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#### 2013 Rallies:

**4/18-4/21—Schnecksville, PA**

**5/24-5/27—Centre Hall, PA**

**6/11-6/13—New Holland, PA**

**7/19-7/21—Lebanon, PA**

**8/23-8/25—Bloomsburg, PA**

**9/20-9/22—Harrington, DE**

**10/5-10/9—Gardners, PA**

**10/9-10/13—GEAR—York, PA**

**11/8-11/10—Bethel, PA**



# TIDBITS FROM PENNY

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## PENN COACHMEN RALLY RECAP - LEBANON

**JULY 19—21, 2013**

Despite extremely hot and humid weather, coaches started rolling in beginning as early as Wednesday, 7/17 for the Lebanon Rally.

Thursday, the hall was set up with yellow and blue flowers in matching containers. This really brightened up the hall. The majority of campers in by Thursday went down the road to the Quentin Haus for dinner. I think we overwhelmed the waitresses, but everyone enjoyed their meal.

Friday, the activities started. Most stayed in their RVs or in the hall to keep cool during the day. A picnic meal, held indoors, included hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and four different crock pots of baked beans all made by our hostesses. We finished off with watermelon and cantaloupe for dessert. If you didn't get enough to eat – well, what can I say!

Jim and Shirley Lowthert organized a team scavenger hunt after dinner. Ten teams of four players each (with spouses separated) gathered and were given a list of items to find in their respective RVs (or in the hall, but I don't think anyone looked there). As soon as Jim said "start," everyone took off. All teams were back before the 45 min. deadline. Most teams found all or most of the items, but three tricky questions gave extra points and determined the winner. The scavenger hunt got a lot of members involved and was a big hit. Thank you Jim and Shirley! Some hardy souls stayed and played cards afterwards and many sat out and visited among themselves.

Saturday morning began with a catered breakfast after which a large group car pooled to the Milton Hershey School Dome for a tour. We all learned many interesting facts of Milton and Catherine's (Kitty's) life and how the Milton Hershey School began.

The dome was breathtaking. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the world (the Basilica in Rome is the largest). A very interesting fact. More kudos go to Jim and Shirley for setting up the tour.

The afternoon left free time with most again trying to keep cool. For those who remember Katherine the previous cook at Lebanon, she and her husband were invited to join us for dinner. It was good to see her and she enjoyed herself. She said Penn Coachmen were always her favorite group. She treated us good!

The Zepp Family provided the entertainment after dinner. What a talented group consisting of two sisters with their two brothers aged 14 to 18. They wowed us with their musical talent and strong voices. A special thanks to Ron Buckley and Joanne Freeman for arranging the entertainment.

All's well that ends well – continental breakfast, worship service provided by Harold Henning, goodbyes until next time. Again, our rally masters, Jim and Shirley Lowthert along with Ron Buckley and Joanne Freeman, the rally hosts and consultants deserve a big hand. Thank you all.

**Submitted by Barbara Zydorczyk**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We had a really nice weekend at Lebanon Fairgrounds this month. Thirty-three coaches, that was a nice turnout! Everyone seemed to enjoy it all.

Our air conditioners got a good workout.

The Hershey school tour was a great success. Many of us participated. Thank you Jim and Shirley Lowthert for a fine job putting it all together.

I received a box full of gifts from FMCA with their logo on them called "Twelve for Twelve." Twelve gifts for twelve new members in a year. This is the second year in a row we have been recipients. Jim Lexa will chance them off with the 50-50 tickets. The proceeds of the gifts will go towards our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year.

Always remember to recognize our new members and make them feel proud of our Penn Coachmen Chapter..

I want to remind everyone to call in your reservations to Mountain Creek Campground. We will be going to the FMCA York Rally from there.

Anyone attending the FMCA Rally at York, please call or e-mail me. I will need a count of coaches and people to let John Reynolds know how many are attending.

If you are interested, we are in need of participants to help put a parade together at York honoring the Penn Coachmen. Helen Young said she will provide some ideas, however she will not be attending.

Louise Birett told me she will not be able to finish out this year (September through November) with the newsletter. She will be having back surgery in September. Please keep her in your prayers. She is one tough girl!. If anyone would be interested in finishing out the year with the newsletter, please let me know.

Anyone with pictures and other information on this year's rallies, would you share them with Jack and Loraine Shaak and Michael and Jackie Shaak. They have volunteered to put our 2014 year book together.

Let's all get together and help Hal and Mary Amos at our next rally in Bloomsburg.

See ya there!

**Ron Buckley**

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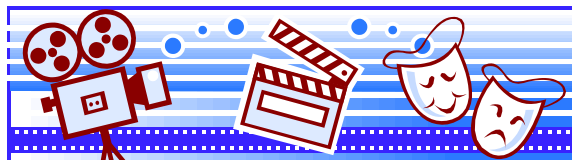
**COMEDY CORNER**

*My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.*

*Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.*

*It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.*

*These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'*



**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](mailto: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**

**Special anniversary celebrations**

**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**

**Funny pet stories**

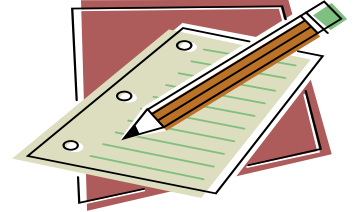
**Funny grandchildren stories or sayings**

**Life on the road**

**Interesting people you have met along the way**

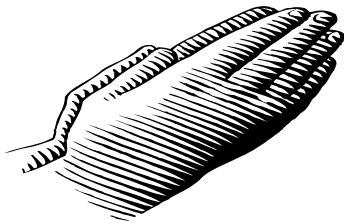
**Nature encounters**

**Photos taken at rallies**



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**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**



**Dan Zydorczyk - Shoulder Reconstruction**

**Betty Moyer - Chronic Neck Pain**

**Joe Veneziale - Congestive Heart Failure**

**Stan Tomczyk - Hip replacement**

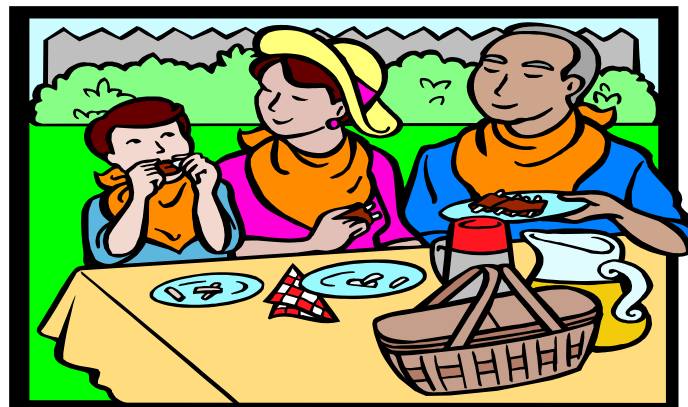
**Marianna Dolan - Passed away. Rest in Peace**

**Louise Birett - Back surgery in September**

**Ed Molinsky - Esophageal cancer**

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**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BE THINKING ABOUT REGISTERING FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL GRANDKIDS WEEKEND AT THE BLOOMSBURG FAIRGROUNDS FROM AUGUST 23-25, 2013 REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE WITH HAL AMOS AND SEND \$50.00 DEPOSIT BY AUGUST 9TH TO HAL AMOS AT 13 HEMLOCK DRIVE, MECHANICSBURG, PA 17053. BE SURE TO INDICATE NUMBER OF ADULT DINNERS AND NUMBER OF KID'S PIZZA DINNERS.**



**FMCA DOINGS**

**Coming Soon:**

**Northwest Area Rally, August 8-11, 2013, Albany OR**

**South Central Area Rally, September 11-15, 2013, Sedalia, MS**

**Great Lakes Area Rally, September 18-22, 2013, Goshen, IN**

**Eastern Area Rally, October 9-13, 2012, York, PA**

**Western Area Rally, January 8 12, 2014, Indio, CA**

**FMCA's 89th Family Reunion, March 17—20, 2014, Perry, GA**



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**Those known to be celebrating a birthday during August and September, 2013:**

<b>August 2</b>	<b>Reed Franks</b>	<b>September 4</b>	<b>John Hunsicker</b>
<b>August 7</b>	<b>Esther Bedard</b>	<b>September 6</b>	<b>Barbara Thum</b>
<b>August 10</b>	<b>Jim Smith</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>Jon Hall</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Dan Zydoreczyk</b>	<b>September 12</b>	<b>Jan Bendziewicz</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>Judy Iasiello</b>	<b>September 12</b>	<b>Margo Garber</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Stan Tomczyk</b>	<b>September 13</b>	<b>Evie Strain</b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>Mary Ann Borell</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>Linda Franks</b>
<b>August 19</b>	<b>Earl Ruch</b>	<b>September 15</b>	<b>John Breisch</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>Dick Strain</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>Bob Moyer</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>Al Brandis</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>Helen Young</b>
<b>August 23</b>	<b>John Covert</b>	<b>September 28</b>	<b>Joanne Freeman</b>
<b>August 25</b>	<b>Joe Venezeale</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>Gwen Brown</b>
<b>August 27</b>	<b>Terry Iasiello</b>	<b>September 27</b>	<b>Glenn Fink</b>
		<b>September 27</b>	<b>Norma Moss</b>



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**REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR**

I am scheduled for spinal surgery on September 4, 2013, and will be in the hospital for a week followed by up to four weeks of rehab.

Is there anyone who would be willing to volunteer to do the September, October and November Newsletters in my stead? I would provide you with samples and guide you through the process.

I'm sure the membership will not mind if you just include the facts and reports. You won't have to do anything fancy.

Please call me at 215-368-9876 to discuss.

**Louise Birett**

**MEMBER NEWS**

I talked with Rae Molinsky and she told me that Ed, after a biopsy of the tumor in the esophagus, confirmed that it is cancer. They are staying at a campground located near Rae's mother's house so they feel that they are at a good place in California where his medical needs can be met. Also Rae can be near her mother whose health is failing. They never expected this when they decided to go full time in the motorhome.

Could you let our members know in Good Sam and FMCA that they would appreciate all your positive thoughts and prayers as Ed goes forward with surgery and his cancer treatments. They are grateful to have found a family doctor who has set up a course of action for Ed's recovery.

Their mail forwarding address is: 644 Shrewsbury Commons Ave. #228

Shrewsbury, PA 17361

E-mail: [emolinsky1@msn.com](mailto:emolinsky1@msn.com)

**Submitted by Norma Moss**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT OCTOBER RALLY**

This is to inform you that the October rally at Mountain Creek has changed. A new page is being developed for the web site. In the meantime, please be advised that the spaces at the campground are being held under the name of "Bob Moss" not Penn Coachmen. Don't ask, it's a confusing story !!! Also please remember that you must register with the campground by September 5, 2013. After that date we lose our reservation for the spaces. Their number is 717-486-7681. Any Questions, email us at [fums6@aol.com](mailto:fums6@aol.com).

**Submitted by Bob and Norma Moss**

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**HELLO FROM STAN AND BARBARA TOMCZYK**

Since we sold our home in 2000, we've enjoyed living in our motorhome and visiting the 48 states. Hawaii was suppose to be our 25th Anniversary. Well, we are past our 25th, and it didn't happen. We planned to see Alaska on a cruise this September, and that was cancelled because of Stan needing his hip replaced.

We expect the doctor to dismiss him on Wednesday when we go and visit him. Yea! he'll be driving again. He's a terrible back seat driver (in the front seat). His doctor gave him another shot in his eye for macro-degeneration. He'll be getting the shot every two months forever. I'm using drops for glaucoma. We are healthy...believe it or not. We're just getting older and there is no cure for oldness.

My daughter, Sue, has power of attorney. Our daughter, Chris, helped us find a home back in Pennsylvania. In one day, we found our home and returned to traveling. While we traveled, the girls did all the emailing and paperwork until Sue signed for our home.