

2005 New Horizons Rally

Rally Information

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

You are invited to participate in the 2005 New Horizons Rally.

Event: 2005 New Horizons Rally -- current & former Horizon's owners and wannabees welcome

Dates: Friday, September 30, 2005 (for afternoon registration and get-together; sessions start on Saturday, October 1st) through Tuesday, October 4th (leaving on October 5, 2005)

Place: Sundermeier RV Park, 111 Transit St., St. Charles, MO 63301

RV Park office phone #: 800-929-0832 or local #: 636-940-0111

RV Park website: www.sundermeierrvpark.com

Camping Information: The Sundermeier RV Park is a private RV park. All sites are pull-thru, with water, electric and sewer. The daily fee is \$29 per night for a site (including a discount for the rally, which price is good from September 30 – October 4). The daily fee for each site will be paid by each owner directly to the RV Park when you arrive at the Park and is in addition to the Rally fee described below. Internet access and laundry facilities are available, and pets are welcome. There is no provision for boondocking or dry camping at a lesser rate.

Directions to campground: From I-70 West of St. Charles merge onto MO-370E (Exit 224); Take Exit 7 onto N. 3rd St. going south; Turn left onto Transit Street. // From I-70 East of St. Louis merge onto I-170N (Exit 238C); Then merge onto I-270W (Exit 10A) on the LEFT toward Kansas City; Then merge onto MO-370W (Exit 22); From MO-370 take Exit 7 onto N. 3rd St. going south; Turn left onto Transit Street.

Rally Fee: \$25 for singles, \$40 for couples (This fee is to cover rally expenses such as set-up fees, supplies, mailing costs, refreshments, coffee, muffins, fruit, equipment rentals, etc.) *NOTE:* There is an additional fee of \$26/person for the optional tour of St. Louis described on the next page.

Reservation and payment method: Please complete and mail the Rally Registration Form along with a check for the appropriate amount made payable to "Horizon Rally" to the address shown on the Registration Form. Your Registration Form and check for the Rally fee(s) must be postmarked **no later than August 22, 2005**. If you mail your Registration Form after August 10th, please notify Joe Thompson by email, if possible, that the Registration Form is in the mail. *NOTE:* If you wish to arrive at the RV Park before September 30th or wish to stay on or after October 5th, you should contact the RV Park directly to make reservations for the period of time outside the Rally dates.

Late Fee: There will be an additional fee of \$5 for registrations postmarked after August 22, 2005.

Cancellation policy: If you need to cancel your registration, refunds will be made, less a \$5 handling fee. To cancel your reservation, you must contact Joe Thompson (address below) either by email dated or regular mail postmarked no later than August 10th in order to receive a refund.

If you are interested in volunteering for a selected task or to lead a Rally session or if you have any suggestions for Rally discussion topics, please indicate that on the Registration Form. In addition, you may contact Linda and Mel Collart at any time to discuss the Rally. Check out the *Exchange* and the New Horizons Owners' website at www.nhog.org/rallies/rally2005 for future updates.

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Overview of 2005 Rally Schedule

During the four days of the Rally, there will be six to eight discussion sessions. Rally discussion sessions will be held in the mornings and afternoons on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Generally they will start around 9:00 a.m. and end around noon with a lunch break and recommence in the afternoon with two sessions about one and one half hours long with a mid-afternoon break. On Sunday, we have planned an optional group sightseeing tour which will take the entire day (see below for more information). Monday afternoon will be reserved for “Open House” rig tours. There will be some open periods for organized or informal socializing, discussion groups or local sightseeing, so be sure to let us know your interests on the Rally Registration Form.

OPTIONAL ALL DAY TOUR OF ST. LOUIS: We have arranged for an optional all-day tour of the St. Louis area as a rally activity on Sunday, October 2nd. The **price of the tour is \$26/person and needs to be paid with your registration fee** so that we may reserve and procure the correct number of buses. The tour will leave around 8:30 a.m. on Sunday and will include a stop in the morning at Grant’s Farm operated by Anheuser-Busch to see the world famous Budweiser Clydesdale horses and U.S. Grant’s cabin, then on to the St. Louis Union Station for a lunch stop (for a no-host lunch) and finally stopping at the Gateway Arch for the afternoon to visit the Museum of Westward Expansion and perhaps a stop in the theater to see the movie about the making of the Arch or a trip to the top of the Arch. You can get more information about each of the three stops on our tour at their websites: www.grantsfarm.com, www.stlus.com, www.stlouisarch.com.

Local Sightseeing Possibilities

St. Charles is a beautiful and historic area with many interesting activities to interest visitors. There is a free trolley serving St. Charles that stops at the RV park and operates Tues. – Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. St. Charles’ attractions include two nationally registered historic districts (South Main & Frenchtown), Missouri’s first State Capital, the Rendezvous Point of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, Lewis & Clark Boathouse and Nature Center, and the Daniel Boone Home & Boonefield Village. Check out the St. Charles website: www.historicstcharles.com. There are also at least 6 wineries within an hour’s drive of St. Charles, and Merramac Caverns is just over an hour’s drive.

St. Louis with its many sights is only 25 minutes away. St. Louis’ attractions include Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Busch Stadium (home of the St. Louis Cardinals), Edward Jones Dome at America’s Center (home of the St. Louis Rams), Gateway Arch, Grant’s Farm, Missouri Botanical Garden, Museum of Transportation, Savvis Center (home of the St. Louis Blues), Six Flags St. Louis amusement park (open only on weekends in the fall), St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis Union Station and St. Louis Zoo. For those of you who are theater/concert fans, check out the Powell Symphony Hall (which has concerts on weekends) and the Fox Theatre (which will be presenting Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat). For those of you who are sports fans: The *St. Louis Cardinals* have scheduled home games on 9/27, 9/28, 9/30, 10/1 and 10/2; check their website stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com. The *St. Louis Rams* have a home game scheduled on 9/25; check their website www.stlouisrams.com. Right now, since the NHL is not currently playing, there is no 2005 schedule published for the *St. Louis Blues*; check their website www.stlouisblues.com.

For the more active among us, the Sundermeier RV Park is across the street from the Katy Trail State Park. The Park is built on the former corridor of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad. The trail is open for 225 miles from St. Charles to Clinton, MO. The trail allows users to travel through some of the most scenic areas of the state. The majority of the trail closely follows the route of the Missouri River so hikers and bikers often find themselves with the river on one side and towering bluffs on the other. Visitors travel through many types of landscapes including dense forests, wetlands, deep valleys, remnant prairies, open pastureland and gently rolling farm fields.

Possible Rally Sessions

The following are possible discussion topics. We look forward to your suggestions. If you would like to lead a Rally session, please contact Linda and Mel Collart as soon as possible to discuss your topic.

- * Communication/Internet -- wireless and satellite options
- * Digital Photography -- software, tips and gadgets
- * Backing/parking with 5th wheel trailers
- * Favorite destinations and places to avoid
- * Various safety issues
- * Discussion about changing to hydraulic disc brakes
- * Solar power systems, their operation and maintenance
- * Schedule for routine maintenance, recommended spare parts, tools for your toolbox
- * Share your creative side -- lead a craft session
- * Favorite gadgets, tools, cleaning tips or other help items
- * Favorite RV design features or enhancements
- * Any other topic you think our owners will find interesting

Summary of Meals

Breakfast -- The Rally Committee will provide a light Continental breakfast of muffins, fruit or juice and coffee/tea each morning (except Sunday because of the tour).

Lunch -- Rally participants will provide their own lunches. However, there can be optional get-acquainted mixers during lunchtime for those Rally participants who would like to participate.

Afternoon "Happy Hour" -- On Friday, there will be munchies in the afternoon provided by the Rally Committee for Rally participants who have arrived. In the late afternoon on each of the remaining days of the Rally, there will be a "no host" happy hour get-together, so plan to bring your own snacks and drinks.

Dinner -- On Friday, Rally participants are invited to come to an optional "no host" dinner at a local on-site restaurant. Saturday evening is open so that Rally participants can go to St. Charles and participate in the local Oktoberfest activities. On Sunday evening, we are delighted that Horizons, Inc. has offered to contribute to a catered dinner for Rally participants. On Monday evening, the Rally Committee will host a BBQ in the Central Court Yard. On Tuesday evening, there will be an owners' Pot Luck with each rig participating in the Rally bringing their favorite dish (wannabees are invited to dinner, but do not need to bring food).

NOTE: Even if you are not planning to participate in the 2005 Rally, we would like to receive any updated contact information, so that we can keep in touch with you regarding future events. If any of your contact information has changed from prior mailings, please notify either Linda or Mel Collart or Joe Thompson of the changes. If you have email and we did not contact you via email, please email us -- it will help us to save money on future distribution costs. If you do not wish to receive future mailings, please let us know.

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Rally Registration Form

Return this form by August 22, 2005

To register for the 2005 New Horizons Rally, please complete and return this Registration Form, along with a check for the appropriate amount [Rally fee -- \$25 for singles, \$40 for couples/families; additional optional tour fee -- \$26/person] made payable to "**Horizon Rally**" to the following address:

**Horizon Rally
PMB 29793
1614 SW Seagull Way
Palm City, FL 34990**

Name: _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Rig # (last 3 digits of VIN): _____ [indicate whether you are a wannabee]

Rally registration:

_____ I plan to attend the Rally, arriving on September 30th and leaving on October 5th. I understand that you will make my reservations with the RV Park for the period of the rally. However, I understand that I will be responsible for paying the RV Park's fee directly to the RV Park in accordance with their policies after I arrive at the park.

_____ I plan to arrive for the Rally before September 30th and/or I plan to stay on or after October 5th. I understand that you will make my reservations with the RV Park **only** for the period of the rally. However, since I will be staying at the RV Park for a period of time outside the actual Rally dates, I understand that I must contact the RV Park directly to make reservations for the period of time I will be staying at the RV Park other than the rally dates -- i.e., for the period before and/or after the rally period. Further, I understand that I will be responsible for paying the RV Park's fee for all the days of my stay directly to the RV Park in accordance with their policies after I arrive at the park. **NOTE:** The daily rate is \$35/day for any stay before or after the Rally dates.

Optional Tour registration:

_____ I plan on participating in the optional all-day tour of St. Louis on Sunday, October 2nd. In addition to my rally fee, I have enclosed \$26 for _____ people to pay for the cost of the tour.

_____ I am not interested in going on the optional all-day tour of St. Louis.

If you are willing to volunteer to conduct a session or to help with a Rally task, please complete and return the Special Interests and Volunteer Form on the next page.

Special Interests and Volunteer Form

Name: _____

I am interested in participating in a group function involving the following activities:

- _____ Hiking
- _____ Sightseeing
- _____ Biking
- _____ Golfing
- _____ Other: (please specify) _____

Special needs: Please indicate whether you have any special needs that we should be aware of regarding the assignment of your RV site or your participation in the Rally.

I would like to see the following topic(s) discussed at the 2005 Rally: (also, indicate vendors you would like to have participate)

I will be ready to contribute to/participate in the following session(s) at the 2005 Rally:

I would be willing to lead/conduct the following session(s) at the 2005 Rally: (Please contact Linda and Mel Collart as soon as possible to discuss your topic.)

I am willing to volunteer for the following tasks at the 2005 Rally: (Tasks will include: set up the Rally meeting area; pick up pre-paid muffins and fruit one morning; make coffee one morning; clean up and set up Rally meeting area at beginning or end of one day; monitor and empty trash bags on one day; help take down Rally meeting area on Wednesday morning; host a wannabee. If you have a preference, please indicate task you are willing to volunteer for.)

Other thoughts or comments:

