



TIDBITS FROM PENNY

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Penn Coachmen Summer Olympics

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2010 Rallies:

4/16-4/18—Schnecksville, PA

5/28-5/31—Centre Hall, PA

6/11-6/13—Gilbert, PA

7/16-7/18—Liverpool, PA

8/20-8/22—Bloomsburg, PA

9/10-9/12—Lebanon, PA

10/16-10/18—Pre-Rally Mt.
Airy, NC

10/19-10/24—GEAR Rally,
Winston-Salem, NC.

11/12-11/14—Bethel, PA

The Penn Coachmen did indeed have a hot time at the rally at Ferryboat Campground in Liverpool, PA with temperatures in the 90s, but that didn't stop us.

Many of us arrived on Thursday, and instead of making the women cook, we went out to dinner at the Ranch House.

The balance of Penn Coachmen arrived on Friday, with the temperatures so high a few ventured into the river to cool off and even went down the rapids.

We had a nice mini meal of meatball sandwiches (which were made by our own Joe Venezia, and very good), chips, drinks and cake. Thanks again, Joe!

After the meal, we played candy bingo with Chuck Finn doing the calling. I am sure all of us took home some M&Ms.

Our theme for the weekend was Penn Coachmen Olympics. We signed up as we arrived, and were put into 8 teams with 4 members on a team. On Saturday, it was planned to hold the Olympics in the afternoon, but due to the high temperatures, we did our competitions after breakfast when it wasn't so hot. We played miniature, golf, discus, shot-put and an egg relay.

The results were:

Gold Medalists: Team 8—The Rum Runners (Tom Hoffmeir, Ron Lee, John Covert, Bob Moyer).

Silver Medalists: Team 5—The Devils. (Barb Zydorczyk, Ellis Brown, George Moyer, Helen Hoffmeier).

Bronze Medalists: Team 4—The Fearless Foursome. (Lorraine Shaak, Bob Moss, Chuck Finn, Lucy Grim.)

Note: I overheard a few from the other teams saying that there might be challenge as to whether steroids were involved.

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Saturday afternoon, several members took the ferry from the campground across the Susquehanna river to Millersburg, and had lunch at the Wooden Nickel. It takes about 22 minutes to cross the mile wide river. The ferry holds 4 vehicles and 50 passengers. It is the last operating ferry on the river. The actual birthday of the ferry is not known. When Daniel Miller founded Millersburg in 1807, he reserved shad fishing and ferry rights to himself.

Those less adventurous, spent a lazy summer afternoon talking with other members and getting to know them better.

Saturday night, we enjoyed a nice meal of BBQ chicken, baked, beans, potato salad, and macaroni salad catered by the campground. We all enjoyed ice cream for dessert.

After dinner, we were entertained by Pat Racioppa who played his accordion. He took requests from the audience and did a great job.

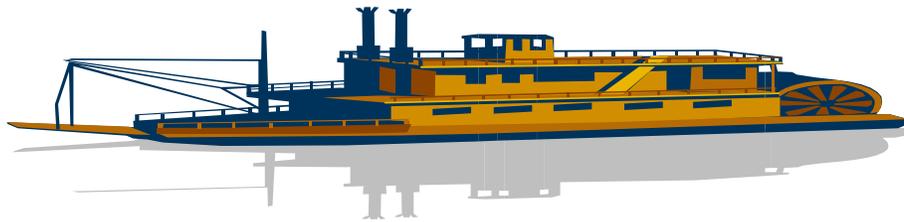
Sunday morning, we had breakfast and some members attended church at the campground.

We then proceeded to say goodbye and leave for home.

A special thanks to all who served on the committee to make this rally a success.

Safe travels to all until the next time.

(Submitted by Betty Van Buskirk



A Sweet Friendship:

If I live by the human equivalents of grace, love, forgiveness, and faith with those who occupy space in my life, thinking more of belonging than of owning, seeking to maintain the relationship as a matter of supreme importance, those relationships will never grow stale, but sweeter every day.

Author: Sandra W. Hoover

Friendship with oneself is all important because without it, one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world.

Author: Eleanor Roosevelt

Is there any miracle on earth to compare with that of discovering a new friend or having that friend discover you? So much is at stake, but I will gladly risk everything to give a promising relationship.

Author: Alex Noble

AUGUST 20- 22
BLOOMSBURG FAIR GROUNDS
“Knoebels Amusement – Grandkids Weekend”
PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 8/20

1 – 4 Registration
5:30 Pot Luck Meal (Bring a dish to share) Hot Dogs provided
6:30 -8 On ground tours:
 Caleb Barton Historic House
 Rupert School House
8:00 “Time is Yours”

SATURDAY, 8/21

8 – 9 Continental Breakfast
10:00 Form Caravan for tour to Rolling Hills Red Deer Farm
11 – 12 Tour Rolling Hills Red Deer Farm
12:00 Caravan from Red Deer Farm to Rohrbach’s Farm Market
Visit Rohrbach’s on your own and return to Fair Grounds

Other Saturday Possibilities:

 Spend the day at Knoebels Amusement Park
 11 – 7 Bloomsburg Art Festival
 9:30 – 3:00 Bill’s Old Bike Barn

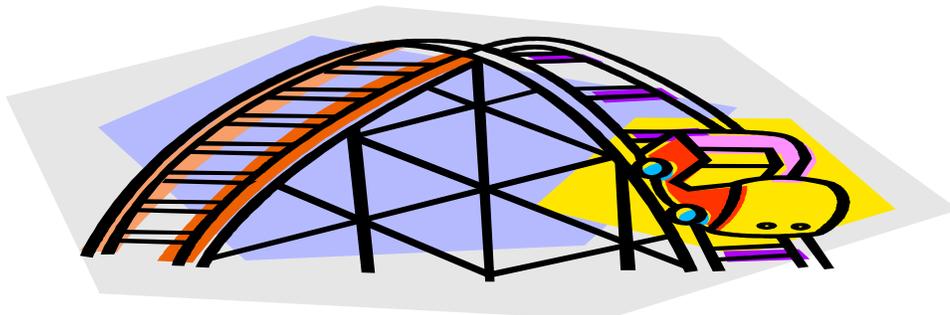
6:00 Catered Dinner – Adults
6:00 Grandkids Pizza Party
7:00 Entertainment by **“Dan & Galla”**
8:30 “Time is Yours”

SUNDAY, 8/22

8 -9 Continental Breakfast
Worship Service Immediately Following Breakfast

***** Please bring plates, cups and utensils to ALL MEALS***

OF VERY SPECIAL NOTE: Penn Coachmen are asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Bank of Bloomsburg during the rally. This is being done in response to Joe Thurston’s efforts to leave a “foot print” everywhere Penn Coachmen go.



Request from the Editor:

In order to make forthcoming newsletters interesting, I would like to request your help by sending me any of the following throughout the year at lbirett@comcast.net:

Vacation tidbits or advice

Seeking items to purchase or items for sale

Family news such as births, deaths, illnesses, prayer concerns, accomplishments, etc.

Favorite recipes

Motor home repair/upkeep advice

Interesting stories or vignettes

Out of the way places you have found to be of interest

Members and former Penn Coachmen who are ill, have had surgery, or have passed away

Hobbies or craft how-tos

Poems, stories, vignettes

New camping gear/equipment you have learned about and where to purchase them

Special camping experiences

Interesting people you have met along the way

Nature encounters

Funny pet stories

Funny grandchildren stories or sayings

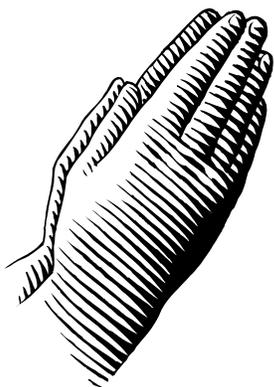
Life on the road



There is Honey Yet:

You say that this world to you seems drained of it's sweets! I don't know what you call sweet. Honey and the honeycomb, roses and violets are yet in the earth. The sun and moon yet reign in heaven, and the stars keep up their pretty twinklings. Meats and drinks, sweet sights and sweet smells, a country walk, spring and autumn, follies and repentance, quarrels and reconcilements have all a sweetness by turns. Good humor and good nature, friends at home that love you, and friends abroad that miss you—you possess all these things, and more innumerable, and these are all sweet things. You may extract honey from everything. **Author: Charles Lamb**

Thoughts and Prayers:



- Linda Salzman — Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Ken Frazier —Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Bill Schmidt (Barbara Arcati's brother) — Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Ed Pascoe—Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Bill Katz—Recovering from back surgery**
- Marlin Long—Dealing with severe back pain.**
- Vera Sattazahn—Undergoing treatment for cancer and Alzheimer's.**
- Sharon Ziegler—Recovering from a fractured femur.**
- Evelyn German—Recovering from heart attack.**
- Carolyn Thurston—Undergoing cancer treatment.**
- Lloyd Mullen—Deceased.**

FMCA DOINGS

Coming Soon:

FMCA's 84th International Convention—August 11-14, 2010, Redmond, OR

South Central Area Rally—September 29-October 3, 2010, Shreveport, LA

Rocky Mountain Area Rally—October 12-15, 2010, Farmington, NM

Greater Eastern Area Rally—October 19-24, 2010, Winston-Salem, NC

Western Area Rally—January 12-16, 2011, Indio, CA

Southeast Area Rally—February 2-6, 2011, Brooksville, FL

FMCA's 85th International Convention, March 14-17, 2011, Perry, GA

INTO Area Rally, May 11-15, 2011, Goshen, IN

Northwest Area Rally—June 2-5, 2011, Puyallup, WA

FMCA's 86th International Convention, August 10-13, 2011,



Those known to be celebrating a birthday in August:

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| August 2 | Reed Franks |
| August 7 | Esther Bedard |
| August 10 | Jim Smith |
| August 12 | Dan Zydorczyk |
| August 13 | Judy Iasiello |
| August 16 | Stan Tomczyk |
| August 17 | Mary Ann Borell |
| August 23 | Al Brandis |
| August 25 | Joe Veneziale |
| August 27 | Terry Iasiello |
| August 29 | Earl Ruch |
| August 29 | Dick Strain |



Recipe Corner:

Lemon doodles (based on the Snicker-doodle recipe in Betty Crocker Cookbook (submitted by Irene Lassen)

Mix together thoroughly:

1 c. soft shortening
1 1/2 c. white sugar
2 eggs
1 1/2 tsp. lemon extract
Zest from one lemon



Sift together and stir in:

2 1/4 c. flour
2 tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp. baking soda' 1/2 tsp. salt

Note: The cookies will be rolled in a mixture of:

White sugar

True Lemon (available either in the sugar or the powdered drink section in the supermarket). Note: True Lemon is powdered lemon juice.

Chill dough so that the lemon flavor has a chance to meld into the dough.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Roll into balls the size of small walnuts

Roll in mixture of 1/2 c. white sugar and True Lemon.

Bake 8-10 minutes until lightly browned but still soft. Note: These cookies puff up at first, then flatten out with crinkled tops.

Yield: About 5 dozen two inch cookies

These cookies freeze well.

Job Hunt:

1. My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
4. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
5. Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
6. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
9. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
10. I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
12. So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
15. SO, I TRIED Retirement ,AND FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!



A CASE WHERE YOU CAN HELP

GEAR 2010 - COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Community Donations are a way for GEAR attendees to say “Thank You” to the Winston-Salem Community for hosting GEAR.

We have designated Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina as the recipient of our Community Donations at GEAR in Winston-Salem in October 2010.

Second Harvest Food Bank’s mission is to reduce hunger and malnutrition in 18 counties across northwest North Carolina. Nearly 220,000 individuals in this area live below the federal poverty level; North Carolina is among the 10 states with the highest percentage of families who are at risk of hunger (U S Census and USDA).

Second Harvest Food Bank receives food from a wide variety of sources: governmental, commercial, public, private, fraternal, corporate, and manufacturers. Donated product is distributed from their 64,000 square foot warehouse in Winston-Salem. The freezer and cooler space allow acceptance and distribution of donated meats, produce and other perishables that might otherwise go to waste. Most partner agencies come to the warehouse to select product; some deliveries are made to rural delivery areas.

Suggested items: canned meats, fish, beans, chili, peanut butter, nuts, shelf stable dry milk or evaporated milk, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, tomato juice or sauce, dried fruit, all types of pasta, low sugar/high fiber cereals, whole grain rice, cream of wheat, oatmeal. Please, no glass containers and no perishables.

We have contacted several local (FMCA Eastern Area) store managers of national and regional chains (Super Fresh, Giant / Super G, Food Lion and Safeway) and they indicated they will order case lots of product for you bring to GEAR. Cost will likely be shelf price. No glass or perishables.

Additional information about Second Harvest Food Bank is available at www.hungernwnc.org

Penn Coachmen will make a difference in Northwest North Carolina. Thank you for your donation. Anyone going to GEAR will be glad to take your contribution down to North Carolina with them.

Betty & Jake Kessler - Community Donations Committee

