



Penn Coachmen 1969-2024

Since our first President of Penn Coachmen, Forrest Means (1969-1971) we have had so many members go through our Rally Gates. What wonderful memories we have made and what good friends we have encountered. Thank you to each and every member, past and present, who have been lucky to say they were a “Penn Coachmen Chapter Member”!

Read on for up-to-date information on what is going on in the chapter. See what happened at our April & May Rallies. You won't want to miss one of the upcoming rallies either. Hope to see you soon.

Old Mill Stream Rally

Lancaster, PA

April 16-18

What a way to kick off the 2024 rally season. This rally was centered around learning about the local Amish. Clarissa and Larry Sherrow have worked with them, drove them around, talked about different things in their lives and much more. What a great couple to lead this rally as Rally Masters with the Cipa's. We had a local Amish Historian, Ben Stoltzfus, visit us and talked about some Amish history. Ben shared information as well as told us a lot of stories. We had a fun night with Amish Trivia and local "whoopie pies" were the prizes. The Sherrow's had a lot of information they shared with us. We also enjoyed a dinner with all kinds of soups, salad & bread.

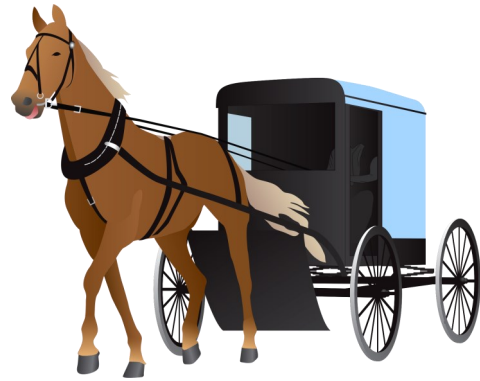
We had a number of first timers that joined us in April: Marge & Stuart Cohn, Mike & Lou Henry, Dorene & Kevin Henderson, Elaine & Rick Ressel, Rich & Kathy Walentowicz, Mary Lou Sorokach, Alan & Olga Silberstein, Dona & Wayne Giovinazzo and Carol & Bud Beidler. Hope you all enjoyed the Rally. Tuesday night finished out with a round of "Nickel-Nickel".

Wednesday started off with a wonderful breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, and fruit. Thanks to our cooks, Bob Crossett, Ken Frey and Jack Vliet, Dave Witt & Eric Britz. What a nice breakfast. We then had some free time to relax or do some local sight seeing. Dinner was catered by local lady. Katie and her friends served a wonderful dinner. From the Chicken, roast beef, corn casserole to the apple cobbler and ice cream, dinner was fantastic. We finished Wednesday night with lots of laughs with our "Not So New Newlywed Game". The contestants were: Tom & Carol Ricks, Jay & Donna Henry, Maryann Dario & Harry McNair, Bob & Lynda Bucklew and Terry & Holly Myers. Thanks to the Judges: Paul Soriero, Carol Crossett and Marge Cohn. We learned more than we really wanted to that night...lol.

We ended the rally on Thursday with a quick breakfast, said farewell to our friends and packed up to head to our next destination. Thanks to Art & Janice Yingling for hauling our Penn Coachmen trailer from the rally. Thanks to our hosts and consultant: Carol & Bob Crossett, Jack Vliet, Peggy Dilliaine, Steve & Judy Mahanes, BJ & Dave Witt, and Phyllis Britz.

Rally Masters: Sue & Gary Cipa and Clarissa & Larry Sherrow







Donna & Jay

“Not So New Newlywed Game”



**Holly & Terry
“Winners”**



Bob & Lynda



Maryann & Harry



Carol & Tom

Holly & Terry were the winners and received a “fine bottle of sparkling...grape juice” while the others received a nice blanket to keep them warm and cozy on the chilly nights.

Dogwood Acres Rally

May 20-22

We had another great rally in Newville! Lots of good times, games, camp fires, Service Dog Training seminar, and our annual Memorial Day program. We made some new friends and got to visit with old ones and of course had great food...from the catered meal on Monday to the wonderful chili dinner on Tuesday. Bruce & Renee Bingham, did a FANTASTIC job, and it was their first time as Rally Masters...no one would have guessed. We appreciate them stepping up after Pat & Art Sweetman had to decline because of Art's health. We missed them and they would have been proud of the turnout as well.

We enjoyed Bruce's "music trivia from the 60's", after Gary was disqualified from playing, the rest of us had a chance of guessing the songs!

Ava & Myra, our 5 year olds, had fun playing on the playground, coloring, making smores, playing in the creek and of course going on the Golf Cart ride with Walter and Sally. They became instant friends and made a lot of memories.

Thanks again to Deana for the demonstration with Gunner on "Service Dogs". How interesting was that? We appreciate her and Jim coming and joining in our chapter. See the attached photos. Thanks Bruce & Renee

HELP NEEDED...

Penn Coachmen is looking for a few volunteers. If you are able to help out, please let one of the officers know and we will get you some information.

President Position: Sue will be resigning at the end of 2024.

Treasurer: Wayne would like to have someone step up to take his position.

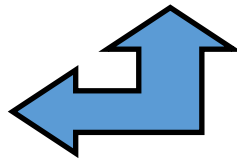
Secretary: After several years, Mary Ellen has resigned her position as well.

Historian: Thank you to Wayne & Peggy Dilliaine for stepping up to take care of History items. It was fun going through the old information from our past.

Newsletter Editor: It's time for Sue to move on and let someone else put their ideas down on paper. Please let her know if you could do this.



Some "Honorary Members" who visited us...nice to get caught up again.





Enjoying the “Theme Night”





Gary, Bob and Chuck presenting a flag folding ceremony.



Deana showing us some of the training Gunner went through to become a Service Dog. So amazing. Thank you Deana, Jim, Gunner and Smudge.





Bob working on the craft. Glad he had help Mary Ellen.



FUN TIMES!!



Hold on girls... Walter is driving.



New Friends....



Can you hear Lynda coughing...I guess you had to be there. Fun night of cards!

Penn Coachmen Veterans





Many of you knew Penny, our Penn Coachmen mascot. She has been around for many years, and I believe she is about 34 years old. (The average life span of a flamingo is 20-30 years). Penny was picked up from the side of the road, looking for a better life. She spent many years with our Penn Coachmen members. She has traveled all over the country. There are many pictures of her and her adventures. Penny has moved on to a Senior Citizen RV Nursing Home. No recent address is available. We are happy to say that Penelope, Penny's daughter, is still very much involved in Penn Coachmen. She has been told many stories by her mother and is looking forward to meeting and traveling with our members. If you get custody of Penelope, take care of her until she jumps into another members RV!!!

GEAR (Great Eastern Area Rally) October 23-27, 2024

This year we will be in Fletcher, NC at the Agricultural Center, (next to Ashville). Check out the website www.FMCA-ea.com to get all the information. If you are planning on attending, call sooner than later. Full hook-ups are already sold out. Electric sites are available. We will have a Penn Coachmen "Get together" during the Rally. If you are able, try to sign up to volunteer to help out. It can be lots of fun. There will be seminar's, vendors, show coaches to check out, crafts, craft show and entertainment. More information will be sent to the chapter. If you are planning on attending, we will have a sign up sheet at the rallies to get a Penn Coachmen list of members who are attending, or let Sue know if you are going and she will add you to the list.



EAMA Update

Penn Coachmen is in the Northern Section of the Eastern Area of FMCA. Phyllis Britz is currently our National Vice President and will be through GEAR. Curtis Coleman will be taking her place as National Vice President. Sue Cipa is currently the EAMA Secretary and she will be resigning her position at the end of the year. If anyone would like to apply for this position, please talk with Sue. She would be glad to give you all the information needed.

Clarissa Sherrow is our Northern Area Vice President. She visits a lot of the chapters in the Northern Area. It is nice to have them belong to Penn Coachmen as well.

We are a large chapter and we have many volunteers throughout the area. Thanks to everyone who has helped in one way or another. It takes an army sometimes to get the jobs completed. Penn Coachmen is always up for the tasks. Makes us proud. Remember to always ask a fellow RV owner if they know about FMCA. Growing the FMCA Family helps to grow our chapters as well!

Upcoming Rallies:

June 17-20

Don Laine Campground (Early bird 17th)

Contact: Lynda & Bob Bucklew

July 22-25

Lakewood Campground (Early bird 22th)

Contact: Sal & Deb Farino or Paul Soriero

August 26-29

Roxbury Holiness Campground (Early bird 26th)

Contact: Jay & Donna Henry

September 25-October 2

Pocono Raceway (Rally will be 27, 28, 29)

Contact: Mary & Michael Ravert or Sue & Gary Cipa

October 23-27

GEAR, Fletcher, NC

Contact: Sue Cipa

December 11

Shady Maple Christmas Luncheon

Contact: Sue Cipa

You can find all contact information on our website and/or our directory.

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