



TIDBITS FROM PENNY

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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The rain did not put a damper on the laughs and good time we all had at the Gilbert rally (I guess Mother Nature did not get Karl's memo about the nice weather request). Rally Masters Linda and Karl Deardorff, along with their hosts, did an outstanding job. There were 27 coaches with 2 family first-timers: Patricia and Gary Takata, who are friends of the Rizzuttos and Lassens. and Mary and Mike Ravert (and their dog Gibbs) who learned about Penn Coachmen on the FMCA website.

Items to note:

Eastern Area Rally (Will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary)

Oct. 4 to 8, 2017

State Fairgrounds of West Virginia

Lewisburg, WV

Registration is open.

We have a sign-up sheet to list those planning on going. Most Penn Coachmen are volunteering. Volunteers are always needed and there are opportunities to volunteer: FMCA store, Security, Trams, & Facilities. If volunteering, please designate you are volunteering when you register, this information is listed on your credentials and impacts your arrival date.

A Rolling Rally to GEAR is in its planning stages. There is interest in trying something different. Additional information will be coming out shortly (Sept. 25 – Oct. 3).

The 2018 rally season is coming together. Our April Rally will be held at the Gettysburg Campground the 4th weekend of the month. 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. The sign-up sheet was posted at Gilbert and volunteers have started to sign-up. Please consider joining in so we have a great celebration.

Keep in mind the importance of recruiting new members for FMCA and Penn Coachmen. Penn Coachmen interested in recruiting can obtain copies of *Family Motor Coaching Magazines* and other materials from John & Nancy Breisch, Sue & Gary Cipa or Eric & Phyllis Britz, I encourage members to reach out to fellow motorhomers. Let them know how much fun we have. Let's continue to grow!

Executive Board:

Phyllis Britz, President

Sue Cipa, Exec. VP

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 Lebanon Rally is just around the corner, July 13-16. The theme is Christmas in July. Rally Masters Carol and Lou Mandik with their hosts have planned a great time including a Christmas feast. Attendees are encouraged to decorate their coaches with a Christmas theme.

Hope to see you soon at one of our rallies. Bring a friend!

Phyllis Britz

GILBERT RALLY SUMMARY—WEST END FAIRGROUND

Twenty-coaches signed up for Gilbert.

There was enjoyable weather all weekend.

After registration on Friday, there was an Executive Board Meeting to discuss the 2018 agenda.

Following our pulled pork mini meal on Friday night, a comedy skit (Frontier Mortician) was performed by our “Not Ready for Prime Time Players,” Ron Lee, Ron Buckley, Sally Thomas, Walter Sattazahn, Bob Birett, and Jim Lexa. We all enjoyed the humorous one liners and innuendoes.

After the Saturday morning pot luck breakfast, the ladies brought their packed handbags for a pocket-book scavenger hunt. Three lucky ladies each won a coleus plant.

In the afternoon, we got a chance to meet our newcomers, Gary and Pat Takata and Michael and Mary Ravert while our pooches got acquainted.

Jack and Caroline Vliet brought a guest, Kathy Sellers.

After a delicious catered dinner, John Reynolds briefly announced that he hopes to be more active in Penn Coachmen in the future and that he is currently running for National Treasurer of FMCA.

On Saturday evening, we listened to and refreshed our memories with songs of the past sung by Chris Eckert, a local musician.

Immediately following a continental breakfast on Sunday morning, our worship service began with a prayer by Bob Birett and a reading by Louise Birett about Father’s Day. Linda Deardorff read the history of each familiar hymn that was sung. Karl Deardorff displayed the words and music on the projector screen for all to sing. It was interesting to learn how each hymn came into existence by the faith and sometimes divine hardships of their composers. As usual, the weekend came to an end with the singing of the Penn Coachmen hymn.

Submitted by Linda Deardorff

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

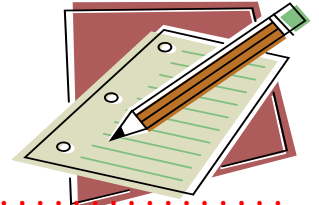
Funny grandchildren stories or sayings

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 birth-day(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.**
- Barbara Beers - Multiple leg and foot breaks due to fall in Springfield, MA.**
- Faye Anderson - Broken hip due to fall at GEAR.**
- Sally Thomas - Cancer treatments.**
- Jim Lexa - Inoperable hip pain.**
- Larry Troutman - Congestive Heart Failure.**
- Former President Bill Katz - Cancer treatments.**
- Martha Lloyd - Recovering from heart attack.**

**THOSE KNOWN TO BE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY BETWEEN
JULY AND AUGUST, 2017**



		August 2	Joan Park
		August 10	Glenn Kline
July 2	Jim Lothert	August 12	Dan Zydorczyk
July 5	Andrea Lee	August 13	Judy Iasiello
		August 25	Joe Venezia
		August 27	Terry Iasiello