

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, my husband and I are on a two and a half month trip through New England to Nova Scotia, New Foundland, and Prince Edward Island. We will not be home until September 18, 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.

GREETING FROM OUR ACTING PRESIDENT

There was plenty of sunshine and heat during our Lebanon Fairground rally. A good time was had by all from creating artistic tee shirt designs, riding bikes on the rails to trails, listening to great entertainment of music and comedy and of course playing “Nickel Nickel” also known as “screw your neighbor.”

It was a memorable good time thanks to the outstanding job of the Rally Masters Ron and Carol Becker and Karl and Linda Deardorff and their hosts.

Information that I’d like to share from the rally:

1. The Penn Coachmen’s trailer was towed to Lebanon by Jack Vlet who joined our Chapter in April at Twin Grove. Hal Amos took the trailer and will tow to Bloomsburg. Karl Deardorff will tow the trailer to Roxbury. Looking for a member who is willing to tow the trailer from Roxbury to White Oak. Reminder to those who are considering helping to tow the trailer. The Board approved payment of \$50 one way (or \$100 round trip) and payment for early camping dates if the rally masters need the trailer early.
2. The Nominating Committee continues to work hard to develop a slate of officers for next year by the Roxbury rally. I strongly encourage folks to consider running for office.
3. The Bloomsburg Rally is fast approaching, and it would be great to see a lot of folks there.
4. The Executive Board met, and it was agreed upon that for 2017, the traditional rally usually held in October (this year will be held at White Oak) will be a rolling rally following the September rally.
5. A “Rolling Rally” from the Roxbury Rally to Lewisburg, WV is in the works for this year. Tentatively looking at 3 stops on our way to Lewisburg: Winchester, VA, Harrisonburg,

VA, and Natural Bridge, VA. If anyone has any suggestions as to campgrounds and sightseeing along this route, please contact me ASAP.

6. **Reminder: GEAR** will be October 5-9, 2016 at the State Fairgrounds of West Virginia in Lewisburg. Penn Coachmen are generally signing up for 50 amp service to park together. If you plan to attend and want to volunteer, you need to designate this when you register. Penn Coachmen are encouraged to volunteer as this provides early entry to the Fairgrounds.
7. Volunteers are needed for the Chapter Fair at GEAR. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out.
8. FMCA's 94th Family Reunion and Motorhome Showcase will be held August. 3 through 6, 2016, in West Springfield, Mass.

Come to an upcoming rally and join in the fun. Bring a friend!

Phyllis Britz

RECAP OF THE LEBANON RALLY



Our rally count was 62 which included previous members, Ruby and Leonard Weller, friends of Ron Buckley and Joanne Freeman. They renewed their membership. Mary Ellen Seifert also joined us in all our activities as a past member.

Even though, the weather was hot, there was a constant breeze that we enjoyed under the “Conversation,” “Wisdom,” or “Shaak.”

We had a surprise visit from Bob and Betty Moyer who joined us under the tree on Saturday. He is doing very well after his heart surgery.

In spite of the heat, seven bikers and one walker enjoyed the “Rails to Trails” ride on Saturday morning. It was a good way to burn off calories from the delicious breakfast pot luck.

We had a large crowd, mostly ladies plus 2 guys, who designed their own shirts with permanent Sharpie markers for our craft session taught by Linda Deardorff. We all had a good time, and it was an easy and fun project.

We also had a seminar with Jim Landvater from Sycamore Hill RV, on RV Maintenance with a question and answer session.

After our catered dinner, we enjoyed some comedy and music from Jack and Barbara Servello. Even a few of us slow danced.

Hal Amos led our musical worship service with singing of a few hymns and a short sermon about King David.

After putting away breakfast items and strategically packing the trailer with Gary Cipa’s assistance, we said our good-byes until we meet again.

Linda Deardorff