



## Penn Coachmen's Newsletter August-October

### August 2024: Roxbury Campground

Donna & Jay Henry and all their hosts lead us through another wonderful rally at Roxbury Holiness Campground in Orrsville, Pennsylvania. Everyone had a wonderful time. We had great food, as always, lots of time to spend with our friends and even got a few games in. We enjoyed another anniversary rally and we thank everyone for their hard work and great planning.

We had a Safety Seminar with Gary Cipa and then enjoyed a great Taco dinner with all the toppings. After a presentation from Sky Med, we had a fun night with "Music Bingo" with lots of laughs and singing along. Good job "D" Jay!

We enjoyed a big breakfast Wednesday morning then the ladies did a craft, decorated bottles or jars. We broke into teams and played a Bean Bag Baseball game.

Gillian Raye gave us an update regarding the FMCA Convention in Redmond, OR. Then the 2025 Slate of Officers were announced at this rally:

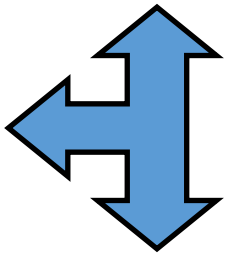
Sue Cipa: President, Bob Crossett: Sr. V.P., Donna Henry: Secretary, Wayne Dilplaine: Treasurer, Bruce Bingham, Carol Crossett & Bev Beidel: Area Vice Presidents.

We will vote on the officers at our Pocono Rally Membership meeting in September.

Family dinner before the rally starts.



We enjoyed a dinner together at a local restaurant before the rally started. Twenty two people enjoy some social time, catching up with friends, talking with new friends and had a great meal on top of that.



Roxbury Rally...



Peel baby peel... It's work, but we have so much fun!



Lot of the ladies did the prep work for our Taco Dinner. Don't mess with a lady with a knife.



Roxbury Rally



Ladies Preparing for dinner



Mary Ellen, Bev & Carol...



Tom & Carol's new ride...looking good!



Caroline enjoying the must that "D Jay" was playing and Donna calling the songs.

First Timers Meeting:

L-R...Cliff, Ann, Sue, Carol &

Roxbury Rally...



Bev, Donna, Marilyn, Carol, Lynda, Mary Ellen, Sue, Peggy & Gil...





Welcome to our family. Some of you have already joined us at one of the rallies (or two). We hope you can make a few in 2025. Our next outing is our Christmas Luncheon, hope you can join us there too. Check out our website for more information.

If you haven't been able to join us yet, take a look at our 2025 calendar and pencil us in. We'd love to meet you and we guarantee you'll have a good time.

**Our 2024 New Members are:**

Sonia & Kurt Kuppert	Erin & Jeff Rishel	Garry & Sandy Gronke
Joe & Jeannine Ksiakiewica	Elaine & Rick Ressel	Beck & Wally Moon
Sheila & Tim Schwartz	Tim & Cindy Ridlon	Terri & Gary Ireland
Reinette Springirth & Thomas Antrim		Chuck & Sue Parker
Bob Niemczyk & Cathy Morrison		Sal & Chris Troiani
James & Kathleen Gottschling		Stan Cromlish
Georgine & Ken Todd	John & Sue Basile	Bill & Mary Ellen Cole
Peter & Terri Curreri	Joyce & Bill Zsembery	Ellen & Brian Gagnon
Melissa & Henry Rocks	Mike & Joanne Lauro	Charles & Pat Stecher
Trudy Cassada & Nancy Gibboney		Matt & Cheryl Siegel

**26 new** "F" numbers for our chapter this year. It makes my heart happy. :)

We hold "First Timers Meeting" at each rally. If you haven't been able to join one, we will update you on your next rally. This gives you a little more information on how we run a rally and what is all involved. But feel free to contact me if you have a question prior to that meeting.

We  
need  
your  
support!

### Calling Rally Masters for 2025

We **NEED** rally masters for next year. May, June, July & August. Please see the list below for the locations and see what rally you would like to take over. It is lots of fun, and we will help you with any questions or concerns you may have.

We also need 2 people to step up to be on our "Nominating Committee".

This is your chapter, and we need help to have a successful 2025. Please consider helping out. Call Sue or one of the Officers. See our directory for phone numbers.

### PENN COACHMEN'S 2025 RALLY SEASON CALENDAR

April 15-17 (Early Birds 13 & 14)	Old Mill Stream, Lancaster
May 20-21 (Early Birds 19)	Dogwood Acres, Newville
June 17-19 (Early Birds 16)	Don Laine Camp, Palmerton
July 22-24 (Early Birds 21)	Lakewood Campground, Barnesville
August	??????????
September 25-29 (Rally 26-28) (Early Birds 24)	Pocono Raceway, Long Pond
November 5-9 GEAR	Myrtle Beach, SC







**The Pocono Rally, “Racing Through Time”**, was our largest rally of the year and a great way to end our 55th Year of Penn Coachmen. We had 82 RV’s with 165 people. The weather kept us moving, but everyone took it in stride and went along with the flow.

We had many FMCA chapters join us, and we want to thank everyone who attended: Colonial Virginians, Jersey Gems, Dogwood, RV Basic Alumni, GMC Colonial Travelers, Allegheny Mountain, Jersey Pioneers, Full-Timers, and of course Penn Coachmen. I hope I did not leave any chapter out. We had several new friends that joined Penn Coachmen that week too. Thank you so much to everyone who attended.

Many of us spent at least 8 days on the raceway, exploring the area and catching all there was to do and see. Thank you Michael Ravert for your help at the rally. Him and Mary helped in getting this rally from our heads to paper then in the books. Mary, we are so thankful that things went well with your surgery and we wish you both the best with your move to Florida. I personally want to thank all our hosts: Carol & Bob Crossett, Dona & Wayne Giovinazzo, Carol & Bud Beidler, Alan & Olga Silberteina, Larry & Clarissa Sherrow, Mary Ann Dario, Mary Ellen Seifert, Patti Mandik, Nadine Parker, Kathleen Gottschling, Susan & Jim Buelow, Gil & Steve Raye, Eric & Phyllis Britz, Jen Bowman, Jack Vliet, Donna & Jay Henry, Joe Gaibler, Mike Henry, Paul Soriero, BJ & Dave Witt. I know some people jumped in to help, which we always appreciate. It does take an army to run this rally. So THANK YOU to all our soldiers!

We kept busy the entire 8 days we were there. You could have either attended a seminar (put on by FMCA’s RV Basics crew, thanks Eric, Gary & Steve), work on some super crafts (thank you Carol, Clarissa & Lynda). Each morning we tried to open up the “coffee station” and then we got to enjoy lunchtime Hot Dogs (Thanks to Carol & Bob Crossett), (donations went to the Mattioli Foundation) or from the local Food Truck. We tried to play some games, but the weather really did not cooperate with that (but thanks to Greg & Rita Brandis for helping with the games). How many folks did the Nascar “Ride Along” or “drove yourself”? That is always a fun time.

You could have also attended “The Reptile Guy’s presentation”...oh my did he have some reptiles. Or you may have went to Randy’s Rope Demonstration, very informative.

I really do not think anyone went home hungry. We had a wonderful “Welcome Back Dinner”, provided by the Pocono Mountain Visitor’s Bureau. A big thank you to Brian Bossuyt, Ex. V.P. Everyone enjoyed this delightful meal and appreciate Brians donation. We then had our great Penn Coachmen cooks whip us up the “Walking Taco Night & Pasta dinner”. We also were served a great breakfast , Egg Sandwiches, hash browns & sausage. Yummy.... I cannot forget our traditional “Donut Breakfast”. ShopRite makes the best donuts. We also had an assortment of breads, muffins, yogurt and fruit. As you can tell, Penn Coachmen likes to eat, but I find that true all through FMCA.

We would have liked to have had our “Dancing under the Stars”, but it (rained) :( You got to pick up your “Pocono Rally” custom made tee shirts or order a special shirt with your chapter name on it. Emily worked hard to get all the orders put through. Thank you very much for coming to our rally again.

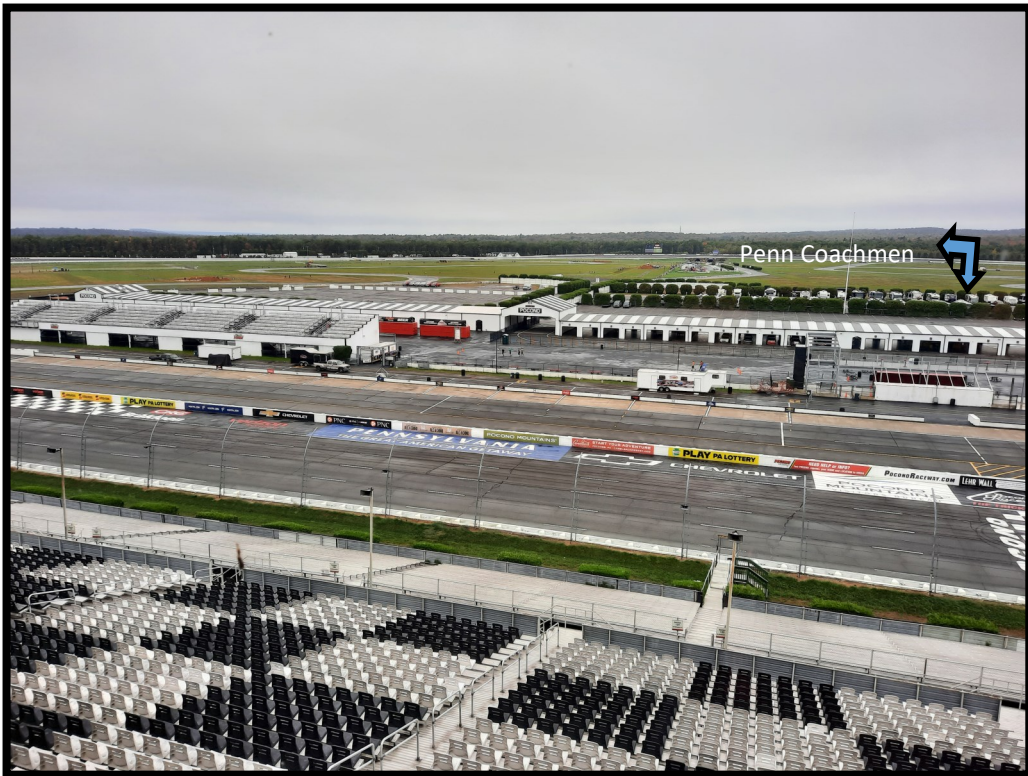
We received our “55th Anniversary” certificate and a \$400.00 check from FMCA. Phyllis Britz (Past Eastern Area President) & Clarissa Sherrow (Northern Area Vice President) made the presentation to Sue.

SkyMed also came back to let us hear about their program. Several people signed up for it. We thank Taylor and her crew for coming in again to our Rally.

So as you can see, we had a very busy week. The best part for me was just getting together with some friends we haven’t seen for awhile, seeing our Penn Coachmen family and enjoy camping in our RV’s. Thank YOU...YOU made this rally a success.







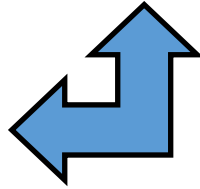
Hopefully you can get an idea of how large the track is...



Some pictures from the Pocono Rally...



Some of our parking crew... a little rainy that day!



A social gathering in the garage area...





Pete, "The Reptile Guy" visited us at the rally with a few of his "friends". He put on a very good show. He had some interesting creatures.



Sal & his "friend" and Pete



Karoline wasn't too nervous!



Kathleen was a "Pro"



Reinette liked her little guy...

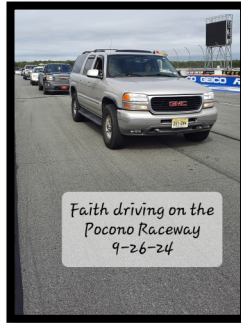


The picture says it all...



Little Turtle & BIG Turtle...The little guy was much older than his big cousin.





# Thank you

I would like to thank the Pocono Raceway, Ben May, President and the employees who helped to take care of us. The trash was always gone! Ashton arranged for our ride around the track and the folks in the Café were willing to lend a hand. Let's not forget the Guards at the entrance way. They always greeted us with a smile.

I also would like to thank Gary (Cipa) for keeping me and our chapter on track. He is always helping me with different Penn Coachmen & FMCA events. He helps to organize the Penn Coachmen trailer, makes sure we have good tires and gets it to storage for the winter, then picks it up in the springtime. Thanks to Pearl & George Moyer for allowing us to store the trailer in one of their barns over the winter. To Art & Janice Yingling, thank you for hauling the trailer so much this year. We truly appreciate it.



December 11, 2024: 1-4 pm Shady Maple Smorgasbord, East Earl, PA

Come join us for our Christmas Luncheon. The cost is \$27.75 per person. We have our own private room. Make checks payable to Sue Cipa. I will pay the check when we are through. If you are unable to join us, let me know and I will shred the check. Mail to: 528 Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon, PA 19510 or call with questions: 610-334-3287. I will update the "Shady Maple group" on our Directory.