



PENN COACHMEN RALLY RECAP - CENTRE HALL

MAY 24-27, 2013

Some Penn Coachmen arrived early (Thursday, May 23) at the Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall, PA. When they headed to Brother's Pizza in Centre Hall, they encountered high winds and a deluge. The rain stopped by the time dinner was finished. Most were carrying leftovers back to their RVs. (Be sure to ask Karl Deardorff about his large stromboli.)



Friday dawned as a cool (if not cold) morning, and the wind continued to blow so that the "sensible temperature" felt much lower than the predicted 60 degrees. Registration began after noon, with 36 units accounted for. One member was not able to come because his tow bar broke and he decided to return home.

The first social event was a wine tasting hosted by Seven Mountain Cellars; an award-winning winery located about 7 miles from the fairgrounds. Six wines were presented to those who chose to participate in the event.

Wagon Masters George and Sue Young conducted a brief opening ceremony before calling us to the 4th Annual Pot Luck Super Salad Supper. As always, there was more than sufficient good food available.

Following dinner, LaDonna Young, Esquire, (a local attorney) returned to tell us the story of the Centre Hall Grange Fairgrounds. She selected 5 men to wear ladies hats as she described significant eras in development of the fairground. Even the men seemed to enjoy the story. Many of the audience had pulled up hoods on jackets. It was cold in "Big Blue" (the assembly building).

One Coachman claims the temperature dropped to 38 degrees during the night. Most of us ran furnaces to stay warm. Saturday morning dawned with beautiful blue skies and small puffy clouds. However, the wind still played havoc with our senses.

Following breakfast on Saturday, President Ron Buckley led the rather brief semi-annual business meeting. Minutes of the fall meeting and the report of the treasurer were presented and approved. Wagonmasters for future rallies told of their plans. In December, Bob and Norma Moss will be leading a group westward to the Rose Parade.

Many Penn Coachmen went to the arboretum at Penn State to see how it has grown and matured since we last visited several years ago. Others visited neighboring attractions such as the horse show or went shopping. A few of us revisited the bivouac and the "Andrew Sisters" concert in Boalsburg.

Our evening meal was again catered by the Centre Hall Grange and featured turkey with all the "fixings." Again, we shared the feast with the Coachman owners group.

The entertainment for this evening was the Martin Family Band playing up-tempo Celtic music. Father, mother, 2 daughters, 3 sons, and a family friend provided lively music and some Celtic dancing. The children ranged in age from 4 to 18. All but the 4 year old played several instruments. Even the 4 year old played a violin.

Sunday dawned even more brilliant and clear than Saturday. Breakfast was followed by the worship service. Then the Grange catered a brunch in "Big Blue."

Linda Deardorff led a craft session for a dozen ladies making toothpick holders that looked like watermelon slices. Several people visited the Equestrienne Center while others either relaxed or returned to the creamery at Penn State (along with hundreds of teenage female volleyball players).

Executive Board:

Ron Buckley, President

Jim Lothert, Exec. V.P.

Bill Freed, Treasurer

Barbara Arcati, Secretary

Ron Becker, Area VP

Jim Lexa, Area VP

Norma Moss, Area VP

Larry Troutman, Area VP

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



The evening meal was a hamburger and hot dog cookout with baked beans, and several salads followed by a Klondike bar for dessert.

George Young introduced a travelogue that focused upon Kluane National Park in Canada and Alaska, as seen through the eyes of First Nation (native) people.

Despite the rapidly dropping temperature, several people stayed in “Big Blue” to play card games or Mexican Train.

Memorial Day brought slightly warmer temperatures and more gentle breezes. After breakfast, most Penn Coachmen “broke” camp and headed home, or began their travel in other directions. Several units remained to take advantage of the Memorial Day activities in Boalsburg.

Submitted by Bob Harper

A semi-annual **Membership Meeting of the Penn Coachmen Chapter** of FMCA was held on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at the Grange Fairgrounds at Centre Hall, PA with the following officers in attendance:

Ron Buckley, President; Jim Lowthert, Vice-President; Bill Freed, Treasurer ;Ron Becker, Area VP; Norma Moss, Area VP; Jim Lexa, Area VP; Bob Moss, Natl. Director; Karl Deardorff, Alt. Natl. Dir. Barbara Arcati, Secy.

Invocation:

An invocation was given by Hal Amos

Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Ron Buckley, President, opened the meeting at 10 AM.

Introduction of Officers and Roll Call by Ron Buckley.

Reports of Officers:

Secretary’s report:

Barbara Arcati read the minutes of the previous meeting of September 23, 2012. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer’s report:

Bill Freed, Treasurer, stated that for the year ending December 31, 2012, the treasury had \$27,257 with expenses of \$27,873 for a net outflow of \$617. Our balance at the end of December 2012 was \$6,763. The rallies approximately broke even over the year with \$24,000 taken in and expenses of \$24,000 when you match it up against the trailer costs. We have a current balance of \$5,755. No questions were entertained. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer’s report.

President’s report:

- Ron Buckley reported that he and Joanne attended the GEAR Pre-Rally at the York Fairgrounds for the Rally to be held in October. John Reynolds, President of GEAR, wanted to find out approximately how many Penn Coachmen members plan to attend the GEAR rally in October. Ron asked for a show of hands. About 15 families raised their hands. Parking at GEAR will be at the infield for those Penn Coachmen members who are not parking in special areas, and we will have improved electricity this year.

The people who were working at the booths left boxes and refuse there and FMCA was charged by the York Fairgrounds for the extra cleanup.

There will be a booth at GEAR for donations for the Food Bank of Pennsylvania. We can either make monetary donations or prepare a basket to be raffled off with the profit going to the Food Bank.

Linda Deardorff volunteered to run the Chapter Fair for Penn Coachmen. The theme will be Harvest Full of Plenty.

Ron would like volunteers to step forward to help organize the parade.

Nancy Breisch will hold a CPR/AED 8 hour course at the GEAR rally.

- Ron would like to see everyone here introduce themselves to our first timers and make them feel welcome. All the first timers were invited to stand to be introduced. They are: Calvin and Sue Arter, Wayne and Harriet Watts, Ray and Charlotte Wilt.



Rally Masters reports:

- Spring Gulch rally in New Holland, PA, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, June 11, 12, 13, as reported by Karl Deardorff. We have a catered dinner planned for Tuesday evening. Wednesday afternoon there will be a tour of New Holland machinery followed by dinner at Yoders of a buffet or order from the menu. We have a square dance Wednesday Evening. Registration forms are available from Karl.
- Karl also talked about people signing up to drive trams at the GEAR rally. There will be a sign up sheet or talk to Jon Hall or Karl Deardorff.

Marianna Hall said that she is in charge of seminar monitors if anyone would like to volunteer.

Linda Deardorff said she is in charge of crafts. If anyone has a crochet, knit or paint project they can talk to Linda.

- The Lebanon rally at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center is on July 19, 20, 21 as reported by Jim Lowthert. There will be a mini meal on Friday evening planned by the hosts. Then we will have a little fun, a scavenger hunt is planned. Saturday morning there will be a catered breakfast. There are a couple of tours planned, the Hershey school or the state police academy & museum or a car museum. Saturday night a catered dinner is planned followed by country western entertainment.
- Jim Lowthert would like some ideas for a place and what to do for our 45th anniversary in 2014. He will put up a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for a committee. We have to arrange for entertainment. We are trying to raise some money to help pay for the entertainment.
- Jim Lowthert also said that we need a Trailer Captain. We need a captain to tow the trailer from Spring Gulch. The person we had backed out. The trailer captain is paid \$75 for gas, has no charge for the camping weekend and is paid a stipend for towing it. If anyone has any questions please talk to Karl Deardorff.
- There are also sign up sheets to help Jake Kessler with the food bank and to help with security at GEAR.
- Hal Amos talked about the Bloomsburg rally scheduled for August 23, 24, 25 at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. We will probably follow the same format as we had last year. We have a pot luck breakfast for Saturday morning. We will have a catered meal in the evening on Saturday. Our tourmaster will be arranging a tour for Saturday. Check the website for the scheduled events and any changes to the program.
- Bob Moss talked about the October rally at Mountain Creek Campground in Gardners, PA, Oct. 5 – 9, 2013. The rally is set up so that people who will be going to GEAR can convoy from this rally right to GEAR. We plan to tour around the Carlisle area possible the War College or the Heritage Center.

Pittsburg Plate Glass factory is in Mount Holly. The Apple Harvest Festival is in Arendtsville at the South Mountain Fairgrounds that weekend.

- Bob Moss also talked about the rally he is running in December called The Trip of a Lifetime. He is sending out emails to those couples who are going. At this point they have 7 couples travelling with them across the country together and they pick up two couples in Tucson, AZ, and another couple in California. Right now there will be 10 couples on this trip, travelling to the Rose Parade and spending a week together. Then they will attend a Western rally and then head back across the country. They will be in Quartsite together. They leave here the 9th of December, head to New Orleans for a mini rally, head to San Antonio for a mini rally, then head to Tucson where they will spend Christmas.

Nominating Committee: Carol Becker, Linda Deardorff and Jackie Shaak:

Linda Deardorff stated that she has nothing to report as she just got an email that she was on the committee – she did not know she was on it, or if she did know, she forgot!

If anyone has any suggestions for an officer, please let them know.

Area Vice-Presidents :

- Ron Becker and Norma Moss have nothing to report.
- Jim Lexa said there will be a 50/50 this evening, with the proceeds to go to the 45th anniversary. The other 50 is usually split up so there is more than one winner. We found 4 “40th Penn Coachmen” anniversary cups so they will be given away as well. There will be a 50/50 tomorrow evening also.
- Bob Moss will meet with the new couples right after this meeting to inform them about our club.
- Bob Moss will have a meeting with the 6 couples who are going on the Trip of a Lifetime after the church service on Sunday.

Old Business:

Nothing was reported.

New Business:

- We talked about the upcoming rallies.
- Ron Buckley requested that we talk to the new couples. Remind everyone to sign up for the rallies. Think about the trailer, we need a trailer captain.
- Ron Buckley said that we want to thank Ron Lee and Andria and his committee for a great job they did on the yearbook.
- Ron Lee said that he wanted to thank everybody for their get well cards and wishes. He said he was walking the dog in Biloxi, MS at 8 AM on March 9 and told Andria he felt dizzy. He said he went down on the ground and woke up in the hospital. His heart rate was too low and now he has a pacemaker.

Sunshine:

Mary Amos just asked to keep her informed about anyone sick who needs a card.

Webmaster:

Hal Amos stated that there is a lot of good information on the website. He made a suggestion that you go on the website and look at all the information. Especially read the information "about Penn Coachmen". Rally programs are updated frequently. The newsletter is included as well as the minutes of the meetings. A rally master guidelines is also included on the website.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved and Ron Buckley adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by Barbara Arcati

*I've sure gotten old!
I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement,
new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes.
I'm half blind,
can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine,
take 40 different medications that
make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.
Have bouts with dementia.
Have poor circulation;
hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.
Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.
Have lost all my friends. But, thank God,
I still have my driver's license.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Penn Coachmen:

It was nice to see all of you at Centre Hall. What a nice weekend we had even though it rained for half of it.

George and Sue Young as Rally Masters put on a really nice Rally.

The Grange Ladies' meals were very good and the Hat Lady's funny hats told us a lot about the Fair Grounds.

The evening's entertainment was the Martin Family Band playing mostly Celtic Music. I believe that everybody had a foot or toe tapping with the music.

Sunday Evening the ladies put on a good meal with their home recipes to go with the hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by the men.

I want to remind everyone that next year in April, we will no longer be going to Schnecksville. Instead, we will go to Mountain Springs at Shartlesville, Pa. Jim Lowther has everything set up for us there to spend a long weekend.

Now we are looking forward to going to Spring Gulch later this month. Let's all give Karl and Linda Deardorff our support there.



Ron

COMEDY CORNER

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do 'practice'?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



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

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

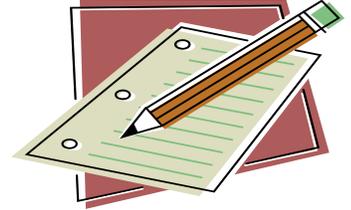
Funny grandchildren stories or sayings

Life on the road

Interesting people you have met along the way

Nature encounters

Photos taken at rallies



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:



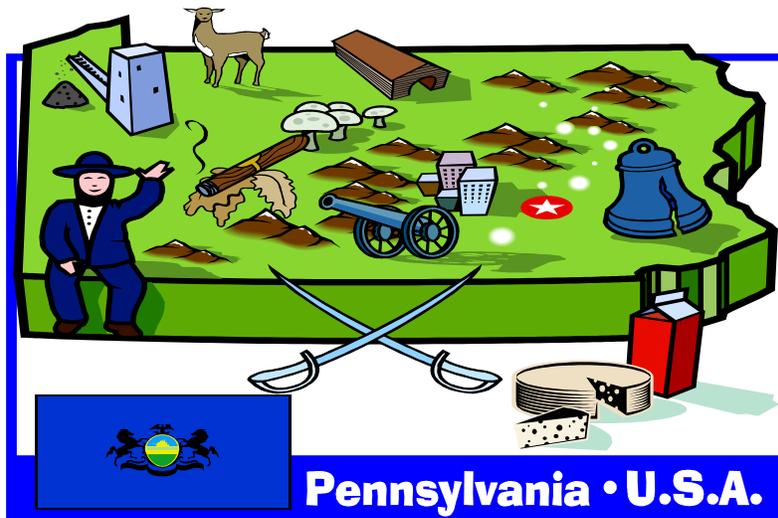
Dan Zydorczyk - Shoulder Reconstruction.

Betty Moyer - Chronic Neck Pain.

Carol Becker - Chronic Back Pain.

Joec Veneziale - Congestive Heart Failure

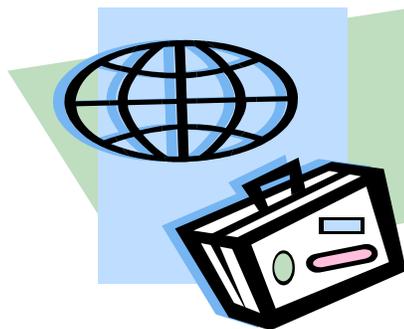
IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO BE THINKING ABOUT REGISTERING FOR LEBANON VALLEY EXPO CENTER IN LEBANON, PA - JULY 19-21, 2013. REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE WITH HAL AMOS AND SEND \$50.00 DEPOSIT BY JULY 1ST TO JIM LOTHERT, 660 CANAL DRIVE, PINE GROVE, PA 17963.



FMCA DOINGS

Coming Soon:

- Midwest Area Rally, July 24-27, 2013, Manchester, IA
- 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



Those known to be celebrating a birthday during June and July, 2013:

June 4	Priscilla Swetland	June 27	Darrell Beers	July 2	Jim Lothert
June 5	Bernie Gilbert	June 24	Jackie Weil	July 5	Barbara Tomezyk
June 12	Shirley Lothert	June 25	Jack Shaak	July 5	Andrea Lee
June 13	Nancy Breisch	June 27	Joseph Borell	July 17	Fred Thum
June 13	Karen Brandis	June 27	Ron Buckley		
June 15	Doris Henning	June ?	Dan Cocca		



GRAPE SALAD FROM NORMA MOSS

<p><u>Wash and dry:</u></p> <p>4 cups green grapes 4 cups red grapes</p> <p><u>Mix together:</u></p> <p>1 cup sour cream 1 -8 oz pkg. cream cheese 1 ½ tsp almond flavoring 1 tsp vanilla flavoring ½ cup powdered sugar</p> <p><u>Topping</u></p> <p>1 cup angel flake coconut ½ cup brown sugar ½ cup chopped pecans</p>	<p><u>Assembly:</u></p> <p>Fold grapes into cream cheese mixture. This will keep in refrigerator for a week or so in air-tight container.</p> <p>You may substitute low-fat ingredients if desired. i.e. Splenda and 1/3 low fat cream cheese. However, it's much better with the "real stuff".</p> <p>Combine and sprinkle topping over salad.</p>
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