

ICC NEWSLETTER

September, October, November

2026

Come for the Fun, Stay for the Friendships!

"President's Column"

Well, Rally 53 is over and all went well. We had a good time in the Mt Airy area and it was great to catch up with our ICC Family members. Now onto Rally 54 in Farmington, NY! Reservations can be made now by calling the Canandaigua Finger Lakes KOA campground (let them know you are with the ICC group).

More info in newsletter.

We discussed at the rally how to increase our membership and came up with an idea. Members can invite potential members to a rally and pay their rally fee (or the guest may pay) and if they join within 3 months the rally fee will be credited.

If anyone has any other suggestions please let us know!

Keep on camping,
and safe travels!

**Retirement
PLAN**



Tim and Kathy Nowak
ICC President

INTERNATIONAL



"Chaplain's Corner"

"God Is Listening"
by Maggie Rieske

"I know that God is listening
Each time I say a prayer;
Throughout the seasons of my life,
He is always there.
In Spring He brings me flowers
And birds to fly in my space;
In Summer He sends sunshine,
A gentle warmth upon my face.
I hear His whisper in the wins
When leaves of Autumn blow;
And He wraps His arms around me
As I watch the falling snow.
Even when the night falls silent,
And I don't hear a word...
I know that God is listening,
And my every prayer is heard."

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"Hear my cry, O God,  
listen to my prayer!"  
-Psalm 61:2

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Our condolences to Diane and Steve Sprague on the loss of Diane's mom, Ruth Hauge, age 96. Continued safe travels to Hoffs and Morris on their journeys .

Cheryl Muthig
Chaplain



Secretary's Column

What a great rally we had in July at Mt Airy! So happy we made it this year! It was unfortunate that North Carolina was sitting under a heat dome and the weather was quite toasty most days, but we only had rain once!

We sure missed the folks who couldn't make it to the rally. Vehicle breakdowns, school schedules, fuel costs, and a variety of other maladies changed some minds. Hoping people who are wanting to make the New York rally can get there.

Speaking of the Farmington, New York rally you will see more about the rally in this, and future newsletters. Also, Cheryl has posted a lot of great information on Facebook about the area. Don't wait too long to reserve your spot at the KOA Canandaigua Finger Lakes Campground! You can call the campground at 585-398-3582

Let them know you are with the ICC Group, they are holding 15 sites reserved and they have cabins! You can also make reservations online at KOA.com, but unfortunately you cannot have it put you in the ICC group sites.

The whole month of July was our retirement trial run! We left home on July 1 and returned on August 3. It was all new to us, and it was probably more like a vacation than a day to day life! We started in Ohio for one night, then on to Virginia for a night, then to Benson, NC to visit with an old friend before going to Ann and Billy's for a few nights, then on to Mt Airy for the rally. After the rally we moved on all the way to Charlotte to visit my sister. We had a great time enjoying all things NASCAR! The Hall of Fame, the racetrack for some minor racers, and touring some of the garages. Then we made it to West Virginia- a state we had not yet camped in, so we were able to put the WV sticker on our camper map! Next we stopped in Ohio, then we spent the next 3-1/2 days in Indy with the grands (they got to stay at the camper with us for two nights!). Then, finally spent the final weekend with Tim's family in a campground near us (we just didn't want to

go home yet!).

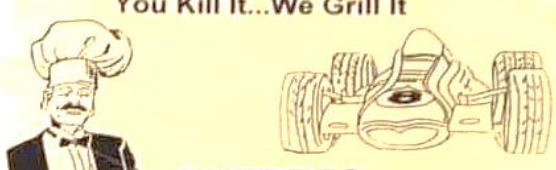
We look forward to next year's rally, we hope to make a month of travel in New York and beyond!

Stay safe and take care of yourselves.
Keep on campin' and see you down the road!

Kathy & Tim Nowak
ICC Secretary

ROADKILL CAFE

You Kill It...We Grill It



ENTREES

Center Line Bovine.....	\$4.95
"Tastes real good, straight from the hood"	
The Chicken.....	\$3.95
"That didn't cross the road"	
Flat Cat.....	\$2.95
"Served as a single...or in a stack"	

A TASTE OF THE WILD SIDE

(Still in the hide)

Chunk of Skunk.....	\$1.95
Smidgen of Pigeon.....	\$1.95
Road Toad Ala Mode.....	\$1.65
Shake 'N Bake Snake.....	\$2.25
Swirl of Squirrel.....	\$1.55
Whippoorwill-on-a-Grill.....	\$3.30
Narrow Sparrow.....	\$1.25
Rigor Mortis Tortoise.....	\$6.75

BAG 'N GAG

Our daily take-out lunch special!
Anything Dead In Bread

"There are no secrets
to success. It is the result
of preparation, hard work
and learning from failure."

~ Colin Powell



**Labor Day (US),
Labour Day (Canada), 9/7**

Financial Report

July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026

TOTAL beginning bank balance

\$7,518.58

TOTAL ending bank balance

\$7,192.06

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance

\$6,110.35

Kathy Hoff, Treasurer

Income

John & Joanne Clements

Rally Rollover

(\$40.00)

2026 Dues

\$840.00

2026 Rally Fees

\$520.00

Interest

\$0.24

Patt & Virginia Patterson Scholarship

*There were no applications submitted this year.
Applications for the 2025 scholarship award
will be in the December newsletter.*

Expenses

3 new flag poles

(\$197.06)

Secretary Expenses

(\$300.00)

VP Expenses

(\$318.00)

PayPal Fee

(\$1.95)

Wood

(\$28.00)

2025 craft (Joanne Hafner)

(\$30.00)

Rally breakfast

(\$80.00)

Rally dinner & sundaes

(\$357.75)

Grand Prize (Diane Sprague)

(\$225.00)

As you can see from the financial report, the Scholarship Fund is getting lower, we only have less then two years in reserve. If you have any ideas on how to raise funds for the Scholarship Fund please speak to Bob and Joanne Hafner, Scholarship Chairs.

The Scholarship Fund is a wonderful legacy that the ICC has provided to numerous children and grandchildren of ICC members.

Ending Balance

\$5,892.83

"OLD" is when you are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police!

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance

\$1,408.23

Income

Donation from Cheryl in memory of Kyle

\$50.00

2025 rally raffles & Chinese Auction

\$341.00

Awards

Scholarship to Michael Abramo

(\$500.00)

Ending Balance

\$1,299.23

"September 11 is one of our worst days but it brought out the best in us. It unified us as a country and showed our charitable instincts and remind us of what we stood for and stand for."
~Lamar Alexander



We will never forget

Patriot Day (US), 9/11

Nowak Travels Family Vacation

After our long North Carolina trip to attend the rally we took a week's vacation in August to the Jelly Stone RV Park at Lake Monroe near Bloomington, IN with our son, daughter-in-law, and grandkids! They stayed in a cabin right next door to our RV site.

Tim and I set up on Saturday and went out for a nice adult dinner at a great lovely restaurant on Lake Monroe. I had part of a summer fruit mule. Now I haven't had an adult beverage in a long time, but it sounded so good! And it was... but I did get a little tipsy.

So Sunday morning Tim went to pick up a golf cart that we received for free because of the length of our stay.

Actually, our son, Randy's family got one too and the kids loved riding around in it!

We had a week of fun: swimming, bouncing on the bouncy pillow, playing with the kids, visiting the camp store for Slushies, going into Bloomington to Mother Bear's Pizza.

Randy and our daughter-in-law, Jena were only staying through Thursday morning and leaving the kids with us! We had them stay with us Thursday and Friday, then they helped us tear down and we drove up to the Indy KOA to spend the afternoon swimming and eating ice cream, visiting the horses and goats, and playing in the playground!



Louie and Lila pose with
Yogi Bear

We really enjoyed our time with the family all together on a vacation, and we are planning on going again next year... maybe to Southwest Michigan on the Lake! Just relaxing family time.



"Grampa down!"



From the Nowak family vacation, Lake Monroe Jelly Stone RV Park: l-r, Tim, Kathy, Yogi Bear, Lila, Louie, Jena, Randy, and puppy, Penny.



"Autumn,
the year's last,
loveliest smile."
~ William Cullen Bryant

Fall Equinox 9/22

Giving At The Rally

Raising Money For Different Causes!

On Thursday morning Bob and Joanne ran the BINGO game that was a lot of fun! A donation of \$2 per card or 3 cards for \$5 was raised for The Shepard's House a program in Mt Airy that serves women's and family shelters, transitional housing, street outreach, and a men's shelter.

Bob and Joanne ran over to deliver the **\$115** raised to the Shepard's House. The ICC can be proud of Bob and Joanne and their idea to change over from a grocery Bingo game to an opportunity to give back to the local community.



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For the Patt & Virginia Patterson Scholarship:  
**\$106**

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For the ICC General Fund:
\$252

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Thanks to all the generous folks in the ICC!

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"Halloween is right around the corner.  
You can tell because all the stores are  
decked out for Christmas."

~ Stephen Colbert

**Halloween, 10/31**



## E-ICC

*growing our social network!*

We ask you to check in on the ICC website, we are working to keep it updated and for it to be a tool to reach out to prospective new members. We are always looking to add more content to the website. We also have an ICC Facebook page that if you haven't joined yet, send in a request today! Share your camping fun- and photos (!) with the ICC family.

So if you have information, ideas or thoughts of new content please contact Laura Hafner or Kathy Nowak at:

email address:  
[internationalcampclub@gmail.com](mailto:internationalcampclub@gmail.com)

website address:  
[InternationalCamperClub.com](http://InternationalCamperClub.com)

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This year the ICC purchased new flagpoles for the US, Canadian, and ICC flags. These new poles are shorter, but still about 8' tall. They are also much lighter.



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## International Rally 53 - 2026

*"Remembering the Past...Making New Memories for the Future." Recap*

The 2026 International Rally in Mt Airy, NC is "in the books" and was a success! We had 13 members there, two of those units that had to leave early. And guests the Donny and Norma invited - Fred & Gayle Gortch.

The Mayberry Campground was a terrific campground - they provided a very nice pavilion for our games, crafts, and meals. There was a large yard area for the flags and some of the games. We had a beautiful view out our front door - a large pond that had ducks and geese. Allen also enjoyed fishing in the pond too.

Several people came in early and we went to check out the Depot at Cody Creek. The food was outstanding and we as the club returned for Thursday night dinner.

Opening ceremonies started the rally up on Sunday evening. We were able to use the new flagpoles, and the Burbages planted the state flags.

In the general meeting we discussed items that were brought up in the earlier board meeting. At the general meeting President Tim Nowak and Treasurer Kathy Hoff were unanimously asked to remain in their offices for another two years, and they both accepted. Although Kathy Hoff has asked to be able to be relieved of her office. We really hope someone can step up to do that.

Secretary Kathy Nowak asked to be able to email the newsletters. Positive reasons: saves printing and postage costs, newsletters will be able to be delivered quicker, newsletter photos can be in color! Several people asked that their

newsletters still be mailed. Some members have good reason to need a paper copy and I don't want to put them out - but an email copy will be the only copy everyone else (who didn't request a hard copy) will receive.

Tim noted that we would like to see members bring guests to the rallies so their friends and family can see the fun we have. See the President's column for more information.

Also discussed was the Grand Prize and the eligibility for members who need to leave early. Members must attend the Opening Ceremony and at least one full rally day.

Monday was a good day of horseshoes and ladder golf in the morning, and 50/50 and raffle sales after lunch. Crafts followed and Joanne out did herself with tie dying! I loved it myself, and my granddaughter did too. The Potluck was delicious and we all had fun with the Chinese Auction.

Tuesday morning was the Build-Your-Own burrito breakfast. Ann, Heather, and Chrissy set up a great meal. Then there was Bocce Ball, followed by lighted Bocce Ball after dark!

Thursday was another busy day, Bob and Joanne raised money for The Shepard's House with some breezy



*continued on page 7*

"We borrow an hour one night  
in April; we pay it back  
with golden interest  
five months later."

~ Winston Churchill



**Daylight Savings Time Ends 11/1**

*This is your newsletter about your club!  
If you have news,  
recipes, stories;  
let us know!*



[bookery88@gmail.com](mailto:bookery88@gmail.com)

## International Rally 53- 2026

*"Remembering the Past...Making New Memories for the Future." Recap*

Bingo. After Bingo was lunch with peanuts and Cracker Jack to enjoy while we played Baseball Toss.

Thursday evening we all went to the Depot for supper, then back to the campground for the Awards, General Meeting, and the Closing Ceremony...followed by a campfire.



### Awards List

The Patt and Virginia Patterson Scholarship:

No Applicants

Horseshoes:

1st- Billy Broadstreet and Tim Nowak

2nd- Chase Burbage and Steve Sprague

Ladder Golf:

1st- Ann Sprinkle and Greg Hafner

2nd- Sue Archer and Tim Nowak

Bocce Ball:

1st- Greg Hafner and

Ann Sprinkle/Chase Burbage

2nd- Sunsaree VanAken and Steve Sprague

Youngest at the Rally:

Austin Burbage (*son of Chase & Elizabeth Burbage*)

Oldest at the Rally:

Cheryl Muthig

Liar's Chain Recipient:

Sunsaree VanAken

Grand Prize Winners:

Sunsaree VanAken



Site for the 2027 International Rally 54:

KOA Canandaigua Finger Lakes Campground

Farmington, New York (*Finger Lakes Region*)

Sunday, July 11 thru Thursday, July 15, 2027

*We've Been Framed! Members Having a Little Fun Getting in the Picture.*



Tim & Kathy Nowak!



Bob & Joanne Hafner!

## International Rally 53 - 2026

*We've Been Framed! Members Having a Little Fun Getting in the Picture.*



Cheryl Muthig!

Wagonmasters  
Jerry & Chrissy Morris!



Steve & Diane Sprague!



Cathy Smith!



Donny Muccino and  
Norma Kelly!



Guests:  
Fred & Gayle Gortch!

## International Rally 53 - 2026

*We've Been Framed! Members Having a Little Fun Getting in the Picture.*



Laura Hafner and Trish Claypoole!



Rob & Heather Edwards!



Chase, Elizabeth, Avery and Austin  
Burbage!

Austin and  
Avery getting  
comfortable  
in Ann and  
Billy's unit!  
Ann sure did  
love "baby-  
sitting" them!

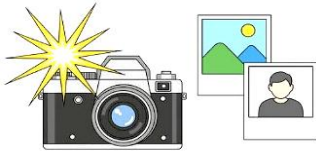


Ann Sprinkle and  
Billy Broadstreet!



## International Rally 53 - 2026

*We've Been Framed! Members Having a Little Fun Getting in the Picture.*



Allen & Sue Archer!



Greg & Melanie Hafner!



Billy & Denise Holland!



Sunsaree Van Aken! ^^^  
Cheryl Muthig & Sunsaree Van Aken!



## International Rally 54 - 2027

*"New York: Waterfalls, Wineries, Trails & Trolls!"*

Hoping lots of you are planning your  
2027 International Rally 54!  
"New York: Waterfalls, Wineries, Trails & Trolls"

Sunday, July 11 thru Thursday, July 15, 2027  
KOA Canandaigua Finger Lakes Campground  
Farmington, New York 14425

Cheryl Muthig and Norma Kelly welcome  
all members and their guests to New York for  
the 2027 International Rally!  
Come and enjoy local wineries, lighthouses  
of Lake Ontario, Erie canal towns road trips,  
railway excursions, the international toy  
museum, trolls and treehouses!  
The Finger Lakes Area and Lake Ontario

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International Rally 54  
July 11 thru 15, 2027



"New York:  
Waterfalls, Wineries,  
Trails & Trolls!"

KOA Canandaigua Finger Lakes Campground  
5374 Canandaigua Farmington TL Road  
Farmington, New York 14425

Phone: 585.398.3582

Email: [koacanan@frontiernet.net](mailto:koacanan@frontiernet.net)

Websites: [KOA.com](http://KOA.com) or [Visitfingerlakes.com](http://Visitfingerlakes.com)

General Manager: Jon Arsenault

When making reservations  
please call the above number and  
**Mention that you are with the ICC!!**

Cabins may be available - call ahead.

*more information in next newsletter*

shores have great vineyards and orchards.  
If you like casinos, there is the Finger Lakes  
Gaming and Racetrack. Looking for upscale  
Italian, laid back bar and grills, Mexican,  
Pizza? There are area restaurants to satisfy  
you! Wineries, yes, but breweries too!  
And about an 18 minute drive away you will  
start to find distilleries too!

How about a lunch or dinner cruise on the  
Canandaigua Lady? She's the only authentic  
19th century replica of a paddlewheel boat  
in the region. Maybe take a day's excursion  
about one hour southwest to Letchworth  
State Park. The Canandaigua Wine Trail,  
starts at Victor, continues through downtown  
Canandaigua, and along the western side  
of Canandaigua Lake to Naples. A 30 mile  
experience of Finger Lakes wine and food  
tastings. Two wine centers, and a brewery,  
plus a wonderful variety of shops, restaurants  
and breathtaking scenery along the way.



**\*\*Remember; your guests are welcome  
to attend the rally as long as they make their  
on reservation, and pay the rally fee.  
If they decide to join the ICC with in that  
calendar year the rally fee will be reimbursed  
(keep in mind-the fee can be paid by the  
member or their guest)!\*\***

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"Every election is determined  
by the people who show up."

~ Larry J Sabato



**Election Day, 11/3 (US)**

## Thanksgiving Quiz

1. Which of the following was NOT served at the 1st Thanksgiving?
  - A. Duck
  - B. Turkey
  - C. Venison
2. When was the first Thanksgiving NFL game?
  - A. 1924
  - B. 1930
  - C. 1934
3. What native American tribe is said to have dined with the pilgrims at the 1st Thanksgiving?
  - A. Mohawk
  - B. Seneca
  - C. Wampanoag
4. When is Thanksgiving celebrated in Canada?
  - A. 1st Monday in October
  - B. 2nd Monday in October
  - C. 1st Monday in November
5. Which of these African countries also celebrates Thanksgiving?
  - A. Liberia
  - B. Libya
  - C. Kenya
6. What President famously refused to declare Thanksgiving a holiday?
  - A. Thomas Jefferson
  - B. Richard Nixon
  - C. George Washington
7. Which famous Christmas song was originally written for Thanksgiving?
  - A. It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year
  - B. Jingle Bells
  - C. Home for the Holidays
8. Fish was served at the 1st Thanksgiving?
  - A. True
  - B. False

**Answers on Page 14**

## Duct Tape:

The incredible universal fixer.

*from rvtravel.com*

### Its history is amazing!

There are lots of funny jokes about duct tape; however, duct tape is really pretty amazing! Did you know that duct tape was invented by a woman? Vesta Stoudt, mom of two World War II soldiers, worked packing boxes of ammunition for the war effort. When inspecting the ammo packages, Vesta noticed a flaw. Paper tape was used to seal the boxes. Then boxes were dipped into wax to make them watertight. Opening these boxes could be problematic. It just took too long, especially when soldiers were under fire. Vesta thought a waterproof tape could seal the boxes better and still allow boxes to be opened quickly.

Vesta's supervisors didn't share her enthusiasm for this new product, so she wrote a letter directly to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In her letter, Vesta described the problem and detailed her solution. She even included diagrams! The rest, as they say, is history! The armed services used Vesta's cloth-backed, waterproof tape to fix everything from Jeep fenders to combat boots.

### It's come a long way...

Today there are duct tape festivals, fan clubs, and a wide variety of decorated duct tape available. Vesta would be amazed! You might be too, at the list of ways campers and RVers use duct tape today!

Look on page 13 for some uses for duct tape that you might not have tried yet...



"Any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure."

Abraham Lincoln



**Veteran's Day (US), and**

**Remembrance Day (Canada) 11/11**

## Duct Tape:

Try these uses for duct tape...

*from rvtravel.com*

- \* Fix a broken vacuum cleaner hose with duct tape
- \* Repair a tent tear with duct tape. It's water-proof! Duct tape can also temporarily hold a broken tent pole together. Ditto as a temporary fix to a small rip in an RV awning.
- \* Got a splinter? Duct tape can help extract it. Just gently apply tape to the splinter, then slowly remove it. The splinter should come right out.
- \* You can temporarily fix a hole in a screen with duct tape.
- \* Save the RV floors. Apply duct tape to the bottom of your dining room chairs and the chair feet won't scratch your floors.
- \* You can tape a flashlight or camp lantern to a tree or other solid fixture for a quick and easy camp light.
- \* Hiking? Duct tape the bottom of your jeans/pants to keep out ticks and other creepy-crawly insects.
- \* In a pinch, you can use duct tape to fix a broken fishing pole.
- \* To keep rope from fraying simply wind some duct tape over the loose ends.
- \* Hang a long piece of duct tape like you would hang fly-catcher paper. It will catch those pesky flies just as well.
- \* Some people use duct tape to secure a credit card or money envelope to the bottom of a closet shelf. Though out of sight, it's always handy for emergencies. Best of all, thieves mostly won't find it!

## Recipe Corner

*both submitted by Kathy Nowak*

### Bacon and Cheese Quiche

- 1 Pillsbury refrigerated pie crust, softened
- 1 cup half-and-half, or milk
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 8 slices bacon, crisply cooked, crumbled (3/4 cup)
- 1 cup shredded Swiss or Cheddar cheese (4 oz)
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion, if desired

1. Heat oven to 350° F. Place pie crust in 9" glass pie plate as directed on box for One-Crust Filled Pie.
2. In medium bowl, mix half-and-half, eggs, salt pepper; set aside. Layer bacon, cheeses and onion in crust-lined plate. Pour egg mixture over top.
3. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted in comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes; cut into wedges.

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Berry Cobbler

- 2 pounds fresh or frozen berries
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 tablespoon sugar
- 1 13 to 18 ounce box, vanilla cake mix
- 12 tablespoons butter cubed

1. Stir berries, sugar, and cornstarch together in a 9 x 13 baking dish.
2. Pour 1 (16 to 18 ounce) box of cake mix evenly over the top. Scatter 12 tablespoons of butter, cut into cubes, over the top.
3. DO NOT MIX!
4. Bake at 350° F for about 50 minutes, until cake turns light brown. A few dry spots are okay, they'll dissolve when scooped out.
5. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream!

Breakdown

A motorhome broke down along the freeway one day, so the driver eased it over onto the shoulder of the busy road.

He jumped out of his driver side door, walked around his rig and opened the door to the coach itself. Out popped two men in trench coats.

The men stood behind the motorhome and immediately opened up their coats, exposing themselves to passing traffic. The result was one of the worst pile-ups in the road's history.

Later, when questioned by an angry highway patrolman why he put two deviates along the side of the road, the RVer replied, "I was broke down, so I just used my emergency flashers!"

Answers to Thanksgiving Quiz - from page 12

1. B - Turkey
2. C - 1934
3. C - Wampanoag
4. B - 2nd Monday in October
5. A - Liberia
6. A - Thomas Jefferson
5. A - Liberia
6. A - Thomas Jefferson
7. B - Jingle Bells
8. A - True

**PLEASE REMEMBER
THE DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:**

**** 11/1/2026 ****

Kathy Nowak

internationalcampclub@gmail.com

New Members



Looking for more members!

Forms in this Newsletter

none

The Good Ol' Days:

A couple of elderly RVers who'd recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary were sitting on the sofa in their Airstream motorhome, when the wife said, "Dear, do you remember how you used to sit close to me?" He moved over and sat close to her.

"Dear," she continued, "do you remember how you used to hold me tight?" He reached over and held her tight.

"And," she went on, "do you remember how you used to hug me and kiss me and nibble on my ear?"

With that, her husband got up and started to walk toward the rear of the motorhome.

"Where are you going?" she asked.
"Well," answered the husband,
"I have to get my teeth."

"I am grateful for what
I am and have.
My thanksgiving
is perpetual."
~ Henry David Thoreau



Thanksgiving (US), 11/26