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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Roxbury Rally is just around the corner - September 22-24. With the theme “RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE,” it is sure to be a fun time for all. Come join us.

Rolling Rally - September 25-Oct. 3) - will be ending at GEAR. Updated information is on our website. We will stop at Harpers Ferry, WV and Harrisonburg, VA. The final stop will be at Glen Maury Campground at Buena Vista, VA., where other Penn Coachmen will join in to caravan to GEAR.

Executive Board:

Phyllis Britz, President

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Wayne Dilliplaine, Treasurer

Barbara Arcati, Secretary

Bob Birett, Area VP

Linda Deardorff, Area VP

Jim Lexa, Area VP

Larry Troutman, Area VP

2017 Rallies:

4/21-4/23—Pine Grove, PA

5/26-5/29—Centre Hall, PA

6/16-6/18—Gilbert, PA

7/14-7/16—Lebanon, PA

8/18-8/20—Bloomsburg, PA

9/13-9/17 - Pennsylvania RV Show

Rolling Rally to GEAR—9/24-10-4—Orrstown, PA

10/4-10/8—GEAR—Lewisburg, WV

11/3-11/5—Bethel, PA



The Eastern Area of FMCA will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Volunteer opportunities include: FMCA store, Security, Trams, and Facilities. If volunteering, please designate you are volunteering when you register,. This information is listed on your credentials and impacts your arrival date.

FMCA Energized (previously the Under 60 Group which is now open to all) has a “Community Build” project planned at Lewisburg the week before and the week after GEAR. Arrangements have been made with the Fairground to have full hook-ups for \$15/night if you are participating. Volunteers with any kind of skill are needed. If interested contact FMCAENERGIZED@Gmail.com.

Ads are being sold for the GEAR program. The Penn Coachmen Executive Board approved the purchase of an ad.

Be sure to check the Rally Sign-up sheets at every rally and join in the fun by signing up to be a Rally Master or Host!

Penn Coachmen will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2019. Please consider being a Host.

Keep in mind the importance of recruiting new members for FMCA and Penn Coachmen. As you travel, please make a point to reach out to other motorhome owners. Make a new friend and invite them to join FMCA and our chapter.



This month, we lost three very special couples in our Penn Coachmen family. They will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best:

8/03/17 “After much deliberation, we have decided to sell our motorhome and take a break from our camping endeavors. We will truly miss our relationship with all our friends at Penn Coachmen. Everyone has been so helpful and encouraging, for which we are very appreciative. We are doing well, but feel we are not up to the rigors of camping at this time, i.e., packing and unpacking, constant use of steps, etc. We wish for everyone at Penn Coachmen, fun filled rallies, good health and many safe travels. We love you all.” Vernon & Faye Anderson

8/10/17 “Mickey and I have sold our motorhome. We had many good years with it and made some terrific friends whom we will truly miss seeing. We are trading an old chapter of our life in for a new chapter. Our retirement home on wheels has been traded in for a retirement home in sunny Florida.” Jackie and Mickey Shaak

8/22/17 While at the Bloomsburg Rally, it was made known that this would be Dan and Barb Zydorczyk’s last outing with their motor home due to health reasons..

Finally, many thanks to all the Penn Coachmen Officers, the Penn Coachmen committee members, chapter support members and to all of our members who continue to make our chapter a great organization.

Submitted by Phyllis Britz

RECAP OF AUGUST RALLY AT BLOOMSBURG FAIRGROUNDS

The Penn Coachmen Rally at Bloomsburg Fair Grounds had 19 motorhomes with a total of 42 people in attendance. It was our 8th Annual Grandkids Weekend at Bloomsburg. We had 4 grandchildren with us this weekend. Several visited Knoebels Amusement Park. A couple of the grandkids spent both Friday and Saturday at Knobels, while a few of the Penn Coachmen made a shorter visit there.

Hal & Mary Amos, Dan & Barb Zydorczyk, Jim Lexa & Barbara Arcati were our Rally Masters with great hosts, Karl & Linda Deardorff, Ed & Joan Park, Wayne & Peggy Dilliplaine, Joanne Freeman & Ron Buckley and Glen & Emily Momme.

Friday was very humid with rain showers on and off all day. Our Friday evening mini-meal was delicious subs from Subway and water melon and cantaloupe for dessert. After dinner, we had fun playing Crazy Bingo led by Barbara Zydorczyk.

Saturday began with a pancake and sausage breakfast with Hal Amos, Joyce Rizzuto and Linda Deardorff cooking the pancakes while Barb Zydorczyk and Mary Amos did the sausage. In the afternoon, some went to Knoebels and others enjoyed ladder golf games led by Ron Lee. Champs for the day were Bob Fritzinger and Mary Amos.

Saturday dinner was provided by Morris Family Restaurant again this year. Everyone enjoyed the meal and we had plenty of good food! Some had seconds and thirds, and we still had food left over. Saturday evening, we enjoyed games of Bingo with \$2 bills as prizes, lead by Peggy Dilliaine and Hal Amos.

We enjoyed a continental breakfast Sunday morning followed by our worship service led by Louise Birett with Hal Amos bringing the message centered on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer, helping us to think about the words we repeat so often. A great message for all of us. The service was closed by singing our Penn Coachmen theme song as we all held hands and said farewell until our next rally.

Everyone really enjoyed their weekend. We now look forward to the September rally at Roxbury Ho-
liness Camp with Karl & Linda Deardorff as Rally Masters – September 22-24.

Submitted by Mary Amos

THOSE ATTENDING THE CAMP SWATARA RALLY, PLEASE READ!

The Rizzuto's are Rally Masters this year ,and it sounds like they have a wonderful weekend planned for us. We hope to have another great turn out to close yet another wonderful year with Penn Coachmen.

Camp Swatara has made some personnel changes, and with that comes some changes as to how "we" have worked the rallies in the past.

Everyone will need to call Charlie Rizzuto (215) 295-7423 by September. 25th. You will need to let him know:

- Which day you are planning on coming in.
- Where you would like to be parked (i.e. top of the hill, side of hill (handicap) or bottom of the hill where rally masters and hosts usually park). Whatever your preference; it will be first come first served.
- The length of your rig.

The camping fee has not changed. It is still \$15.00 per night. Charlie will make a list and assign everyone their site number ahead of time. Let him know if you have a side or site in mind.

You will then need to mail your \$50.00 deposit to Charlie by September 25th.

When you arrive at the camp, **YOU WILL NEED TO STOP AT THE OFFICE BEFORE HEADING TO YOUR SITE. (NEW RULE)**. The remainder of the rally fee will be collected as usual at our camp building.

We are trying to make this as simple as possible for everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to call either Charlie (see above) or Sue Cipa at 610-334-3287 and we will try to answer any concerns you might have.

A DEFINATION OF “RALLY” DAY FESTIVITIES SUBMITTED BY JIM STRUNK

“RALLY” as defined by Webster’s Dictionary:

A verb—to draw or call together for common purpose!

A noun—A renewal of energy in joint action equals great fellowship!

JIM STRUNK ALSO SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING CHECKLISTS

OUTSIDE CHECKLIST
BEFORE STARTING OUT:

CHECKLIST FOR TOWING
A CAR WITH A TOW BAR:

- Is the house door locked?
- Is the electric unhooked?
- Is the water unhooked?
- Is the sewer unhooked?
- Is the propane off?
- Is the TV antenna down?
- Is the awning(s) rolled up?
- Is the leveling system up?
- Are the outside compartments locked?
- Is the step retracted and doors locked?
- Are the mirrors adjusted properly?
- Is your campsite clean?
- Is everyone buckled up?

- Is the tow bar hooked up and checked?
- Are the safety chains “X” and hooked?
- Are the tow vehicle lights working?
- Is the transmission in proper gear?
- Is the drive shaft disengaged, if need be?
- Is the parking brake off ?
- Is the ignition key on the first ON position?
- Do you have a spare set of keys for the tow vehicle? If yes, NOW lock the tow vehicle.

REMEMBER: You are driving a vehicle that is 20 ft. longer now! Check your vehicle owner’s manual for a complete list of instructions.



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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

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

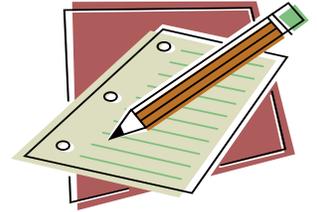
Funny grandchildren stories or sayings

Life on the road

Interesting people you have met along the way

Nature encounters

Photos taken at rallies



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



NOTE TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Please provide the editor with names of those needing prayers and your birthday(s) - lbirett@comcast.net. Thank you.

- Betty Moyer - Chronic neck pain.
- Bob Moyer - Recovering from multiple stents in heart.
- Bill Freed - Cancer treatments and vertigo.
- Bill Pascoe - Cancer treatments.
- Stan Seyfried - Cancer treatments.
- Roz Newman - Cancer treatments.
- Sally Thomas - Cancer treatments.
- Jim Lexa - Hip pain.
- Former President Bill Katz - Cancer treatments.

**THOSE KNOWN TO BE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 2017**

September 10 Sandra Soltys

September 15 John Breisch

September 18 Bob Moyer

September 18 Helen Young

September 28 Joanne Freeman

September 21 Gwen Brown

September 27 Norma Moss

October 5 Lou Mandik

October 7 Al Heller

October 7 Betty Moyer

October 13 Louise Birett

October 14 Chester Soltys

October 29 Bill Rollins

