

# “PENN COACHMEN NOTES OF NEWS”

June 2018



As most of you are aware, we lost a dear friend last month. Louise Birett passed away June 14. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob and his family.

*Message from the President:*

**The BIG news is.....**by a large margin, 104 in favor and 30 opposed, Penn Coachmen members have decided to include towables into the Chapter. Ron Lee and Karl Deardorff are working on revising the Penn Coachmen By-Laws to broaden the membership. I was impressed by the member response!

## **Rallies:**

Twenty-eight coaches converged at the Grange Fairgrounds this past Memorial Day weekend. The Rizzuto's, Vito, Joyce, Charlie and Janet along with their hosts, did a great job dishing out plenty of food and fun. A first timer family, introduced to the Penn Coachmen by Joan and Ed Park, decided to become members. Welcome **Nick and Melissa Campalone** from Dover, Delaware!

June 15-17 was our rally at West End Fair, Gilbert Pa. The weather was perfect and 22 coached attended this fun filled weekend. The theme was Father's Day. John and Kathy Weber did a super job as first time rally masters. We played several games including "Ring Toss" which John had made himself. The guys had a "tech session" sitting outside while the gals had a social sharing information about crafts, hobbies and travel tips. First time attendees **Yan and Shanti** Velez were there. They joined Penn Coachmen at GEAR last year. We also had new couple join our Chapter, **Jim and Brenda Stetler** from Bethlehem, Pa. Welcome Jim and Brenda!

Ferryboat rally is fast approaching and should be great fun. I can't wait to hear about the rally.

**GEAR:** October 3-7, 2018

SURROUND YOURSELF IN HISTORY, 26TH ANNUAL GEAR RALLY,

YORK EXPO CENTER, 334 CARLISLE AVENUE, YORK, PA 17404

I believe we have about 30 coaches planning on going to GEAR. Many of those going are volunteering and if you plan to go, consider volunteering. Plans are in the works for Penn Coachmen to park together. Is there **anyone interested in doing our Chapter Fair this year at GEAR?** Please let me know if you are interested.

**Upcoming rallies**

Ferryboat Campground	July 20-22
Bloomsburg Fairgrounds	September 21-23
EAMA/GEAR, York, PA	October 3-7
Holly Shores Campground, Cape May, NJ	November 2-4***

\*\*\*contract pending

Safe travels to wherever the road takes you. Hope to see you at one of our upcoming rallies!

Phyllis



**SAFETY/TECHNICAL**

Gary Cipa has been appointed as the chapter's Safety & Technical coordinator. He will conduct safety meetings at rallies. If anyone has a topic they would like to discuss, let Gary know.

**July's Message**

- Check your tire pressure, condition and age. Your tires are all that is between you and the pavement. Hot weather and UV exposure are hard on all tires. Proper care and maintenance are especially critical this time of year.

- Before next weekend: Familiarize yourself with your emergency exit(s). Operate the exits, clean and condition the seals and hinges and make a plan with your co-pilot regarding emergency exit strategy. Imagine a fire starting at various locations within the RV (kitchen, bathroom, dashboard, power distribution panel) and think about the most direct exit route. Have a prop rod available to hold the exit open.
- Check your fire extinguishers. Your coach should have multiple extinguishers. The unit shipped with your coach is the bare minimum & basic fire protection. It is not the best solution for all conditions. Kidde recently recalled 43 million fire extinguishers. Go to their website to confirm yours is not on the list. Single-use foam (aerosol) extinguishers are very inexpensive (about \$25 for a two-pack) and are small enough to put in the night stand drawer.
- John Weber made a great technical presentation on amateur radios, applications and licensing at the Gilbert Rally. Thanks John for opening our eyes to this great tool and hobby. If you were not at his session I'm sure he would provide avenues for additional information. REALLY neat stuff!

### Tidbits

1. Those members, who we are aware of, who have sold their motorhomes or have started a new chapter in their lives are:

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| • Gwen & Ellis Brown     | • Faye & Vern Anderson    |
| • Thelma & Bill Walthour | • Carol & Charles Gardner |
| • Betty & Bob Moyer      | • Barbara & Fred Thum     |
| • Diane & Bill Freed     | • Ruby & Leonard Weller   |

We wish them all well. You are always welcome to stop in at one of rallies or come to our Christmas luncheon this December.

2. We needed to get some information out to the chapter so the "News Notes" will work until we find an editor for the Newsletter. If anyone is able to step up to the plate and do this, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like more information, feel free to call either Phyllis or Sue.

## Announcements

Janet & Charlie Rizzuto are the proud grandparents of Leo Edward Rizzuto and Vincent Salvatore Canonica. Both grandsons were born in May. Congratulations!



Vito Rizzuto was in an automobile accident last month. He is doing fine now and was given the ok to drive his motorhome again. Last we spoke, they were in Niagara Falls and heading to Canada. We are happy for you Vito and Joyce.

Jim Strunk is recovering from his cancer treatment. He said Martha is taking good care of him. We wish you speedy recovering and hope you will be back with us soon.

Roz Newton is recovering from surgery and is expected to be home soon. You are in our thoughts and prayers Roz and hope you continue to improve.

Sue & Gary Cipa will be new grandparents. Their daughter Emily is expecting her first baby the end of January. Congratulations!

We know so many of our members are suffering from illnesses, troubles with day to day living and problems of their own. We send everyone our special thoughts and prayers that we can all make it through each day knowing we have friends who are thinking of us.

Make each day a special one. Pass on a smile to someone who needs it.

\*\*\*Correction on our previous newsletter. New members to the Penn Coachmen Chapter from the FMCA rally at Perry, Georgia were **Betty and Al Degler**.