club Magazine, and the earliest we can get it in is November. Consequently, numbers are down from last year. If you would like to attend the Christmas Rally, please contact Pete Greenfield the rally marshal, or me direct, and I will pass the information on to him.

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With effect from January 2010, and for a trial period of one year the following rules will apply:

The main marshal and 1<sup>st</sup> co-marshal on any rally, whether it be a weekend rally – a bank holiday rally – or a holiday rally, will be entitled to a FREE rally completely. This is regardless of whether free place have been agreed with the landowner or not. This will apply to UK based rallies only. Any 3<sup>rd</sup> marshal or any further marshal after that will pay the FULL rally fee. This can then be negotiated with the main marshals to split the cost with them at their discretion. All Committee run rallies will stay the same where all marshals pay the rally fee.

The 2010 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary rally at the Lincolnshire Showground is well under way, and at an advanced stage. A decision on how much the rally will cost will be made at the next committee meeting in September. We are trying to keep the cost to as near as the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rally as possible, which is very good in this current climate. Around £3000 of sponsorship has been obtained up to press, and costing's are well within budget at this time.

As most of you are aware, John the Rally secretary is standing down in October, but he is well under way with next year's programme. PLEASE if you intend running a rally for the Lincolnshire Centre next year, can you get them liaised by the end of September, so John can get the rally book collated and ready.

Will look forward to seeing you out and about soon, enjoy the rest of your holidays..

Kind Regards

Geoff & Gina