

PENN COACHMEN NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I wish to apologize to the membership for this abbreviated version of the monthly newsletter. As some of you know, Bob and I are on a two and a half month trip through New England and Canada. We will not be home until September 19, 2016. Unfortunately, our laptop does not have the program "Publisher" on it, so for the next months, I will be preparing the newsletter in "Word" without the fancy formatting.

TIDBITS FROM AUGUST RALLY AT BLOOMSBURG FAIR GROUNDS

Beautiful Sunny weekend with 45 people in attendance. Only two grandsons this year, Amos' and Zydorczyk's and one granddaughter of Barbara Arcati.

Some enjoyed Knoebels park and others fellowship.



Friday night after mini meal all had a good time playing Crazy Bingo again this year, and swapping gifts as your number was called, never knowing what you would wind up with.



Thursday and Friday nights, the Lexa game of pass the ace was enjoyed, with Vern Anderson being the winner both nights.

Saturday started off with a delicious Pot Luck breakfast.

After breakfast, there was a short planning meeting of the group going on the rolling rally to GEAR, led by Phyllis Britz.

The Deardorffs met with the committee for the rally at Roxbury after that meeting.

Saturday afternoon, we had some team games - Washer Toss and Corn Hole. Winning the gold for Washer Toss were Walter Sattazahn and Eric Britz. Winning the gold for Corn Hole were Sue and Gary Cipa. There were silver awards for Corn Hole which went to Sally Thomas and Ron Lee. All had a lot of fun playing the games inside the air conditioned building and not in the sun.



Linda Deardorff and Sue Cipa presented the President's coach plaque to Phyllis Britz, officially taking over after the death of our beloved President Ron Becker.



Saturday evening, after another fabulous buffet dinner from Morris Family Restaurant, we used our new club bingo cards to play bingo as our entertainment. No charge for the cards. The prizes for Bingo were \$2.00 bills with additional bills for the specials. Mick and Jackie Shaak had the best cards of the evening. Everyone had a lot of fun.



Sunday began with our Continental breakfast, following by a Worship Service led by Hal Amos.

Hal began the service with a special prayer remembering our beloved past President, Ron Becker and Carol Becker and family. Hal lead with Scripture from God's Word and some familiar hymns. He then had a good message and scripture on the Body and Blood of Jesus. We finished up with all holding hands and singing Penn Coachmen theme song.

Hal and I want to say a big Thank You to all our Committee. All pitched in to have a great and fun rally.

Submitted by Mary Amos

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Many sincere condolences go to the Ron Becker family upon the occasion of his death. He was sick with cancer for a long time, and passed away at home surrounded by his family through the services of hospice. We will all miss his cheerful demeanor and hard work as President of Penn Coachmen.

Get well wishes are sincerely sent to Barbara Beers who fell at the INTO Rally in West Springfield, MA. She suffered multiple breaks to her leg and ankle and endured four surgeries. She now faces a long road to recovery via physical therapy.

ROLLING RALLY TO GEAR

For those of you who have been at our last 3 rallies and have been reading our newsletter, you are aware that a "Rolling Rally" from our Roxbury Rally to G.E.A.R. at Lewisburg, WV. was being worked on. We now have a roster of approximately 10 coaches planning on this little adventure.

Plans are as follows::

Roxbury Campground, Orrstown, PA., Sunday night 9/25. Departing Monday 9/26. We will, be traveling approximately 80 miles to Candy Hill Campground, Winchester, VA. We will be staying there Monday (9/26)and Tuesday (9/27). Cost of campsites are approximately \$44.00/night.

Departing from Candy Hill Campground Wednesday morning, we travel to Endless Caverns Campground in New Market, VA. Campsites are approximately \$44.00/night. Our stay here is 9/28 through 9/30.

Departing Endless Caverns Campground 10/1 and travel to Glenn Maury Park Campground, Buena Vista, VA. For those who are volunteering at G.E.A.R., departure to Lewisburg, WV on Monday 10/3. Those who are not volunteering can stay at this campground until date of entry given to you on your credentials. Camping fee is \$19.48/night.

Space is limited at the first two campgrounds and sites are being held for a limited time and reservations are required. Glenn Maury Campground should have more than enough space for everyone. They do not take reservations.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Sue Cipa @ 610-334-3287 or Phyllis Britz @ 484-599-0609.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PENN COACHMEN PRESIDENT - 8/25/16

Since our last newsletter, much has happened. After a long battle with illness, Ron Becker, our Penn Coachmen President, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Ron was a great guy and a friend to all. He was always there to lend a helping hand or give a word of encouragement. He will be deeply missed. Please keep Carol and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Barbra Beers has undergone four surgeries as a result of suffering multiple fractures of her leg & ankle in a fall at the FMCA Convention in Springfield, Mass. She is home recovering and receiving physical therapy. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Bloomsburg Rally was a fun time for all. We played a lot of games and had a lot of laughs, especially when Faye Anderson unwrapped her present at crazy BINGO. Great Job was done by

the Rally Masters Hal & Mary Amos, Dan & Barbara Zydorczyk, Jim Lexa & Barbara Arcati and their hosts!

Information shared at the rally:

1. Those of you who are planning to attend the October rally, please submit your \$50 deposit and your \$88 per couple for the rainbow theatre to Louise Birett by August 31st in two separate checks. You must also call the White Oak campground and make your site reservation by August 31st.
2. The Rolling Rally from Roxbury to Lewisburg is being pulled together, and those who were interested in going attended a brief meeting at Bloomsburg rally. At that time, eighty to ten coaches were planning on going with most towing a vehicle. (An e-mail to all chapter members went out this week about this).
3. Next year rallies are posted and the Chapter needs folks to sign up as hosts and rally masters. **Please support our rallies and sign-up!**
4. Members are being asked to recruit new members for Penn Coachmen to share the fun. Something everyone can do is distribute flyers in businesses that sell, service or cater to motorhome owners, or the local grocery store, if it has a community bulletin board. Flyers were provided to members and plans are to have a copy of the flyer on our website so additional copies can be made as needed. Additionally, a three week ad was placed in the Merchandiser Newspaper. There was no cost to the Penn Coachmen as cost was reimbursed by FMCA.
5. The National Directors report was posted at the rally. Two issues of note:
 - a. October Issue of *Family Motor Coach Magazine* will include a ballot for members to vote on whether FMCA should broaden the “Articles of Incorporation” in order to form an affiliate organization for towable RVs.
 - b. FMCA dues will increase in October of this year by \$10. It is suggested members renew their membership dues before October to save money.
6. Karl Deardorff reminds everyone that the Roxbury Rally is coming fast. Roxbury Rally is Sept. 23-25, early bird is 21 & 22nd. It should be a great time at a “new” campground for the Penn Coachmen.

Phyllis Britz